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World AIDS Day Marked In Tucson

TUCSON — Young and old, HIV- and HIV+, straight and Gay will come together Tuesday, December 1, for World AIDS Day.

This year's theme is "Youth Can Be A Force for Change."

World AIDS Day will be observed in Tucson by providers of AIDS services and collaborators, Tuesday, December 1, noon to 3:00 P.M., at the University of Arizona Flandrau Science Center, (Cherry & University). Metered parking (requires quarters) for this event is located at the Visitor Center on Cherry, south of the mall (access from Sixth Street), and cashiered parking is at the garage at Mountain and Second (access from Speedway).

This event is sponsored by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), Flandrau Science Center, Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), Pima County Health Department, UMC Section of Infectious Disease and, the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona.

A program will run from 12:30 P.M. to 1:15 P.M., during which young people will participate as speakers and in a performance by Queer Voice. Anonymous testing will be available on site.

An interfaith service will be held, the evening of December 1, 7:30 P.M., at Catalina United Methodist Church, 2700 East Speedway.

The University of Arizona Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian student group, BGALA, will be sponsoring activities on the U of A Mall and an AIDS-related movie marathon.

Also on the campus, a number of local galleries and art venues will commemorate World AIDS Day. Centennial Hall will be draped. The Joseph Gross Gallery will hand a large ribbon and place a statement of awareness in the gallery. The Museum of Art will display a special work and a statement of awareness.

Other events observing the day include AIDS awareness activities at the Tohono O'odham Department of Human Services (December 1, noon to 5:00 P.M.), Pascua Yaqui Health Department, (December 1), El Pueblo Neighborhood Center Gym (December 1, 2:00 to 5:30 P.M.), St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church, (November 29, 10:15 A.M.)

The Flandrau Science Center is also hosting the traveling exhibit, "What about AIDS?", continuing through the end of the year. Hands-on exhibits, interactive videos and computers assist everyone, particularly young people ages 10-20, to understand the science of AIDS. For more information, contact Christy Chow, 626-6257.

WORLD AIDS DAY 1998 SCHEDULE

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 4

U of A Flandrau Science Center - ongoing exhibit "What About AIDS?" Monday - Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Saturday & Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. (through end of year).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Public forum, "AIDS: New Treatments, New Hope." St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church, 10:15 A.M.

KXCI 91.3 FM, "Broad Perspectives Radio," program with special focus on women and AIDS, 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

U of A Flandrau Science Center - "Youth Can Be A Force for Change," noon to 3:00 P.M. (Special program with guest speakers and presentations, 12:30 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.); anonymous testing.

ASUA-BGALA, condom distribution on the U of A Mall. AIDS related movie marathon, all day, Student Room 350.

TIHAN, Interfaith service, Catalina Methodist Church, 2700 East Speedway, 7:30 P.M.

El Pueblo Neighborhood Center, AIDS Banner display from local schools, 2:00 P.M. ceremony; anonymous testing, 2:30 to 5:30 P.M. Sponsored by the Latina Leadership Project at SAAF and Luz Southside Partnership.

Tohono O'odham Department of Human Services, Sells, AIDS Awareness Bingo, speakers, release of red balloons, commemorative walk, noon to 5:00 P.M.

Pascua Yaqui Health Department, AIDS information, red ribbon pins, red ribbon flag display.

Barnes & Noble, Foothills Mall, in-store display on AIDS Awareness.

University of Arizona: Centennial Hall draped; U of A Joseph Gross Gallery, large ribbon and statement of awareness displayed, 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; U of A Museum of Art, special artwork and statement of awareness displayed, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Stonewall/Eagle, 2921 North First Avenue, "Noche Latina" dance party, 9:00 P.M.

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Mr. Venture-N 1998 Chosen

TUCSON — The rule was standing room only on the patio at Venture-N last Saturday night, Nov. 21. An estimated crowd of 250 were in attendance at the much-anticipated Mr Venture-N '98 contest.

Like any other "pageant," contestants had to compete on various levels. In this case, during the first segment, each contestant was publicly interviewed. Following a brief intermission, the contest entered the "fantasy" segment, in which each contestant acted out a leather/fetish lifestyle-related fantasy.

In the final segment, the contestants returned to the stage for the final judging. Each contestant gave his final comments, and the crowd was instructed to applaud for their choice. An electronic sound meter determined that Jayson Bliven, current Road Captain of the Desert Leathermen, with a sound level peaking at 110 decibels, was the winner!

Runner-up Don was also pleased with the response from the crowd. Applause had to be measured a second time to choose between Jayson and Don, since the first reading was very close! John Dubs acted as Master of Ceremoinies for the gala affair.

Mr. Venture-N 1998 Jayson Bliven

Congratulations to Jayson who asked that everyone be reminded that the Desert Leathermen Christmas Basket program is underway and is in need of continued donations if they are to exceed their 1997 record of over 200 baskets delivered to needy community members.

Georgia Supreme Court Rules State's Sodomy Law Unconstitutional

ATLANTA, GA (RNS) — Georgia's Supreme Court has thrown out the state's anti-sodomy law, declaring it an unconstitutional violation of the right to privacy.

The court ruled 6-1 that the law prohibiting oral and anal sex between consenting adults violated the state constitution.

"The state Supreme Court has made this a proud day for Georgia and has sent a bright signal to the rest of the country that government does not belong in the bedrooms of consenting adults — Gay or straight," said Stephen Scarborough, an attorney with the civil rights group Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which had been a "friend of the court" in the case.

Sodomy laws, outlawing oral and anal sex, were once in force across all 50 U.S. states. Since 1962, however, legislatures in 25 states have repealed their laws and courts have invalidated them in another six. The most recent such ruling occurred last month in Maryland.

In Texas, one of 18 states where sodomy laws remain in force, a legal battle aimed at repealing the law began last week when two men arrested in their bedroom and fined $125 each vowed to fight the law. (See an accompanying story)

Georgia's law had been upheld by a divided U.S. Supreme Court in the 1986 Bowers vs. Hardwick ruling in a case involving homosexual sex.

The ruling addressed both heterosexual and homosexual sex, but had no federal implications since it regards only the state law. Neither side may appeal the judgement through the federal court system.

"It essentially nullifies Hardwick for Georgia. The state court has extended protections of the Constitution to cover this law," Scarborough said. "But it doesn't overrule Hardwick, which remains the law of the land for federal purposes."

The Bowers vs. Hardwick decision involved two Gay men found in bed by a police officer who came to their home on a

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UPDATE

AIDS Quilt Searches For New Home

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (SFE) — The board of the Names Project has voted to move the quilt from its home in San Francisco to a suitable location in Washington, DC. Board members are said to be searching for executive offices and a place to store and display portions of the 52 ton quilt.

Executive Director Andy Ilves said the move is several years off and that until then, the bulk of the quilt will remain in storage. Pieces of the quilt continue to be shipped out for display at schools, civic functions and commemorations all over the world.

"Obviously there is a strong emotional tie to San Francisco, birthplace of the quilt," Ilves said. "But what began 10 years ago as an ad hoc response to this tragedy has become an icon and the No. 1 AIDS prevention and education tool in the country," he said.

Ilves added, "My position in that logistically, we belong in the nation's capital. It's the main magnet to visitors from all over the globe. None of us has any interest in having the quilt be this musty, dusty relic stored on shelves. It's intended to be shown in a bright, interactive environment."

The Names Project has made no official announcement of the decision, and officials denied the move was provoked by financial hardship. The group's budget for the 1998 fiscal year is $2.6 million -- half the original budget projected for 1997.

The quilt was conceived by AIDS activist Cleve Jones in November 1985 during a candlelight vigil honoring slain San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone. He asked protestors to write the names of friends and lovers lost to AIDS on pieces of cardboard. When they were pasted to the Federal Building, "it looked like a patchwork quilt of lives cruelly cut short," Jones said.

Today the Names Project has 52 chapters around the country. If its segments were laid end-to-end it would stretch for 44 miles. It continues to grow by a several hundred panels each month.

Early Works At Wingspan December 10

TUCSON — A photography exhibit, "Early Works" will be shown at Wingspan, 300 E. Sixth St., December 10 through January 2, 1999.

The exhibit is a selection of black and white photographs from the early work of Ronda Stone, Curator of the Wingspan Art Wall and the Director of Equipose Gallery.

For more information about "Early Works," call Wingspan (520) 624-1779.

Looking For A Lesbian And Gay Gym?

TUCSON — A local Gay-owned company is currently conducting market research to determine whether there is support for a Gay and Lesbian gym in Tucson and, if so, what is desired in a gym.

If you are interested in participating in the survey, request an E-mailed copy from TucStudy@aol.com. Hard copy survey cards and drop off boxes will be available through Wednesday, December 2, at the following local businesses: Ain't Nobody's Bizness, Antigone Books, Emerald City Bar & Grill, Graduate, Hides, Hours, Hydra, IBTs, Stonewall/Eagle, Tucson Trunk, Venture-N, and also Wingspan, Tucson's Gay/Lesbian Community Center.

If you would like to be put on the company's contact list, please add your mailing address, telephone number, or E-mail address to the survey card, or give permission to E-mail you on an E-mailed survey response.

Saguaro Church Seeking Tenors and Basses

TUCSON — The Saguaro Christian Church Choir is seeking tenors and basses to join them for a Christmas presentation of Vivaldi's Gloria.

The work will be performed on Sunday, December 20, 10:45 A.M. with a chamber ensemble.

If you're seeking a welcoming place to sing, and enjoy the music and challenge of Vivaldi, then Saguaro wants you! Rehearsals for the work take place on Thursday evenings, 7:30 - 8:15 P.M., with dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 19, 10:00 A.M.

Red Ribbon For Pope

VATICAN CITY (NP) — A group of people with HIV and AIDS gave Pope John Paul II a red ribbon and each received a kiss in return, before an audience of 5,000 in St. Peter's Square on.

Although the pontiff has previously visited with people with AIDS and expressed compassion towards them, he has stoutly opposed condom use and condemned homosexual acts.

The group who approached him at his regular weekly audience were members of AntiAIDS, who gave him a letter asking that he lobby national governments to enact laws prohibiting discrimination against people with HIV and AIDS.

IN MEMORIAM

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11/6/51 - 11/18/98

No words can express how deeply your love touched me in the short time we had together.

My love, farewell on this journey on which you have embarked.

Know that your love, gentleness, kindness and generosity will live on in me and in all those whose lives you've touched.

I love you,
Your Boo-boo, Bobby

The memorial service for John will be held Sunday, November 29, 3:00 to 6:00 P.M., at his home, 2310 N. Ninth Avenue, (half a block south of Grant). For further information, please call (520) 624-6451.

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SUNDAY, NOV. 29th....9 PM
ANNUAL REVEILLE GAY MENS CHORUS!!
"BACHELOR AUCTION"
10 Of Tucson's Hottest Men Auctioned Off for Dinner for 2 and, Front Row Tickets for the Reveille Dec. 5th Holliday Concert

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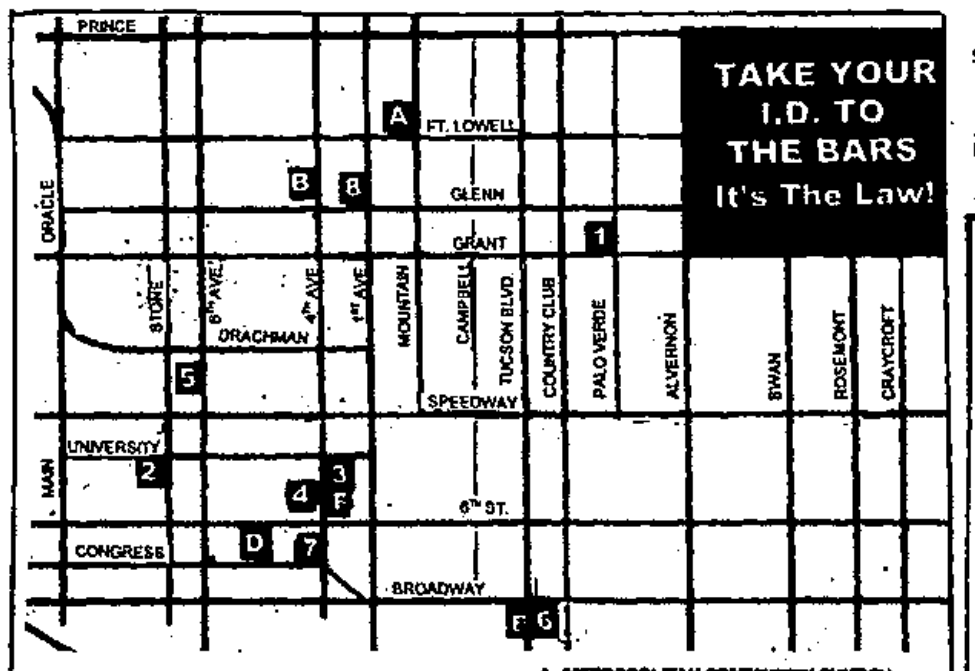

Report Inconclusive On Pilot's Death

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) — Will Captain Craig Button ever rest in peace? Not if the Tucson Citizen gets their way.

An investigation into the April 1997 flight, crash and alleged suicide of Captain Craig Button drew no definitive answers, according to the more than 350 page final report issued by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

On April 2, 1997, Captain Button broke formation from a flight plan, and flew more than 500 miles, off-course, crashing his A-10 attack jet into the Colorado mountains. The investigation to find a cause for the crash followed, with the final report being released recently.

That would be the end to this or any other story, but not to the Tucson Citizen, who played up the alleged sordid rumors of the tragedy in their Wednesday, November 18, 1998 edition.

"Mystery call may have led to A-10 suicide. Report: Confusion over God, sex could have spurred Button's fatal '97 flight," was the headline which blared on the front page. The Citizen purports in the article that a reason Button crashed his A-10 jet into the Colorado mountains was that he was having difficulty accepting his sexual orientation. In the second paragraph of the article though, the article states the Air Force did not reach a conclusion on why Button crashed his jet. A contradiction?

The Citizen's report also examined an alleged phone call which seemed to upset him, his sexuality, relationships with women and whether a movie he had recently purchased, "The Bridges of Madison County," actually offered clues to Button's actions.

In April of last year, the Citizen reported the military was investigating the possibility Button may have been Gay and that he killed himself fearing exposure and forced discharge from the military.

Button's father, Air Force Lt. Col. Richard Button, in an interview, angrily denounced the theory. "[Newspapers] are printing lies and speculation," he said.

Button's funeral took place the same day the story was printed.

Major Steve Murray, a spokesperson for the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, said in an interview that the office, "conducted about 200 interviews during the investigation."

Murray added in the interview that, "No credible evidence to support theories of homosexuality, financial difficulties, family conflicts, militia ties or any other possible motivation has been discovered."

Will Captain Craig Button now rest in peace?

N.C. Church To Bless Same-Sex Couples

WINSTON SALEM, NC (NP) — The Wake Forest Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, North Carolina seems to have chosen the same-gender couples within its congregation over its membership in the Baptist State Convention, following Pullen Memorial Baptist in Raleigh and Binkley Memorial Baptist in Chapel Hill.

After more than two hours of debate, the Wake Forrest congregation voted 90 - 33 to affirm the right of each individual to make personal decisions about his or her faith, and asked God's blessing on "all loving, committed and exclusive relationships between two people."

While not granting same-gender couples marital status, and falling short of an earlier proposal to explicitly affirm Gay and Lesbian couples, that resolution is intended to empower Wake Forest's ministers to perform such blessings if they choose; one Lesbian couple had already requested such a ceremony.

The 30-year-old congregation includes at least a dozen open Gays and Lesbians, including two deacons. But not only did the State Baptist Convention of North Carolina in 1992 boot out the two other congregations which blessed Gay and Lesbian couples, it explicitly sought to reject those ceremonies in its annual meeting which had ended just a few days before.

Although made too late in the annual meeting for formal consideration there, none of the delegates present spoke in support of same-gender couples as motions were presented, first to exclude from membership those churches which affirm them, and then to study the subject towards a recommendation against same-gender unions.

AS I SEE IT..... BY CLARK

Venturing Out

by Sasha Alyson

As thousands of Gay and Lesbian athletes return from the Gay Games in Amsterdam, it's a good time to make plans for another sports event, with an even longer legacy: Aspen Gay Ski Week (AGSW).

Scheduled for January 23 to 30, 1999, just before the crowds (and hotel rates) peak in February, AGSW offers four mountains to ski by day, and a party every evening. Charity fund raisers, a Gay and Lesbian film festival, and political events round out the week. The Ski Week buttons sported by most participants make it easy to spot kindred souls in the lift line, and to jockey for position accordingly.

No buttons are necessary to identify those taking part in the mid-week, mid-slope costume party, where you're likely to see Scarlett O'Hara swishing down the powder in a full-length hoop skirt, followed by a flying nun, or Princess Di. After a year in which Monica Lewinsky and her dress were headline news, one shudders to imagine what the slopes will endure in 1999

Fall is behind us and now is the time to think about winter sports. One of the big events coming up in January is the annual Aspen Gay Ski Week (AGSW).

But not all of the 4,000 to 5,000 Gay men and Lesbians who head for this Colorado resort will be in the lift lines. Some of the trendy ski outfits spotted apres-ski appear suspiciously untouched by snow, and every night, party-goers keep local cab drivers busy well into the frosty night. In the best tradition of active vacations, Aspen Gay Ski Week offers more to do than any single human being could take advantage of. Part of the challenge is figuring out how to divide your time.

You can reserve a hotel on your own, but for those traveling alone, it's often cheaper and more fin' to share a condo with a group. For more information check with the Aspen Gay and Lesbian Community Fund (www.rof.net/yp/aspengay) or call 800-444-0680. OutWest Adventures (800-743-0458; www.outwestadventures.com) also offers a hotel-and-lift package.

Attendance at Aspen Gay Ski Week has grown steadily for over two decades, except for one dip. That came in 1993, after the Colorado electorate voted, by a 53-to-47 margin, to amend the state constitution to prohibit Gay civil rights legislation within the state. Many national organizations called for a boycott of Colorado, and Aspen turnout was less than half of normal.

Texas Sodomy Law Challenge Made In Court

HOUSTON, TX (WS) — Two Texans arrested for having sexual relations in a private home are contesting fines they received, as they prepare to challenge the state's 119-year-old sodomy law in a criminal court.

John Geddes Lawrence and Tyrone Garner, pleaded no contest and were fined $125 each by Harris County Justice of the Peace Mike Parrot following a brief hearing. The pair refused to pay the fine and instead posted $332 appeal bonds. The case will now proceed to the county's criminal court.

"We believe the law is an outrageous intrusion into the private liberties of Lesbian and Gay Texans, and it's unconstitutional for this law to single out Gays and criminalize their behavior," Suzanne B. Goldberg, an attorney with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, told reporters. The group will file a motion in county court challenging the charges on constitutional grounds.

"This 'homosexual conduct' law treats Lesbians and Gay men as second-class citizens," Goldberg went on to say. "It stigmatizes them as law breakers and is used to discriminate against Gays and Lesbians in employment and housing."

The law was challenged in civil court in 1994, but the Texas Supreme Court ruled then it did not have the proper jurisdiction over a civil challenge to the sodomy law because the plaintiffs in the case had never been prosecuted under it. There's never been a challenge to the law in criminal court.

Harris County District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr., who says he supports the enforcement of public lewdness laws, said, " . . . I'm not so sure that they don't have a point, the critics of this law, but it's a point that ought to be addressed to the folks who make the law and not the people who enforce it," Holmes said.

Harris County Republican Party Chairman Gary Polland vowed Gay civil rights advocates will have a fight on their hands if they succeed in overturning the law. "We think it would definitely send a wrong message and signal a continuing deterioration of morals in our society," Polland said.

Polland said privacy should not be a factor in the case because the sexual act became public when police entered the residence.

Texas is one of five states that have laws specifically prohibiting sexual relations between adults of the same sex. The other states with similar laws are Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

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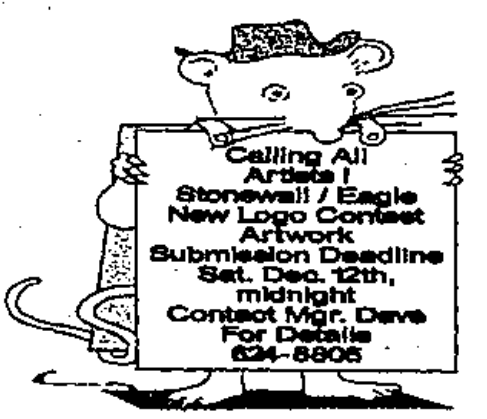

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Preliminary Hearing For Accused Murderer Of Wyoming Student Held

LARAMIE, WY (DP) — More than a month after Gay student Matthew Shepard was brutally beaten to death, prosecutors presented the broad outlines of their case against one of the suspects in court.

Aaron McKinney, who appeared in court for a preliminary hearing on first degree murder, kidnaping and aggravated robbery charges, has confessed to his involvement in Shepard's death, along with two other of the suspects. At the hearing's close, Judge Robert Denhardt ruled the state of Wyoming had probable cause for prosecuting McKinney and bound him over for trial.

Investigators testified Kristen Price and Chasity Pasley, live-in girlfriends of McKinney and Russell Henderson, the other prime suspect in Shepard's murder, admitted to the police they helped cover up the slaying. The women have been charged as accessories after the fact in each of the three crimes the men are charged with.

Price, Pasley and Henderson waived their right to a preliminary hearing. They are scheduled to be arraigned in district court in the Albany County Courthouse on Dec. 9.

The presentation of McKinney's confession and other testimony that was provided to the court by state prosecutors revealed new details about the killing that had not yet been made public.

Detective Sgt. Rob DeBree of the Albany County Sheriff's Department, the chief investigator in the case, testified that, in a taped interview, McKinney admitted to the Oct. 7 beating. DeBree said McKinney told him that although he and Henderson knew Shepard was Gay, the 5-foot-2, 105 pound Shepard did not "hit on him or make advances on him at the bar."

Prosecutors did not make clear to the court exactly to what degree Shepard's homosexuality figured into his murder. Some of the suspects have given conflicting statements about its importance, according to police. But there was little doubt from the testimony presented that it played a role in the killing of the 21-year-old.

Once the pair had lured Shepard out of the Fireside Bar and into their truck, DeBree testified that McKinney taunted Shepard. "Guess what? We're not Gay. You're going to get jacked. It's Gay awareness week." DeBree testified, relating what McKinney had confessed. Seconds later he struck the first of many blows. Asked if Shepard begged for his attackers to stop beating him, McKinney told DeBree, "Well, yeah, he was getting the s**t beat out of him."

Albany County sheriff's deputy Reggie Fluty testified Shepard's head was covered with blood, except for a clean spot on his face "where he'd been crying and the tears went down his face." His autopsy disclosed he was struck 18 times in the head. He also was bruised throughout his groin area, indicating he'd been kicked. The backs of his hands were also bruised as he tried to cover his head.

Prosecutors told the court Henderson laughed as McKinney struck Shepard after he had been tied to the fence line. The beating with the butt of a .357 magnum continued as Shepard begged for his life. The pair drove off leaving Shepard bound on the fence where he would remain for the next 18 hours. Police testified the rope around his hands was so tight it had to be cut away. Shepard never regained consciousness and died five days later on Oct. 12.

First degree murder carries a possible death sentence in Wyoming, but prosecutor Cal Rerucha has not indicated whether he will seek the death penalty in this case.

More Than 170,000 At Home HIV Tests Performed

NEW YORK, NY (RHIS) — More than 170,000 HIV tests were conducted using home sample collection kits in 1996 and 1997, accounting for 1% of the 16.6 million HIV tests conducted every year in the US.

Despite initial fears about receiving HIV results over the phone, it appears that such products help reach people who would not normally be tested at a doctor's office or public clinic, according to the report in The Journal of the American Medical Association.

The kits, which cost $30 to $40, were used by people in every state in America, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands, according to data supplied by the two manufacturers of the tests, Home Access Health Corporation of Hoffman Estates, Illinois, and Direct Access Diagnostics of Bridgewater, New Jersey.

A kit-user pricks his or her finger and places a spot of blood on filter paper, which is then mailed to the company with an identifying number. The person calls in for the test results, using only the number as an identifier to maintain confidentiality.

Of the 174,316 tests performed in the first year after the kits were approved by the US Food and Drug Administration, 0.9% were positive for HIV.

"Most users were heterosexual; the largest percentages were men, white and aged 25 to 34 years," reported Dr. Bernard Branson, of the National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia. "The HIV prevalence was highest among African-Americans and Hispanics,

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NOBODY'S BIZNESS
LATIN NIGHT
with DJ HILL
Friday
November 27th
Latin Music starts at 9pm
(No Cover)
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POLITICS 1998

By MARK R. KERR

"Oh, Screw The Turkey Baster!"

Crapaign '98 has mercifully concluded, even in Pima County, home of smooth running elections and late excuses. So what happens now? More than 100 holiday television specials starring Kathie Lee Gifford and Kenny Starr. Watch them, Cody and Cassidy need new ponies and want Clinton impeached, but we digress ever so conveniently again!

Elections aside, the wacky world of politics doesn't stop after the first Tuesday of every November. The impeachment debacle, farce, inquisition, waste-of-taxpayer money continues, much to the displeasure of the country and the relief of the Potomac press. Finishing the expanded fishing expedition by December 31? Puhleeze!

That's not all going on in Monica D.C. The White House Office of Communications served up some turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce, in the form of a document in blue binders to the combatants, (Same color as Monica's GAP dress?), at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Creating Chaos Conference. The document talked about the Clinton-Gore Administration record of progress for Gay and Lesbian Americans. Oh, really? The document purported that:

The Clinton-Gore Administration fought for Hate Crimes Legislation by the President announcing his sponsorship of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act (HCPA). Whoopee! "The President and Vice President continue to push Congress to pass this important legislation and to speak out against hate," the document blathered. HCPA got one token hearing before a subcommittee and died. Speaking of lobbying, the document said that Clinton and Gore "endorsed and are fighting for passage of the Employment Non Discrimination Act" (ENDA). ENDA also got one hearing and died. By the way, was Clinton lobbying from the Oval Office?

President Clinton blocked Republican efforts prohibiting unmarried couples from jointly adopting children in the District of Columbia. He signed the Republican effort in 1996, prohibiting Gays and Lesbians from marrying. Defense of Marriage Act anyone?

President Clinton strongly opposed anti-Gay ballot initiatives in Colorado and Oregon. So what about Hawaii, Alaska marriage initiatives this year? For that matter, what about the recent effort to enact a statewide anti discrimination ordinance in Washington State? Clinton's two nominees to the Supreme Court, quoting the document, voted to overturn Colorado's Amendment 2, declaring such initiatives unconstitutional violations of the Equal Protection clause of the Constitution. Fine, why did they then vote to not hear the case involving Cincinnati, Ohio's anti-Gay amendment, approved by voters?

Clinton appointed more than 150 Gays and Lesbians to posts in his administration. A Cabinet Post? Nope! Billy can't even appoint an ambassador. Just ask James Hormel. The San Francisco philanthropist and "chili guy" was nominated to be the ambassador of Luxembourg, but don't "Call Him Madam" anytime soon. Hormel's chances have been canned, just like SPAM! Clinton is still allegedly fighting for his confirmation. Sure! That is what the document said! More stuffing anyone?

Speaking of which, a new Congress, number 106 for those playing the home game, will take office in January 1999. What happens with this occurrence? Politicians will once again serve up cold, left over promises, as if we've forgotten the last time they were served. Beets?

In an address to the national conference of the Anti-Defamation League, Sen. Teddy Kennedy, D-MA, declared that "civil rights is still the unfinished business of America" and outlined a bold civil rights agenda for the new Congress. Right! Teddy chowdered that he would push for passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, the new model, and the 1999 Hate Crimes Prevention Act. Haven't we heard this before? More coffee?

Stale-cold left overs in Monica D.C. is the meal-du-jour! What about the real world? Some "pie" for Gays and Lesbians nationally is still be served.

In California, a ballot initiative that would prohibit same-sex marriages in California has qualified for the March 2000 ballot. The measure is called the "definition of marriage" initiative. This waste of tax payer money asks voters to approve a definition of marriage that is restricted to one man and one woman. According to the proponents, there is a very strong possibility that another state may legalize same-sex marriage and under federal law, California would be obligated to recognize the validity of such unions. What about the 1996 Federal Defense of Marriage Act?!

Gays and Lesbian rights activists in Maine met with state legislators recently and agreed to push for a statewide referendum in November 2000 aimed at re-enacting the state's civil rights law, which was repealed in a February 1997 vote. In Maine, it's first you don't succeed, try, try, try, and try sixteen more times again.

David Garrity, vice president of the Maine Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance, said in an interview, that while civil rights should not be subject to a popular referendum, any effort to pass a new law in the legislature would almost certainly trigger another repeal effort. Yes, Pat Robertson is watching!

With all that going on, what do we have to look forward to in the Grand Canyon State? The Arizona Legislature will go back into session in less than two months. Bon appetite! . . .

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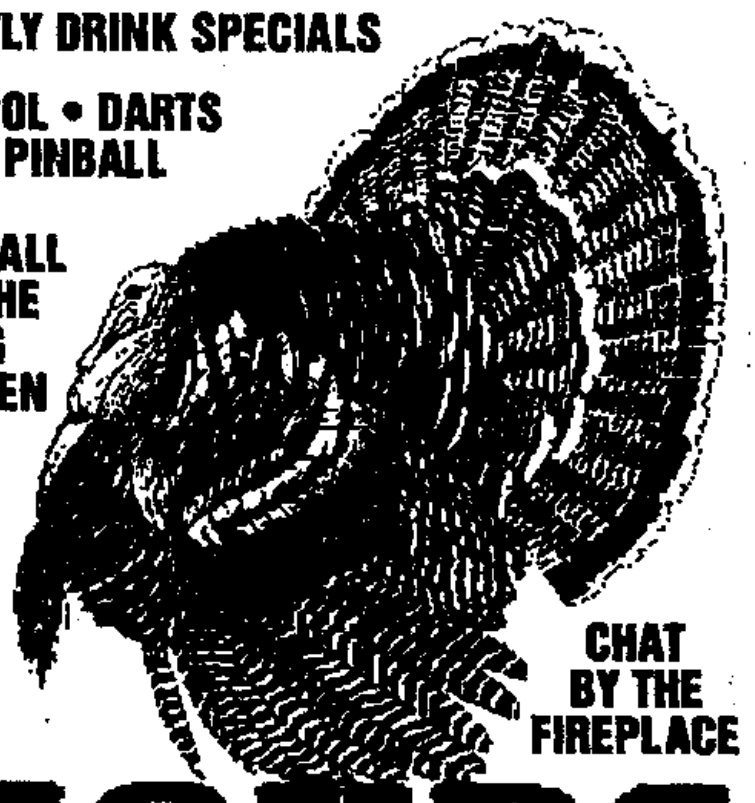

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Columna Abierta. by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

Deseandoles lo mejor de lo mejor, y que este Dia de Acción de Gracias de verdad sea para agradecerle al Creador por las buenas acciones que se han podido desarrollar en bién de todos...Y no esta por demás recordarle que si toma, NO maneje, y si se le "pasa la mano" hay que asignar al conductor o simplemente pedir un "raite"...ya que según el TPD(Tucson Police Department) habrá "retenes" en las calles de la ciudad para evitar desgracias y demás; asi es que hay que estar "abuzados" y disfrutar del güajolote, "chihüi" o pavo como usted le llame, sobre todo de la reunión familiar y amistades que con tal pretexto suele llevarse a cabo y de verdad que tengan "Happy Thanksgiving"...

Estuvimos en la reunión de **Salud es Poder** que se celebró el sábado 21 de noviembre en el Reid Park, y tuvimos una muy alegre tarde sobre todo muy buena asistencia, quienes saborearon rica carne que era cocinada por Jorge y Ernie y los pollos estuvieron "en su punto" por José, quién cuidó del barril fué Victor y la música, como siempre; por Eduardo... De verdad que los que no asistieron se perdieron de un gran día... Cabe mencionar que Ernie se llevó una sorpreza al recibir un merecido reconocimiento por SEAHEC, ya que los que laboramos en esa agencia, hemos sido testigos del gran compromiso, y la magnífica labor que a desarrollado al mando del programa **Salud es Poder** desde su existencia a la fecha... Muy merecido! y Bravo! por nuestro amigo Ernie Pérez...Por allí nos tocó saludar a George de Hollywood quién está preparando su reaparición en los escenarios para el día 1ero. de diciembre en el Stonewall; saludamos a Brissa, Condessa quién fué partícipe al momento de la entrega del reconocimiento a Ernie, Victoria, Ricardito, Grecia, Su majestad Carla I quién acaba de llegar de un tour por California y Las Vegas, Jaimito, Cesar, Carolina, Alfredo y Marcos Martínez entre otras personas que de momento se me "escapan" de la memoria y que además se llevaría todo el espacio de esta **Columna Abierta**, pero NADIE menos importante de ninguna manera... Y para "rematar" con la fiesta nos transladamos a la residencia de **Richard y Gavy** para celebrar el **cumpleaños de Angel** que duró hasta altas horas de la madrugada donde se apreció el cariño que le tienen sus compañeros de trabajo quienes le hicieron bonitos y atrevidos regalos; Felicidades una vez más Angel...

Se les recuerda que **Salud es Poder** tendrá un evento para conmemorar **el Dia Mundial del SIDA** el martes 1ero. de diciembre en el Stonewall, este pendiente de los anuncios que se haran

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

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G/L Rights Ordinance Sparks Heated Debate In Miami

MIAMI, FL (MH) — A series of public hearings on Dade County's proposed consideration of an anti-bias measure drew angry crowds of religious conservatives, turning some sessions into what ordinance supporters called a public platform for anti-Gay rhetoric.

"Homosexuality is a choice. It is a demon. It is a sin," said conservative activist Patricia Millien. Her characterization drew loud cheers from a raucous and conservative crowd in South Dade.

"If you need proof of why we need this ordinance, you heard it here tonight," ordinance supporter Heddy Pena told commissioners to loud jeers and boos from the audience.

Christian radio host Ralf Stores, who urged listeners to converge on the South Dade Government Center, said the measure would force the community to recognize Gay marriage. He also said the term "sexual orientation" would cover a broad range of sexual behavior, including pedophilia and rape.

"Absolutely not," said Karon Coleman, the assistant county attorney who drafted the ordinance. She angrily responded that the measure offers no protection for sex offenders or violent criminals and that linking such behavior to law abiding Gay men and women was contemptible.

"Everyone in this room has heard disparaging remarks about Gays and Lesbians," said Jorge Mursuli, another proponent of the anti-bias clause. "That gets translated into discrimination."

The proposed ordinance would ban discrimination against individuals – Gay or straight – on the basis of sexual orientation. The Miami-Dade Commission is scheduled to vote on the measure Dec. 1 after public hearings.

Salt Lake City Considers Job Rights Measure For Gays and Lesbians

SALT LAKE CITY, UT (NP) — As the Salt Lake City, Utah City Council took up its agenda at a recent weekly meeting, for once it was not the Gay and Lesbian civil rights issue that drew the public protest – it was a ban on skateboarding and in-line skating on the sidewalks of a business area.

Maybe city residents had their fill of testimony already, since the Council had passed a City employment policy against sexual orientation-based discrimination in December 1997 and then repealed it in January 1998 when new Council members took office. Council President Bryce Jolley kept the promise he made when leading that repeal effort: to install a new policy with similar effect, but more generic language.

Thus the new measure prohibits city staff from basing employment decisions on anything other than "job-related criteria," with one example of unrelated factors being "the status of having a lifestyle which is irrelevant to successful job performance." Council member Deeda Seed, who had worked long and hard for the previous "sexual orientation" measure, argued against the "lifestyle" language, but ultimately conceded that she didn't have the votes to support "sexual orientation" and that some job protection for Gays and Lesbians was better than none. The measure passed.

An editorial in a daily paper in Salt Lake City needled the Council for its "exercise in contortion," while noting that many Gays and Lesbians reject the term "lifestyle" because it implies choice. The editorial also questioned what "lifestyle" might really turn out to mean, since the conduct it appears to imply doesn't always accompany the identity experienced by the individual. The existing City equal employment policy included among its protected categories race, national origin, and religion.

Skater Outed In Palimony Suit

OTTAWA, Canada (DL) — Screaming 13-year-old girls in Canada are ripping another poster off their walls. No sooner do they collectively squash rumors that Leo is Gay, than superstar skater Brian Orser, (skaters are superstars in Canada) is outed by his very, very bitter blond ex-lover.

Craig Leask says Brian – figure-skating legend cheated though he may be – is actually a horrible, horrible boyfriend. Not only did Orser sleep around, he charges, but soon after Leask was kicked of their lovely Rosedale home, he killed their two dogs! Orser has since moved into an Ottawa condo with a new man, says the tearful claim. He's suing for $300,000 up front or $5,000 a month.

Orser did everything he could to keep the public from getting a whiff of this mountain of stinkin' linen. "I believe that my career would be irreparably harmed if the allegations contained in the statement of claim were made public," he said. Yeah, well no kidding. "I earn almost all of my annual income from skating in professional ice shows. It is highly likely if these allegations were made public that I would not be invited to return to a number of major ice shows."

Judge Susan Lang scoffed at his claim and tossed the court file to the hungry reporters like giving a dog a juicy bone.

"The only thing I can say at this point is that this is very upsetting to me and my family," Orser told reporters. He called allegations that he destroyed their two dogs as "simply untrue." He says a new home was found for one while the other was put down on the advice of a vet.

In a prepared statement, Orser also denied he slept around. He said Leask quit his job of his own accord and insists it was Leask who slept with other men (too many lonely bonbon afternoons in front of the TV, no doubt) not him.

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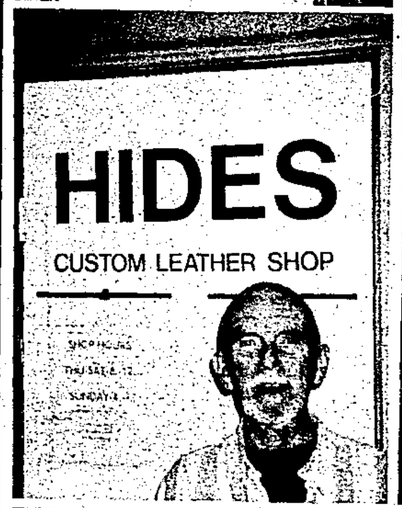

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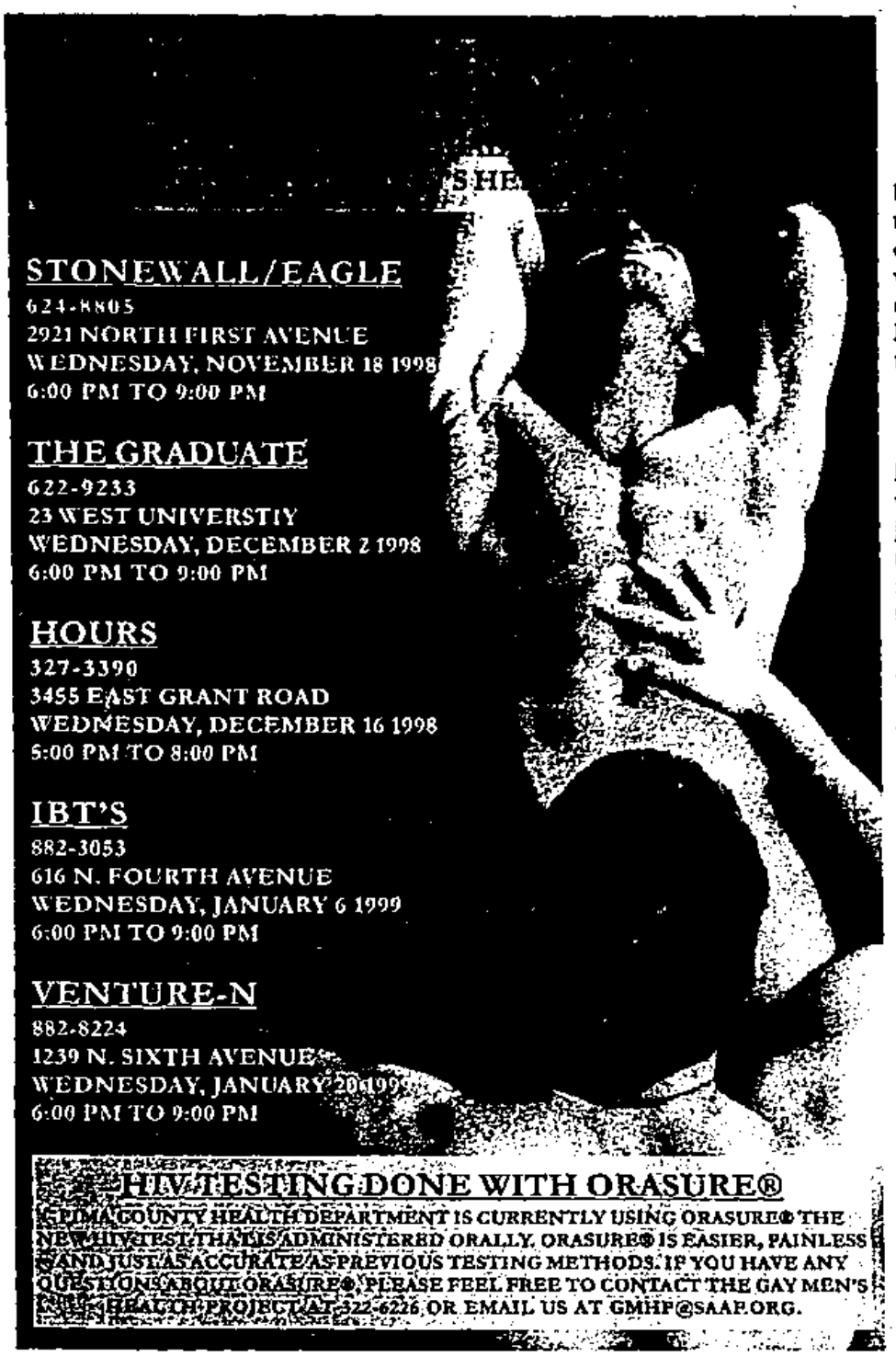

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HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

The Sun wends its way from diabolical Scorpio into optimistic Sagittarius this week. Did I say optimistic? No sooner does the Sun shine is Sag than it collides with volcanic Pluto. Dreams and hopes either explode into reality or just explode. Read ahead to see if you eat the turkey or the turkey eats you.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rambos are ready to take on the world when the brilliant Sun escapes into jolly Sag. But be careful not to bite off more than you can chew, tempting though it may be. Pluto conjuncts the Sun and turns cherry bombs into nuclear explosions. It's fine to want to change the global landscape but avoid a scorched earth policy. Detonate cherries in the comfort of your own home.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Sun in zesty Sag liberates more than a few Gay Bulls. Sexual heat is turned up high so set the oven on broil and see who eats. But be discerning in your choice of lovers, cousin; bruiser Pluto crushes the Sun and turns an ill conceived choice into the date from hell. Try instead to take the slow and cautious route, at least initially; Most of us prefer a slow and steady hand anyway.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Life centers around relationships. Queer Twins ache for a special mate and optimistic Sun in Sag enables you to connect with someone special. Remember though that as Pluto conjuncts with the Sun, passion may overshadow good Gay sense. Don't allow the naivete of generous Sagittarius lead you down a primrose path. All give and no take makes friendly Gemini a schlemiel.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Work goes much easier when the Sun bursts into energetic Sag. Even onerous tasks go more smoothly. But be careful of climbing on that organizational treadmill unprepared, pink Crab; Pluto conjunct the Sun accelerates the speed from a jaunt to a dash. Also avoid overdoing it in the exercise department. You could overwork the wrong body part and who needs a slim jim?

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Sun in jolly Sag encourages proud Lions to tap into their Gay muse or hop on the train to Party Central. But hop on carefully, cousin; powerful Pluto conjunct the Sun can toss you out at the next station. It would be a shame to trudge back home with your tail between your legs. However, if you approach fun things in life with a moderate outlook, who knows where your tail will wind up?

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Sun in happy Sag shines in your home life. Queer Virgins can plan a redecoration or renovation now when confidence and satisfaction is high. But beware Pluto conjunct the Sun; a minor home project could turn major. Knock down a wall and the ceiling could crash. This also goes for any latent family issues. Hold off on tete-a-tete's for a couple of weeks. Then speak proudly.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Chatty Gay Libras find that their words have uncontrollable power and frankness when Sun enters Sagittarius and conjuncts Pluto. Sag energy is so unbridled you'll find that while you get your point across, it will be more like hitting someone with an anvil rather than your usual diplomatic feather duster. Heck, sometimes you have to shout it Out to get heard. (Avoid the extra Sag gas!)

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

If you thought that finances were under control, think again queer Scorp. Sun in Sag conjunct Pluto acts like a lunatic spendthrift wreaking jolly havoc with even the best laid balance sheet. Of course Sag plays hard and wins hard most of the time (and most of us like it like that). Don't risk more than you can comfortably afford to lose but also keep in mind that life is too short to skimp

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

The jolly Sun in your own proud sign encourages Gay Archers to get Out there and make a name for themselves. However the Pluto/ Sun conjunction could give you the name Putz. Avoid rushing into new things or exacting change just for the sake of change. If you decide to toss a birthday party extravaganza, I advise wearing clean underwear and washing your neck.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Sun in optimistic Sag conjunct Pluto catapults you Out of your dank closet, ready or not. The volcanic change may make you feel a little wobbly at first, but you'll soon regain your sea legs and set sail in the vast ocean of opportunity. Perhaps it's time to get involved with a great Gay charity or community cause. Pile up those good karma points in time for the new year.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians find comfort and conviviality among good pals and affirming social groups. The Sun in friendly Sag makes your personal goals in sync with the group dynamic. But Pluto conjuncts the Sun now and can set you off in social circles that become engulfing whirlpools. Maybe it's time to reassess your position; Sag energy is liberating. Is it time to strike a new pose? Prone??

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

If you're tempted to speak up and demand your professional due rewards, Sun in frank Sag will give you a loud, proud opportunity. But weigh your words carefully before you bleat, pink Fish. It would be a shame to get noticed by the big bosses for being an idiot. Pluto shakes up the landscape. Who knows; you could wind up on top of the heap. Let's hope it's not the scrap heap.

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Desert Vision

by Rev. Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D

Thanks Given For Life

It's one of those memories that is very clear in my mind. I must have only been eight or nine years old at the time. I laid in bed one evening, all snug and warm under the blankets. Before going to sleep, I counted them one by one. I don't remember the total number, but I'm pretty sure that I ran out of fingers and toes. Just like my teacher told us to do that day before school recessed for the long weekend holiday, I went to sleep counting all my blessings and the things for which I had reason to be thankful.

Giving thanks for what we have received: that is the purpose of the holiday we celebrate. It is only the United States and Canada who have a holiday dedicated to "thanks giving." We all know that this celebration is traced to the harvest feast celebrated by the Pilgrims, a celebration they learned from their Native American neighbors in the 1600's.

After a few horrible years of barely surviving in their new home, with many dying in the harsh New England climate, the colonists slowly learned to adapt to their new environment. They watched how their Native neighbors planted the three sisters with care: corn, beans, and squash. They adapted to hunting and preserving new kinds of game and learned from painful experience what was necessary to survive in short growing season and the long, cold winters. Through the tough lessons life taught them, they learned to give thanks.

While images of that First Thanksgiving, with Pilgrims and Indians gathered around one table, are little more than a poetic re-telling of actual events, the Pilgrims seemed to have learned an important lesson from the first residents of their new home: the communal nature of giving thanks.

In most Native American cultures, following a good harvest or a profitable hunt, a village feast occurred. All shared equally in the feast, no matter what role one played in providing the meal. It was unthinkable to not share the from the bounty of the harvest or hunt, because the bounty was truly was a gift received. Recognizing the generosity of the land and the four-legged and winged creatures who gave their life to sustain human life, Native villages knew they had much to be thankful for.

As human life has moved away from this simple dependence of living on Mother Earth, we have lost this original sense of Thanksgiving. Few of us have experienced life as lived in a balance, not being sure who would live through the winter, hoping that the harvest would be sufficient to feed our families, or whether our skills as hunters would enable us to bring home the bacon, or turkey, or venison. The thanks given in these celebrations were thanks to have made in through when the odds seemed so great and positive outcomes seemed unclear.

While the lessons of thanksgiving I was taught as a child helped me understand the importance of this feast, the tradition of giving thanks is much richer than remembering our momentary successes in life. The tradition of giving thanks is an act of remembering that our lives are dependent on forces beyond us. Yes, each of us is here today because of a gracious design of life that provides the opportunity for our survival. It is that foundational realization that is the cause of our giving thanks.

From this perspective, some of us can find reason to be truly thankful on this holiday, thankful for being able to make it through the hurdles of life. There are those among us who would not be with us if it weren't for the advances in treatment of HIV. There are those who came close to death because they felt such deep despair because family and friends could not accept them for the people they were created to be. There are others who experienced fear and dread from violence at home, school and in our streets. There are still others in this great Sonoran Desert who are thankful for the generosity of others for food and shelter from the cold.

As we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, let us truly be thankful for the opportunity to be here and celebrate the feast. It is indeed a gracious gift.

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A View From The Rock

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Hard to believe its the end of November already. I say that not just because the weather is still so nice and warm, but because it seems it was just Christmas a few weeks ago.

Why does it seem that time just flies by as we get older? I'm sure you're just as sick as me of hearing that line, but you know what? It does! Or at least it seems to. I know that my full and often hectic schedule help make it seem as though time is speeding up. Probably my many interests and hobbies as well as numerous social events all add to this feeling as well. I sometimes think that time becomes an issue as we age because we sense our own lack of it. We begin to realize there are fewer years ahead than lay behind. I don't really have answer but it does make me think about what is really important in life.

For instance, lets take a look at this time of year, the holidays. We add to our already busy schedules things like parties, baking and shopping. We add to our already stressful lives things, like credit card bills and choosing just the right gift for Aunt Susie, knowing she'll hate it anyway. We voluntarily participate in these events. Why? Because we love people and want to show them how much? Because we're expected to? Because we want to get presents and invitations in return? There doesn't seem to be much point in making our lives more difficult in an attempt to make it more enjoyable.

Well, whether we exchange gifts or not, entertain or not, or even acknowledge the "holidays" or not, it all amounts to nothing but disappointments without Jesus. That's right, I said Jesus. After all, he is the reason we commemorated Christmas? It is his birthday isn't it? Would you prepare for and then attend a birthday celebration for someone you've never met nor had any intention of meeting? I doubt it. And yet, year after year, thousands or millions celebrate Christmas without recognizing it as Jesus' birthday.

Now there is nothing worse than a person who points out all that is wrong without offering suitable solutions. So here goes. I would like to suggest that this year we each take time out of the hectic schedule to acknowledge Jesus' birthday. I hope we will all spend time thanking him for what he's done instead of ignoring him because we're just too busy. I pray that many of you who don't know Jesus will meet him this Christmas season. Then you too can truly participate in the celebration.

It's not about the gifts. It's not about the "good cheer." It's not even about the wishes for peace on Earth. It's about Jesus. Remember: Jesus is the reason for the season!

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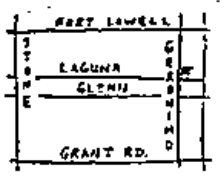

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DEAR BOB:

Thanks for printing my contribution. You don't know how much it means to me. I suppose writing is the best thing I can do for our community, considering my age and energy level. Except for an occasional fund-raiser, I think my "fling" at performing on stage is over. It's too bad I didn't start that stuff at 20 or 30. But, frankly, I am grateful to Ms. Jody, Sabrina Crawford and Dani Bordello for giving me a chance. It's out of my system and I can be more objective now.

My issues are still the same: giving young drag performers a chance to shine under the spotlight; encouraging members of our community be actively in involved in "straight world" politics so they can represent us; highlighting things that cross my desk about medical advances in dealing with the immune system disorder that has become a worldwide pandemic; and telling folks in advance about local fund-raisers that will help make a difference.

That said, I need to make a public apology to Miss Lucinda Holliday, Felice Renard, Victoria DuPuis, Gilda Fatale, Dave Huff or anyone else that my past remarks in print might have offended. I'm afraid I got myself switched on a sidetrack, but now I'm back on the main line and the signal is green. I am rolling: like a 6,000 hp U.P. GE diesel with AC traction motors. Elise Fox now is state of the art.

I owe a special apology to "Lucy." I was a bit nasty to her and I'm sorry. I thought about this thing. I couldn't organize so many shows and pageants and still keep my sanity. I suppose we all owe her a debt of gratitude. She deals weekly with highly temperamental performers and their demeanor is understandable because all they want to do is give the best possible stage shows.

To Vicky: all I ever wanted to do was encourage you to stay in drag a bit longer and mingle with nightclub patrons.

To Felice: I don't know anyone who can do Liza so well. You have brought us Broadway of which there is precious little in our cactus-ringed town.

To Gilda: I have the highest respect for you, whether it's your opinions on consenting adult stuff or your emcee chores. I don't of anyone who can entertain behind the microphone so well.

To Dave Huff: for simply putting up with me. My admiration for Dave & Frank is great because they committed investment into our future. They have to do what most Tucson businesses do, put up with nitwit things from City Hall.

To Dani: I'm not partial to country but you do it well. Your companion Beth is one of my best friends. I love talking "girl stuff" with you and her.

To Christina De Alexis: your commitment to our community is legendary even if I don't always agree with your selection of performers.

To Sabrina Crawford: the only person I know who breaks new and sometimes shocking turf on stage. Your bit with a cross was Madonna-reminiscent. You go girl! I would be disappointed if you didn't challenge our intellect.

To David Z at Stonewall: you are the most gracious man I've ever met. You'd look great in a tux. I visualize you in somebody's video on MTV.

This is Thanksgiving Week.

I need to make amends . . . to the community at large, publisher Bob Ellis and the people closest to me.

To Bob: if nothing else, you are a good sport! Anyone who can forgive me deserves the highest praise.

"I'm not going to tell you what I want." It's lyrics from a disco song. But I suppose you can guess: what we all want, that our lives make a difference.

Elise "the Grunge" Fox

Home On The Range

by Raul Almeraz

Howdy guys and gals. As many of you noticed, AGRA had its annual Chile Verde Days Fund-raiser at the Stonewall/Eagle. It was definitely a great time and a lot of new faces enjoyed a great Country Weekend. I would like to give a special thanks to you David and his staff for making it such a great weekend for us.

Raul was behind the DJ booth once again while Darrin and Scott each took their turn behind the controls. Great job guys. Line dance lessons were fun and enjoyed by many. Thanks to Gil, Carol and Tom for instructing. We may just have to keep it so everyone can get the opportunity to learn. Amazing how many people out there are anxious and eager to learn.

Sunday, November 15, we had our monthly meeting. Thanks to all who attended. It was a good turnout and we got much accomplished. Champion members present were: the Stonewall/Eagle, Darrin Land, Bill Darnell, Bobbie Palma, Brushpro Enterprises a.k.a. Addison and Bryan. We continued taking nominations for the 1999 new board of directors. You will be mailed your ballots and need to return them as soon as possible. So keep your eye on your mailbox.

A few dates to keep in mind: December 12 is the annual AGRA Corporation Meeting to be held at Charlie's in Phoenix. Saturday, December 19, we will be holding our annual Christmas Holiday Fund-raiser at the Stonewall/Eagle. Also, December 27 is the AGRA State Awards Banquet Luncheon in Phoenix with more details to follow.

Until next time, have fun and play safe.

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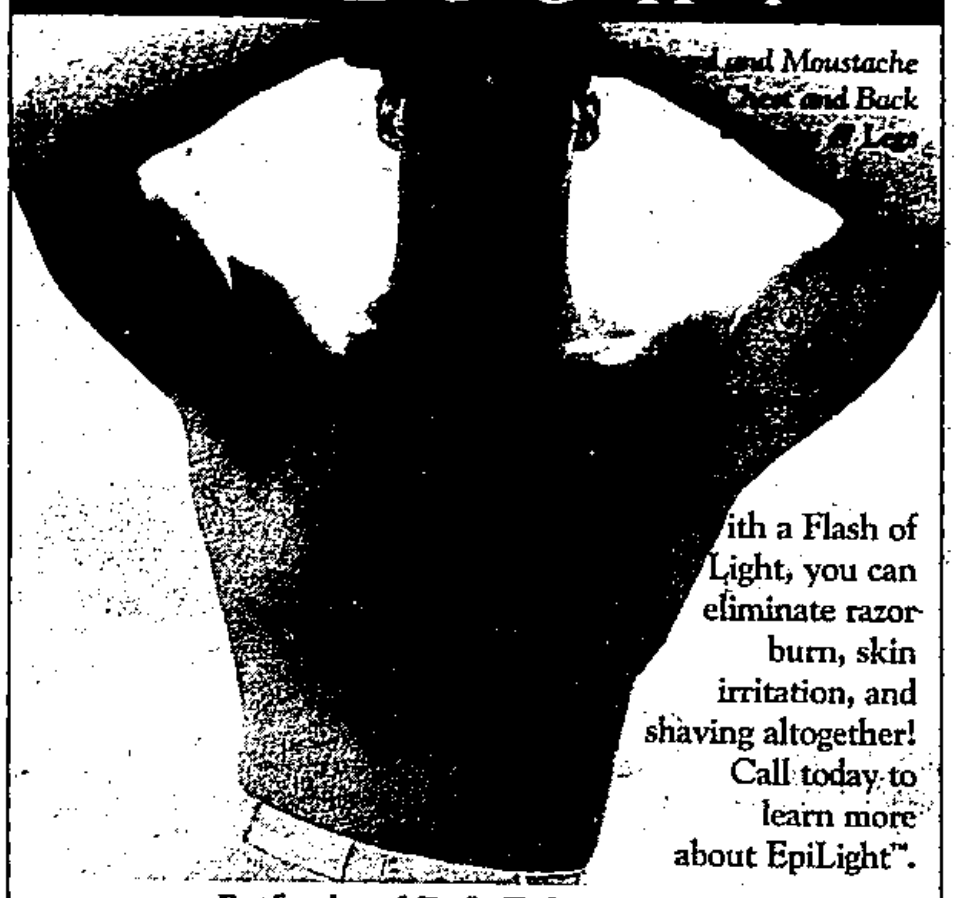

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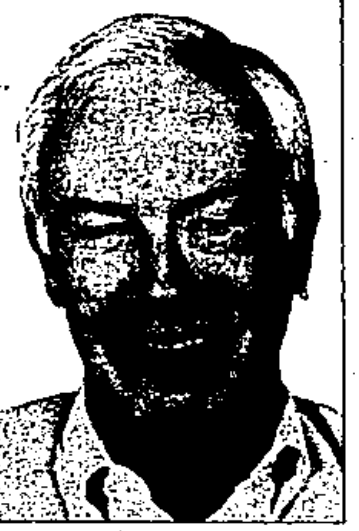

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PRECISION FITNESS

by Darrin Brightman

Last month, we took a look at trainers. Some people prefer to work out in a private studio, and several businesses do focus on private training. Most people, however, join a gym. So, this month, we'll take a look at the various types of gyms. Which type is right for you?

The serious lifting or "iron" gym caters primarily to the bodybuilding crowd. Most members are male, though women who are also serious about bodybuilding are welcome. Typically under 8,000 square feet in size, these gyms do not offer spas, saunas, swimming pools, aerobics rooms, or other such amenities. The equipment selection is typically focused on free weights and plate-loaded machines, with very few selectorized machines (with weight stacks). Cardiovascular equipment selection is usually limited, and not high-end, selected for utilitarian rather than aesthetic purposes. The social opportunities at an iron gym is limited, as members are there to work out, not socialize. Local iron gyms include Iron Unlimited and World Gym.

The "supermarket" gym attempts to be all things to all people. Typically between 20,000 and 35,000 square feet in size, these gyms have amenities ranging from swimming pools and jacuzzis to racquetball, basketball, and tennis courts to aerobics rooms and computerized weight machines. The large facilities are usually backed either by national chains, or by big-money local investors. Most lifting floor space is taken up by machines, and free weight areas are generally limited, relative to the size of the membership. Memberships are generally split fairly evenly between male and female. These gyms are characterized by a more social culture, with lots of chit-chat and usually a snack bar of some sort. Serious bodybuilders and those who take their lifting workout seriously often avoid supermarket gyms; however, for those whose primary goal is cardiovascular fitness, or who want to go to the gym to meet new people, supermarket gyms are ideal. Metro Fitness and Bally's Total Fitness are among the supermarket gyms available in Tucson.

Between the iron and supermarket gyms are mid-sized gyms, usually independently owned. They range in size from 10,000 to 20,000 square feet. These gyms often try to compete with the supermarket gyms by providing superior customer service, especially since the owners are usually involved in daily operations. Some of these gyms will pick certain areas in which to specialize, while some do not. Mid-Valley is one of the local mid-sized gyms.

Several types of specialty gyms have sprung up around Tucson. Naturally Women, an all-female fitness center, has two locations. A Spinning center has appeared in a strip mall on the east side, along with an 18-and-under gym. Many martial arts and yoga training schools are currently in business here in Tucson.

When you are ready to pick a gym for yourself, start by writing out a list of what you want in a gym. There is no need for you to pay extra for facilities you won't use, or to join a gym that can't really give you what you want!

Be sure to tour several different facilities near either your home or work place. Go during the hours you want to work out, if possible, so you can see how crowded the gym will be when you plan to be there.

Look over the equipment each facility has. Do they have what you need? Is it in good working condition? Check out all the amenities. If you want a swimming pool or jacuzzi, look over those facilities. Are they clean? Is there so much chlorine that it burns your nostrils? If you like racquetball or tennis, find out how many courts they have, and how to reserve them.

Observe the people at each of the facilities you tour. Do they hang out and chat on the gym floor? Are they so focused on their workouts that they wouldn't notice you unless you kicked them? Which environment are you more comfortable with?

Once you've answered all these questions, you should have reached a decision about the facility you are most comfortable joining. Have a great workout!

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Names In The News. . .

LOS ANGELES, CA (NP) — Judge clips Michael's angel wings . . . Rodman rebounds . . . actor's son mistakenly "outed" . . . Gacy dig finds nothing. . . .

George Michael, British singer-songwriter, has been ordered to change the venue for the community service hours sentence from his April arrest in a Beverly Hills park men's room. No longer with the AIDS charity Project Angel Food, he's now making phone calls recruiting children to do volunteer work. Michael would have preferred to stay with Project Angel Food, and believes the judge in his case made the change because of the way his latest music video "Outside" mocks the lewd conduct arrest that led to his public announcement that he is Gay.

Dennis Rodman, cross-dressing Chicago Bulls forward, is demonstrating his talent for rebounding once again. He's filed in an Orange County, California court to end his November 14 Las Vegas marriage to former "Baywatch" and current "Hyperion Bay" actress Carmen Electra, on grounds of fraud and his own mental incompetence (he was drunk at the time). Apparently the hand-written note proclaiming his pride in the marriage was a forgery, and according to his filing the marriage ended the day it began. Electra reportedly agreed to end the marriage a few days ago. An unconfirmed report says that the couple differed over a post-nuptial agreement.

Scott Caan, son of film actor James Caan, is not Gay, according to an apology published November 23 by the "New York Post." The "Post' had reported on October 4 that Caan was arrested in a fight at New York's Firehouse Gay bar, but he was there on a weekly hip-hop night targeting heterosexuals. The man he was there with was just a friend and not his date as the "Post" had reported.

John Wayne Gacy executed for killing 33 young men, most of whose bodies were buried at his home, apparently did not inter additional victims at an apartment house where he once worked as a handyman. Despite a former police detective's recollection of Gacy out late at night with a shovel there and radar indications of anomalies which might have been buried bodies, when Chicago police began to excavate, they found only an oil tank, a pork bone, a saucepan, and a marble.

Utah School Teacher Takes Case To Federal Court

SALT LAKE CITY, UT (DN) — Officials from the Nebo District school board faced lawyers representing Wendy Weaver in Federal Court in a lawsuit that is testing the limits of free speech and privacy for Lesbian and Gay teachers.

Wendy Weaver, a Spanish Fork High School teacher and volleyball coach, is suing her district employers for dismissing her from her coaching position and for ordering her not to speak about her sexual orientation with anyone related to the school.

Weaver's suit contends that the school's blanket demand forbidding her from speaking about her orientation on school grounds or off, with students, teachers, friends, or anyone associated in any way with the school, was a violation of her free speech and privacy rights.

The fight over whether Weaver would be allowed to stay with the school turned increasingly ugly as conservative parents organized to insist Weaver be dismissed. School board meetings demanded by angry parents turned into shouting matches between Weaver's supporters and her opponents.

"What bothers me is that I'm not Wendy Weaver anymore. I'm the 'Lesbian teacher,'" Weaver said in January. "It's not who I am. I'm a teacher, a mother, and I was a coach. But being Gay is my identifying factor."

U.S. District Senior Judge Bruce S. Jenkins is expected to issue a summary ruling in the case in the next few days.

Jennifer Middleton, Weaver's attorney, told the court that school demands she not discuss the matter -- even outside a classroom setting -- is an unwarranted intrusion into her private life. "I think their authority over the curriculum simply can't extend . . . over Ms. Weaver's personal speech," she said.

Weaver also contends she was not given a new contract to coach girls' volleyball because of her homosexuality. If the reason for her not having her contract renewed was related to her sexual orientation, the decisions were unlawful, according to the lawyer.

Home HIV Tests

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those aged 35 to 44 years, men who have sex with men and injection drug users."

As for receiving the test results over the phone, 7% of the people said they were shocked and dismayed by the unexpected result, 5% hung up immediately without getting counseling or referrals, and one person said they were contemplating suicide.

However, the counselor "noted that this person was with a friend, who agreed to facilitate mental health support," according to the report.

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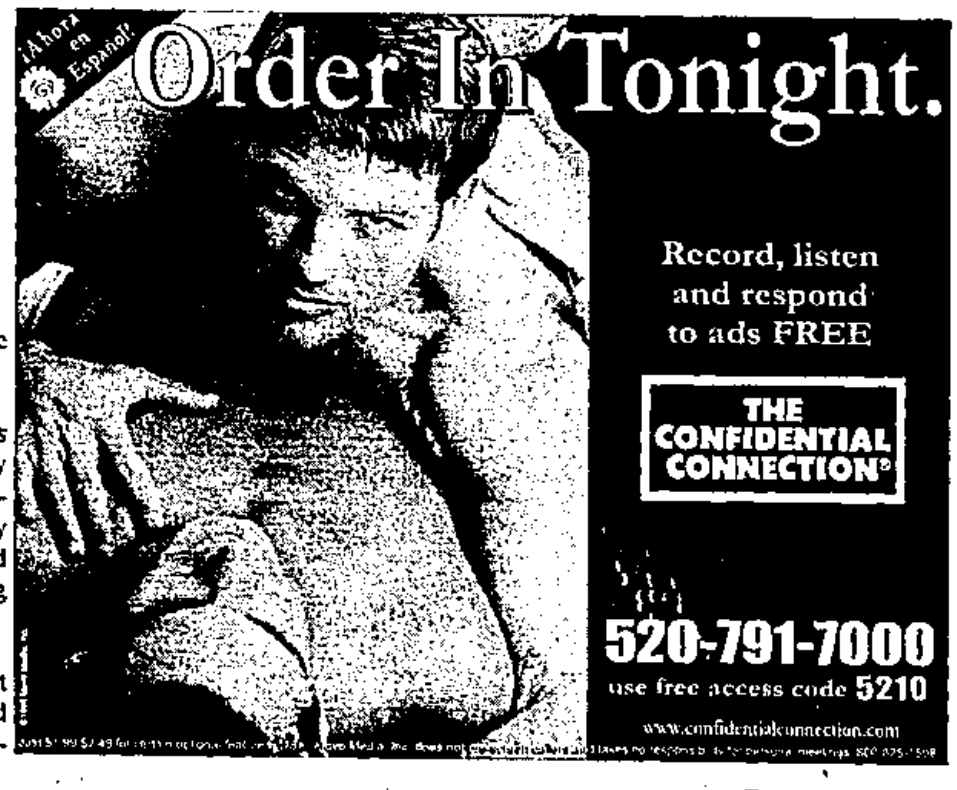

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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 Perry or Stephen at 321-4387.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a new monthly feature called Classic Cinema. We'll showcase an old movie, along with a cartoon and a short. Tonight's feature is "The Shop Around The Corner" starring Jimmy Stewart as a man who is writing letters to an unknown pen friend. This movie is currently being remade as "You've Got Mail" starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. See the original here, first. For directions and reservations, please call Les at 690-0565.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). TBA Our monthly hike will be held somewhere hikeable today. For details, please call Ron at 327-1052.

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Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call John at 722-3035.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Marcus hosts a Pampered Chef demonstration. It's a fun way to look at new kitchen ware and gadgets, and sample the food you can make. For reservations and directions, please call Marcus at 318-9175.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly potluck as we sit down to eat with some of the nicest gay guys in town (like you!). You're invited to come and share your favorite dish with the men who come to our monthly gathering. This month we're having the potluck at 6801 N. Oracle (Casas Adobes Congregational Church)-and there are two special surprises at this month's gathering. Please call Jerry at 690-9565 for directions and any questions you may have!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-6 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.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m: A fun evening devoted to all comedy series. If you've got a favorite comedy episode, just bring it to play for the others. This event is on the east side of town. For directions and reservations, please call Loren at 733-0072.

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for Dinner Out as we visit Donato's Fine Italian Food at 1730 E. Prince. Please phone in your reservation to Bill as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant of the number of men attending. For directions and reservations, please contact Bill at 546-7539.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a night of conversation as we discuss "Surviving The Holidays." Does this time of year depress you? Do you overspend? What makes you happy at this time of year? These and other questions are bound to come up. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. You're invited to join Steve for another of his "Inside Tucson" tours as we visit the Flandrau Planetarium. It's a 90 minute hand-on tour of the facility, along with a short film. There's a special $2.50 ticket price for MSN. Space is limited, so call early. For reservations and details, please call Steve at 887-1140.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. MSN joins their gay brothers and sisters for a night of holiday music as Desert Voices holds their 10th Anniversary Holiday Concert at Pima College's West Campus. For discount tickets, please call Davey at 886-1208.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. There will be a hike to Seven Falls this morning. Meet at the Bear Canyon Tram at 10:00 and take it ($3.00) to the starting point. The hike is about 5 miles round trip, and is rated moderate, with a 700' elevation gain. For reservations and more information, please call Patrick at 615-1587.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. Steve invites you to join him for a Hanukkah Celebration. If you're Jewish, this is a great way to spend the holiday with your gay family-and if you're not Jewish, it's an opportunity to learn about this holiday and its traditions. $3.00 to help cover the cost of food.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. Special Girlie Show! Hosted by Lucinda Holliday with Victoria Du Puis, Celia Putty, Ajia Simone, Faith and Kristin.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - THANKSGIVING DAY

GRADUATE - Opens today at 9:00 a.m. Special Turkey Dinner 2:30 p.m. (While it lasts!)

IBT'S - Will open at 5:00 p.m. today. Dancing starts at 9:00 p.m. with David Z. Dance off that turkey!

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Community Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings. 4:00 p.m. til it's gone!

VENTURE-N - Join in a festive feast at V-N. They provide the meat and you bring your favorite side-dish. They'll start carving around noon.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Latin Night! Tucson's hottest Latin music played by DJ Hill 9:00 to 1:00 a.m. No cover. Lots of drink specials.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

venture-n - Pet Watch Beer Bust and raffle. 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the patio. Oin in and find out what this fine organization does to help our community.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

GRADUATE - 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Beer Bust/Feed Bag: 50¢ Bud and Bud Light draft and $1.50 small pitchers. Br-8-Que Beef Sandwiches with cheese and potato salad $1.50.

IBT'S - Sunday benefit bar-b-que / 16 oz. Beer Bust for Reveille from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Also Karaoke out he patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. with Billy D. Then at 9:00 p.m., it's time for the Annual Reveille Gay Men's Chorus 'Bachelor Auction'. 10 of Tucson's hottest men auctioned off for a dinner for two, front row seats to Reveille's December 8th concert, raffle items and more. Don't miss this fun evening.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Russian Roulette Pool Tournament. Warm-up at Noon. Play begins 2:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

STONEWALL / EAGLE - December 1st is World AIDS Day. Rainbow surprises all day. Pool Tournament at 7:30 p.m. (in the Eagle). Special Salud es Poder Travesti Show at 10:30 p.m. (in the Stonewall)/

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

IBT'S - "Puttin' On The Lips" lip sinc contest. $50 first place. Hosted by Victoria Du Puis and Felice Renard.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Latin Dance Party with DJ Eduardo. Travesti Show at 10:30 p.m.

VENTURE-N - aFull Moon Underwear Party. 7:00 p.m. until closing!!!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

IBT'S - Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP) fundraiser. Watch for more details.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

VENTURE-N - 7th Anniversary Party begins at 8:00 p.m. Also Country/Western music and dancing on the patio with Jake from 8:00 p.m.to closing.

FRI. SAT. SUN., DECEMBER 11-12-13

IBT'S - Annual Winter 4th Avenue Street Fair. IBT's is the Gay headquarters. Thousands will be 'on the avenue' this weekend. Don't miss it.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Benefit brow for Rudi's Kids (Arizona Children's Home). Raffle tickets on sale now.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

STONEWALL / EAGLE - A.G.R.A. Country Christmas Show.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Pima AIDS Ministry Benefit Show.

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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 $1.50, 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.

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.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2:00pm. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 'til 8pm. BBQ 2-8. Hottest sounds in town with DJ Raymman

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee (pot matched). Rose Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 7pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 9-Ball tournament 6pm, $3 entry, pot matched. Monday Night Football - 3 screens. $2.00 Cuervo Gold all nite.

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

HOURS - Closed Mondays.

IBT's - Open noon. Married Monday at 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. Extreme dance with DJ Michael 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 'til 8pm. Party with chuck in thevening. Doc's Dart Tourney 8pm in the Eagle. Free pool all day and night.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. $1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-12:30pm

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 pm. Free Pool 2-4pm. Pool Tournament 7:30 pot matched. $1 longnecks for pool players. '70s/'80s dance music 9-1. Shot specials all night.

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. 32 small/64 large pitchers.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. 9 pm to close $1.75 well. Wear an IBT's T-shirt get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for $5 and get a complementary drink. Extreme Dance with DJ Michael 9pm to closing.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 8pm. Eight Ball pool tourney, warm-up 6pm, play begins 7pm. Latin Dance Party w/ DJ Eduardo 9pm - 1am.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. $1.75 Well drinks and longnecks 6am - 12:30pm.

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free Pool 2-4. $1.25 pitchers 8-midnight. Dance music with DJ Robyn 9pm-1am. Shot specials all night

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.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Daily Drink Specials. Happy Hour til 8pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close w/Billy Dee in the Eagle. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hottest sounds in town w/DJ Raymman

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. $1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-12:30 pm. 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.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 8pm. Latin Dance Party w/Eduardo in the Stonewall 9pm to close. Biweekly Travesti Show 10:30pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am $1.75 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Patio Bar open 8pm. Fosters Bottles $1.75 from 9pm-midnight. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. $3 entry (Pot Matched). Hides Leather shop opens at 8:30

friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 5:30 - 7 free food. Top 40 dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hill.

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. Live Jazz on the patio with the Dukes of York 6-9pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 8pm. T.G.I.F. Free snacks 4:30-8pm The hottest sounds in town w/DJ Raymman 9pm. To close in the Stonewall.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. $1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-12:30 Snacks served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens 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. 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.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 8pm. Free Pool noon to 8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. The hottest sounds in town w/DJ Raymman.

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

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NOTICES

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. Intermediate or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 11 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 881-4562 for more information or sign up.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hoffman 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 622-3286.

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. 694-7963.

TIHAN, 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 299-8447.

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 797-3118 for more information and a membership bio.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-8675 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.

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 297-9642 or Sr. Joan 742-8300.

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 884-8928, Ext.446 or Emmett 322-6057 (evalue@ix.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 XXCI. 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 888-8610 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 10th year! (2nd 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 628-9658 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.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4585.

GAY MORMON, EX-MORMON. New support and discussion group. For information call 520-4580

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS. Individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual and Trans men who are victims/survivors in same-sex relationships. Group meets Tuesdays 7 to 8:30pm at a confidential location. For information or appointment call 218-2827. Wingspan Domestic Violence Project.

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 578-0028

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (602)432-5581. 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 578-0027 for more

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for bears and biggot, 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 43818, Tucson, AZ 85733-3818, 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 all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline for info at 888-5541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8858 or Rene 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Wolters, (602)371-1182

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2002 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Lagoma). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9468 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7296.

MANE MEN: Long-haired Gay male pengel 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, 323-7943 for more information.

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-9662.

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 326-3665

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 575-9660 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 and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 584-6288, leave name and phone number.

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 745-6877 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 886-1286 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

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

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX. For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2897, 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 1 to 3 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1286 for more info.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 325-9805 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. 322-5858. Leave message.

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

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all -- Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-0, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-0662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #345, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3209 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 890-9585 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 778-9979 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 299-9663.

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.

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Gay Advocates Greet Phelps Protest

CHICAGO, IL (CT) — More than 1,500 residents of Lakeview, a predominantly Gay neighborhood on Chicago's North Side, gathered along Broadway and surrounded a United Methodist Church, protecting it and their neighborhood from Fred Phelps and his band of anti Gay followers.

"He chose to disrupt a quiet, peaceful, loving community on the Lord's day," said Lori Cannon, a Gay-rights activist whose voice broke with emotion. "I used to think of the Gay community in Chicago as a bunch of dead batteries, but this sends a signal that Gay-bashing will not be tolerated."

Phelps was in Chicago to protest a local minister who presided over a Gay marriage ceremony at the Broadway United Methodist Church. Holding offensive placards espousing profane and anti-Gay language, Phelps and his family, including four children, spent 90 minutes huddled behind 20 Chicago police officers. There were no reported injuries or arrests.

"The presence of the many congregations, faiths and understandings this morning . . . says something about where the spirit of our city and society is in contrast to where the purveyors of intolerance say it is," the Rev. Gregory Dell, pastor of Broadway United Methodist Church, told the gathering.

Dell performed the commitment ceremony for two men in his congregation in September. Despite the fact that Dell now faces a trial by 13 church jurors, he vows he will continue to perform Gay marriage ceremonies because they are "a celebration of service and love."

Gay community leaders began distributing leaflets two days prior, encouraging community members to attend the counter protest. An interfaith vigil was held emphasizing community power, justice and love. That was capped the next day by a much larger demonstration attended by clergy, community members and politicians.

The Phelps' clan ended their "protest" around 11:00 A.M. They then filed into a Chicago Police paddy wagon and were escorted from the neighborhood amid the jubilant cheers and of demonstrators.

Georgia Sodomy Law

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separate matter. They were convicted under Georgia's anti-sodomy law, but the conviction was overturned by a federal appeals court ruling that private conduct was beyond state regulation.

Mike Bowers, who was then Georgia's attorney general, appealed the decision to the Supreme Court, which upheld the law on a 5-4 decision.

Chief Justice Warren Burger wrote that according Gay people "the same rights of privacy enjoyed by straight people" would be "to cast aside millennia of moral teaching."

The ruling came in a case involving heterosexual sex.

The case involved an appeal by Anthony Powell, who was sentenced to five years in prison after admitting to having anal sex with a woman who accused him of rape. A jury found him innocent of the rape charge but convicted him of sodomy.

World AIDS Day

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AIDS FACT SHEET

Since 1983, over 5,700 cases of AIDS have been reported in Arizona.

Arizona ranks 26th in the number of AIDS cases.

As of September 1998, Pima County has 1,320 reported cases of AIDS.

Tucson ranks 45th in major US metro areas in the number of AIDS cases.

Once person in this country dies every 11 minutes due to complications of the HIV/AIDS virus.

SPORTS

Desert Coyotes League Standings

	Won	Lost	Pct
Just Throw It	11.0	1.0	.917
Fourkneecatorz	10.0	2.0	.833
Curious George	10.0	2.0	.833
Damn It !!	9.0	3.0	.750
Helen	8.0	4.0	.667
Looney Toones	6.0	6.0	.500
Erratica III	6.0	6.0	.500
Three Way	6.0	6.0	.500
Two	6.0	6.0	.500
Oops	6.0	6.0	.500
Miracles Happen	5.0	7.0	.417
Low Ballers	4.0	8.0	.333
Cocktails for 17	4.0	8.0	.333
Pretty Balls	4.0	8.0	.333
Tres Amigos	4.0	8.0	.333
It's In Da Hole	3.0	9.0	.250
Eat at Ed's	3.0	9.0	.250
Poppin Fresh	3.0	9.0	.250

High Average - Just Throw It, 505; Jack S. & Ken M., 194; Heather H., 156.

High Series Scratch - Mark K., 700; Heather H., 542; Four-Knee-Catorz, 1710.

High Game Scratch - Heather H., 202; Ken M., 258; Four-Knee-Catorz, 637.

High Series Handicap - Brad H., 739; Heather H., 677; Four-Knee-Catorz, 2019.

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