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HIV Patients May Be Getting Careless

CHICAGO, IL (RHIS) — Doctors expressed worries that a growing body of HIV patients, encouraged by drug cocktails that keep them feeling healthy, are growing careless about the risks of infecting others.

Patients believe that when drugs successfully suppress the virus in their blood, they are not infectious -- which is not only false but dangerous, Dr. Jonathan Kaplan of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) told an AIDS meeting.

"It has become apparent in the past year that many persons receiving HAART (the powerful drug cocktails) may perceive that they are of less risk to others," Kaplan told a news briefing.

"Even when persons are on HAART and do not have a detectable viral load, we cannot guarantee that they will not transmit to others."

Part of the problem, he said, is that HIV patients know a little too much about their disease and treatment.

Immersed in information about "viral load" -- the amount of virus detectable in their blood, and "CD4 counts" -- which are a measure of their immune system response, they are fully aware that the drugs can indeed make their blood seem clear of infection.

"We are all aware that therapies have a tremendous effect on viral load in the body," Kaplan told a news briefing at the Sixth Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infection.

"So it is reasonable to think that might have an effect on transmission of the virus."

In addition, just knowing the drug cocktails exist and are available to save lives can make people careless, Kaplan said.

HIV no longer looks like a death sentence -- although it is not at all clear how long the drugs will work to hold down what is, after all, a lifetime infection.

But they are ignoring several important points. For one, it is possible to transmit the virus before any signs of infection show up, and other studies are indicating a growing population of people who do not even know they are infected.

And there is evidence that men who are infected may still harbor the virus in their seminal cells. That means they could transmit infection in their semen, even if the virus does not show up in the semen at the moment a test is taken.

When taken properly the drugs do

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State House In Uproar Over Domestic Partner Legislation

By Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (ON) — A legislative "bait & switch" maneuver snatched an Arizona bill to ban domestic partner benefits from the jaws of death and led to fireworks between its sponsor and the state's Gay Republican lawmaker.

A dramatic, and at times highly personal debate erupted in the Arizona House, Wednesday, February 3, when a supposedly dead bill to forbid any government entity in the state from "providing health and accident coverage for domestic partners of its employees," reappeared under another name, and with new provisions, for a hearing before the House Government Reform Committee.

Representative Steve May, R-Phoenix, the only openly Gay Republican state legislator in the country, pulled no punches in confronting the bill's author, Representative Karen Johnson, R-Mesa, who provided those in attendance at the hearing with literature from defrocked psychologist Paul Cameron to support her arguments.

Johnson's original legislation (HB 2523), had been assigned to the House Banking & Insurance Committee, of which May serves as Vice-Chair. HB 2523 was heard and defeated before that committee February 1, by a 4-1-1 vote (Representatives Binder, Pickens, Brotherton and May voted no; Representative Debora Brimhall, chair of the committee, voted yes; Representative Jim Weiers voted present).

May then asked for reconsideration of HB 2523, using a parliamentary procedure whereby a proposal killed twice before a committee cannot be heard again before that committee during the current legislative session. Another vote was taken, and the bill was defeated again by a 5-1 vote (with the previously abstaining Weiers joining the majority).

A LEGISLATIVE "BAIT & SWITCH"

Before the celebrations by opponents of Johnson's measure could start, they received some startling news. On February 1, the same day as the Banking & Insurance Committee hearing and vote, Johnson had gutted another bill she had sponsored (HB 2524) which originally dealt with marriage blood tests and had inserted the language banning domestic partner benefits into the new bill by the State, a community college district, or a university.

Included in the new language was a proposal that counties, cities, towns or any other political subdivisions in Arizona would be prohibited from offering health and accident coverage for domestic partners of its employees unless the coverage is approved by a vote of the people in that domain. "Domestic Partners," is defined in the new language as "any non-married, cohabitating persons except parents and their children."

COMMITTEE FIREWORKS

HB 2524 was reread and assigned to the House Government Reform Committee, who took up the bill February 3. According to state Representative Carmine Cardamone, D-Tucson, member of the Government Reform Committee, the hearing room was packed for the meeting, mostly by supporters of the anti domestic partners benefits bill.

Johnson was the first to speak at the committee hearing, and before long she launched into a diatribe against homosexuality itself. "It's critical to our national health and survival to restore social virtue and purity to our state and nation," Johnson said. "Is living together without the benefit of marriage good? Is homosexuality good? If cohabitating and homosexual behavior is detrimental to the individual and to society, besides breaking the law, then society has the responsibility to resist it."

She went on to cite many of the long-discredited claims of Paul Cameron, ousted from the membership of the American Psychological Association, in 1983, for violations of its ethical principles but still a favorite of the religious right, including his "finding" that a Gay man without AIDS has a life expectancy of 42 years and his discussion of "Gay bowel syndrome." [See the "Journal of Homosexuality" December 1997, Volume 34, Number 2, for a discussion by Michael Scarce of why that term should be abandoned -- just as "Gay-Related Immune Deficiency," or GRID, was abandoned as a name for AIDS -- since the medical problems referred to are not Gay-specific, are not confined to the bowel, and fail to meet the medical definition of a syndrome. The 42-year life expectancy is also not supported by scientific data.]

Based on Cameron's "Medical Consequences of What Homosexuals Do," and information from the Rev. Fred Phelps of Topeka, Kansas, and the Westboro Baptist Church web site; www.godhatesfags.com, Johnson argued that providing benefits to homosexual partners would cause insurance rates to rise, adding that it was wrong for taxpayers to pay additional health care costs caused by a promiscuous or homosexual lifestyle.

"If the focus is kept on the medical consequences alone, moral judgments against such behavior are overwhelmingly supported by the best scientific data presently available," Johnson said. "Such a judgment does not proceed from prejudice or homophobia. It is grounded in the concrete effects brought about by the kinds of sexual acts in which Gay, Lesbians, Bisexuals and promiscuous heterosexuals often participate in. . . . Please let it be remembered that such a judgment does not proceed from prejudice, bigotry or homophobia." [A resolution adopted by the American Sociological Association in 1985 said, "Dr. Paul Cameron has consistently misinterpreted and misrepresented sociological research on sexuality, homosexuality, and Lesbianism."]

May, who had not planned to testify on HB 2524, erupted at the end of Johnson's presentation. "I don't know if these lies are born of ignorance, or bigotry, or prejudice . . . I am offended. I am disgusted. It is a lie."

"Many members, I guess, expected me to stay in my office quietly and don't understand why I would come out publicly and oppose this ridiculous legislation," May continued. "But when you attack my family, and you steal my freedom, I will not sit quietly in my office. This Legislature takes my Gay tax dollars, and my Gay tax dollars spend the same as your straight tax dollars. If you're not going to treat me fairly, don't take my money."

SOME SPOKE, WHILE OTHERS WEREN'T PERMITTED TO

Several speakers railed against homosexuals during the hearing, including the Rev. Andrew Cosentino of the Interfaith League of Sound Government, who contributed the "God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve" cliche, and Arizona Traditional Values Coalition chair Frank Meliti, who charged that "Homosexuals are known for telling lies and twisting the truth and attacking and calling names those who would stand up and not go along with their agenda."

However, other speakers who wanted to argue against the bill could not get the floor. Ruth Grove of the Phoenix chapter of P-FLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) had initially signed up to speak if needed. After hearing Johnson's testimony, Grove asked Government Reform Committee chair Representative Dean Cooley, R-Mesa, to speak and was denied twice while Cooley let two other individuals who supported the bill testify before the committee.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES!

After the heated arguments, a strongly divided committee voted 3-2-1 to advance the measure to the House Rules Committee. Representatives Brimhall, Gardner and Cooley voted yes; Representa-

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UPDATE

AHRF To Honor Tucson Mayor March 16

TUCSON — The Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF) will be holding a fund raiser, Tuesday, March 16, 5:30 to 7:30 P.M., at the Botanical Gardens.

This event will be a get together of AHRF members, and persons interested in joining the statewide G/L/B/T Political Action Committee. Tucson Mayor George Miller, and his staff, will be honored for their work in forming the Mayor's G/L/B/T Task Force.

Tickets for the party are $25. AHRF is asking for people wishing to attend to write two checks: A $15 check to the group, and another $10 check to AHRF-PAC. If the group gets 500 checks of $10 or more, they qualify as a super-PAC under state law.

AHRF is also the state coordinators for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force "Equality Begins At Home," which AHRF will be recruiting people to go to Phoenix and meet with various state legislators, Wednesday, March 24.

For more information about this, the fund raiser of the group, call (602) 650-0900.

New Wingspan Group Forming

TUCSON — Wingspan already sponsors a Youth Support Group for young people up to 23, which meets every Saturday afternoon at 3:00 P.M. There has been interest express in providing a group for older young people, and Wingspan is considering starting such a group for ages 20 to 30.

As with the Youth Group, this will not be a therapy group. We are seeking information from the community to determine the level of interest and ideas for setting up such a group. How often will meetings be practical and helpful? What time and day of the week suits you best?

Please express your interest and ideas to Jean Baker, (520) 323-3156. Jean will return your calls if you don't reach her directly.

Joan Drury To Sign And Read New Mystery Feb. 18-19

TUCSON — Joan Drury will discuss and sign "Closed in Silence" (Spinsters in Crime, $10.95), 4:00 to 6:00 P.M., Thursday, February 18 at Clues Unlimited in Broadway Village (Broadway & Country Club), 123 South Eastbourne in Tucson.

The book is the third to feature Tyler Jones, a San Francisco-based newspaper columnist and amateur sleuth. The preceding book in the series, "Silent Words," was nominated for an Edgar as Best First Novel by the Mystery Writers of America.

On Friday, February 19, 7:00 P.M. at Antigone Books, 411 North Fourth Avenue, Joan Drury will read from "Closed in Silence." A book signing and brief question and answer period will follow. Refreshments will be served.

Valentine Dance At MCC

TUCSON — Water of Life MCC is hosting the second annual Valentine's Dance Saturday, February 13, 8: 00 P.M. to midnight.

All of you who love to dance should not miss this one! Local singer Sabra Faulk will take you from romantic slow songs to rock and roll to country-western and back again. Later in the evening, Jess Hawk Oakenstar will make a special appearance.

Goodies and nonalcoholic beverages will be served. Instant photos of you and your honey on this special night will be available if you so desire. Tickets are $5, and are available at Antigone Books and Water of Life MCC, 3269 North Mountain Avenue, (520) 292-9151.

Daily Financial News For Gays & Lesbians

NEW YORK, NY — The Gay Financial Network (GFN), www.gfn.com, became the first financial site on the Internet to offer online daily financial news tailored to the unique needs of the Gay and Lesbian community.

GFN has expanded its weekly financial coverage of 30-plus stories to include daily reporting on financial issues pertinent to Gays and Lesbians.

"With the introduction of daily online financial coverage, gfn.com is now the definitive financial resource for Gays and Lesbians," said Jeffrey L. Newman, president of gfn.com.

In addition, gfn.com also offers to new columns and a forums area where members can discuss the financial issues of the day.

Desert Players Present 'Light Up The Sky'

TUCSON — Desert Players Theatre will be performing Moss Hart's comedy, "Light Up The Sky" in February at the Tucson Center for the Performing Arts, 408 South Sixth Avenue.

Moss Hart's comedy takes the audience on a bumpy road backstage to look at what happens when a cast of a wide diverse group of characters are pushed to the boiling point. Not to mention these characters are about to open a Broadway show.

This hysterical comedy will be performed February 12-13, 19-20, 8:00 P.M., and matinee performances February 14 & 21, 2:00 P.M. Tickets can be purchased one hour before curtain for the prices of $8. General admission and $7 for student/senior/military or group.

For reservations or more information, call (520) 733-0733.

Desert Players Theatre is already gearing up for their next production. On February 13, noon to 3:30 P.M., auditions will be held for the show "Lend Me A Tenor," with call backs between 4:00 and 6:00 P.M. the same day.

The cast for the show calls for four men and four women, ages ranging from 20 to 60 years old. Actors auditioning for two lead male roles will be asked to sing a song of their choice a capella. Cold readings will be taken from the script for auditioners. Photos and resumes are requested but not required. The auditions will be held at the Tucson Center for the Performing Arts, 408 South Sixth Avenue.

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BGALA Awareness Week At UofA

TUCSON — The Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association of the University is holding an Awareness Week, February 9-12, to try to educate the student populace about the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community.

Here is the remaining schedule of events for the week:

Wednesday, February 10. Kate Bornstein - Transgender Woman speaking on gender issues, Arizona Ballroom, 8:00 to 9:00 P.M. Safe Zone Workshop: Learn about becoming an "ally" to the Gay, Lesbian, Biaffectionate, and Transgender communities, Student Union, Room 356, 3:30 to 5:00 P.M.

Thursday, February 11. Movie Marathon (movies dealing with GLBT issues) in BGALA, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Open house at BGALA, 5:30 P.M. on, with free pizza and soda.

Friday, February 12. "An Evening to Remember" semi-formal dance at the Stadium Club, 9:00 P.M. to midnight. RSVP at (520) 621-7585.

For more information, call BGALA at (520) 621-7585.

Matthew Shepard Shouldn't Be Idealized Mother Says

LARAMIE, WY (WS) — The mother of slain Wyoming student Matthew Shepard, whose beating death last fall shocked the nation and prompted nationwide demands for laws that protect people from bias motivated assault, tells a national magazine she fears her son is being mythologized and unfairly put on a pedestal.

"He wasn't a saint. He was just a young man in search of himself," Judy Shepard said of her son, who was murdered last October in Laramie, Wyoming. In the interview released last week, she said that she was disturbed that some civil rights advocates had compared her son with Jesus Christ.

"You must understand, it's like putting him on a pedestal that just won't work. I'm concerned that if people find out that it's not true, they'll be disappointed or angry or hate him," Mrs. Shepard said.

Judy Shepard said that her son, though a very bright and compassionate young man, suffered bouts of clinical depression and had been taking an anti-depressant and an anti-anxiety drug. She revealed he had explored the possibility of relocated to an assisted-living home run by mental-health professionals.

The slain boy's mother tells the magazine that Matthew had suffered a series of violent incidents throughout his life. She confirmed a story that circulated briefly after his death that he had been beaten by a bartender in Cody, Wyoming. She also revealed he had been gang raped by six Moroccan men while on vacation during his senior year in high school.

"He was never the same after Morocco," his mother said. "And neither were we. We were always worried about his physical safety and his mental state. It seemed to him it was taking forever to feel safe."

The article reports hospital tests taken after the October attack confirmed he was HIV-positive. Mrs. Shepard says he underwent periodic testing for HIV after he was raped, fearful he had been exposed to the virus in the attack.

"It's a very frightening concept as a parent that your son now becomes a martyr, a public figure for the world," Mrs. Shepard told a national television newsmagazine. "He's just our son."

Shepard was pistol-whipped and left in near-freezing temperatures for 18 hours lashed to a fence on the outskirts of Laramie, Wyoming. He died five days later. The two men charged with first degree murder, Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney, have pleaded not guilty. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty against both.

"The anger really isn't there yet," Mrs. Shepard told the television reporter. "I am sure it will come. . . . They've done something horrible to my life, to my son, to my family, and I don't want to waste any of my feelings on them. I'm saving it all for Matt."

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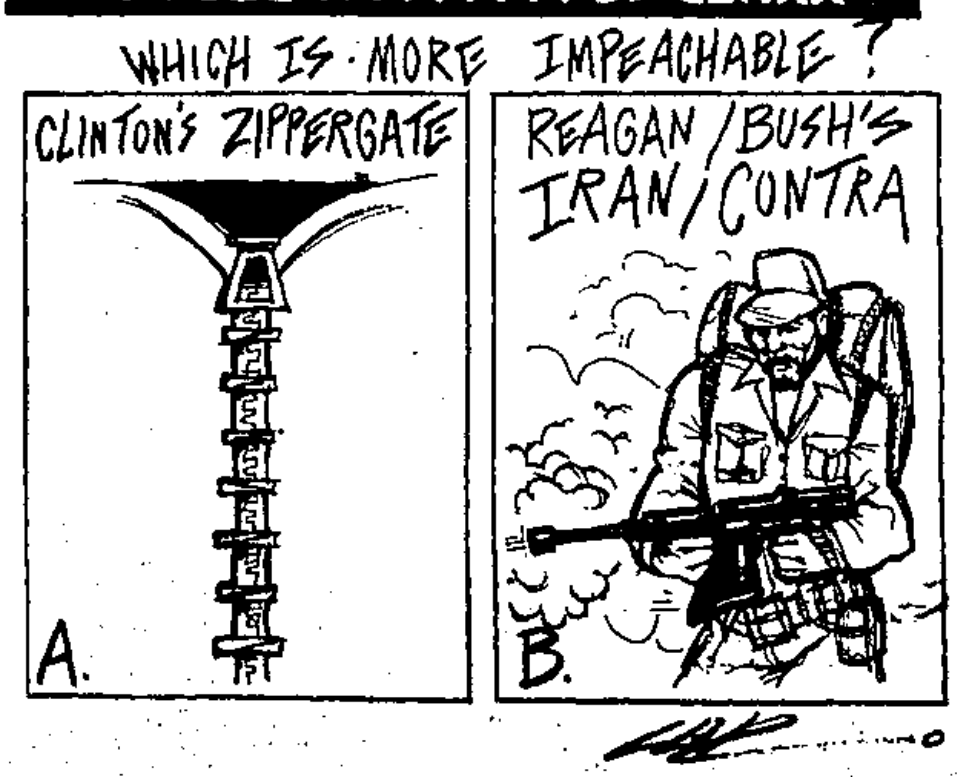

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tives Cardamone and Landrum voted no; Representative Jim Weiers voted present.

Weiers refused to comment on his vote on HB 2524, but stated the day before, after the Banking and Insurance Committee's defeat of the same bill as HB 2523, that as a conservative legislator he would be opposed to the state trying to impose its mandate over city and county jurisdiction.

Only the governments of the City of Tucson and Pima County currently offer extended medical benefits to the domestic partners of their employees. The county covers all heterosexual and homosexual partners, Tucson only covers homosexual partners. Pima County spends about $225,000 on its program to support 104 of its employees' partners. The city spends less than $25,000 to support 20 partners. The Pima County Board of Supervisors, as well as the American Civil Liberties Union and the League of Arizona Cities and Towns came out against Johnson's bill.

FIREWORKS CONTINUE AFTER THE VOTE

After the hearing, May apologized for calling Johnson a liar, but said she was on a "medieval crusade" and was "spewing venom" as a tool of "radical-right, big-government theocrats." Pointing out that Johnson has been married five times, May said, "My tax dollars are supporting her fifth relationship. She's been using my tax dollars to support five husbands. But she thinks it's wrong to spend tax money on my one partner." Johnson, who also has 11 children from those marriages, responded to May by saying, "I have a basic total belief in marriage."

Arizona's other openly Gay state legislator, Representative Ken Cheuvront, D-Phoenix, stood with May to criticize Johnson's measure. "It's unfortunate that the Mormons are trying to dictate their morals on Arizona," he said, pointing out the irony of those who were once persecuted for polygamy now presenting the most vehement opposition to domestic partner benefits. May, who was raised Mormon, recognized that "They think I'm going to hell, and maybe that's the case," but asked, "why is my personal salvation the responsibility of the Arizona Legislature?"

HB 2524 now goes to the House Rules Committee, which approval of the proposed legislation is expected. After that, the bill would then go to the House Committee of the Whole (COW).

LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS REACT

For Tucson City Councilmember, Steve Leal, D-Ward 5, it is the hypocrisy of the situation. "The Republicans state big government is wrong for x, y and z and proposes less government to cure all the ills of the country. This proposal shows them to be hypocrites on local control. It's all about ideology," Leal stated.

The Chair of the Pima County Board of Supervisors, Sharon Bronson, D-District 3, who voted in March of 1997 to extend medical benefits, stated there was no reason for the state to take action since this is a matter of local control. Bronson added that the county's lobbyists in Phoenix are working to defeat this measure.

COULD IT BECOME LAW?

Even if HB 2524 makes its way out of the Legislature, it may never become law.

Gov. Jane Hull suggested in an interview that part of the measure might force her to use her veto stamp. The Governor said that she has no problem with the bill's provision, barring the state from offering domestic partner benefits to its employees. "As far as I'm concerned, the state does not condone those benefits," she said.

However, Hull told reporters that she is concerned about banning cities and counties from offering such benefits without consent of local voters. She added that she is not a fan of the state telling other levels of governments what is best for their communities. "I would look carefully at any piece of legislation that came up" to my office, she said.

A LEGAL CHALLENGE TO THE PROPOSAL?

Despite the approval by the House Government Reform Committee, does HB 2524 violate the state or federal constitution?

Amelia Craig Cramer of the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF), when reached for comment, said the new bill was at least, partially unconstitutional, since it could not be applied to charted cities. Pima County Attorney, Barbara LaWall, said under the Arizona Constitution, the state government cannot tell a city, which is chartered, how they can spend their money, since a chartered city can enact laws and raise funds through levying taxes.

Jenny Pizer of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, stated that Johnson's bill is "troublesome" and "suspicious," since it would alter how legislation action could take place, only in the prescribed way in the bill, on the local levels. The motivation behind the bill, according to Pizer, would also be a factor, since there is a clear, anti-Gay hostility on the legislative record.

Pizer went on to say that Lambda Legal Defense will take a hard look at the measure and would most likely file suit to

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N. SUPER - Be my Superman, I'll be your Lois but I can't be your Jimmy Olsen. .. I'm too old. Xoxoxo T.

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DEE & JILL - May the Valentine fairy not spit over your balcony!

PAULA & DIANE

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LORRIE aka SEXY - I love you lots hot stuff! Your sexy and only man.

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THOMAS - Thank you! My best friend, life is to be lived. I love you! DAVE Mc.

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KEVIN - Remember that while you live in Vancouver and I live in Tucson, we still look at the same moon each night. Hugs, PETER

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DAVE & TOM - Tom, I loved your X-rays. Have a great Valentines Day. The POON

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JIM D. & FAMILY (Venture-N) - Thanks for everything Love always, WAYNE

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FUSSY & RACHEL - I love ya both lots! Tons of hugs and kisses too. Luv,

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GREG B. PAUL H. (Popo) - Enjoy all the times we have spent together. Me!

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LINDSAY - I will always love you. Thank you Boo Bear. DAVE Mc.

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CELESTE & TRACY - Yes indeedy you're still our sweeties! Paula & Diane

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J J - Me again. I will always at least, be your friend! So call.

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DAD & MOM - I love you. I love you. I love you. PAUL (?)

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GENE N. - Happy Valentines Day. AL my love. BUCKY

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God bless all my family. To my Dad, angels are with you and us. Love, VICKI

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To my girl - My Luv 4-U is 4-ever. Luv, C.

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KIM - My life was just a journey until I met you... Now I realize it's a gift. LINDA

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D E R - Will you spend another 49 years with me? Love

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buddy - Girrll. W. TRASH

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ANN MARIE P. - Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Your boy, FRANK CASTRO

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MOM & DAD (In West Virginia) - Miss you dearly. Have a Happy Valentines Day. Love, your son, KEVIN

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L.B. - Have a Happy Valentines Day TAZ & MIKEY too! CELESTE

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STEPHEN SMITH (OF Canada) - four years since I've laid eyes on you. Happy V-Day, LOLITA

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DAVE & FRANK - Have a very happy Valentines Day. Your favorite MERRY MAIDS

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J. - You are a true friend and I love you more than you'll ever know. L.E.O.

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MOOSHA - Thanks for having me back. God bless you. JOSIE

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To the Boy - Love Ya. RICHARD

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To All The Guys at the Graduate - I Love you all. YA YA

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DAVID W. - This past year we've been through it all. We've had our problems, big and small. The future will be what it wants to be. But in the end, we'll have it all. I love you. TOM T.

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JON & JASON - I think you both are a couple of really sexy men. When can we have sex? A Secret Admirer

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FRANK F. - We share so much. We go back to times I will never forget. All the good you've done for me. Your friend, NOVA

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ALL WOMAN - Happy Valentine's Day. Love ya. Your sister A.R.

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DEB & MARTA - Here's hoping cupid shoots you both right in the ass! Happy V-D. Love ya lots. CELESTE

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JIM SOUTH - I caught your glance in the mirror, behind the stall. Your eyes, your mouth, , , I love you.. ME

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TOM - Much happiness. GN (?)

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SHER 4 ME

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A M - Love ya darlin'. K & D

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VERONICA LAKE - You ain't all that. I still love you. D. Collins.

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JERRY D. ORR - Thanks sooo very much for opening my eyes to all the beauty there is around us. May the falcon watch over us. I dig you. LORI RENEE xoxoxoxox

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BETTY - Loved ya. Meant it! CAMILLE

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PAUL BUCHANAN (Paulie) - We've been through so much together. You're the best friend anyone can have. Love, EDDY (Grey Eagle)

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RANDY - You're my Valentine. I'm glad I met you. Love, K.C.

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ROBERT 4 Beers - Don't just lie there all coiled up and hissing. Be sure to rattle before you strike. Xox TONY

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GARY - You big stud muffin you. Okay, did we boost your ego? We miss you. Happy Valentine's Day. PAULA & DIANE

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CURTIS P. - You gotta gun... We will have fun. P P

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Hi MOM BROOKMAN. Happy Birthday. Happy Valentines Day. We're thinking of you today. We love you! PAM, DAVE, DOT, LUTHER.

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TERRY MURPHY - Let's give 'em something to talk about. Love, TONY

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J.A.S. - Thank you for being my friend and roommate. P.L.B..

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MICHAEL - The person I'd most like to be wedged with. MISSY

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CHULA - Happy V-Day. Once again we've proved opposites do attract... After 18 years we're still going strong. Love, RON B.

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BRETT - I love you so much. Will you marry me? Love, THOM

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RODNEY - I Love Gilda. Donald

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J. RANDY CAMPBELL - Even as I wonder, I'm keeping you in sight. You're a candle in the window on a cold, dark winters night. Love always. TONY M.

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GARY WHITELEY - There could be no greater gift - no sweeter reward - than to be loved by you. It's been a rough journey, but I'd do it all a thousand times, to end up with you. Just as I now have yesterday, today, tomorrow. I thank goodness we came into each others lives. I'll love you forever. 122598. So proud of you. MARSHALL.

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POPO - I hope we stay together forever. Love, YOUR OTHER HALF

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D. RUSSO - Love and friendship always. TONY

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MR. KENNEDY - Just had to say thank you. You've been there for me and I've been there for you. Thank you. I love you. TARNISHED TIM

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There is a woman named Chris, who drinks at the Grad, you can't miss. She doesn't say much, but when she does it's much, and that's the woman named Chris.

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ALAN alias FWB - Roses are red, tires area black. With all those lover, how do you keep track? Xoxo Tony M.

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ROSECPOSEC - The one I love. Forever and always. ZORRA LADY

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STACEY - You sexy diva, givin' me the feva, cool mama from Montana. Let's go get hot at the Copa Cabana. We gots to go, but we wants you to know.... you're all that and a Milk Bone!

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Happy Valentines Day to all the underage, jail bait who have not had a Valentine, Just like me! Love, JAHIL

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KAT - You are my whole world, and I'm lovin' it! Your wife.

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RICK - Wishing you all the best. I'm here if you want to be friends. MICHAEL

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BRIAN STARK - I got a crush on you. Secret Admirer

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MATT - It was a while ago when we spent that short period of time together, but I wanted you to know that I still think about you a lot. If you ever get the urge to call me, please do. Happy Valentines Day. Love, Brendan

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THEO BAYBEE - You were there before I knew I needed you. High school can be that kind of place. Anyway, life's better with you in it! See you soon honey. CURTIS

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CHRISTOPHER HARTZOG - That Boy I Mine! Brian Stark

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HOLLYWOOD - You don't know me, but I know you. I'm the one with the fleece jeans, shoes and track jacket. Call me. Love JAHIL

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MARK WILLIAMS - Your bright eyes, smile and laughter light up a room and my life. Love you. TONY M.

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ROY O. - Babe, Happy Valentines Day. Love you more than life. ANDY Q.

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ADAM - I don't like it when you tickle me. But I love you anyway. STEVE

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KORY & HEROLD - Happy first married Valentines Day. We think of you often. Paula & Diane

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MERLIN & JEFFIE - Would love to clone you two. Tucson needs more like you. Cherish your love, affection and friendship. Love, Tony M.

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JAHIL -Oh how I do love your iced mochas. Hopefully they will never choke us. You make anywhere from cakes to shakes and you surely know what it takes. Oh to my Jahil. Love, ALEX

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STUART, BRIAN & ERIC - You guys are the greatest friends anyone could ask for. Love MICHAEL

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D.K.P.sr. - I love you. I miss you. I'm sorry. D.K.P. jr.

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J.J.S. You have my heart and soul except my love. R.G.

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STEVE SMITH - I love you with all my heart. Always. LOLITA

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ALLEN - I love you always. "Diamonds Honey". Love, JEFF

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JON - Happy Valentine's Day! I love you more than all the hearts in the world! All my love, SEAN

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POOKIE - I have Puerto Villarta, your heart and love. I'm the luckiest boy in the world! I love you. SCOOTER

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NEAL - I vow this is your last V-Day single!! If I can get you laid, I can get you married. MICHAEL

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NANCY ANN - You're the best. DONALD

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BUCKY - I need a job. Tequila

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DR. ANN - You are still my heart, even after all these years, even though you'll never be mine. L.

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PAULA SUE - I Love you with all my heart and soul - till the end of time. Love, your HONEY

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POLITICS 1999

By Mark R. Kerr

'Put Their Money Where Their Mouths Are!'

It could be a question on the television game-show, "Jeopardy." Answer: According to which political organization would less government be the solution for all the country's problems? Question: What are the Republicans?

The party of Lincoln purportedly subscribes to this in all levels of government, and espouses this at every media opportunity. Less government equals more freedom! It's the American way! For the other 49 states and territories perhaps, but not in Arizona.

In the Grand Canyon State, you have hypocrites masquerading as Republicans, especially in the Arizona Legislature. These "Republican legislators" would: forbid the extension of medical and accident benefits to the domestic partners of government employees (HB2524); revoke all rights concerning HIV testing records (HB 2496 -- which passed the House Health Committee last week, by a 7-1-1 vote); and, ban Gay and Lesbian support groups from public school campuses (HB 2051).

Less government? Local control over matters? If these elected officials get their way, it's "More, More, More" for "Big Brother." References to Andrea True and her 70's one-hit disco career aside, there are proposals in the Arizona House Representatives, dealing with those issues.

The focus of this session at this point has been on HB 2524. This bill deals with domestic partner benefits. In Arizona, only the City of Tucson and Pima County offers medical and dental benefits to the domestic partners of their employees. It costs a total of $225,000, $25,000 by the City and $200,000 for Pima County respectively, for 20 and 104 employees, most of which are unmarried heterosexual couples.

If HB 2524's sponsor, state Representative Karen "Family Rights Forever, Gay Rights Never" Johnson, R-Mesa, gets her way, the extension of benefits to domestic partners would be forbidden by state governments and schools; cities and counties would have to hold plebiscites, using taxpayers' monies to decide the matter; and, the term domestic partners would be defined as: "any non married cohabitating persons except parents and their children."

Is Johnson's proposed legislation constitutional? Does it pass "legal muster?"

As previously reported, the courts have ruled county governments (the Board of Supervisors) are within their legal authority to extend benefits to the domestic partners of their employees. According to Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, Arizona's Constitution says the state government does not have the authority to tell a chartered city how to spend its money. Jenny Pizer, of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, stated Johnson's legislation, which targets a specific group, could be challenged in court under the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on Colorado's Amendment 2, Romer v. Evans. Plus, Representative Johnson admitted that she hadn't even checked on the constitutionality of the language.

Despite all that, the state House Government Reform Committee took up HB 2524 for consideration last week

Representative Johnson was the first to speak on her bill, giving a hate-filled, homophobic diatribe before the Committee, citing material from www.godhatesfags.com (Rev. Fred Phelps), and the discredited "Doctor," Paul Cameron of the Family Research Institute. Johnson ended her testimony with, "Please let it be remembered that such a judgment does not proceed from prejudice, bigotry or homophobia." So what then did it proceed from?

Good question. Since it didn't just proceed with only state Representative Johnson, a five-time loser down the aisle with 11 kids and who still believes totally in marriage. Johnson is someone, the discredited Dr. Cameron, in his findings would consider worse, since "divorce is as bad, or worse than homosexuality."

State Representative Debora Brimhall, R-Snowflake, who sits on the Government Reform Committee, who explained her vote for HB 2524 (which the committee passed by a 3-2-1 vote), was another of which.

Brimhall declared that she finds, "homosexuality disgustingly disturbing. This calls God and his design into question. I feel a strong sense of fear for anyone who questions God's designs. And yet, I feel love for all people." This also calls into question why Representative Brimhall, chair of the state House Banking & Insurance Committee wanted openly Gay state Representative, Steve May, R-Phoenix, on the committee, as Vice-Chair?

A cosponsor of Johnson's bill, Representative Barbara Blewster, R-Prescott, putting in her "two-cents," on a slightly different subject and bill, showed it can proceed across the state.

Blewster was responding to a constituent question, via E-mail, about HB 2051, a bill that would bar Gay and Lesbian support groups from public school campuses. (HB 2051 could jeopardize $410 million in federal school funding, since Arizona would be in violation of the federal Equal Access Act if approved). The sponsor of this measure is state Representative Linda Gray, R-Glendale, who previously had stated that "Playboy Clubs should be allowed on campus to promote heterosexuality." Blewster sent the following E-mail:

"I will vote for 2051. There were many deaths after Death Education, a non academic subject, was introduced into schools as well. If there was ever a death life-style it is the gay-lesbian life style. Do you know Homosexuality is a high sign of the downfall of a nation? Life expectancy is 35 and certainly there is not real joy in life without taking on the responsibility a wife and children.

"The perversion that follows homosexuality is beastiality [sic] and then human sacrifice and canabalism [sic]. Is that where you want to go? Sincerely, Barbara Blewster."

Is that where you want go, Representatives Blewster, Gray, Brimhall and Johnson? Running up a legal bill for the inevitable court challenges? Cutting off the state's "nose to spite its face," when it comes to education funding from the feds ($410 million), especially since the legislature hasn't finished the court-ordered mandate to fix the state's education financial crisis? Perhaps it's the focus on the paltry sum to extend benefits to people in a part of the state none of you have visited, instead

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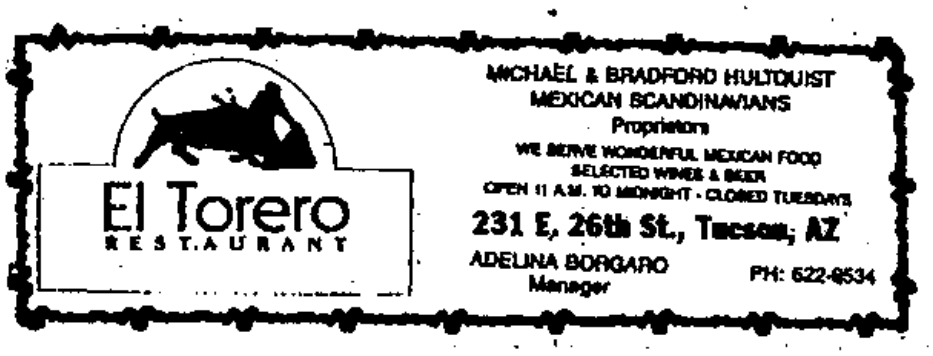

Scene On The Range with AGRA / TUCSON

by Bobbi Palma

We would like to thank everyone who attended IBT's Benefit and Beer Bust to support AGRA-Tucson. Special thanks to IBT's for their continued support of the Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bi, Transgendered and Gay-friendly community.

The next AGRA-Tucson Chapter meeting is Saturday, February 20, at the Stonewall/Eagle. The Board meets at 4:00 P.M., with the General Membership meeting starting at 5:00 P.M. The AGRA State Board is also scheduled to meet here the same day and place, along with the newly crowned members of AGRA Royalty. We hope all members will be there for this meeting and mark the third Saturday of each month on the calendar for our Chapter meetings. Come meet the new State Board members: President - Bob P. (Phoenix Chapter), Vice President - Tommy R. (Tucson Chapter), Secretary - Wes C. (Tucson Chapter), Treasurer - E.J. P. (Phoenix Chapter) and, State Trustee - Chuck B. (Phoenix Chapter). Stonewall/Eagle will hold a "country night" after each of our monthly meetings, so join us for some Country-Western fun.

Watch this column for announces of other AGRA, and joint community events.

RODEO ROMANCE '99 is this Saturday, February 13. The Tucson Chapter of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) will host a fund raiser for several Tucson community groups, starting at 9:00 P.M. at the Stonewall/Eagle. This community-wide event will feature special drink prices, country dancing (including line dance lessons), raffles, entertainment and giveaways.

Tickets, which are $5 each, have been distributed to TLGA, PFLAG, TKO, SAFE, TIHAN, Desert Leatherman, Desert Voices and Wingspan. Proceeds, from the ticket sales, will be kept by each of the organizations selling them. Tickets will also be available at the door or can be obtained by calling the AGRA-Tucson office, (520) 323-0805.

Part of AGRA Tucson's mission is to work with and support other groups serving our community. So, come on out (so to speak) and have fun with AGRA, while supporting our community as well. Volunteers are needed to help with Rodeo Romance. If you would like to volunteer an hour or two of your time, or anyone who would like to be included as an entertainer, or knows of someone who would like to entertain, should also call the AGRA-Tucson office, (520) 323-0805.

HIV Patients

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greatly decrease the risk of infection -- for instance, it has been shown that giving the single drug AZT to pregnant women can, depending on the dose and timing, reduce the rate at which they infect their babies by up to two-thirds.

But many people do not stick to the rigorous regimes, which require taking several different pills every day and at certain times. This can allow viral levels to rise again.

There are other factors -- researchers told the meeting they believe only about half of all infected people in the United States are getting any kind of treatment at all.

In the end it comes down to numbers. And even though the drugs are widely available in the United States, the rate of new infections is not going down.

"It appears unlikely that HAART is significantly reducing (the rate of new) HIV infection in the U.S. at the present time," Kaplan told the meeting.

Even among the groups considered to be the most knowledgeable abut the risks -- such as Gay men -- the new infection rate remains high. "Half of new infections are still occurring in men who have sex with men," he said.

Public health officials need to work harder on getting the message out that HIV is a threat to people who do not think they are in any danger.

"We need to concentrate more on early identification of infection and referral to care," he said.

Academy Award Nominations Announced

BEVERLY HILLS, CA — The nominations for this year's Academy Awards were announced at the headquarters of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences by Academy Award winner, Kevin Kline, and Robert Rehme, president of the Academy.

BEST PICTURE: Elizabeth, Life Is Beautiful, Saving Private Ryan, Shakespeare In Love, The Thin Red Line.

ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE: Roberto Benigni - Life Is Beautiful, Tom Hanks - Saving Private Ryan, Ian McKellen - Gods & Monsters, Nick Nolte - Affliction, Edward Norton - American History X.

ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE: Cate Blanchett - Elizabeth, Fernanda Montenegro - Central Station, Gwenyth Paltrow - Shakespeare In Love, Meryl Streep - One True Thing, Emily Watson - Hilary & Jackie.

ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE: James Coburn - Affliction, Robert Duvall - A Civil Action, Ed Harris - The Truman Show, Geoffrey Rush - Shakespeare In Love, Billy Bob Thornton - A Simple Plan.

ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE: Kathy Bates - Primary Colors, Brenda Blethyn - Little Voice, Judi Dench - Shakespeare In Love, Rachel Griffiths - Hilary & Jackie, Lynn Redgrave - Gods & Monsters.

The 71st annual award ceremony will be held Sunday, March 21, at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles and will be broadcast live on ABC.

QUOTABLE.....
"I HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT IN MY LIFETIME WE WILL SEE A COUNTRY ONCE AGAIN GOVERNED BY CHRISTIANS .... AND CHRISTIAN VALUES."
Ralph Reed, Executive Director Christian Coalition. 1990

QUOTABLE.....
"ARE WE COURTING YOU? MAYBE WE ARE, BUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT? YOU ARE THE GLUE THAT HOLDS AMERICA TOGETHER." Bob Dole, to the Christian Coalition at the start of his presidential campaign. 1996

HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

I don't know about you, but I find Valentine's Day a horrible exercise in futility. No sooner do I offer what I think is the perfect, passionate gift, than it becomes just another dust collector. As a public service to our community, I offer an easy guide to the love styles of the zodiac. How do we love? Does a heart go pitter pat or kaboom? Should Cupid's arrow aim at the heart, the stomach or the head? Get a clue and reap the rewards.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20
Proud, dominating Aries are the great pioneers when it comes to marking out a territory and conquering it. (Doesn't that make you feel special?) The secret is, of course, that you have to get them to see you as a country that needs to be conquered. Lie back and let them march through.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21
The way to a Gay Bull's heart is right through the stomach. These folks can be happily seduced with a wonderful meal and a divine bottle of wine served on a fur rug in front of a roaring fire. Rub them on the stomach and tell them how beautiful they are. They will become putty in your hands.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21
Gay Twins can be quite romantic, but it can be more a mind game with notes, clues and dirty whispers on the phone. Can you put up with more talk than passionate action? It may be the one way to hold these fickle fiends to one lover. Send them an unsigned valentine and see how crazy they become.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23
Oh those sensitive souls! Cancers love much too much to be considered sane. The Gay Crab has a hard exterior shell that is difficult to penetrate, but once you do, it reveals a soft, vulnerable, very mushy center inside. Play the little lost child and allow them to smother you with affection.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23
Leos are very proud, and why not? They always need to be told how absolutely fabulous they are. But when they love, they love big, and can be wonderfully generous as long as they are in total control and the center of attention. Hint: Compliment them lavishly and let them take you out for a great time.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23
These folks are clean fanatics so don't show up all hot and bothered with dirty underwear; it just won't stir up the flame of passion in a meticulous Gay Virgo. There are, of course those afflicted Virgins that love that dirty, mucky sort of thing but it is against the law of astrological averages.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23
These folks don't mind an argument as long as both sides can kiss and make up when it's all over. If you go just a little crazy when the scales fail to tip decidedly in your direction, don't panic. Let these diplomats of the zodiac carry the rainbow flag forward and tell them how charming they are when they do. You won't be able to get rid of them!

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22
Sex, sex, and more sex. Queer Scorps are motivated by the intense passionate power play of it all. If you don't already know, Scorpios are exactly what the darkness was made for! It is not a bad thing to play a bit of a mind game with them, if you are prepared for the volcanic finish. These folks take no prisoners and refuse to share!

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 22
Give the Gay Archers their freedom and they will not stray far. Entice them with faraway travel and exotic treats. Speak to them in a foreign language (preferable French) and rub their thighs with hot oil. If that doesn't work, give them a kick in the patoot and wait until they come crawling to you.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20
Gay Goats measure their own worth by what society dictates. If you find them more than a little closeted, give them the benefit of the doubt and blame it on their astrological karma. They need to feel important because they really have such a low self image. Listen to their advice and make them believe you will follow it.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19
It may seem that ice water runs through the veins of these folks. It's not really true. They are simply impassioned by humanity in general and not a person in particular. Reach Aqueerians through their sense of duty. Let them take the reins of your favorite Gay charity and work together to make the world a better place.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
They not only get their kicks from champagne and cocaine, but they can become downright addicted to love! Mystical and psychic Gay Pisces needs all the help they can get to focus their attention and effort on the right lover. If you are such a person, romance them and let them use you as they will.

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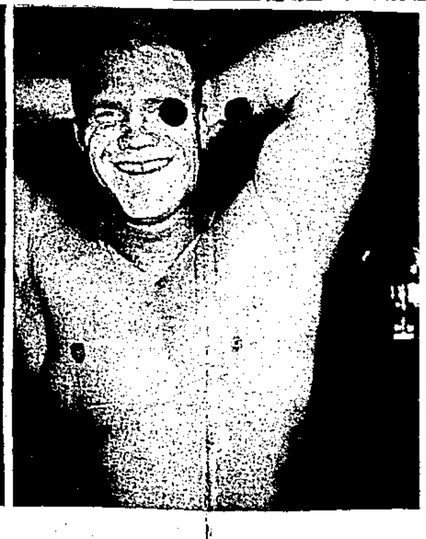

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JAVIER - Once in a lifetime a man like you comes along and sweeps me off my feet. I never had something like this happen to me before, the best part of it is that we are together and no one can take away the bond that we have made. Even though you are not that far away, I miss our hugs and especially the kisses we so much love. Only you can make me blush the way I do and make me feel like melted butter on a hot ear of corn. I know this sounds funny, but this is the way you make me feel and I hope that never goes away. I Love You. Happy Valentines Day. DAVID

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LORRAINE - I love you very much. Love always. PRINCESS

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CONCHITA loves JUANITA

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MRS. L. PRECIADO - Happy Valentines Day from your son. Love always, CHARLES

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To My NUMBER ONE KITTEN - You could search the earth until the end of time. Still you'll not find another love like mine. I love you. YOU KNOW WHO.

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A.F.M. - Yo te amo infinidad. 'D'

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My Dear Sweet FOFI - Thanks for being my partner and soulmate! You are the love of my life and my heart is yours always and forever. I love you so very much. You are my angel. Love, SEAN

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KING CAB - You turn my red lights green and vice-a-versa. Love, C.B. P.s. I'm about to lose control and I think I like it!

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SECRET - You're my soulmate until the end. By the way, where the (blank) are you? SECRET

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MCC - Thanx for your friendship and all the gossip! My life is better because you are part of it! Happy Valentines Day and all my love. SMR

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ALL WOMAN - Love ya! Happy V Day. Your secret admirer "A.H."

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JAHIL - No one has ever served coffee like you before. The way you brought over my 16oz cup was divine. My heart skipped a beat as you offered a lid for my chocolate mocha. I relive the moment you pointed out the stir sticks over and over in my mind. Jahil, It's not just the caffeine talking. When I say we shared a moment, at least I think it was you... Love RYAN

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MARK - You are very special to me and our great friendship is a blessing. Thanks for all the good memories we've made and all the ones yet to come. I love you lots. SEAN

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C. STAR - Heart in heart and hand in hand, you're my best friend forever and ever. Amen, Amen. FOLLOWING STAR

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FRANK - Thanks for 23 great years. Love, DAVE

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DARIN - You said earlier this week maybe you are here to make my fantasies come true. I want you to know you already have. I love you with all my heart, baby! Happy Valentines always, GREG

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FRANCISCO - A 12/31. yo deseado hablar "te quiero mucho y haz el amor con migo" pero tu no puede seguir tu corazon. Yo quiero feliz por ti. Siempre, KEITH

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MARISSA - Happy Valentines Day to the only woman I would eat Chinese food and watch Drew Carey with! I love you and miss you. SLEPPY

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BARRY - Thanks for being one fabulous friend and the biggest queen I know. I love you. Get it girl! SEAN

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To ALL THE STAFF AT IBT'S - Love from FRANK AND DAVE

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To THE GRAD STAFF PAST AND PRESENT Love Ya! FRANK AND DAVE

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To ARROW and the Gang. Much love. Dave and Frank

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"LITTLE FOOT", TONY, PHILIP and the rest of you (you know who you are). There are many special occasions that friends come together to sweeten each other up especially on Valentines Day. So, my wish to all of you is that you all have a great Valentines Day and may your wishes come true. Love, SPIKE

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A. MARTINEZ - Buena suerte para siempre. PAVO LOCO

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JAMIE - I was not supposed to fall in love with you, but let me say for real, heaven's what I feel when I'm with you. I miss you a lot. ADAM

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DAVID - The past few months have been the calmest, happiest, warmest, hottest of my life. Let's see what the next few bring. Happy Valentines Day. Ii amo. CHUCK

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MR. UGGY - I wuv you! MR. HANDSOME

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UCLA JAL - Even though you don't have a clue. I still love you. All I have to say is follow your heart! ANONYMOUS

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MARY - Mary quite contrary, how does your garden grow?! Find the right fertilizer and we'll find out! Happy V.D. Love, B.C.H. & T.L.C.B.

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NEL - Happy V-Day. I am so glad I met you. You are beautiful and intriguing. Love, Karaoke JJ

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MY DEAREST JOE - I had given up ever finding someone. Not only did you make me believe in love for the first time, but you've taken me to a level where I don't feel words adequately convey just how much I love you and what you mean to me. In this short time you have become my world. I love you and cherish every moment we have together. PATRICK

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LENNY - I love you 4-ever

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Roses R Red, violets are blue, God bless you Frank, I'll always love you! GRACIE

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BERNICE - Calm Down! ALAN de Boston

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NOVA - I will always love you.

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KEVIN - Happy Valentines Day. You will always be my favorite mistake.

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Happy Valentines Day to my hag G.G. and my two favorite queens ROBBIE & ALEX. Love always, AARON

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KARUNA - Happy V-D Day. Let's get squishy and have some bon-bons. WINKY

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DERRICK - I think you're cute and would love to get to know you better. I am just a little shy!!

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ARROW, CHRIS, MEL, BRIAN, RICARDO & SCOTT at Emerald City Grille. I love you all. Thanks for putting up with me. SEAN

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For the man I love always. Your wife, MS. LOLITA LA MAC

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DARLAAHHH aka BOSWELL - Will you be my blether, blether, blether girl? Ooh baby ooh! Love, your delicate flower CHAINSAW

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CURTIS - You're a great person and a friend. I hope you find that special someone. "Chandler High Forever". K.I.T. Theo aka Chocolate Princess.

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BRIAN STARKES - I love those nice thighs you have. The bestest person in the whole world and I love you.

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MARK - Happy Valentines Day to my favorite boy. You've made my life mean something again and I will always love you. Love, AARON.

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To the blonde at Emerald City. You are gorgeous. Love from your secret Valentine.

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JAHIL - You're the bestest. You cutie pie. Love from your biggest fan.

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ZORRO - Meet me wearing your mask. Don't forget to have your Valentine exposed. CAT

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TA TA - You're always a hoot to be around. See you at arm wrestling. Love, EDDY GALVEZ

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TALL TONY - Love is all around you. It's everywhere you go. Xoxoxoxo ME

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BRENDA - We miss you. Happy Valentines Day baby! PAULA & DIANE

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ABE V. - Toda via te quiero! Happy V-Day. From PEACE MAKER

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To My Wife - The most sweet, sexy and considerate person I know. I'm glad you're mine. Love Ya.

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HEY PUERTO RICAN - Happy Valentine's Day. For all times sake. From your friendly CUBAN

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To My one and only. I'll be there forever. Hope you will too. D.H.

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DIANA COLLINS - Happy V.D. Olick!

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MAYRA - Happy V-Day 1999. Thanks so much for your friendship and not judging me for all the dumb things I do. Love, Bridget

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To My Ex-DENISE - I will always love you. No one can take this from me. AURORA

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BULLWINKLE, Bullwinkle, light of my life. Please come home and make a good wife. C.P.

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JOHNNIE - Heaven must be missing an angel . . . You! Xoxoxo Tony M.

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To everyone at the Graduate, Happy Valentines from DANNY HOLT

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To my Daph Valentine - You are the light of my life and the love of my world. Thank you for always loving us. MISSY H.]

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MJR - Woof. PAPA BEAR

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LEE - Love You. Mean it. A.

PATRICK - I love you and miss the mornings with you. PAUL (?)

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POCAHONTIS - Roses are red, Violets are blue. Your gorgeous brown eyes, I love you times two! Happy Valentines Day. Kim

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LONNIE - You came into my life when I thought it was over and made me see that I mean a lot, and that I deserve better and should always come first. I only hope you let me deserve better with you. Happy Valentines Day. Love you xoxoxo D.S.

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SCOTT - A snot you're not. Thanks for putting up with this mott (ley crew)

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To my son RYAN P. LUTZ. Xoxoxoxox Happy Valentines Day. Words cannot express my love for you. I'm so glad you're my son. With love, Mammy xoxoxoxo

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DIANE - You add to my soul what was forever missing. For you, I promise my eternal love and will always be by your side. Happy Valentine's Day, my love. Your wife, Paula

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C.J. - Thanks for being my friend, especially he past few months. Life is good and everything will be ok. Love you always. DER.

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BILLY - Hang in there honey! I love you. DERRICK (?)

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SHAWN C. - Thank you so much for being there. You're way too nice to me. Happy Valentines Day. TIM H.

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DIANE RODRIGUEZ - I love you very much. Love you, Margaret

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TWILA & DARCI - Happy Heart Day. Love, Paula & Diane

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SHARON P. - You'll always be my classy lady. Love always. LKT

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MA - Te amo un chingo, Besos, MARIANA

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To all my good friends who supported me during my loss. I love you all. MARY ANN

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JULIE - Hope this year brings you everything you desire in love and life. Happy Valentines Day. PAULA & DIANE. P.S. Bambi says hi!

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DOROTHY GILLESPIE - I didn't know where to start to I "winged it". Nice to see you on the loop.

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MICHAEL A. - I miss our 'chats and visits'. I do care and love you. JERRY

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LITTLE M. AND STEVEN - Love you both and you little dog too. M. J.

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QZ - Love you - miss you. Good luck with school. YOUR HUSBAND

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MIKE G.- I love you so much you may never know. Happy Valentines Day. Love, J.H.

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TINA & MONICA - Thanks for all your support. Love ya both. Happy V-Day. M.

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To the best customers in the world. Love always and thank you. DAVE and FRANK

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LESA - Wishing you and the girls a wonderful Valentines. To The Sky.

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VIDAL - Here it is! Our 1st wedding anniversary. This year has been filled with good times and rough times. I wouldn't change a thing for our love is stronger than ever. Yours, RANDY

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Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network Update

TUCSON — The Tucson Interfaith HIV/-AIDS Network (TIHAN) is looking for people directly affected by HIV and AIDS in their lives — as a person living with HIV/AIDS, or someone whose family member or friend is living with or has died from HIV/AIDS.

Volunteers are needed to: speak to individuals and small groups within congregations about HIV/AIDS; and, speak with clergy and visit with faith communities not yet involved in providing HIV awareness and support.

Reach out to faith communities to help them understand the reality of AIDS in teams of two or three. Training and support will be provided.

To share your voice, or for more information, please contact Richard Stark, (520) 299-6647 or E-mail at voice@tihan.org.

TIHAN Seeking Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to join the TIHAN team and make a difference. Congregational volunteers are need to assist with a variety of options through TIHAN.

Volunteer opportunities range from CareTeams (friendly visits, errands, emotional support) to newsletter help, office support, public speaking, assistance with fund raising events, information booths and more. If interested, TIHAN will find the right opportunity for you.

Volunteer orientation sessions will be held, Thursday, February 18 and Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. An overview of TIHAN and its volunteer needs will be addressed during these sessions. Attendance at one of these two orientations is required prior to the actual training. The training session will be held Saturday, February 27, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. There is a $15 registration fee for the training session (to cover materials and lunch). All sessions will be held at St. Cyril Catholic Church, 4725 East Pima.

Over the past four years, TIHAN volunteers have contributed over 15,000 hours of direct service to people living with HIV/AIDS in our community. Our volunteers come from many congregations throughout Tucson, and are a wonderfully diverse group. What we all have in common is a sense of compassion, a desire to help people in need, and a commitment to break down the fears, misunderstandings, and myths related to HIV/AIDS.

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A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

What a great God we have! mean, have you seen the sunrises and sun sets lately? It as though God has been in ar artistic mode of late and is trying to out dc himself with each one. I recently wa: marveled by yet another of his terrific sunsets and though I would write a friend o: mine across the country and describe it But as I studied the masterpiece I could only simplistically name the colors that had been used to create the hues I was observing, but could not name the colors I actually saw. Now that's incredible. And to me, a sign that there has to be a being much greater than us in existence. No whim of nature could in and of itself create such varied beauty, day after day. No natural occurrence in the skies could be so unique, so rich or so moving, without God's command.

Yes, God is good.

The God I speak of, the one you read about in the Bible is truly good. He not only surprises us with the beauty of nature but he blesses us with friends, health finances, relationships, and the list goes on. But the best thing he ever has done for us is provide a way to "be saved." That's Christian jargon for being sure of spending eternity in Heaven with God. What else or who else in this world can give you that kind of assurance? He only asks that we develop a relationship with his son, Jesus Christ, for that assurance and that peace to be ours.

Yes, God is good. No, God is great! Why turn from the one who can give you all you need, all that you could really ever want, and then some? Just like those terrific sunsets God has created you and wants to spend eternity with you. I can truthfully say that if you will ask Jesus into your live, the result will be indescribable, king of like that sunset.

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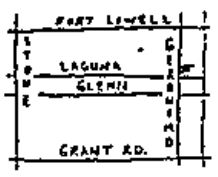

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EDITOR:

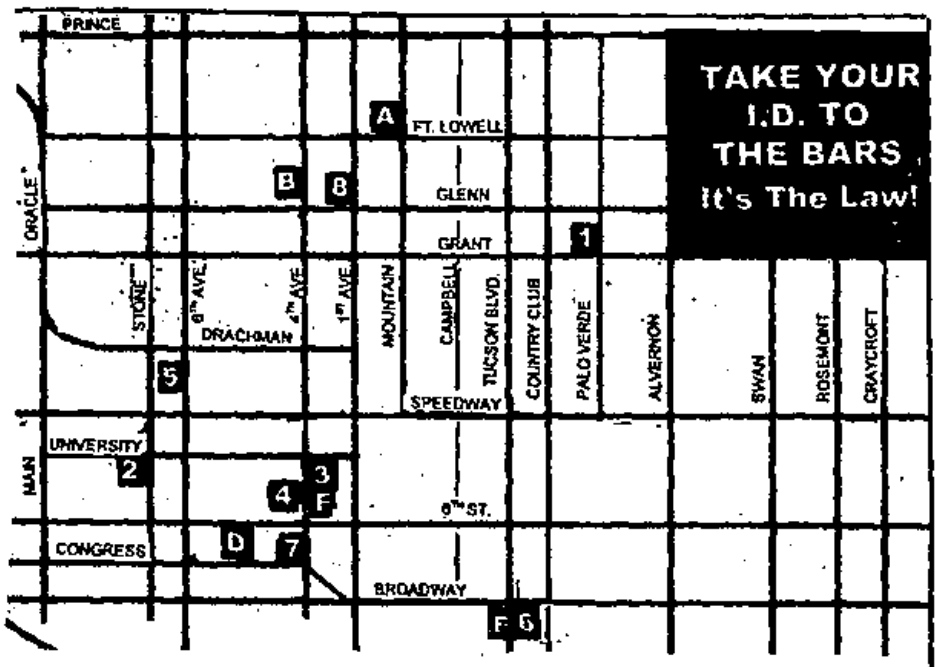
Gay Parents . . . What a concept! This Valentine's Day, while most Gay men and women are preparing for that perfect night on the town some special people have already enjoyed their love together.

Over the past several years, I have found myself surrounded by Gay men and women with children. In my mid-twenty's I had only dreamed of having kids and a lover to grow old with and enjoy the quality "family" time. Now in my late twenty's, my dream has become a reality with a man I love and three beautiful boy's to complete our family.

I must say that there is less time to plan that special day for their Dad with school, homework, preparing lunches, reports, outing's, etcetera, but everyday we have together is special (never a dull moment to say the least). So as we bake our cookies, address our Valentine's, and dress the boys for the school party, the youngest two are apprehensive. The "girls" and the mushy stuff are too much for these guys, as they have to concentrate on basketball and recess.

To say the least, this will be the best Valentine's Day ever as these boys and their dad have shown me that love and attention are the most important part of every day. These men have made me wake up and lose that selfish and bitterness that I have felt for years. I would like to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for showing me the meaning of love and compassion. You guys are the best!

Happy Valentine's Day,
Darrin



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Desert Vision by Rev. Louis F. Kavar, PhD

Is Everyone I Date Crazy?

It was a great afternoon. The sun was warm, the sky was clear, and the breeze was light and refreshing. I was meeting my friend Scott for coffee at a java place with outdoor seating. Arriving before he did, I settled into my double latte while propping my feet on an empty chair.

Scott is an attractive, hard working young man. He grew-up in Southern Arizona and has lived in Tucson for a few years. In his mid-twenties, Scott is not the kind of guy you'd expect to have trouble finding a date.

"I hate my life!" were the first words out of his mouth as he reached the table. With a half-smile I asked, "What's wrong now? Break another nail?" He gave me a disapproving glare. He continued, "Everything's OK, I guess. It's just that guy I've been dating." "And who is the lucky man this week," I quipped. Scott gave me that look. "Okay, Kavar! If you don't want to listen, don't." "Now, now," I said in a patronizing voice, "You know that I hang on every word you say." Scott rolled his eyes. I continued, "Seriously, tell me what's going on. What's the story with Drew?" Scott had been dating a guy a few years older than himself named Drew. Drew came to Tucson for school and stayed in the area after graduating.

"I really like Drew," Scott said. "He fun to hang out with. He's cute and is into lots of stuff. It's just, well, every time we go out, he gets drunk. At first, I didn't realize he did it all the time. But it's every weekend. The other morning, I tried fooling around with him and he pushed me away saying he had to get ready for work. After that I realized we only have sex when he's drinking. He has a problem, doesn't he?"

I agreed with Scott that it didn't sound good. Drew probably has a problem of some sort. Maybe he is an alcoholic. Maybe he has trouble with intimacy. Maybe he isn't comfortable being out in a Gay crowd and copes by drinking. And maybe it's all three. I told Scott that I wasn't sure what Drew's problems were, but it seemed that Scott had a problem: his relationship with Drew.

Scott got quiet for a moment. Looking down at the table, he slowly and deliberately said, "Is everyone I date crazy? I know I'm only going to find a good boyfriend if I move out of Tucson."

Well, as the saying goes, the grass is always greener on the other side. I've lived in a few major metropolitan areas. Dating and relationships are tough no matter where you live. Geography really isn't a solution.

Many therapists and spiritually-minded people would ask Scott to consider why it is that he draws him to the kind of guys he dates. What makes a potential alcoholic attractive to him? That's not a bad thing to consider, and I will talk about those issues in a future column.

Beginning from the perspective that I only draw certain kinds of people to myself as potential partners misses the larger reality of Gay life in our era. While I do believe that we repeat certain patterns in life and relationships, we also need to be aware of social context of dating and creating relationships.

Many of my clients find it amusing when I tell them that the dating pool in the Gay/Lesbian communities isn't exactly filled with fresh spring water. To put it another way: before you go fishing, it helps to know what kind of fish the pond had been stocked with.

Consider this: approximately 1/3 of Gay men and Lesbian are alcoholics. That's three times higher than the general population. It's estimated that 1/3 of Gay men and ⅓ of Lesbians are survivors of childhood abuse. That's more than double the general population. I don't know of any estimates of the number of Lesbians and Gay men who were victims of other kinds violence whether on the school play ground, high school locker rooms, college dorms, or walking the streets of Hometown, USA. But there are a lot of us who are victims of violence. Taken as a whole, the majority of Gay men and Lesbians carry significant psychic wounds and scars from life. Often, we use alcohol, drugs, sex, food, and work to numb the pain caused by that violence.

While we strive to have whole, healthy relationships, the reality is that many of us are limited in developing intimate relationships with others because violence and homophobia have diminished our emotional capacity. Why does Scott, why do any of us, seem to date so many crazy people? It's partly because so many Gay men and Lesbian have been hurt so greatly throughout their lives that many of us find ourselves with a limited capacity for intimate relationships. The pain of life has been great so we *numb* it with addictions or cut it off by limiting our emotions.

Rather than getting down about the statistics, we need to realize that we are amazingly adept survivors. In the face of generations of silence and oppression, we have found creative ways to build meaningful lives for ourselves. Yes, life has hurt many of. But, as a group, we are resilient survivors.

Next week, I'll talk about what these statistics mean for us in dating and developing long term relationships.

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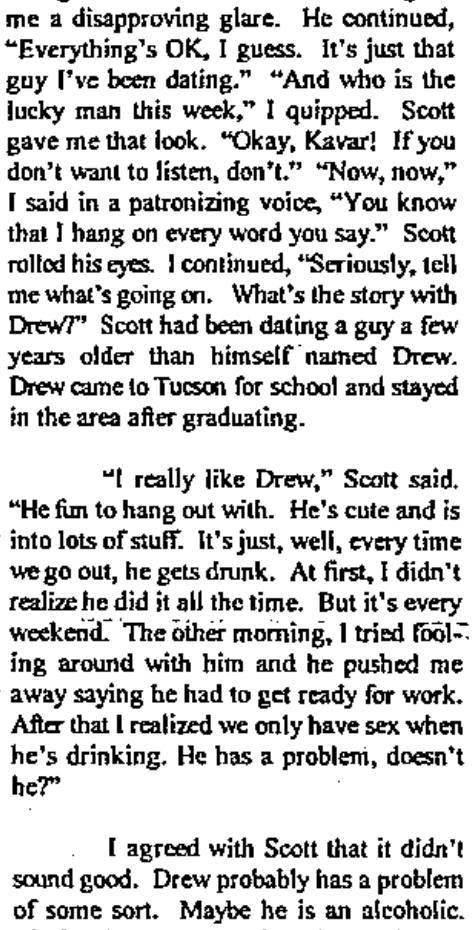

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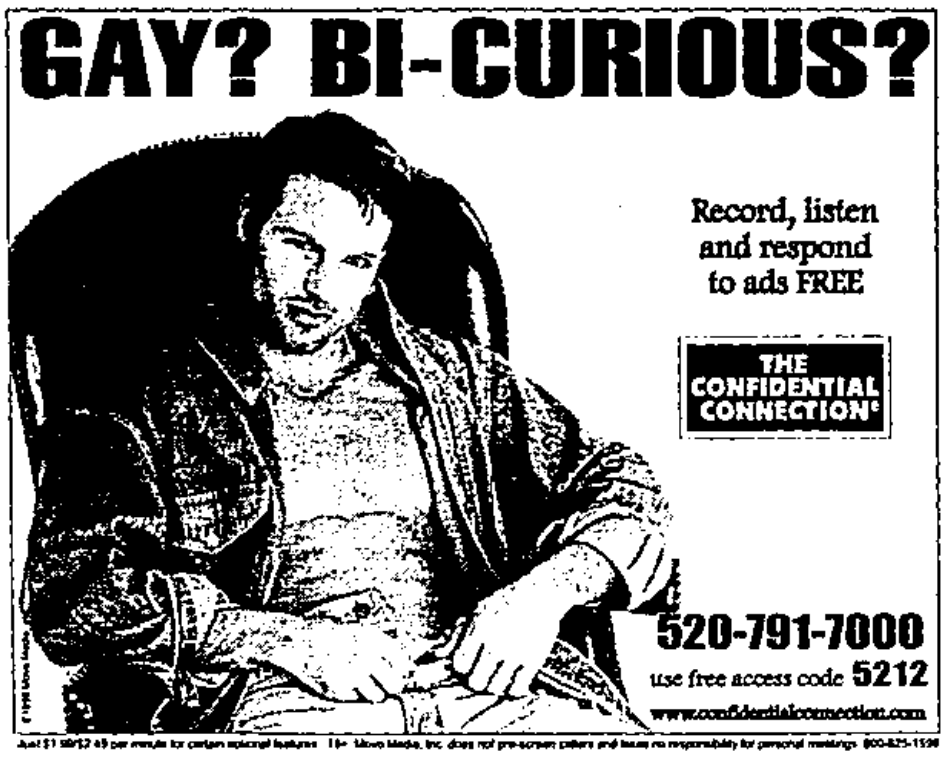

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Two	6.0	2.0	.750
Poppin Fresh	6.0	2.0	.750
Damn It II	6.0	2.0	.750
Looney Toones	6.0	2.0	.750
Tres Amigos	5.0	3.0	.625
FourKneeCatorz	5.0	3.0	.625
Three Way	5.0	3.0	.625
Just Throw It	5.0	3.0	.625
Helen	4.0	4.0	.500
Curious George	4.0	4.0	.500
Cocktails for 17	4.0	4.0	.500
It's In Da Hole	2.0	6.0	.250
Pretty Balls	2.0	6.0	.250
Erratica	2.0	6.0	.250
Ooops	1.0	7.0	.125
Miracles Happen	1.0	7.0	.125
Eat at Ed's	1.0	7.0	.125

First Quarter Champions - Looney Tunes.
Second Quarter Champions - Four-Knee-Catorz.

High Average - Just Throw It, 509; Ken M., 199; Heather H., 158.

High Series Scratch - Ken M., 728; Heather H., 542; Just Throw It, 1755.

High Game Scratch - Fran K., 223; Ken M., 267; Just Throw It, 641.

High Series Handicap - Heather H., 677; Ken M., 743; Just Throw It/Four-Knee-Catorz, 2019.

High Game Handicap - Brad H., 285; Fran K., 269; Miracles Happen, 752.

Domestic Partner

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challenge the bill, if it becomes law. She cited the U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning Colorado's anti Gay Amendment 2, Romer v. Evans, as an avenue to make the court challenge. Pizer said it would come into play, since the court in the decision, reaffirmed that no specific group can be singled out, denying them protection under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. The new language in the bill, she continued, defines the term "domestic partners," thus singling out a specific group.

Representative Johnson was confronted, after the committee hearing, about the language of HB 2524, whether she had her new proposal checked to make sure it was constitutional. Johnson, according to Capitol sources, stated she had not

Politics

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on the state's projected budget deficit, totaling more than a quarter-billion dollars? What about following the Republican principle of more freedom through less government?

All four refused to comment on the situation or answer the questions posed. Surprised? Not really. How could they comment or answer the questions, since they've been on a Quixotic crusade for those Gay and Lesbian "windmills," throwing logic, common sense and reasoning to the Arizona winds?

They don't need logic since they're in the Arizona Legislature. Right or wrong, their proposals can become law if their fellow legislators don't hear from their constituents on the bills mentioned.

State Representatives Steve May, R-Phoenix, and Ken Cheuvront, D-Phoenix, can only do so much. Call 1-800-352-8404 and leave a message with your legislators urging a no vote on HB 2051, 2496 and of course, 2524. It's a toll-free call, which means they're paying for it, just like the community pays for their actions. If you don't know who, your state legislators are, call the Southern Arizona office of the Arizona House and Senate, located in Tucson, at (520) 628-6593, and they will get the message to your legislators. . . .

So it goes for now kids!

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'Lesbian Looks' 7th Annual Film & Video Series Feb. 12

TUCSON — The seventh annual Lesbian Looks Film and Video Series will present three free evenings of screenings on the U of A campus. The series kicks off Friday, February 12, with two award-winning documentaries.

Kathryn Beranich's "After The Second Date," is a hilarious and thought provoking exploration of love, sex and dating in the 90's. Fourteen New York City Lesbians take a candid, no-holds-barred look at relationships. Winner of the 1998 Audience Choice Award at the Cineffable Film Festival in Paris.

TREYF ("unkosher" in Yiddish) is an unorthodox documentary by and about two Jewish Lesbians who met and fell in love at a Passover Seder. Alisa Lebow and Cynthia Madansky's 1998 film examines the Jewish identity of their upbringings and its impact on their lives. Opening night reception follows the screening. Location TBA.

The series continues February 19, with a eclectic collection of shorts, and concludes on Saturday, February 27, with five short films about romantic relationships.

All screenings begin at 7:30 P.M. in the newly remodeled Modern Language Auditorium. For more information, call Beverly Seckinger, (520) 621-1239 or check out our website at http://w3.arizona.edu/~lgbcom/lgbfilm.htm.

Lesbian Looks is presented by the U of A Committee on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Studies, with support from the College of Fine Arts, Diversity Action Council, Media Arts, Anthropology, English, Comparative Cultural and Literary Studies, Women's Studies, German Studies, Women's Resource Center, University Teaching Center and Pan Left Productions.

Cincinnati May Get G/L Ordinance After All

CINCINNATI, OH (WS) — The Cincinnati City Council is looking for a way to implement a civil rights ordinance that includes coverage for Gay men and women, despite the 1992 anti-Gay charter amendment intended to ban such measures.

Attorney Scott Greenwood said an appeals court ruling that upheld Cincinnati's anti-Gay "Issue 3" charter amendment may have actually cleared the way for passage of an equal rights measure.

The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in 1997 upheld Issue 3, ruling it did not violate the U.S. Constitution because it only prohibited "special privileges and preferences." The court declared the law does not infringe on anyone's civil rights, merely that it prohibits "new" or "special" rights from being conferred.

Gay civil rights opponents challenged Issue 3 on the same grounds as Colorado's anti-Gay Amendment 2, a statewide measure struck down in a landmark 1996 ruling of the United States Supreme Court.

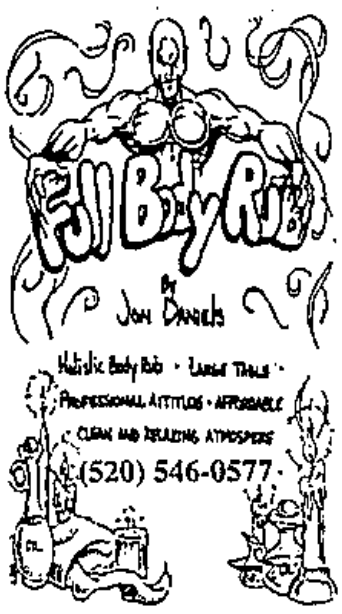
The high court found Amendment 2 in violation of the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection. Most presumed the Cincinnati measure would be struck down along the same lines when Supreme Court justices ordered the Sixth Circuit to review Issue 3 in light of its Colorado decision. for prohibited the passage of any law that gave Gay men and Lesbians "any claim of minority or protected status, quota preference or other preferential treatment."

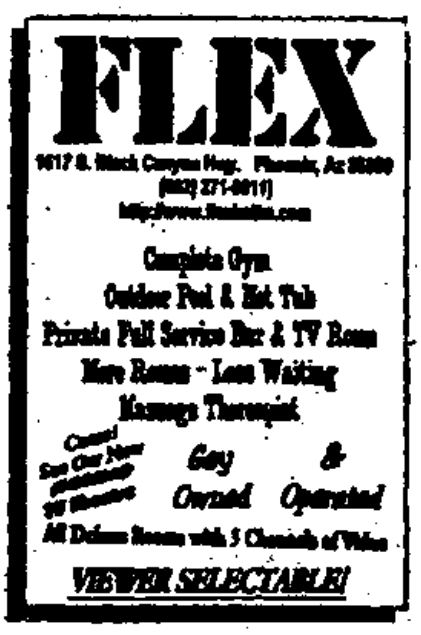
To the shock of most observers, the Sixth Circuit upheld Cincinnati's Issue 3 again, ruling the law "merely prevented homosexuals, as homosexuals, from obtaining special privileges and preferences."

The court wrote: "Whereas Colorado's Amendment 2 ominously threatened to reduce an entire segment of the state's population to the status of virtual non citizens without legal rights under any and every type of state law, the Cincinnati charter amendment had no such sweeping and conscience-shocking effect."

Greenwood told reporters that the "second opinion was not intended to be favorable to our position, but paradoxically, they may have trapped themselves by writing that the only thing Issue 3 bars is special rights."

Gay civil rights advocates in Cincinnati are considering lobbying the city council to take another look at the non-discrimination ordinance. The council had removed "sexual orientation" from the measure in 1995. If Issue 3 doesn't ban civil rights protections enjoyed by others, the reasoning goes, then there is nothing to stop the council from allowing Gay people identical protection.





Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY. FEBRUARY 10

Mac's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for Dinner Out as we visit the Great American Cattle Company on Speedway. 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, FEBRUARY 12

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for Game Night. Play a favorite card game or board game--the choice is yours. If you have a favorite you'd like to play, bring it along, but there will be plenty of games from which to choose. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 321-4387.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13

Cronies Social Club monthly meeting and Potluck at MCC Church 7:00 p.m. Program is a slide show of China. All are welcome.

Water of Life MCC is hosting the second annual Valentine's Dance beginning at 8:00 p.m. until Midnight. All who love to dance should not miss this. Local singer Sabra Faulk will take you from romantic slow songs to rock and roll, country/western and back again. Later in the evening another Tucsonan, Jess Hawk Oakenstar will make a special appearence. Goodies and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. Instant photos of you and your honey on this special night will be available if you so desire. Tickets are $5.00 and are available at Antigone Books and Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain Ave. 292-8151.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Join Steve as he takes us on another "Inside Tucson" tour with an exclusive tour of the Arizona State Museum. For reservations, please call Steve at 887-1140.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bill hosts the 2nd MSN Singles Party. Looking to meet new men outside of a bar? Here's your chance to meet some of the single guys of MSN, and other non-members such as yourself. You're asked to bring a snack/appetizer/hors d'oeuvre to share with others. For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 546-7539.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Pride Law Center Monthly Lecture Series tonight at 6:00 p.m. at the UofA College Of Law at Speedway & Mountain, Room 139. Tonights talk "Update On Case Law Regarding Sexual Identity 1998-99", will be presented by Dan Haslam, Esq. The next lecture will take place on Wednesday, March 17.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Retro TV returns with "The Avengers" and 2 episodes of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show". The episodes will feature "first and last" themes. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Cronies Social Club mid-month dinner. Black-Eyed Pea Restaurant, 95 W. River Road. 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take be held at Les & Jerry's home. Simply bring $4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, February 17 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Cronies Social Club "Movie Night' AT Leo'S, The classic movie is "The Lady Vanishes" a Hitchcock film made in Britan. Call Leo at 624-6768 for RSVP and directions.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 a.m. MSN has its third yard sale, as Orn & Ernie offer their home as the site of this bargain hunter's delight. If you'd like space to sell you stuff, please call Ernie at 884-0375 for details. If you'd like to stop by and shop for bargains, join us at 1250 E. Blacklidge (at the corner of Blacklidge & Tucson). For more information, please call Ernie at 884-0375.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:15 a.m. Join Will (a retired ethno-botanist) as he leads a nature hike through the Sabino Basin. You'll learn about the various flora of the region as Will shares his knowledge with us. Space is limited. Please call Will at 298-9454, for reservations and details.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. We offer a multiplex tonight! You have a choice of two movies: "Maurice" or "Beautiful Thing". Both movies feature two young men discovering their gay natures, and how they deal with it. Join us for one or both of these events (but you don't have to help with the newsletter). For reservations & directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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 Mitch at 326-3555.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Classic Cinema. We'll showcase an older movie, along with a cartoon and a short. Tonight's feature is "Mister Roberts" starring Henry Fonda, Jack Lemmon, and James Cagney. For directions and reservations, please call Les at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

1. 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.

2. 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.

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Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

IBT'S - Puttin' On The Lips lipsinc contest for amateurs. $50 first place prize. Hosted by Victoria DuPuis and Bunny Fufu.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

IBT'S - 8:00 p.m. - It's "The Rudy De la Mor Show!" Spend an hilarious evening with Rudy's award-winning act from Los Angeles.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

STONEWALL/EAGLE - A.G.R.A. Rodeo Romance. A fundraiser for the Tucson Comunity. Country/Western all night. Entertainment by Tucson's finest live and Memorex performers. Tickets are $5.00 and all profits go to the organization you got your ticket from.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

IBT'S - Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust for Reveille Mgay Men's Chorus 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. [plus Karaoke on the patio with Billy D. from 4::30 to 7:30 p.m. Then it's time for the big Valentine's Day special show, "The Divas of Soul" 9:00 p.m. hosted by Alix Simone and featuring Kyra Starr, Tamara and Candy Cole.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Second Annual "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" show in the Stonewall. Two shows: 2:00 p.m. Teen Show. All performers under 21 all ages welcome. (No alcoholic beverages will be served on the Stonewall side during this 2:00 p.m. show. 9:00 p.m. Adult Show featuring Christine de Alexis, Faith, Jody, Bunny Fufu, Alotta Whoremoans, Regina Reid, Alyssa DeSade, Dani Bordello. (Alcoholic beverages will be served during this 9:00 p.m. show).

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Mamma Reyna's Special Birthday Show. Doors open to the Stonewall at 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

IBT'S - Gigantic Mardi Gras Party! 8:00 p.m. til ???? Last chance to sin. Feathered masks, baubles and beads and other goodies. Best mik contest 10:00 p.m. $75 1ast place. (Minimum of 4 contestants)

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Mardi Gras Costume Contest. Cash Prizes. Liatino & Anglo music with DJ Eduardo. (Come read their heads)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

IBT'S - The Girlie Show at 8:00 p.m. Hosted by Lucinda Holliday with Truly Fbu, Regina Reed, Rebecca Jones and Dora Le Blanc.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Latin Dance Party with DJ Eduardo 9:00 p.m. to closing. Fueza Latino Travesti Show 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

STONEWALL/EAGLE - TKO Taco Bar 1:00 to4:00 p.m. Beer Bust 1:00 p.m. to ??

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

STONEWALL/EAGLE - "Goddess" show starring Mr. Kenneth Blake. 10:00 p.m. Experience the fantasy.

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

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

GRADUATE - Sunday Beer Bust and Food Bag 4-7pm. 50¢, $1.50 small pitchers. BBQ Beef Sandwich with Cheese & Potato Salad $1.50. 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. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Daily drink specials. Beer Bust & Happy Hour 'til 7pm. BBQ 2-6. Hot dance music. Snack Bar opens at noon

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee (pot matched). Boss 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 8pm, $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 Drink $1.75 Domestic. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm-close. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Closed Mondays.

IBT's - Open noon. Martini Monday all day all call martini'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 Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 'til 7pm. Party with Chuck in the evening. Doc's Dart Tourney 8pm in the Eagle. Free pool all day and night. Snack Bar opens at noon.

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. $2 small/$4 large pitchers, Karaoke Night 9pm.

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 complimentary drink. Extreme Dance with DJ Michael 9pm to closing.

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

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 Noon Daily Drink Specials. Happy Hour 7pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close w/Billy Dee in the Eagle. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hottest dance music in town. Snack bar opens at Noon.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. Latin Dance Party w/Eduardo in the Stonewall 9pm to close. Biweekly Travesti Show 10:30pm. Snackbar opens at Noon.

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 5-8pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 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 7pm. T.G.I.F. Free snacks 4:30-8pm The hottest dance music in town 9pm to c in the Stonewall. Snack Bar opens at Noon.

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. Beer Bust & Happy Hour 'til 7pm. Free Pool noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. The hottest dance music in town. Snack Bar opens at noon.

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

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

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

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving 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 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

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

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7298.

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

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more information.

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 791-9662.

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

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

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. 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 proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-9063.

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

"EVOLVERS" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held at Wingspan on 4th Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. 748-0497.

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-9602.

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 881-4582 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 Hollman 577-8333 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3200.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7063.

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 299-6647.

THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson. Call 797-3118 for more information and a membership bio.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6676 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 297-9602 or Sr. Joan 742-8900.

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

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

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

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (Bezible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th 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 628-8659 or send email to: toonlaydyke@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 602-279-4805.

GAY MORMON, EX-MORMON. New support and discussion group. For information call 529-4580

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.

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. 322-6226. 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 326-3555

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 575-8860 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 584-0280, 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 745-6977 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 886-1208 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 2097, 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.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40854, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 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-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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TUCSON'S RAINBOW RADIO is now on the air. Operating on 100.1 Mhz Stereo FM. Hours of operation 3:00 p.m. to Midnight. Join us for services to the Tucson Gay and Lesbian Community.

LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA. Local chapter of the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian Republican organization. Meets the first Tuesday evening of each month. For information, call Patrick at 615-1887.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirta Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number.

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AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS - a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and corrections Officers and civilians working within the agencies. Website: http://members.aol.com/AAPSP or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6210 (Phoenix)

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Si eres hombre que tiene sexo con otros hombres y quieres ayudarnos a extender y apoyar los programas para Los Latinos, llama para una entrevista extrictamente confidencial al 322-6228 y pregunta por Ernesto. 764

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CHUCK - Happy Valentine's Day. I love you, ROB

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TRACY - You are the love of my life! And I know in my heart we'll always be together. I love you. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, ME

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5,6,7,8 No bouncing. Thanks for everything. 831

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TRIXIE - You are loved by me and you know that!! LOU

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BOB & GARY - I love you both. Donald

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NEAL, AMY & CARMEN - Thanx for everything! You guys are great friends. MICHAEL

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DICKIE S. - Still in town, still around, and still in love with you. Always, TONY M.

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TOM - I promise not to send you one. FRANK F.

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JOE H. - You make me rhyme all the time. P P

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DALE C. - You are the best thing that has happened to me. I'll love you always. MIKE M.

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DEBBIE - Lovin' you is easy cause you're beautiful. You Know who

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A M - Don't give up hope. You are the one. Soon she'll realize it. Love ya darling. K.

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JOHNNY - We miss you. The Grad.

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THEO - Another month and 14 days till our 3-year anniversary. I will always love you. Yours always, KEVIN

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HENRY - I told you I wouldn't send a valentine so I won't.. FRANK

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K-D - I miss my menage-a-trois

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MARSHALL - You are exactly what I wanted to come into my life. I love you so much. 122598. GARY W.

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BILL loves DAVE. Happy Anniversary. Xxoo. SNUGGLE BUDDY

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RAY - I love you. Happy Anniversary. CHUCK

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MOM BROOKMAN - Happy Birthday, Happy V-Day. We all love you. From all your brats, RON, PAM, VICKI, CHRIS, DAVE & BOB.

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DAVE & FRANK - Thank you for caring. Donald

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JAY - To my twice removed ex-husband. Love ya. ALAN "FWB"

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POONIE - The bar scene would be so difference without you. Better? Worse? Not sure. The Graduate.

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RUBEN M. & DANNY Y. - Much love. RICHARD

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Happy V-Day to my sisters Pam & Vicki and their families. Thanks for being there for Dad's crises. We'll pray for him and love him. We love you all. RON B. & Chris A.

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To the Graduate customers. You are a blast. W. Trash

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PAUL - Love your friendship. Friends forever. Love, FRANK F.

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PAULA - God knew I needed someone so he sent me an angel named Paula. I hope I'm what you need too. Happy Valentines Day sweetheart. Love, DIANE

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SALLY - Love ya much! Your buddies

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TOM - Love you. Miss You. See you soon again. A.

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ROY VALDEZ - I love you and I always will. You make my life complete. FRANK

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GILBERT - J-bird, J-bird, glimmer, glimmer, J-bird, J-bird Sparkle, Sparkle. With love, LINDA & RIC

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DANNY HOLT - Good to have you in town. We have many good times ahead. Love, EDDY GALVEZ

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My Beautiful Brown SEX GODDESS - My love for you is a tall as the mountains; as deep as the ocean, and as big as the sky,. Happy Valentines Day baby! Always yours, love, ROD

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SANTANA DANCER - Dance a little dance for me and I'll do one for you! We won't forget this Valentine's Day. Love, PRECIOUS

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BRETT - I need you, I want you. Will you be mine? Love, THOM

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DAVID - Happy Valentine's Day. JIM, JUGGS and SHADOW

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LINCOLN TONY - You're so mean and hateful. Please buy some pants. You know who.

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TIM - When we're together .every day is like Valentine's Day! Love, TAZZ

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Roses are red, violets are blue. Goin' out of my head over BUCKAROO. P.P.

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MIKE - Valentines are great; Valentines are fine. He's the man I call mine, mall mine. Love, DALE

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KEN - You're the best. Love, FUZZY xoxoxox

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SWEETHEART (Stink Pot) - You are the love of my life now and forever. In my eyes you are the only one for me. Your HONEY

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RAY GREGG - Thanks a million. WAYNE

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TOM & DANIEL - Love always. Mother-In-Law

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N Y - I believe we could have made it. Sorry. G E

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JOHNNY ORTIZ - Every time I think of you I'm reminded of our day of sex on the Riviera. Miss you Juan boy.

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TERRY - With all the love in my heart, you are the best valentine I could ask for. I love you. CRAIG

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CHRIS C. - Love from PAUL MIDI

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LIONEL - Happy Valentines Day with love always. God's with you always. STEVE & CHARLES

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TALL TONY - No sarcasm here. You're a pal. Happy Valentine's Day. MARK

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To My Family at IBT'S - Thank you for your support and your caring. Loving you. TARNISHED TIM

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PATRICK & ALBERT - Best wishes in your new home. Love, STEVE & CHARLES

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All The MABELINES - You're the best brothers I could have hoped for. Brother MARK

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To The Staff and Management of STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy V-Day. I love working with you all. Love, VANNA

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RANDY - I love you and will love you til the end of time. Your V.

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To My MARK - I love and care for you. B-My-V.T. RICHARD

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MARK Mc - Thanks for the free rent, job, friendship and use of your blow dryer. Love LITTLE

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EDDIE - Thanks for the 12 inches. I've wanted that for five years. LITTLE HAWK

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PIGGY - Thanks for coming into my life. PIGGY

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GINA - Where are you? We've missed you. Hope you find everything you've been looking for. We love you. PAULA & DIANE

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JOHN & JACK - I do so enjoy slinging your brandy and gin while you fritter away your children's inheritance. Love, MARK

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BRIAN (at Emerald City) - You don't think I'd trick you out of your number and not use it do you? I'll see you Sunday.

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ROBERT - The past 33 years seem like a yesterday. Love, GLEN

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GARY - We haven't made it to 33 yet but 24 ain't half bad and we're still ticking. Happy Valentines Day kiddo and we'll get out of town soon. I promise.

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RICK - I'm not in your home, but you're still in my heart. I think about you every morning and night. Love, MARK

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You drive me crazy, Honey. I love you. CHARLES PRECIADO

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TERRY - You'll find the right one. Happy Valentine's Day. PAULA

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KELLY, KELLY - Mark won't take me to Reddington. Pick me up,. Love, BRUNO

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LUCY - Feliz Valentinos. Dia, te quero mucho mi amor. Love VANNA

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To The Staff of STONEWALL/EAGLE - Hugs and kisses. You are the best. I love you all. Zipperman

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DAVID ROOT - Your life meant something to us all. Tucson, AZ

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JIM D. - Happy Valentines Day. I love you. Love, TIM

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WILL - You don't know how much it means to me to have someone this year that I can call my Valentine. By the time you see this we will be together again and I can't wait for that. See you soon. Love, MARK

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FRANKIE - Happy Day. Wish U the best. F.F.

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RONNIE - Happy Birthday again. W. Trash

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JAHIL - You have been a joy with my java. You have picked me up when I've been low. You have graced me with your daily show. You've been my pleasure. Thank you my friend. Have a wonderful Valentine's Day. Love, Me

Entertainment Brief . . . .

After one of the shorter exiles in show-business history, Ellen DeGeneres and Anne Heche are back from their retreat to Ojai, California, and they've now jumped into Hollywood's latest high-powered industry feud, between Michael Ovitz's newly formed management company, Artists Management Group, and Ovitz's former home, Creative Artists Agency.

Indeed, Ovitz founded CAA and, as its chief agent, was one of Hollywood's most powerful figures in the mid 1990s. Then he abruptly left agenting to take a job as number-two executive at Disney--which he left within a year. After his own period of exile, Ovitz is back in Hollywood, having declared that he's now a manager rather than an agent.

Agents all over Hollywood, remembering the Ovitz of old, are circling the wagons to protect their turf. Enter Heche and DeGeneres, two of several longtime CAA clients who have also recently signed with Ovitz's new management company. But CAA won't share.

The agency has declared war on its former boss, saying that he has no intention of confining himself to the traditional manager's role--shaping clients' career paths--but plans instead to play the agent's deal-making role, which would put him in direct competition with the talent agency he created. Told they had to pick one company or the other, DeGeneres and Heche sided with Ovitz. They've left CAA and are seeking new agents. . . .

The second installment of Directors Guild of America Outstanding Directorial Achievement Award nominations, which are being spread out across the week, included an openly Gay director, a Gay series, and a Lesbian-themed episode.

In the TV Dramatic Series category, openly Gay director Paris Barclay was one of two nominees for episodes of ABC's "NYPD Blue," his being "Hearts and Souls." Barclay was nominated previously in 1996 for the "ER" episode "Ask Me No Questions and I'll Tell You No Lies."

In the TV Comedy Series category, veteran director and record 15-time DGA nominee (three-time winner) James Burrows (years of "Cheers" as well as "Taxi," "Frasier," "Friends," and even "Dharma & Greg") got the nod for the pilot episode of NBC's "Will & Grace." Burrows' other competitor is Pamela Fryman for the "Two Girls for Every Boy" episode of NBC's "Just Shoot Me." In that episode Finch (David Spade) goes to extraordinary lengths to fulfill a Lesbian model's wish for a date with all-unknowing non-Gay regular Maya (Laura San Giacomo). . . .

Documentary filmmaker Ken Burns (The Civil War, Baseball), rooting around in 20th Century Fox's closets, uncovered none other than a young Rock Hudson, appearing in an early screen test for the studio--shot some 50 years ago--with actress Kathleen Hughes.

Fox declined to hire the future star. But Hughes remembers him well, she stated in an interview that her pal Susan Cabot was determined to win the young actor's affections: "Even though I told her he was Gay, she kept hoping."

The Hudson screen test and other rare footage from the Fox vaults will air February 16 as part of the special "Hollywood Screen Tests: Take Two" on cable TV's American Movie Classics. . . .

Cher's album "Believe" cracks the top ten (#10) on this week's Billboard Top Albums chart, jumping up from #21 last week. This is the singer's first top ten album of the decade--and the record will likely go higher when sales figures for the week after her Super Bowl appearance are tallied next week.