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Surprise Ending To Arizona Legislative Session

by Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (ON) — If outgoing Sen. Tom Patterson, R-Phoenix, had gotten his way with SB 1261, being tested for HIV in Arizona would be hazardous to your health. Patterson didn't, much to the surprise of many at the Capitol.

In a late-night vote this past Thursday, May 21, SB 1261 was defeated in the State House of Representatives by a vote of 30-20. On the same day, the State Senate had approved SB 1261 by a vote of 22-7.

Southern Arizona legislators voted as follows:

Senators - Yes: Keith Bee, R-Green Valley, Victor Soltero, D-South Tucson, Ann Day, R-Tucson, George Cunningham, D-Tucson, Ruth Solomon, D-Tucson. No: Gus Arzberger, D-Bisbee, Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson.

Representatives - Yes: Bill McGibbon, R-Green Valley, Dan Schottel, R-Tucson. No: Gail Griffin, R-Bisbee, Paul Newman, D-Bisbee, Lou-Ann Preble, R-Green Valley, Carmine Cardamone, D-Tucson, Debora Norris, D-Tucson, Freddy Hershberger, R-Oro Valley, Andy Nichols, D-Tucson, Brian Fagin, D-Tucson, Herschella Horton, D-Tucson, Marion Pickens, D-Tucson. Not voting: Sally Gonzales, D-Tucson, Ramon Valadez, D-Tucson.

SB 1261, if it had been approved, would have dismantled the last vestiges of the 1990 AIDS Omnibus Act, requiring hospitals to use written permission forms for HIV testing. Sen. Patterson's bill would have also ended informed consent and pretest counseling for people wishing to be tested for HIV.

According to Capitol sources, Patterson's reasoning for SB 1261 was that all diseases should not be treated differently from one other.

The bill had received smooth sailing in the Legislature, receiving quick approval. Problems though arose for the bill when it reached the House Health Committee, Chaired by Rep. Sue Gerard, R-Phoenix.

After trying to sit on the bill, Gerard was forced into holding hearings on the measure, where amendments protecting informed consent and pretest counseling was added and approved by the House.

With the Senate and House versions of SB 1261 different, the bill went to a conference committee, chaired by Sen. Patterson.

The conference committee couldn't reach a consensus with Patterson on the Senate side wanted the amendments stripped and on the other hand, Rep. Herschella Horton, D-Tucson, on the House side of the committee urging to keep the amendments. Rep. Horton surprisingly won the first battle and SB 1261 was killed . . . for the moment.

The next day Patterson called a second conference committee and rammed through the bill without the amendments. All looked lost.

Reps. Gerard, Ken Cheuvront, D-Phoenix and Horton tried to kill SB 1261. According to Rep. Horton, commenting on the efforts, "I have asked all Democrats to vote no [on SB 1261] and spoke against it in the caucus. Rep. Gerard thinks she has enough no votes from Republicans. That together should be able to fail the bill. And, of course, Cheuvront is also working the Republicans to vote no."

On Thursday, May 21, SB 1261 was voted on in a final reading, with the Legislature to end its session the next day. The State Senate overwhelmingly approved SB 1261 sans amendments. Now it was up to the State House to consider the bill. Would it pass or fail?

According to Horton, commenting via E-mail from the House floor during the vote, "We are voting on SB 1261 right now. I am hopeful . . . and nervous. Right now the vote is 18 Aye and 27 Nay . . . 19-27 . . . and holding . . . 20-28 . . . 21-29 . . . 20-30 . . . failed!

"I just sat quietly and watched the votes . . . no one explained their vote . . . we did not need to explain our votes to persuade people because we had the votes to kill the bill and it died a quiet, uneventful death. The people who were voting yes were mumbling and wondering what happened. It was great! Best I've felt all day!"

Reaction from HIV/AIDS care workers was one of surprise. According to Chris Brown of the Arizona Department of Health Services, "We are pleased to still have the current statute dealing with HIV testing in Arizona. The vote was a surprise though."

B.J. Peters, executive director of the Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance, expressed her surprise and pleasure that SB 1261, without the amendments had been defeated.

Rep. Herschella Horton summed up the vote over SB 1261, "There will be other battles for now. . . . Let's celebrate!"

Under Boycott Threat, Georgia Daily Stops Printing G/L Weekly Paper

GAINESVILLE, GA (SV) — A local newspaper, The Gainesville Times, said it would no longer act as the printer for the Gay and Lesbian weekly, The Southern Voice.

The announcement follows a call issued by the leaders of two churches in Gainesville for members to cancel their subscriptions and call advertisers of The Gainesville Times to protest the newspaper's support of "The Homosexual Southern Voice."

The Gainesville Times and its commercial printing company, Southland Publishing, began printing Southern Voice April 23. Times Publisher Chris Jensen said the decision was not motivated by conservative protests.

Southern Voice Editor and Publisher Chris Crain said the statement is "about as transparent as Saran Wrap."

"I understand the economic pressure being put on The Gainesville Times," Crain said, "but it is extremely disappointing that a newspaper would surrender so easily the First Amendment freedoms that it depends upon for its own survival." He added it was even more disappointing they don't have the courage to tell the truth about what they're doing.

Crain said he was assured by Jensen at The Times they would not buckle under conservative pressure to end the newspaper's relationship with the weekly. Crain said the publisher's allusions to 'operation issues' were disingenuous.

"In the very conversation when they informed us of their decision to drop us, [Southland Publishing's] head of commercial printing confirmed to our business manager that we had resolved the operational issues, and he had no explanation for what had changed," Crain said.

Jensen continues to insist the move to drop the Voice was not motivated by the churches' objections and said The Gainesville Times may consider printing Southern Voice again in the future. "Our decision was based totally on operational issues and our ability to meet [our printing] schedule in the future," Jensen said. He added it was "unfortunate" that the decision coincided with the church protests.

Murder Suspect Have Performed Illegal Sex Changes

SAN DIEGO, CA (AP)— A man accused of performing an illegal leg amputation that caused the death of a New York man may be responsible for hundreds of illegal operations, from sex changes to liposuctions, prosecutors said.

John Ronald Brown, 75, pleaded not guilty to charges of murder, practicing medicine without a license, illegal drug distribution and theft. He is being held without bond.

"For 20 years he's been hacking on people," prosecutor Stacy Running said. "We're not sure how many people he has disfigured or caused pain, but we think it may be hundreds based on the records we found."

Brown's medical license was revoked in California in 1977 after he botched operations to surgically turn men into women. Surgery was performed in places such as a garage and a hotel, according to records.

He served three years in prison after a 1989 conviction in San Francisco for attempting to move the hairline of a man preparing for his transformation into a woman. Brown also was banned from practicing medicine in Alaska, Hawaii and the Caribbean.

Brown was arrested this past week. At his apartment, investigator found bloody towels soaking in a bathtub filled with bleach water; a trail of blood leading from the bedroom to the bathroom; and videotapes of him performing sex-change operations.

There were hundreds of records of patients from all over the country, indicating that he performed sex changes and related operations such as breast augmentations, face lifts and liposuction, Running said.

Brown advertised his services in Gay publications and on the Internet, prosecutors said, and sometimes traveled to major cities such as Chicago and New York to give talks on his services. Running said he touted himself as a licensed doctor to his patients.

"I think these people are afraid to come forward when these operations are botched," said Running. "They're embarrassed. And, they know (Brown's) operations are illegal."

Prosecutors believe patients flew to San Diego and were escorted by Brown to a clinic in neighboring Tijuana, Mexico, for the operations. They then briefly recuperated at Brown's apartment in San Ysidro, near the Mexican border, before going home or to a hotel room.

The murder charge refers to Philip Bondy, 80, who died May 11 at a hotel in National City, just south of San Diego, after a leg amputation. An autopsy found the New York man died from gangrene poison-

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UPDATE

St. Francis To Celebrate 10th Anniversary As Reconciling Church

TUCSON (ON) — The St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church will be celebrating their tenth anniversary as a Reconciling Church, Sunday June 7.

A Reconciling Church, according to St. Francis is one that opens its doors to all people.

Celebrations will mark this important day in Tucson's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and HIV/AIDS community. Desert Voices will be singing as well to mark the celebrations at St. Francis, 4625 East River Road.

For more information about this upcoming event, contact the church office, (520) 299-9063.

PFLAG Meeting To Host Gay Author

TUCSON — PFLAG-Tucson proudly presents Marc Adams, who will be talking about his book, "The Preacher's Son," Wednesday, June 3, 7:00 P.M.

Marc will be speaking to PFLAG's monthly meeting at the Rincon Congregational Church, 122 North Craycroft. This meeting will be open to the public.

Marc Adams' book tells his story of growing up Gay. Adams is the son of a fundamentalist Baptist preacher from rural Pennsylvania. Marc also attended and worked for Jerry Falwell's Liberty University.

Refreshments will be served. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Spring/Summer Softball Season Canceled

TUCSON — The Tucson Greater Softball Association's (TGSA) Spring/Summer season has been canceled.

According to TGSA officials, there was not just enough community (players/coaches) support at this time and will "keep on trying." If there is interest, TGSA may try to form a fall league.

TGSA wished to express its thanks to Jim T. for his tireless running around all over town trying to get a Spring/Summer league going.

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The giggle-hungry audience cheered when the star decided to take the stage for an impromptu stand-up, but was shocked when Wayans wagged his tongue about "faggots."

An eyewitness called his routine "mean-spirited and blatantly homophobic," adding, "Nobody laughed." One audience did egg Damon on: his brother Marlin.

After the first ten minutes one Gay couple stood up and left. "I love telling that joke . . . it clears all the faggots out of the audience," sources say Damon quipped. Wayans' rep couldn't reach him for comment.

UFMCC To Receive $50,000 Grant

LOS ANGELES, CA — The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), the world's largest and oldest Gay spirituality organization, has received a $50,000 grant from the Gill Foundation.

The grant will be used by the rapidly growing organization for operational expenses.

According to the Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry, founder and moderator of UFMCC, "We are honored to receive this grant from the Gill Foundation. This grant comes at an important time in the life of UFMCC as we prepare for our 30th year of service, continue to expand our global technology base and prepare for the dedication of the UFMCC World Center in 1999."

Murder Suspect

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ing.

Prosecutors were puzzled as to why the amputation was performed.

"There was no medical reason evident of why he would need his leg amputated," Running said.

Gay Sunshine Books Now Available On Internet

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — Gay Sunshine Press, the nation's oldest continuous Gay book publisher (since 1975), has just announced that its books are now available on the Internet.

The new website includes all the books currently available from the press, as well as those from the second imprint of Leyland Publications - almost 100 books in all.

To date, these Gay Sunshine books include work by such famous writers as Gore Vidal, Tennessee Williams, Christopher Isherwood, Jean Genet and Allen Ginsberg, as well as much work by younger American writers and Gay literature in translation from other cultures (Latin America, Russia, China, Japan, Middle East).

Leyland Publications, a second imprint, publishes books on popular aspects of Gay sexuality and culture, such as its famous Meatmen series of Gay comics and Gay male erotica (fiction/nonfiction).

Gay Sunshine Press and Leyland Publications can be accessed on the Internet through one of the following two domains: www.gaysunshine.com, www.leylandpublications.com.

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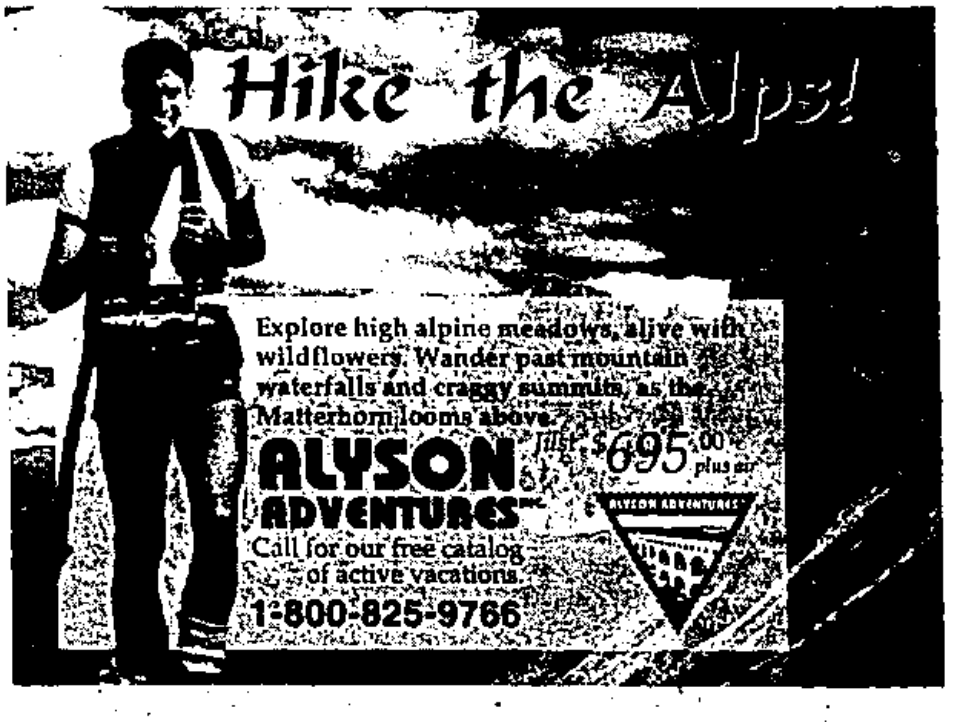

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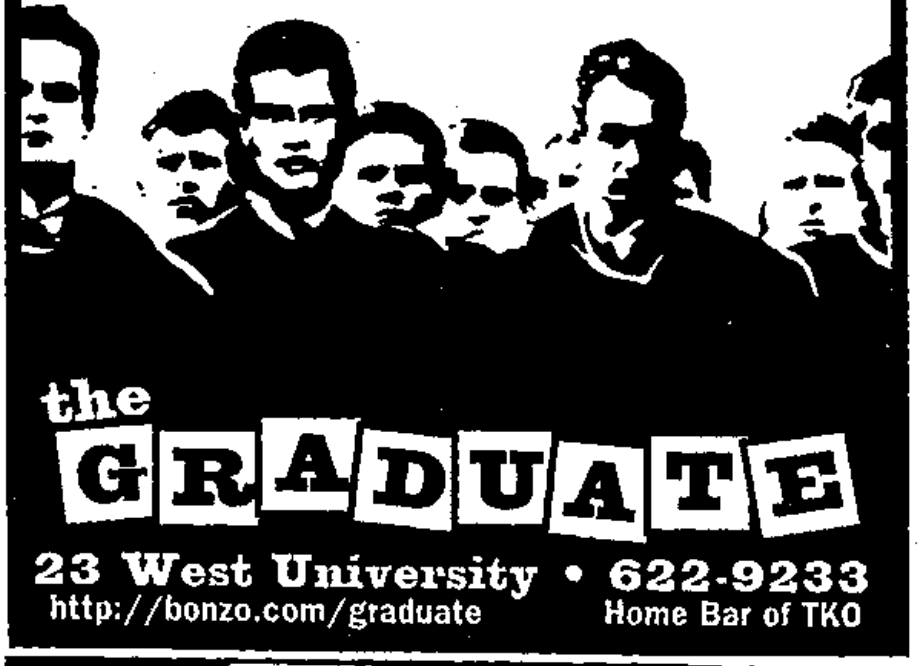

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McNally's 'Corpus Christi' Nixed

NEW YORK, NY (NP) — It's rumored that it included a little love, valour and compassion among apostles, but there'll be no corpus delicti to be found at his home theater on which to judge the Tony-winner's new play.

Three-time Tony-winning openly Gay playwright Terence McNally's newest Gay-themed work "Corpus Christi" was struck from the fall/winter schedule of New York's Manhattan Theater Club (MTC) because of "security problems that have arisen around the production of this play and related concerns.

MTC is now unable to mount this production responsibly," the theater's publicist said in a formal statement, refusing further comment. On May 1, a New York newspaper had published information, leaked by a "production insider" following an initial reading, that the play portrayed Jesus as sexually involved with his apostles, albeit offstage. That story was widely circulated and sparked immediate protest by the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, which says that it in turn received numerous calls and letters from other outraged religious groups. As recently as May 9, the theater had reiterated its intention to proceed with the production. McNally has refused to speak with reporters at any point in the affair.

The informant had said, "The Jesus character ["Joshua" in the play] has sex with some of the apostles. . . . Some of the apostles actually talk about having sex with Jesus." The same story reported the play as including paraphrases of the New Testament, including a character standing in for Pontius Pilate asking, "Art thou king of the queers?" and "Joshua" replying, "Thou sayest." Another source, quoted as saying that, "There's a lot of comedy in it and very little, if any, nudity."

Catholic League President William Donohue wrote to McNally demanding a rewrite, calling what he'd heard about it "deeply offensive to Christians." The League's previous targets have included ABC's "Nothing Sacred" and "Ellen."

An MTC spokesperson who wanted to remain anonymous had told the "New York Post" previously, "We have no plans to withdraw the project. We stand by Terence McNally. He's on our board of directors and is a great playwright. He's been gold for the theater.... It's a very serious subject that is treated seriously.... He's looking at it in a spiritual way."

McNally just added a Drama Desk award for his book for "Ragtime," which has also been nominated for a Tony, to his Tonys for "Master Class," "Love! Valour! Compassion!" and the book for the musical "Kiss of the Spider Woman," among many other tokens of both critical and popular acclaim. Some of his other notable works include "Lips Together, Teeth Apart," "The Lisbon Traviata" and "Frankie and Johnnie in the Clair de Lune." Although his work is eagerly anticipated each year in New York City, it's previously generated controversy when staged elsewhere.

Gay Flags To Fly In Orlando - Maybe

ORLANDO, FL (OS) — A Gay-rights group in Orlando has asked permission to put rainbow flags on more than 300 downtown light posts during the month of June in celebration of National Gay Pride Month.

City rules allow nonprofit groups to fly flags from public light posts if they publicize a free event of general interest to the public, said Tom Kohler, chairman of the city's Downtown Development Board. The flags can have no advertisements and must meet size specifications. The group also must pay to install and remove the flags.

"They met the requirements," Kohler said of Watermark, the group that requested the flags and is spending about $15,000 to fly them from 363 city poles. "We didn't look at this as a political activity or anything like that."

But a local television and radio evangelist, John Butler Book, has raised objections to the flying of the flags and is attempting to draft a band of local conservatives to pressure the city's development board to deny the Gay group's request. A meeting is scheduled for June 1.

"In all the years we have had flags flying, we've never had anything like this come up. We're dealing with it the best way we can," Kohler said. He said in light of the rainbow flag controversy, the rules governing the flags probably will be revisited.

Watermark is hoping the six-color rainbow flags, which include no writing, will be seen as positive, inclusive symbols.

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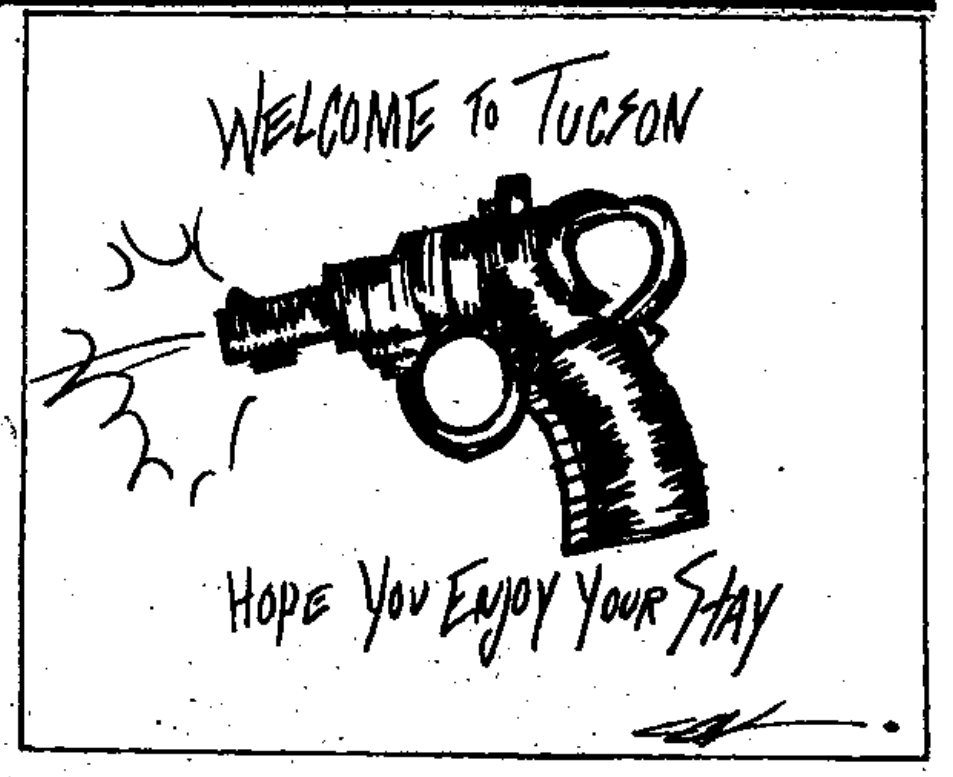

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus Concert Saturday, May 30

TUCSON -- It will be indeed be hot and heavy at the Temple of Music and Art, 8:00 P.M., Saturday, May 30, when the Reveille Gay Men's Chorus (RGMC) performs its final event of the season, SSSTEAM HEAT!

Cited by Artistic Director James Gall as "an evening of pure froth," the evening includes movements from one of the principal music works of the 20th Century, "Carmina Burana," by Carl Orff. The 13th century lyrics of this work, found in a monastery in Beuren, Germany, indicate that the monks at that time most certainly did more than pray! In keeping with the theme, the RGMC men will perform two newer pieces entitled, "Fagrigals." ("Behold My Love is Large" and "O Dish Me Not.")

Among other offerings in the evening's fare is a set of music from the 1920's - 1940's, including a Duke Ellington medley, some Gershwin and Cole Porter. A Country and Western set will pay tribute to some of the great divas/divos of the genre: Patsy Cline, Tammy Wynette and the Sons of the Pioneers. A number soloists and ensembles will be featured in the program, including the well-known a capella ensemble of Reveille GMC, Take V, which will perform two sets of its own.

The finale of both acts of the show will feature respectively Bugs Bunny and Elmer Fudd in the infamous operatic cartoon, "What's Opera, Doc?", and the great "Queen" number by Freddy Mercury, "Bohemian Rhapsody."

Tickets for the event are $15 at the door and $12 when purchased in advance from any RGMC member or at Antigone's, Tucson Trunk, Unique on Central of Tucson, and the Rainbow Planet Coffee House on Fourth Avenue. Students and Senior Citizens are also discounted for ticket prices.

Kolbe Featured Speaker At Tucson Chapter Of Log Cabin Republicans

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) — U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-CD 5, was the featured speaker at the meeting of the Log Cabin Republicans (LCRs)-Tucson Chapter, Tuesday, May 26.

The monthly meeting of the local group took place at Coco's, Drachman and Main in Tucson.

Members, potential members and guests had an opportunity to speak with the Gay Republican Congressman. A dinner followed the "social hour." The meeting concluded with remarks from the Congressman and answering questions from those in attendance.

Rep. Kolbe said he planned to talk about several important issues before Congress, ranging from: Social Security Reform, the proposed tobacco settlement to the Republican proposal to reform the Internal Reform Service (IRS).

Campaign finance reform, the Republican proposals to end the "Marriage Penalty" tax and banking reform would also be touched on in his remarks.

In addition to the issues before Congress, Kolbe said he planned to talk about the place Gays and Lesbians have within the G.O.P.

The national Log Cabin Republicans have 50+ chapters across the country, with a national office in Washington, D.C.

The Log Cabin Republicans are a federal political action committee which raises more than $100,000 per election cycle for Republican candidates.

They were founded to battle the nation's first anti-Gay measure - California's Proposition Six in 1978.

Proposition Six would have barred Gays and Lesbians from working as teachers within the state's public school system. The proposition was soundly defeated at the polls in November 1978.

Congressman Kolbe will be running for an eighth term this year. He was elected to the House in 1984. Kolbe's probable Democratic opponent in the November general election would be former Tucson Mayor, Tom Volgy, who announced his candidacy earlier this year.

For more information about the Tucson Chapter of the Log Cabin Republicans, write to: LCRS Tucson-Chapter, P.O. Box 65592, Tucson, AZ 85728-5592. E-mail: LCRS@azstarnet.com.

Far Right Honors Reggie White

WASHINGTON, DC — The leaders of the religious right and conservative Republican politicians courting their favor embraced Green Bay Packers defensive lineman Reggie White, saying no one had stood with him to defend his right to speak out against homosexuality.

"Where are the free-speechers?" asked Gary Bauer, president of Family Research Council, the conservative group that sponsored a luncheon in White's honor. "They should be here to support Reggie White's rights, but not one of them has rushed to a microphone."

Bauer also singled out members of Congress who declined FRC's invitation to lunch in honor of White. Several Republicans sent out letters of support in lieu of attending. "You are a credit to sports at a time when many 'stars' set the wrong example," Sen. John Ashcroft (R-Mo.) said in his letter of apology. During the lunch White said too many of his fellow Christians fail to stand up for their beliefs. "I'm tired of the devil pushing us around," Ashcroft said in his letter. "God is trying to give people some guts to speak out on truth."

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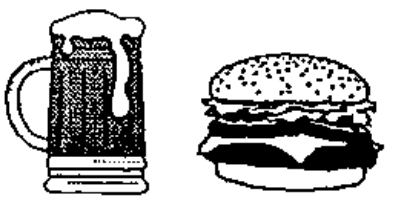

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by Scott Weidamoyer

Hey Tucson! Another great week in the Old Pueblo! Happy Summer! I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day Weekend! Summer is really starting to show her teeth with the weather we have been having. Bear down and keep cool!

On Saturday, June 6, we will be having our 1998 Saguaro Regional Rodeo Volunteer Appreciation Picnic at Christopher Columbus Park at Grant and Silverbell. We will have food, fun and games. It is our way of saying thanks to all of our volunteers that helped make this year's rodeo a great success. If you are interested in attending, please contact the AGRA office so we can get an approximate count on how many people we should expect. We have also obtained a beverage permit for the park, so we ask that if you are bringing your own, no glass is allowed.

AGRA will be holding our first official fund raising show and Burger-Q, June 7 at Hours. Look for our ad in the Observer. The fund raiser will be held to raise money for our 501(c)3 application to be filed with the State of Arizona. We have a lot of great talent already willing to help and we look forward to your support in the event. Keep in mind, as soon as we can get a "non-profit" status, we have the opportunity to receive more funding.

One last item! Wanted! If anyone has a need to donate or get rid of an old storage shed in working condition, we are in need of one! Please contact the AGRA Office, (520) 323-0805, if you have any information as to where we can obtain one.

I hope you are working on your ideas ready for this year's Saguaro Regional Rodeo Poster contest. We will start taking entries for this year's poster at next month's meeting. Voting will be done at the July meeting. Tune in for details.

Until then, keep your pride and play safe in the saddle.

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On The Sports Front

Desert Coyotes Summer Bowling League To Commence June 3

TUCSON (ON) -- No plans for the Summer? Bored with the same clubs and scene? Try the happening hot event in a cool place, the Desert Coyotes bowling league!

On Wednesday, June 3, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian bowling league will begin their Summer season. The Desert Coyotes bowl at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 West Miracle Mile. There will be a short, league meeting at 7:30 P.M., to set up the teams before the start of bowling, 8:00 P.M.

According to Mark Rosenbaum, Secretary for the Desert Coyotes, interest in the Summer league is at a high. So come bowl with your friends, or meet some new friends at the Desert Coyotes bowling league!

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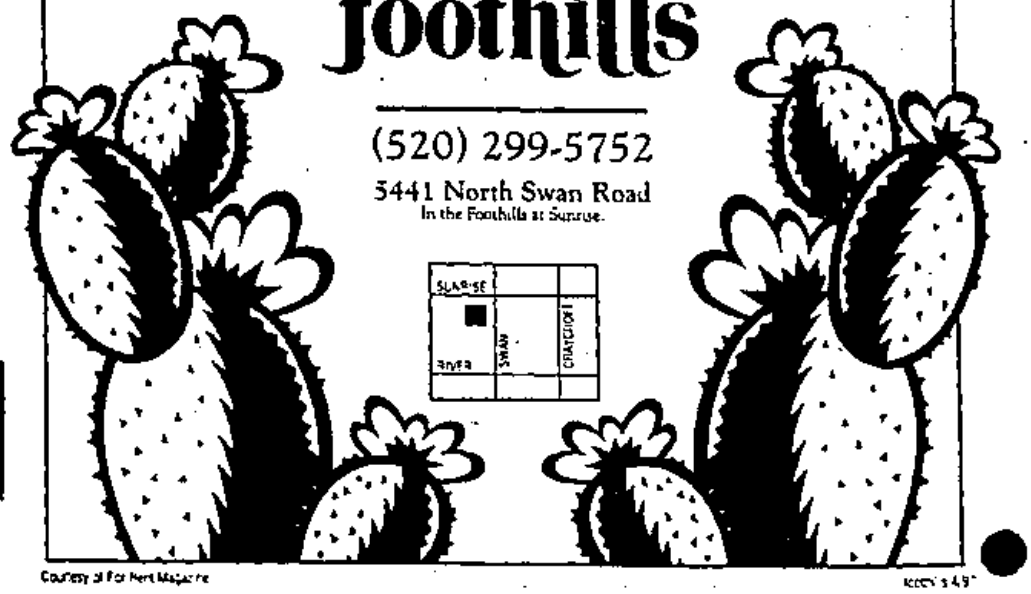

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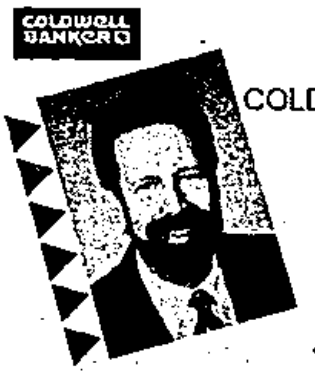

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Gay Couple Sentenced For Laundering Drug Money

NEW YORK, NY (NP) — An "A list" Gay pair decorated their way to riches - and prison - acquiring the best that cocaine can buy for an infamous Columbian drug lord.

After nearly two decades living at the height of fabulousness -- shop-till-you-drop with exquisite taste and unlimited cash -- two San Francisco Gay men, partners in life and in their decorating business, have been stripped of all they own and sentenced to 48 and 68 months in prison by a federal judge in New York on charges of money-laundering for the late Cali Cartel drug lord, Jose Santacruz Londono.

Although mainstream headlines emphasized the "light" sentences imposed on Alexander Blarek II and Frank Pellecchia by U.S. District Court Judge Jack Weinstein, who saw prison as a worse experience for Gay men in a widely publicized case -- either victimization in the general prison population or near-solitary confinement away from it, plus no chance for Pellecchia to continue his holistic treatments for HIV -- federal prosecutors were more than satisfied with a sentence they called "very severe."

Blarek, who actually made the contact with Londono, received 68 months of a possible 12 years, while Pellecchia received four years of a maximum of about eight. That's aside from losing to the government their home, vehicles, and some $2-million in cash seized a week ago, in addition to which Blarek's sentence included a fine in the amount of his remaining net worth. The couple have claimed in their defense that they were "hired help" rather than participants in the drug ring, although there is concrete evidence that they knew exactly what kind of business Santacruz was in. They are currently free on bail pending appeals.

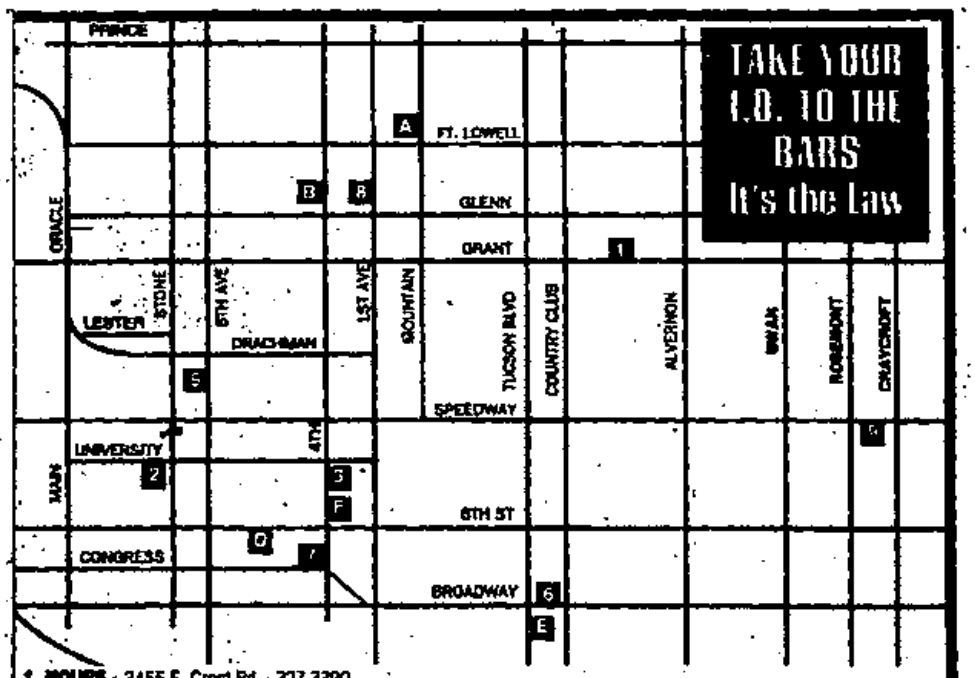
"The defendants are homosexual lovers in a case that has been broadly publicized. Because these defendants will be especially vulnerable to abuse in prison, given their sexual orientation as well as their demeanor and build, [a reduced sentence] is warranted," Judge Weinstein wrote in his 63-page ruling.

"The reality is that homosexual defendants may need to be removed from the general prison population for their own safety. This would amount to a sentence of almost solitary confinement, a penalty more difficult to endure than any incarceration," he found. "Blarek and Pellecchia did not aspire to become criminals, but they allowed themselves to be lured into felonies by the promise of prestige and money," the ruling said, describing the couple as losing sight of reality in their passion for creating art. Pellechia's HIV status in itself offered some basis for reducing his sentence.

"Frank and Alex" were once described as "the quintessential 'A-List' Gay couple. The community was smitten by their taste, sophistication, charm, and of course money, and didn't wonder too much why they weren't doing decorating work among the San Francisco elite. In fact, Santacruz was their sole client from 1978 to his death in 1996, a client with more millions to burn every week, and the couple used the money to design numerous buildings and apartments and to purchase art and antiques for him and his family. The only downside to this remarkable opportunity for the men to practice their art was that it had to remain a private thing -- Santacruz wanted to maintain a low profile.

The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) first noted the decorators through receipts found at a Santacruz "stash house" in New York City in the 1980's. Blarek admitted to the DEA and NYPD Detective Kenneth Robinson that he and Pellecchia did decorating work for Santacruz. The DEA viewed him only as a possible witness, but Robinson went back for another try later on.

This time Blarek denied having been in touch with Santacruz when the DEA already knew otherwise from an informant, drawing a new level of attention to the couple. Over the late 1980's and early 1990's, millions of dollars were flowing through the decorators' hands, and the DEA and the IRS watched ever more closely without finding a basis for charges. The key to the couple's downfall was Santacruz' computer data, which the DEA downloaded in a 1995 raid following the drug lord's 1994 arrest in Colombia. In June 1997, the pair were arrested. They were tried in Brooklyn, New York where most of Santacruz' drugs were sold, and were convicted by a jury in February 1998.



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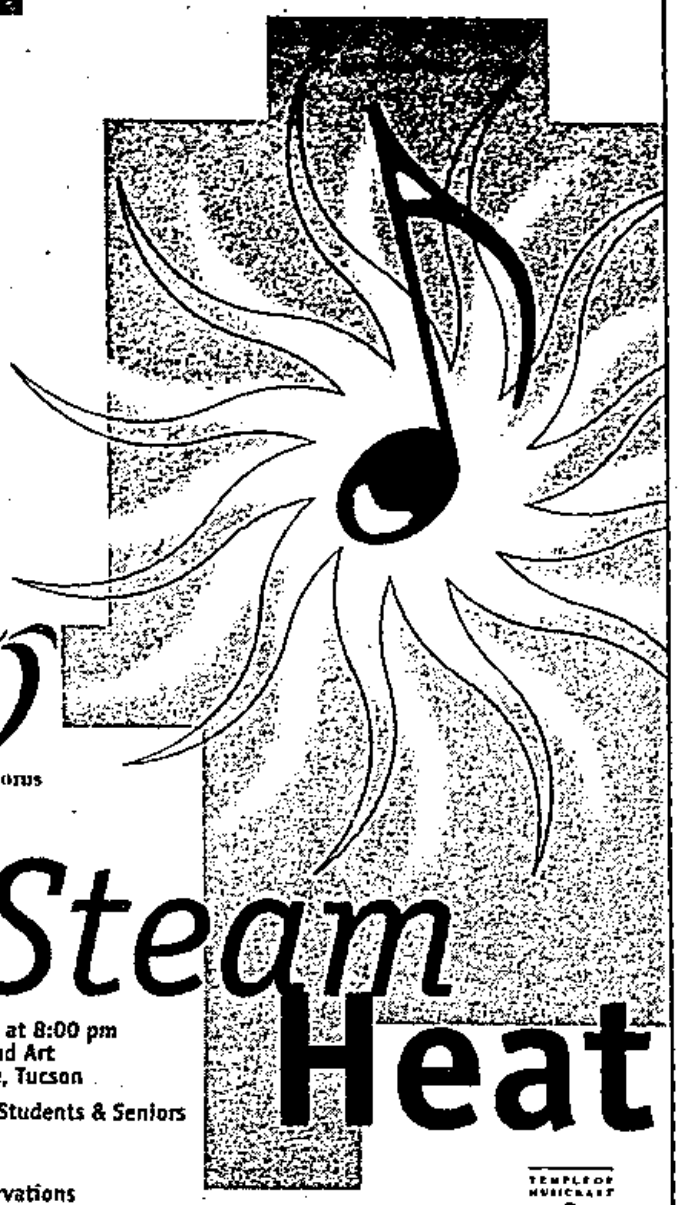

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POLITICS 1998

by Mark R. Kerr

"There's A Man Leaving In Ten Minutes! Be Underneath Him!"

This past Friday in the "Evil City to the North," around 2:15 A.M., 90 or so cars sped away from the scene of a crime. The breeder, print-mongrels went back to their offices and making corrections again on their computers using Liquid Paper.

In local T.V. Bimbetteland, KOLD's news "Whirly-Bird," stopped spreading "smog" and returned to Baja Arizona, much to the annoyance of many. KVOA-LA-DEE-DAH's Eyewitless Snooze packed up the giant cue-cards for the "Barbara Wawa of Tucson news," promptly jumped in their NewsStar van and returned to little rejoicing. KGUN-9, as of this writing, was still looking for the State Capitol but we digress.

Closing notices were finally and mercifully posted for the 43rd session of the Inquisition, er Arizona Legislature. The Grand Inquisitors ended their run early Friday, May 22 - day 131 of a 100-day session. Timing is everything!

It's over with . . . for now. We can also resume breathing . . . until the next special session or January 1999, whichever comes first. How did the community make out during the 131 days of hilarity?

Governor Jane Hull proposed in her budget that $1.7 million of tobacco tax health care fund money for the state's beleaguered AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), which had run out of money on two occasions during the past year. Somehow, with luck, foresight or who knows what, the Legislature approved the funding, marking the first time in the history of the epidemic that the Legislature approved any funding whatsoever for this program.

"Good Samaritan Act" is a term the Inquisition doesn't know the meaning of! They passed SB 1037, sponsored by outgoing Sen. Tommy Patterson, R-Kevorkianland, which forces the Arizona Department of Health Services to release confidential medical information to an alleged "Good Samaritan," goof-ball who alleges they have been exposed to a "communicable disease," namely AIDS - the only one defined in SB 1037, at an accident scene despite having the police, fire and paramedics nearby!

Sen. Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson, one of the few brave souls who stood by us tried to expand the protections of the state's domestic violence laws to include same-sex couples. Richardson's efforts were thwarted by Sen. John Kaites, R-Phoenix, who said Gay and Lesbian couples should not get special rights! Frankly darling, Gay and Lesbian couples won't give you something in September, their vote for you since you're running for the Republican nod for Attorney General! Now isn't that special!

Speaking of the McCain's handpicked choice, Kaites was also instrumental in thwarting attempts to enact legislation barring discrimination in the workplace based on sexual orientation. As the Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Kaites sat on SB 1346, which would have ended workplace discrimination in Arizona.

That didn't daunt the bill's sponsor, none other than Sen. Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson. Through a brilliant parliamentary maneuver, Richardson attached the bill as an amendment to HB 2392, which was receiving a third reading in the Senate. Kaites and the Republican Senate leadership weren't really happy, but more like upset when it passed, 16-13. Yippie-skippie!

It wasn't long though before the amendment was stripped off the bill, with the threats of "holy hell" waged by the Republican leadership hanging over the bill. Surprised? Not really. This is the Arizona Legislature. Would we expect anything less of this bunch? Sen. Richardson said it best on this topic, "Arizona still has a long way to go on the issue of civil rights."

Engorged orifices, areolas, and stiffies are no-nos in Arizona with the approval of SB 1162! The State of Arizona will be changing the license plates soon since the current one describes a very engorged orifice in a turgid state! Oh the smut! Oh the humanity! Oh puh-leeze!

Despite the efforts of Rep. Karen Johnson, R-Mesa, the paragon of family values, five husbands and eleven kids, Gays and Lesbians in Arizona can still adopt and be foster parents - much to the relief of the Department of Economic Security, Child Protective Services and the 6,000 kids in foster care in 1,800 or so houses - enough room for only 4,000 kids. Johnson's bill, HB 2482 was shot down, very rightfully so, by the House Rules Committee. Maybe there is a God!

The feel good HIV felony bill, HB 2396 failed - much to the surprise of many. This election year dandy would have made knowingly transferring the HIV virus to another person, despite no guidelines, and if the person, the victim, tested positive a Class 3 Felony. HIV, a sure fire voter getter and money raiser! What happened?

Lastly, as it was voted on, being tested for HIV isn't quite as hazardous to one's health. SB 1261, the bill sponsored by Sen. Tommy Patterson, would've dismantled the last vestiges of the AIDS Omnibus Act was defeated - much to the surprise of many. "Can you get AIDS from a toilet seat?" is a question that will still be answered . . . for the time with informed consent and pretest counseling still a go.

As usual, the Republicans went for the easy electioneering card. Gay, Lesbian and HIV bashing equals big bucks and votes! The Democrats were no piece of cake either. With the exceptions of Reps. Ken Cheuvront, D-Phoenix, Herschella Horton, D-Tucson and, Sen. Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson, we were dropped like hot-potatoes! (Eat your heart out Dan Quayle! I can spell!)

What can we do now since the Inquisition is over with? Rep. Herschella Horton, D-Tucson said it best in an E-mail to this reporter, "Each individual is important and has a responsibility to hold elected officials responsible for representing them." So true!

Its campaign time! Let the spin, sludge and misinformation flow! Not this time! If any elected official, running this year (and there will be some) asks you to

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HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

The jolly Sun glides into chatty Gemini this week. Let's promise to use flirtation and intellectual stimulation as a guiding force for the next thirty days or so. It's time to go forward, minds poised and active, to realize our dreams and personal goals. Full steam - avoid hot air. . . .

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud, rambunctious Rams turn a quick and witty phrase when the Sun tangos into Gemini. Use your words like sugar, shake it on liberally and lick it up. You'll get exactly what you want without cavities (well maybe one or two . . .). The best use of this jolly energy is to find a receptive entourage for your ideas. What about getting in touch with friends of friends? Give them a call.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

If Gay Bulls find that their financial picture looks a little brighter, send a thank you heart on to glorious Sun in Gemini. If you've done your fiscal homework you'll find investments begin to pay off. It's money management time kids! The planets enable you to envision an easy retirement light at the end of the tunnel (or is it lights of an oncoming train . . . ?)

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

The Sun in your own sign brings birthday joy. Get Out there dear, queer Gemini and show them what pride is all about. It's an excellent time to meet and greet; your middle name is charisma. Begin new projects now; you have a receptive, fertile ground from which to nurture your personal dream. Shmooze and grab the limelight now; The astrological clock is ticking. . . .

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Perceptive Crabs are in the pink when the Sun ambles into Gemini. Give back to our community through charitable acts and good Gay deeds. It's time to build up karma points so gather up those Mother Teresa vibrations and volunteer at a hospice or help line. And what about that dreadful, brimming closet? Open it up and toss it all Out - it's all dreck!

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Dramatic Queer Lions crave an adoring crowd! Thank the stars that friends are available to provide adulation and support when the Sun enters sociable Gemini. Proud Leos become the epicenter of attention. (Maybe it's those hot pink chaps?) Find a group that thinks the way you do. Be a supportive leader and enable everyone to feel part of the greater Gay goal.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Gay Virgins feel professionally adept when the Sun enters Gemini. Career opportunities open up like a treasure chest; insert your key and choose among a delectable assortment. Consider each option carefully; Sometimes the least likely scenario can be the most intriguing. Sometimes it's to a new and fabulous career level. Sometimes it's to the mailroom.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Gay Libras hang their hats just about anywhere and feel at home with Sun in friendly Gemini. Travel and see the world while the planetary energy is high. It's an excellent time to spread your wings, enrich your global perspective and learn (or meet) some new and exotic tricks. Sometimes these new, exotic tricks require whip cream and a leather collar. Don't be an old dog.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Feisty Queer Scorps turn the sexual spigot on full blast when the Sun enters feisty Gemini. Actions speak louder and prouder than words with lovers so speak queerly. Gemini juice can make two great minds think alike. However, remember the other Gemini trait before you dig in, fickleness. One party and one lover a night is enough for even a wild eyed Scorpion.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Sun in sociable Gemini offers you a renewed appreciation for one to one relationships. If you are lucky enough to already have a special someone, all thoughts and communication between the two of you will be in tandem. If you are still searching for that great Gay dream, at least you are now able to envision the perfect person for you. Now get out there and advertise, proud Archer!

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Serious Queer Caps should get down to work when the fabulous Sun enters meticulous Gemini. Energy levels are especially high, particularly for any thought-intensive work. For those Gay Goats who have contemplated owning the perfect body, may I suggest a personal trainer? A serious exercise regime can produce incredibly delicious improvements now. Think nude beach season.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians light the fire and turn up the heat on good Gay times when the hot Sun enters affable Gemini. Any creative or artistic pursuit will be especially enjoyable and fulfilling now. This means that if you are asked to plan a party or grand scale social event, the results will have them talking for months! Don't forget the rainbow bunting and naked go-go dancers!

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Pink Fish find their home base particularly enjoyable and relaxing when the Sun enters Gemini. You may get the redecorating bug in an urge to make your home reflect your innate sense of romantic style. Or maybe it means moving to a more spiritually affirming part of town. Whatever you decide to do, be sure to invite a few kindred souls over for a pleasant prideful evening.

For entertainment purposes only. For best results read both your Sun sign and Ascendant. For a free calculation of your ascendant, send birth date, time, place, name of this publication and s.a.s.e. to: Lichtenstein, POB 1726, Old Chelsea Station, NY 10011.

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vote for them. Ask them what they have done for you! If you get political-speak, don't be surprised! Their voting record speaks for itself and the Observer will let you know, putting their feet to the fire!

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by Rev. Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D

Gay Men, Lesbians and Spirituality

In his book, Gay Spirit: Myth and Meaning, Marc Thompson compiled a series of essays on the topic of Gay men and spirituality. This book, probably the first anthology of its kind, marked a significant step toward the articulation of Gay men's experience of the spiritual dimension of life. For years prior to the publication of Thompson's work, Lesbians had been exploring their experience of spirituality in the context of feminist writing. Thompson followed the example of anthologies compiled by women like Carol P. Christ and Judith L. Weidman. These anthologies are significant because they reflect the process of individuals as they integrate their sexuality and spirituality.

These anthologies implicitly raise important questions. Is there a unique "Gay" or "Lesbian" spirituality? Is the spiritual experience of gay men and lesbians really the same as that of other people? Does whatever makes Gay men and Lesbians different from other people have any impact on spiritual experience?

These questions are extensions of the larger debate about gay and lesbian people in general. Do we have a separate culture from others? Is being Gay or Lesbian similar to being part of a different ethnic group, much like it is to be African American or American Indian? Or are Gay and Lesbian people pretty much just like other folks with whom we share race and class?

I don't presume to have the answers to these questions. But I do know that the questions make me uncomfortable because they attempt to put my experience in simple categories. I don't find this kind of simplification particularly useful.

What I do know is this: gay men and lesbian are a very diverse group of people. In addition to being Gay or Lesbian, each of us is also from a particular race, class, socio-economic group and culture heritage. An individual's spiritual experience is shaped by every part of his or her life. To understand our spiritual experience, we must take into account every part of who we are.

For example, an African-American Lesbian woman who has learned to be strong and articulate, enhancing her sense of self through the wisdom shared by women of previous generations, may find strong spiritual connections in both her African heritage as well as by sharing with a women's group. In a different way, a white Gay man from a fundamentalist Christian family who was taught that his sexual expression is sinful may find it difficult to integrate his sexuality and spirituality, believing he needs to choose between the two. In both cases, the individual's spiritual experience is shaped by other aspects of their life and personal history.

I believe that if there is something uncommon about the spiritual experience of Gay men and Lesbians, it is not related to some unique characteristic only possessed by people who call themselves Gay or Lesbian. Nor do I believe that there is something particularly spiritual about being a Gay man or Lesbian. However, I do believe that being Gay or Lesbian can provide an opportunity to develop particular skills for dealing with life. These skills can have implications for spiritual development.

Gay and Lesbian people have a distinction among other minority groups in the world. We are fully part of other segments of society and culture. Yet, at the same time, we know that we are not the same as others. Our minority status is not based on easy qualifiers such as the color of our skin, our language, our culture, or our economic status. It is based on engaging in human relationships in ways that are different from the majority of cultures.

Gay men and Lesbians experience sexuality, intimacy, and affection through an orientation that is not synonymous with a predominantly heterosexual culture. As a sexual minority, we are given the chance to see life from a somewhat unconventional perspective. Often, we can see through the given structures of heterosexual interaction to see a different dimension at work.

This difference may be helpful for some people in their spiritual development. Gay and Lesbian people have grown used to not accepting things at face value but have learned to pay careful attention to subtle nuances in relationships and interactions. Paying careful attention to these nuances allows us to find others like ourselves and those who are accepting of us. This ability to pay careful attention to what's happening around us can also open us to encounter life with greater meaning, depth, or transcendent value. When we do this, the spiritual dimension of life can be more fully integrated into our day to day experience.

I don't believe there's some unique spiritual ability Gay and Lesbian people possess. Yet, as a people whose minority status is based on the experience of human interaction that is different from the rest of our society, we have an opportunity also experience other dimensions of life more fully.

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Columna Abierta. by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

¿Qué tal?; saludandoles de nuevo, con muchos comentarios que compartir con todos ustedes... Empezando con la **Primera Conferencia de Promotores de Salud** que presentó nuestro Centro Hermano: WAHEC de Yuma, Az. bajo la dirección de nuestra amiga Amanda Aguirre y con la asistencia incansable de Tuly Medina y desde luego que no podria faltar la asistencia coordinada de las damas voluntarias, y también la de las promotoras de Border Vision Fronteriza; y desde luego que sin la participación de todas y todos los promotores de esta gran nación y de algunas ciudades del norte de México, de verdad que fué todo un éxito; se puedo apreciar los compromisos que se han hechado a cuesta cada una de esas personas al estar trabajando en sus comunidades llevando la educación y prevención, casi todos de ellos en una forma voluntaria o con unos salarios realmente bajos, ya que sigue siendo difícil hacer entender a los "hacedores de leyes" que hay que invertir más en la prevención y sobre todo en la Salud Pública... De verdad que en todos los talleres educativos hubo un lleno total y lo más importante que a la hora de las discuciones se pudo apreciar mucha participación por parte de los asistentes; los cuales casi fueron las 400 personas... Pudimos conocer y platicar con algunos promotores de New Jersey, Washington State, California, Chicago. Etc.; de verdad que están desarrollando trabajos con vocación y pasión.... Dentro del programa inicial hubo una oradora que comparó la labor de las promotoras con la labor que siempre llevó la Madre Teresa de Calcuta; siendo esta presentación una de las que más me impresionaron... Pudimos saludar a nuestra amiga de tantos años; Martha Castañeda quién está laborando en Phoenix; El Dr. Juan Paz, la Dra. América Bracho de Santa Ana Ca.; Melinda Cordero de Los Angeles, Francisco Ramos de Chicago, y Emma Torres de San Luis, Az. etc. etc... Y que decir de la participación, "ahora sí de lleno" con el WAHEC; de la Arq. Virginia Reyes con quién pudimos alternar el papel de maestro de ceremonias en la noche multicultural!! donde seguimos reconociendo que el grupo de promotoras de Los Angeles, siguen siendo las Estrellas Estelares en lo que a dramatización respecta!!!... Vimos la capacidad de orador del colega Rogelio Torres, la cual no podemos pasar desapersivido..; Y desde luego que extrañamos la presencia de nuestra colega Agueda Palacios de Yuma...Así, también conocimos caras nuevas y nuevos programas que todos merecen reconocimientos especiales; Felicidades una vez más a, Amanda y a las chicas del WAHEC!!!

Y cambiando de comentarios, en lo que respecta a SIDA al Día: Ante la epidemia del SIDA, la sociedad incluyó entre sus explicaciones ciertos argumentos morales y religiosos. En el proceso de dilucidar la situación, algunos aprovecharon la oportunidad para expresar con un nuevo lenguaje viejos resentimientos y, de paso culpar a los propios enfermos. Lo cual no resultó difícil ya que, por lo general, se trataba de grupos históricamente demonizados: homosexuales, drogadictos, y minorías étnicas inmigrantes. Sólo a unos pocos escogidos se les ha considerado víctimas inocentes dignas de compasión, ocurrió con el tenista mundialmente famoso Arthur Ashe o con el célebre jugador del baloncesto Magic Johnson. Pronto se hizo evidente que además de un reto médico formidable, el SIDA supone un desafío extraordinario a nuestros principios más básicos de convivencia. Los estragos brutales entre la población homosexual masculina no tardaron en hacer ver a este colectivo que su silencio y su parálisis equivalían simplemente a su extinción. Un resultado evidente del intenso proceso educativo de estos grupos ha sido visto el cambio de estilo de vida entre el mundo gay, cuyos miembros han abandonado la promiscuidad sexual en favor de la relación estable de pareja. De hecho, en corto tiempo se han conseguido éxistos preventivos importantes que sólo quienes están motivados por el peligro de muerte inminente pueden lograr. Tampoco la población de toxicómanos ha sido ajena a los cambios de conducta a causa del síndrome mortal, a pesar de que estos grupos han sido tradicionalmente muy poco receptivos a las campañas preventivas. En este sentido se ha detectado, por una parte, un mayor interés por participar en programas de esterilización o destrucción de jeringuillas y, por otra, un claro aumento en la preferencia por fumar, inhalar o esnifar la heroína y la cocaína frente al uso de la más arriesgada vía intravenosa. Vemos pues qué; el SIDA simboliza la dolencia de la promiscuidad, del abandono al sexo furtivo y a las drogas. Además epitomiza el sufrimiento humano, la descriminación, el aislamiento social, la ruina de la juventud y la muerte prematura. Quizá sea por estas terribles connotaciones por lo que la mayoría heterosexual se aferra a la ilusión tan humana de prepotencia e invulnerabilidad.

Por hoy es todo, le esperamos la próxima semana, D. M.

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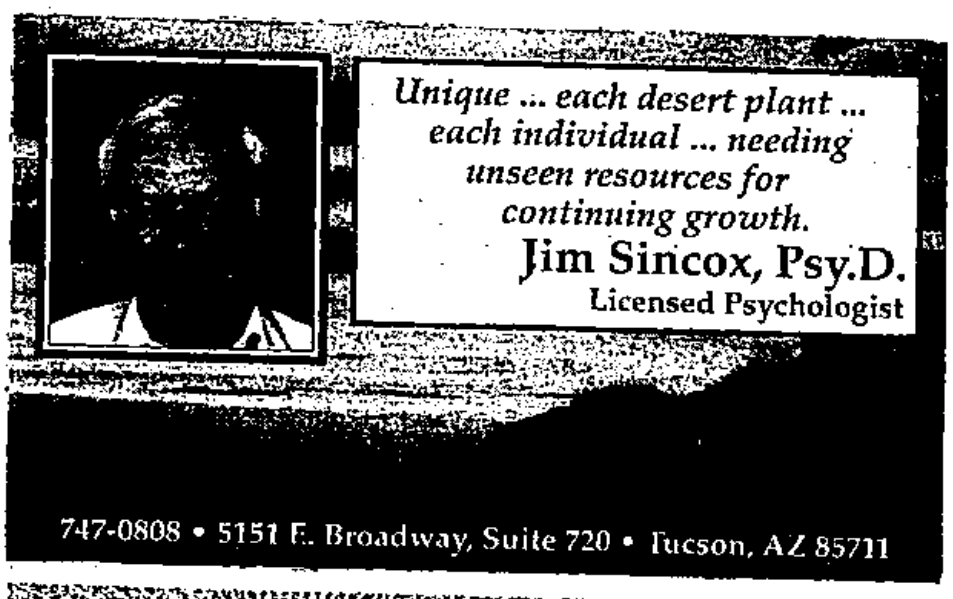

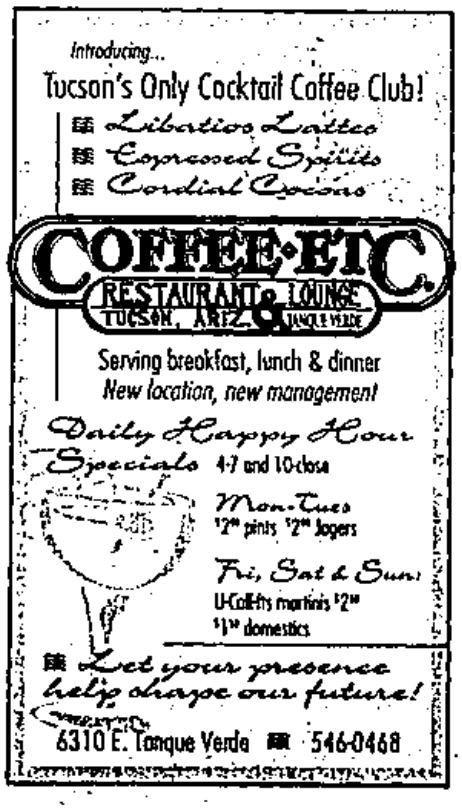

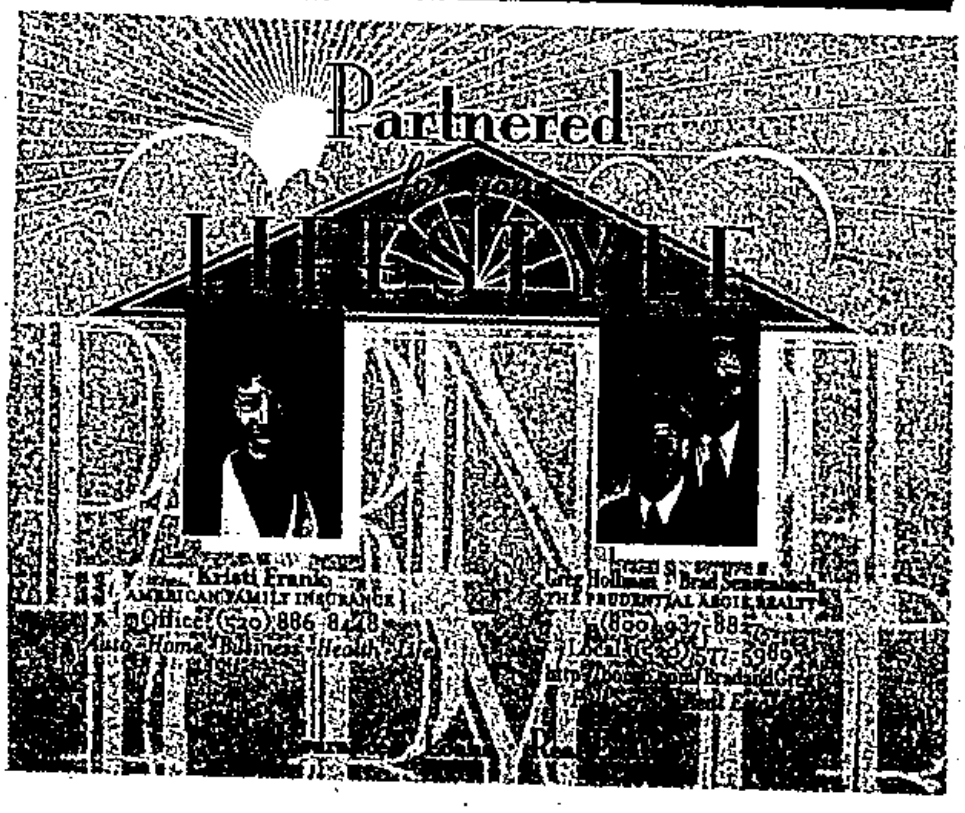

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Wingspan Domestic Violence Project

We apologize for bearing such bad news. Domestic violence in same-gender relationships is an ugly and sad topic; one that anyone could recoil from and find depressing. Our efforts are to help all of us face the harshness of intimate abuse and violence and to make us better advocates for all those in our community seeking safety, support, and education.

No one deserves to be hit, called names, criticized, threatened, or harmed by a loved one. No one deserves to be isolated and without resources that could save or improve their life. We, in the queer community have a responsibility to provide safe, and relevant social services to those in need. The Wingspan Domestic Violence Project provides services and collaborates with other domestic violence service agencies.

If you or someone you know needs help, call us. We have information, resources and services available. Our volunteers and staff are prepared to assist you. Remember you can remain anonymous, everyone needs help to break the dangerous cycle of domestic violence, and you do not have to do this alone.

Central Office: (520) 624-0348. Women call: (520) 489-9073. Men call: (520) 570-0027.

There are volunteer positions available for our hotline, office operations, speaking, fund raising, and outreach. Please call for an interview: (520) 624-0348. . . .

We are also thrilled to report that the Southern Arizona Women's Fund (SAWF) has funded our Program for Lesbians for 1998-99, with a grant of $7,500. SAWF's generous grant will keep us stable, visible and able to provide services to Lesbians in need. Thank you!

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Many people have a rudimentary knowledge of Jesus Christ. Some of you reading this article may even believe his declaration of John 14:6, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me." We are told in Acts 4:12 that, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved," speaking of Jesus.

In the waning years of the 20th century, everyone seems to have an opinion how soon the "end of the world" will come. Will they be alive then? What will happen to themselves? This hot topic today can stimulate conversation and perk up interest at parties, yet the end result is no more than sheer speculation.

In Matthew 24:36 Jesus told his disciples, "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the son, but only the father." Jesus told them when he comes it will be as it was when Noah built the ark and people continued eating, drinking and carrying on their lives, unconcerned about the future in those days before the flood.

The day Noah entered the ark, the people suspected nothing until the flood came and took them all away. When you really think about the cost everyone not on the ark when Noah closed the door paid. It is sobering. In Matthew, 24:39-42, Jesus stated, "That is how it will be at the coming of the son of man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a handmill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."

I don't know if Jesus will come in the next five minutes or five years, but I have a vivid mental picture of the sheer hopelessness and despair of the man left in the field and the woman left to grind with a handmill. I don't want to belike that man and woman.

You see, if our lives on Earth are over, or the second coming of Jesus Christ occurs, before we have accepted Jesus as our own personal Lord and savior, it is simply going to be too late to make that decision. All of us desire salvation and yes, time is of the essence, for the sake of our own eternal futures.

Please come and worship with us Sunday's, 10:30 A.M. We look forward to welcoming you. Ask us any questions that will help you make the most important decision you will ever make. In Revelation 22:7, Jesus says, "Behold, I am coming soon!" Are you prepared to face the consequences should he not tarry?

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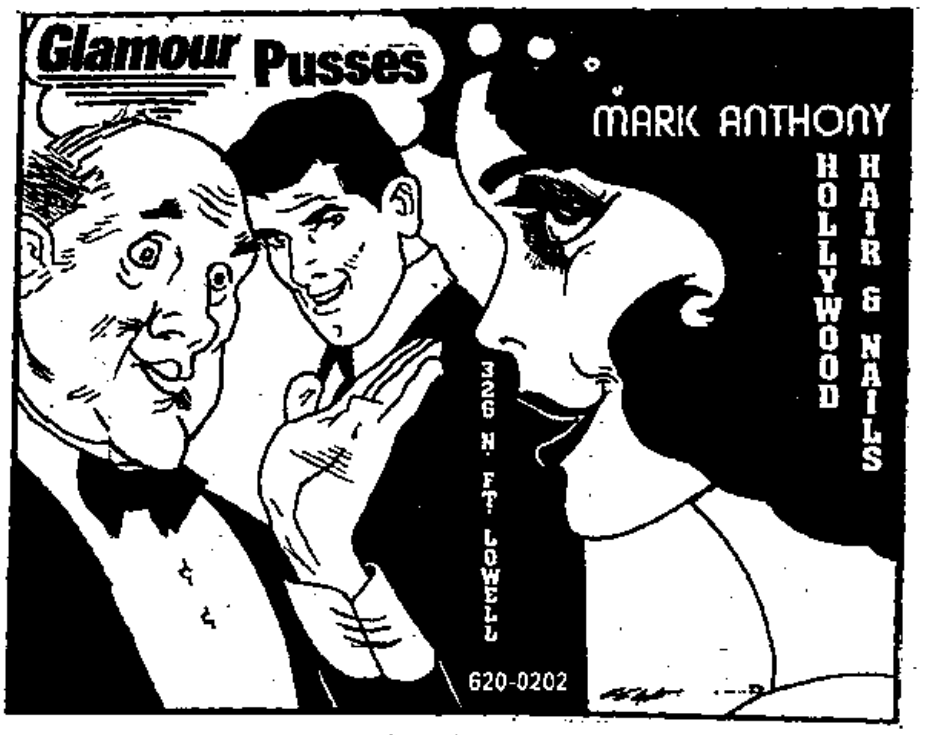

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Bell Atlantic Sued Over Partner Benefits

NEW YORK, NY (WS) — A phone company worker says in a lawsuit that his employer should allow the same health benefits for his live-in girlfriend as it would for a Gay partner.

"This is about equality," Paul Foray said after his lawsuit was filed in U.S. district court in Manhattan. He said his employer, Bell Atlantic Corp., provides benefits to same-sex partners but not to partners of opposite sexes living together. The lawsuit seeks $485,000 in damages. Foray filed a similar lawsuit against Bell Atlantic in state supreme court in Manhattan in October 1997, seeking $12 million.

Bell Atlantic argued then that the lawsuit had no merit, and it was subsequently withdrawn. Steve Marcus, a spokesman for Bell Atlantic, said, "Bell Atlantic's position has not changed. We believe that this lawsuit has no merit either. We believe that our policy on domestic-partner benefits complies fully with all applicable laws and regulations."

Reggie White

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In an hour-long speech laden with racial stereotypes, White told Wisconsin lawmakers in March that the United States had gotten away from God, in part by allowing homosexuality to "run rampant." Homosexuality is a sin, he said, and the plight of Gay men and Lesbians should not be compared to that of blacks.

"Homosexuality is a decision, it's not a race," White said. "People from all different ethnic backgrounds live in this lifestyle. But people from all different ethnic backgrounds also are liars and cheaters and malicious and back-stabbing."

White later apologized for any offense he might have given for his use of sweeping racial stereotypes, but refused to back down on his stance against Gay men and Lesbians. White said he does not hate Gays and said his remarks were distorted by the media. "I've been viewed as someone who hates, and the people who know me know I don't," he said.

In an expression of his compassionate views, White relayed the tale of a teammate who molested a young woman just after she confided she had been sexually abused. "I have guys in our locker room who are just as wicked as any Gay guy could ever be," White said. "This girl was trying to reach out to someone to talk to about her hurt. That's just as bad as the sin of homosexuality."

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Henry David Thoreau

American Baptists 'Save' Gay-Friendly Churches

SPOKANE, WA (ST) — Voting members of the American Baptist Churches of the Northwest adopted a statement declaring homosexuality to be inconsistent with Christian teachings.

However, the more than 300 pastors and congregation members from Washington, Idaho, Montana and Utah who gathered for the regional organization's convention took no action to dismiss two Seattle churches, Seattle First Baptist Church and University Baptist Church, for welcoming Gays and Lesbians.

The two churches are the only Washington members of a national group, the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, that have pledged to support Gay men and Lesbians in the church. One of University Baptist's co pastors, Tim Phillips, is Gay. The votes on proposed bylaws indicated the American Baptist Churches of the Northwest is "clearly divided" over the place of homosexuals in the church, said the Rev. Paul Aita, the regional organization's Seattle-based executive minister.

The measure adopted is an "instructional directive" stating that the regional organization supports the national denomination's position that "the practice of homosexuality is inconsistent with Christian teaching," Aita said.

Convention delegates also beat back several initiatives from the denomination's conservative wing.

Sensing lack of support, the Rev. Tim McDonald withdrew two controversial motions. The first sought to create a process to dismiss the two affirming Seattle congregations from the regional denomination. The second proposed an "affirmation of faith" stating that God's plan for a sexual union is one man and one woman in a heterosexual, monogamous and lifelong marriage.

Delegates also rejected a measure that would have allowed for the dismissal of churches that compromise "the basic unity and identity" of the regional organization through "clear abandonment of one or more of the basic Christian beliefs and practices or Baptistic distinctives."

It was understood this was a stealth move by delegates on the right to force Gay-welcoming churches from the American Baptist fold in the future.

Gay Flags - Maybe

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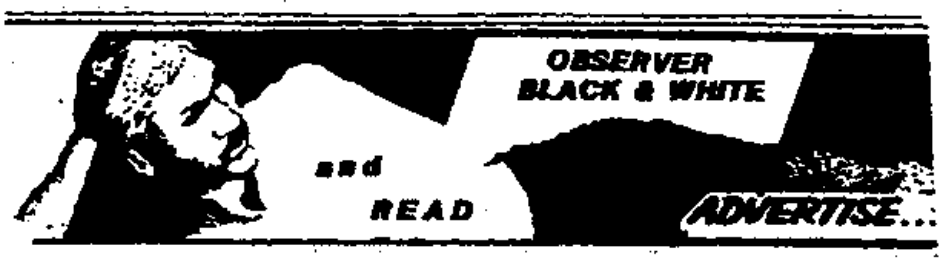
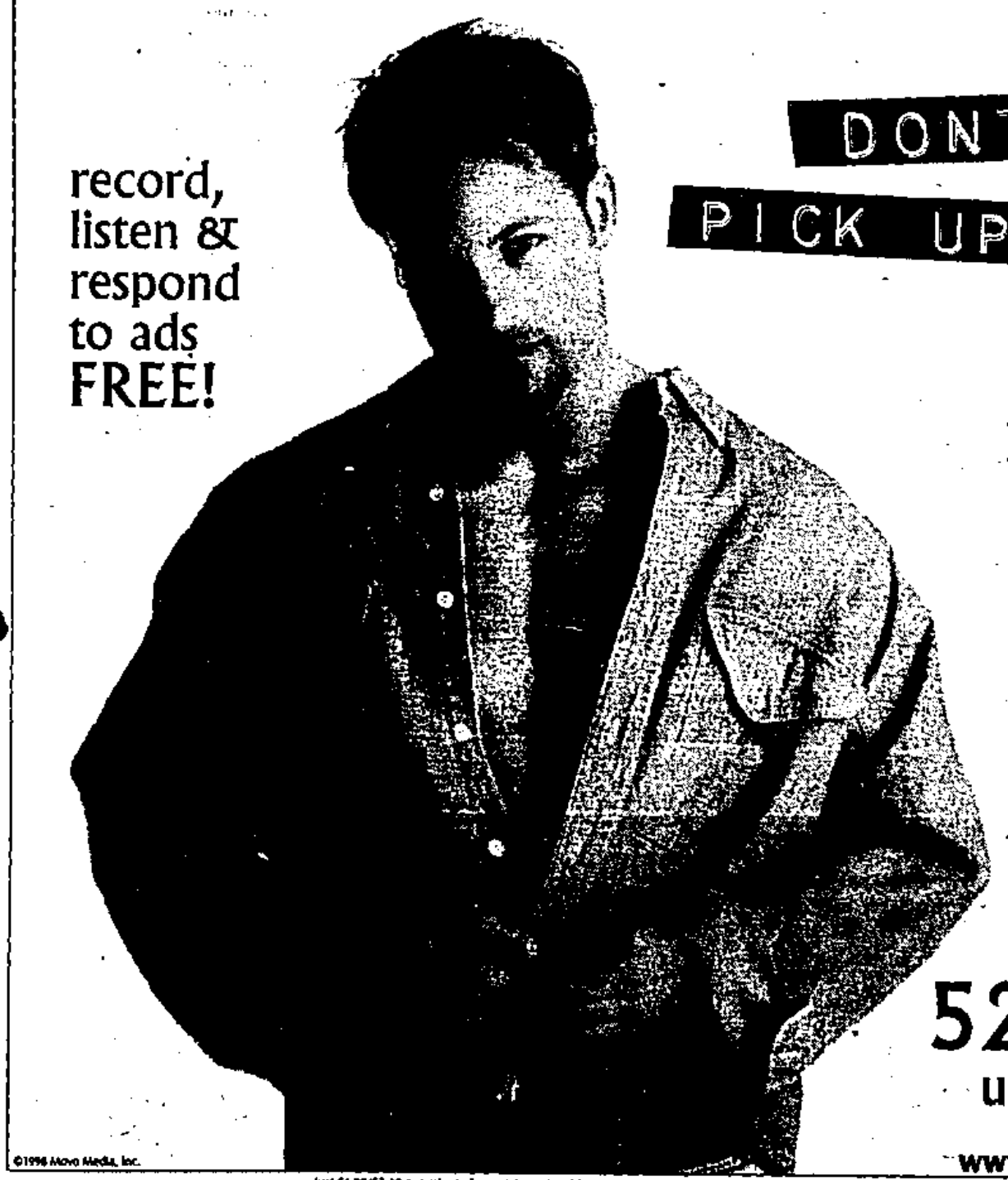
"The rainbow flag represents freedom and unity through diversity, and that's what we are attempting to celebrate," said Keith Peterson, associate publisher of the local Gay newspaper.

Peterson said this year's Gay Pride Month activities begin with a week of informal Gay Days held at local theme parks such as Walt Disney World, Universal Studios and SeaWorld. The activities conclude with a downtown parade on June 27.





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SUNDAY, MAY 31

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STONEWALL/EAGLE - "Russian Roulette' Pool Tournament hosted by Zipperman. Warm-up at noon. Play begins at 2:00 p.m. Cash prizes. Pot matched. Then later in the evening in the Stonewall, it's the Dreamgirls Revue with Mr. Kenneth Blake, Miss Gay Tucson-America 1997 and special guests.

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Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

NOW SHOWING

Artist Richard Heinich, Jr. will be displaying his mixed media work at Wingspan Gallery, thru June 7. Opening night will be May 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wingspan is located at 300 E. 6th Street. For more information call 624-1779 or 722-4239. Richard creates spiritually-oriented mandalas using magic marker, water color, and other mixed media.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

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

THURSDAY, MAY 28

The Wingspan Domestic Violence Project announces the opening of an office in the Wingspan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street. Come celebrate with the group at an open house today from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. For more information call 624-0348.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

7:00 p..m., Antigone Books will join in the celebration of the recent relocation of Rising Tide Press to Tucson. This small feminist press has been publishing Lesbian fiction for six years, including mysteries by Sharon Gilligan and science Fiction by Jean Stewart. Owners Alice Frier and Lee Boojamra will give a peek into the world of feminist publishing: (a) How feminist publishing empowers women. (b) The writer, publisher, bookstore, reader conection. (c) How to get published by a feminist press. (d) Who decides what gets published? (e) Journey of a manuscript. (f) How to help feminist presses and bookstores thrive. Join in the reception following the event and enjoy a celebration special of 20% off all Rising Tide titles. Also, if you're interested in reviewing manuscripts for Rising Tide, come by and they'll tell you what it entails.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us as we have a Game Night devoted to all sorts of games. Play a favorite card game or board game—the choice is yours. If you have a favorite you'd like to play, bring it along, but there will be plenty of games from which to choose. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus presents "sssSteam Heat" at 8:00 p.m. at the Temple for Music and Art, 330 S. Scott. Tickets are $12 advance sales, students and seniors, $15 at the door and are available at Antigone Books, Rainbow Planet Coffee House, Tucson Trunk and Unique on Central. Call 627-3100 for reservations.. Festival seating.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. The MSN family goes out for a night on the town to hear Reveille rip of the roof as they perform "SSSteam Heat." Support of brothers and hear some of the best music in town! For reservations and directions, please call Bob at 318-9175.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-8 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will host a book signing and discussion by author Marc Adams talking about his book "The Preacher's Son. Marc's book tells his story of growing up Gay. Marc is the son of a fundamentalist Baptist preacher from rural Pennsylvania. Marc also attended and worked for Jerry Falwell's Liberty University. This particular PFLAG meeting will be open to the public. It begins at 7:00 p.m. at Rincon Congregational Church, 122 N. Craycroft, just north of Broadway. Refreshments will be served. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

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Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, $1.25 pitchers. Latin Music 9-1. Shot specials all night.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Drink Specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm, $2 Bloody Marys & $1.50 Screwdrivers til 8pm. Country music & dancing with FREE country dance instruction 7pm.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 Well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Party with Size. Complimentary hot dogs.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. $1.75 pitchers 75¢ a glass. Food Buffet 3pm. Pool Tourney 2pm w/Zipperman. Karaoke Night 9-close hosted by Billy Dee. Stonewall opens at 9pm with hot dance music with DJ Raynman.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee (pot matched) Burl Burgers served 5?pm. Tuff Stuff Too! Open at 7pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Absolutely Fabulous at 9:30pm with $2.25 Stoli and $3 Absolute drinks

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50 Draft $1.7[illegible] Domestic. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Closed Mondays.

IBT's - Open noon. Martini Monday all day all call martinis's $2.50. Happy Hour noon-8pm, $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. 8pm to midnight, $1.50/32oz pitchers. Retro 80s Dance 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 4pm. Happy hour 4-7. Drink specials to pool and dart players.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Party with Rob in the evening. Doc's Dart Tourney 8pm in the Eagle. Free pool all day.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. $1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 pm 2for1 well and domestic long necks. 2-7 p.m. Pool Tournament 7:30 pot matched. $1 longnecks all night for tournament players. Hot dance music.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50, Domestic $1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. $1.50 well or domestic beer. Draft Beer Nite 8-close. $2 small/$4 large pitchers.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. 9 pm to close 2for1 well/ Miller Lite, Fetish Night, dress in your fetish and get special drink prices 9-1. High Energy Dance with David Z.

NEON MOON - Happy Hour 4-7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee. $1.00 off drinks to singers.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Miller & Miller Lite $1.75 Cuervo Gold $2 after 8pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. $1.50 Well drinks and longnecks 6am - noon.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. $1.25 pitchers from 9 to midnight. Neon Kami's $2. Schnaps $1 all nite. Alternative music w/Stephanie 9pm-1.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50; Domestic $1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tourney. 7pm, Pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm $1.50 well or domestic beer. Import Night $2.25 8pm-1am

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. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Happy Hour 4-7. 2 for 1 from 7-10. Liquordation 7 to 10 pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close w/Billy Dee in the Eagle. Stonewall opens at 9:00 p.m. Dance w/Raynman

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. $1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon. Cuervo Gold $2 and Cuervo 1800 $2.25 Open to close.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8:30 pm to close. (New time)

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well $1.50, Domestic $1.75. 301 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm $1.50 well or domestic beer. 75¢ Schnapps 8pm to close. $2 Cuervo shots and country/western dance at 9pm

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 (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 4pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Drink specials to pool and dart players.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Latino Dance Party w/Eduardo at the Stonewall which opens at 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am $1.50 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6am-noon. Patio Bar open 8pm. Fosters Bottles $1.50 from 9pm-midnight. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. $3 entry (Pot Matched). Tuff Stuff Too! Open at 8:30

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Latin Happy Hour 5:30 - 7 free food. Dance music 9pm-1am Shot specials all nite.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.50/ domestic $1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm $1.50 well and domestic beer. Country Western Music and Dancing 9pm to 1am.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. .. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Country/Western Dance Party with Billy Dee.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Food Buffet 6pm. If YOU wear a Stonewall/Eagle T-shirt YOU get happy hour prices all night. DJ Raynman 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. $1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 5pm. Tuff Stuff Too! Open at 8:30pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Hi energy dance music from 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. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm. Small Pitchers $2 & FREE pool 2-5. Xena on the big screen with pot luck at 6pm. Country Western Music all night.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am, Happy Hour noon to 8pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Saturday Night Party & dance!

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Happy Hour til 8pm. Free Pool all day. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hot sounds with Raynman.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ draft 3-7pm. Tuff Stuff Too! Open at 8:30pm. Partnership Cricket Tournament 8:30pm $3 entry (Pot Matched).

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NOTICES

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmoor Building). Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 322-6228. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS. World wide web: http://www.saaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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 329-3565

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 575-0660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Information and Referral about 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 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

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, 300 E. 6th St.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL
For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd 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 43. Call the church at Davey at 886-1266 or Brian at 882-4728 for information.

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

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX. For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2697, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Saturday 3 to 5 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1266 for more info.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-8865 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87594.

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all -- Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-9020

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (602)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 570-0027 for more

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1820 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call 298-9454.

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 883, 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 886-7264.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 748-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 299-7290.

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

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 325-7943 for more information.

"AT EASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. 300 E. 6th St.

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.

NOTICES

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9642.

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

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

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 690-0545 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact. Mary 770-9979 or Bertie 318-3415.

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

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 322-6228.

"EVOLVERE" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held on 4th Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. Call 884-6541.

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-9402.

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

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. 10 or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 10:00 a.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.

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, 1940 E. Lee St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-6615 or Jane Perri at 326-6577.

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 on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3200.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7065.

TIMAN, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson. Call 797-3116 for more information and a membership bio.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts: 325-6476 or 327-4293.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson. Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7676.

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 Ernie 721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

COCAINE ANONYMOUS -
"The Fruits Of Sobriety" particularly for Gays and Lesbians (but everyone is welcome) meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Hotline: (520)326-2211

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 297-9682 or Sr. Joan 742-8900.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (evelhun@tr.netcom.com)

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast each 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. This show alternates with "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 883-3735 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 15th year! (1st in Tucson).

TRANSGENDER ISSUES: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on first Mondays for informal discussion of transgender topics. Hosted by Desert Boyz. For information call Gary at 628-8658 or send email to: monkeydyke@earthling.net.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location. 720

LEARN THE RHYTHMS AND CULTURE OF GUINEA & MALI, WEST AFRICA in a relaxed atmosphere. Beginning and intermediate classes now forming. Registration is on-going. Classes are $12 per class or $90 for 8 if paid in advance. Call Martin Klabunde at 206-9258 for more information.

NEW ORDER OF RELIGIOUS MONKS re-forming for disenfranchised, spiritually driven (men only). For information, please contact the Brothers at: 885-6835

PERSONALS

GWM, Middle age, art model who needs a friend for relationship who is stable, mature. Your photo. Reply with Photo P. Box 210, 7914 E. Golf Links, Tucson, AZ 85730 726

WANTED: MALE/FEMALE MODELS in exchange for photos by Fine Art Photographer. Dancers and Body Builders preferred for figure work. Call Melcher at 529-6725 727

WANTED ATTRACTIVE GAY MEN of all ages to do adult videos. Have fun and get paid too. Must be long lasting. Call 584-9487. Cox your discretion. 724

CYBER CRUISE - Meet Arizona Gay men and women as well as people all over the U.S. Gay owned. www.movo.com 722

ATTENTION - ATTENTION - ATTENTION
Si usted hombre que tiene sexo con otros hombres y quieres ayudarnos a extender y apoyar los programas para Los Latinos, llame para una entrevista entrietenemento confidencial al 322-6228 y pregunta por Ernesto. 723

If you are a Latino man who is having sex with other men and you want to help us to support and expand our programs for Latinos, call for a confidential interview at 322-6228 and ask for Ernie. 723

HOUSING/FOR RENT

2BR/1BA Duplex 1st & Ft. Lowell. $450/mo. + Security. Covered parking, storage, W/D & Water included. Evap. Cooler. Available June 1st. Call 629-9323 for details and application or e-mail: sonrage@aol.com (Gay owned and managed). 724

FURNISHED APARTMENT attached to house, but entirely separate. Own bath, kitchenette. Centrally located near Reid Park. Studio apartment with separate entrance. Use of washer/dryer and large brick-fenced yard. $340/mo. Utilities included. Available now. Call Nick 323-6603. 722

VARIOUS CENTRAL TUCSON LOCATIONS. 1 and 2 bedroom apartments from $325 - $485. Clean, private, quiet. Many extras. Mention this Observer ad. 885-6022. 725

ROOMMATES

GPM looking for SAME to share 2 bdrm/1 bath home w/pool. Alvernon/Grant area. Must love dogs! $375/mo. + 1/2 utilities. Call Darrell @ 327-6360 (w) / 293-6545 (h) 723

GM TO SHARE LARGE 4-BEDROOM HOUSE w/private pool, gas grill, big screen TV, and more. $295/mo. Includes utilities. 889-7875 or 629-1778 722

FOR SALE

'94 COLEMAN PIONEER POP-UP TRAILER. Sleeps 8. 2 stoves in/out. Shower, hot water, porta potty. XLNT condition. $4650 obo. Call John at Ventura-N, 882-8224. 723

SERVICES

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