

EDITORIAL

The Flight Of Issue 800

My, my, how time flies when you're having fun. Or so the saying goes!

Someone called it to my attention that this issue is our number 800. Eight Hundred weeks of publishing the Observer. Over 15 years, week in and week out, getting the paper to our loyal readers has been a chore, but it has been a lot of fun too. Mostly a labor of love.

Then I began thinking back beyond those 800 weeks.

It all began with the tragic murder of Richard Heakin, a young man visiting Tucson from back in the Midwest. That date was June 6, 1976, "D Day" from WWII turned out to be Richard's "D Day" too!

The fledgling Gay and Lesbian community of Tucson was shocked that such a thing could happen here. To make matters worse, the four young men who were charged with the murder, were given probation until they were of age. The community was outraged.

Word of activists meetings, and of protest gatherings were announced via flyers that were placed in the two Gay Bars as well as MCC Church. The only known Gay gathering places.

It was time for better communication, within the community, to be established. The first edition of a newsletter, was delivered on September 29, 1976, it started with an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper printed on both sides. The Tucson Gay News (TGN) grew rapidly into 2 or 3 sheets of 8 1/2 x 14 paper folded in half and distributed to the bars and bookstores as well as the church.

There had been a couple of publications out of Phoenix, but not on a regular basis and they were short-lived. So, the Arizona Gay News was born on February 4th, 1977. It was the first tabloid Gay newspaper in the state and was the first weekly - and it still is!

Financial support for the paper was very sparse. As it grew in size from 8 pages to 12, the financial strain took its toll. The partnership was strained and eventually split. The last issue of the AGN was August 14, 1981.

A partnership with two different Phoenicians continued the paper on a weekly basis to Tucson and Phoenix through June 26, 1984. They both lost the flavor of a newspaper and became more of an entertainment weekly. Even though the advertisers included both Tucson and Phoenix, the paper was not able to survive.

The decision was made to bring it back to Tucson under one ownership and do concentrate on Southern Arizona. At that time there was a new advertising base in Tucson which would be able to cover the printing costs and other incidentals. The first issue of the Observer, July 18, 1984, was once again on track as a weekly newspaper and remains today as one of the very few weeklies in the country.

Thanks to everyone who has helped in the success of the Observer as it continues its weekly publication. It has been fun.

Especially we thank our resident artist and entertainment editor, Mr. Gary Clark, who offered his services for six months, but he is still at it with those cartoons that always cause comment in the community, but are always right on the money. He is also dedicated to our photo layout as well as our logo design. An important asset to the Observer.

To Mark Kerr, who has been loyal to this cause since June 22, 1988 and now is Copy Editor of the Observer. His untiring efforts have kept all of us up to date on the happenings of Gay and civil rights as well as the background happenings in the world of politics. We have had many 'scoops' over the years thanks to Mark.

There were lots of others throughout the years who have contributed to the cause; too many to mention, but I had better name a couple or never hear the end of it: Doc & Ben, thanks to Juicy Lucy also.

This is beginning to sound like a memorial but it is not. This paper will continue to be published weekly because we have such a dedicated staff of contributing writers, and the paper hopefully will last well into the millennium as a communicator to our LGBT communities.

Thanks to our advertisers who have been faithful throughout the years. In looking over some of those AGN years, we see some names that may not be remembered, but are not forgotten for their help - Ron and Lon of Farrah's in Phoenix were early steady advertisers. Local advertisers included The Fineline's Dick Plowman, who was an early advertiser and who encouraged the development of a Tucson-based paper.

Ironically, all of the advertisers in the first issues of Observer are no longer in existence in their original names anyway - Tramps (IBT's); Rita's Rendezvous (Valentina's); Joshua Tree/Back Pocket
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Police Investigating Death Threats On Ammiano

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — The San Francisco Police Department is investigating what have been described as "serious" threats against San Francisco Board of Supervisors President and mayoral candidate Tom Ammiano.

Police Chief Fred Lau said in an interview that paper he and a team of officers in the city's investigative unit were evaluating the threats. He said police may offer Ammiano protection. "Any serious threat against a public official we take seriously," Lau said. "If the threat is assessed and it requires our participation, of course we would offer it."

The message, posted on two local web sites by someone identifying themselves as a Christian, gave explicit details about Ammiano's path to work and the accessibility of his office. It was laced with anti Gay epithets and suggested his or her intent was to prevent Ammiano, who is Gay, from becoming mayor.

Ammiano said he would accept police protection if they recommend it. "It's an unfortunate consequence of public life that this situation is going to arise," he said. "I know I am not alone in this - certainly the mayor and other public offi-

cial and celebrities (have received threats.) I just have the utmost confidence that the San Francisco police are totally on top of this."

Police would not comment on whether the person who posted the six-paragraph message had been identified. Threatening a public official is a felony, punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

Chief Lau said police officials will meet with members of the Special Investigations unit to decide whether to assign officers to protect Ammiano. Protection could include a round the clock presence by plainclothes or uniformed officers, or periodic protection which would be less obtrusive.

The chief said the department is particularly sensitive to such threats given the assassinations 21 years ago of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, the state's first openly Gay official, by former Supervisor Dan White. Ammiano admitted the threat "brings to mind the Harvey Milk-George Moscone killings," adding, "That was not supposed to happen in San Francisco."

Christian Right Funds Case Before U.S. Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, DC (GFN) — The named party to a U.S. Supreme Court case rarely gets to sit with attorneys at the high court's counsel table. But that's where Scott Southworth was when the justices take up the major First Amendment challenge bearing his name.

Southworth, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Law, will not be arguing his own case. But as he and two law school friends have done for three years, Southworth will assist the solo practitioner who has successfully pressed their suit against their alma mater in the lower courts.

Southworth, a research assistant to a Wisconsin assemblywoman; Amy Schoepke, a Wisconsin state government attorney; and Keith Bannach, of Loturro Davison Eastman & Munoz, in Freehold, N.J., were the catalysts for the free speech challenge, which has provoked a classic battle in the high court between liberal and conservative civil liberties and religious groups.

In Board of Regents, University of Wisconsin v. Southworth, the justices will decide whether the university can use mandatory student activity fees to fund student-run organizations that advocate political or ideological positions with which some students disagree.

As law students, Southworth and his two friends objected to having portions of their activity fees go to 18 student groups, including the International Socialist Organization (which advocated the overthrow of the federal government); the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Campus Center; and the Campus Women's Center.

They argue that they do not want to censor speech but that the university, by forcing them to give financial support to groups with which they disagree, is violating their own rights of free speech and association. "What a lot of people on both sides have misunderstood is this is really about choice, not about the groups themselves," said Schoepke.

The university argues that its fee system distributes the money on a viewpoint-neutral basis to all registered student groups, which furthers First Amendment values in the university community.

Last year, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit agreed with the plaintiffs, holding that the fee system was unconstitutional. "Funding of private organizations which engage in political ideological activities is not germane to a university's educational mission, and even if it were, there is no vital interest in compelled funding," said the court.

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UPDATE

TKO Update

These next two months is going to find the Knights Owls (TKO) in a slightly mood and spirit. First off, they are hosting here in Tucson this year's version of the Arizona Fellowship Run. This run will be held over the Thanksgiving Day weekend, with three other clubs that will be co-hosting. Along the weekend, there will be six meals, five or six different games to be played that contestants can win trophies in, and of course, cocktail parties all weekend, not only at the Venture-N but at other locations around Tucson also. There will be approximately 60-75 different people on this run, and not all of them just from the Phoenix and Tucson areas. People from Colorado, California, New Mexico, and other locations I'm sure will be in attendance on this, the thirteenth year in a row this run has been going on. If you would like to take part in the complete weekend or just want to enjoy a couple of the days, either stop by the Venture-N and sign up at the registration table. Further details will be available at that time and any questions answered.

Then in December, TKO will be staging a benefit show on December 11, over at the Stonewall/Eagle for Christmas dinners for PWA's, to be distributed 50/50 by both SAAF and TIHAN. More details on this as the time draws closer, but the show, starting at 8:00 P.M., will star TKO members and there will be Miss Santa on hand for you to have your picture taken on her lap.

Do not even think this club only does one function a day, because right after this benefit show, the club members, I'm sure after a "after the show cocktail," will be heading over to the Venture-N for their Venture-N and Venture-N Boy contests. TKO has a special interest in this contest, not only because the Venture-N is their home bar, but the club has a couple of entrants. Good luck to all the contestants from TKO!

Anti-Hate Crimes Task Force To meet

TUCSON — The next meeting of the Pima County-City of Tucson Anti-Hate Crimes Task Force will occur Wednesday, Novem-

ber 24, noon, at the Tucson-Pima County Main Library, Lower Level Conference Room, 101 N. Stone. You may bring your lunch.

For more information, call (520) 791-4213.

'Festival For Life' Sunday, Nov. 21

TUCSON — The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) warmly invites you to the Jerome Beillard Festival For Life, Sunday, November 21, 4:00 P.M. at the Marriott University Park Hotel.

In its eleventh year, this beautiful holiday fund raiser offers something for everyone. Local artists and merchants donate art, gift baskets, celebrity items, jewelry and holiday decorations (decorated trees, wreaths, menorahs, etcetera). The Silent Auction starts at 4:00 P.M. and the Live Auction starts at 5:00 P.M.

Some of celebrated local artists and photographers whose work will be auctioned at the Festival for Life are: Nancy Tokar-Miller, Owen Williams, Gail Marcus-Orlen, Kevin Osborn, Judith D'Agostino, Maurice Grossman, Diane Mansfield Colligan, and William Lesch. Pieces of artwork have also been donated by the galleries of Terry Etherton, Tom Philabaum and Mark Bahti.

Celebrity items will also be available from stars, such as: Barbra Streisand, John Travolta, Reba McIntire and Tom Hanks. Two tickets to the sold-out performance of the Buena Vista Social Club will be auctioned for the Monday night show. And for those interested in sports memorabilia, a softball signed by the 1997 NCAA championship team of the University of Arizona will be auctioned. This ball has the signatures of five All-American team members and one Olympic Champion.

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IN MEMORIAM



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Arizona has lost one of its prominent female impersonators. Tish Tanner entertained thousands of Arizonans for many years. He performed in Tucson many times and always put his heart and soul into his act. His sense of humor, often cutting, won him fans galore.

Tish died in his sleep at home on November 7. He had not complained of any illness. He had heart problems because of his weight, but cause of death is not known at presstime.

As Garry, he was very active in the Arizona Central Pride committee, organizer of Phoenix's Gay Pride activities.

A champion of the Gay community, Garry as Garry, or Tish as Tish always put others first. He will be sadly missed by his many fans.

GLBT Commission Seeking Persons To Serve

TUCSON — The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Commission (GLBT) is seeking persons interested in serving on the GLBT Commission.

The Commission is seeking to reflect the community ethnic/racial composition and encourages all interested individuals to apply.

If interested in serving on the GLBT Commission, please forward a resume (also indicating any work, either volunteer or paid you have done in the GLBT community), and a cover letter (stating how you are committed to the mission of the commission and what kind of work you would like to participate in as a member of the commission), to the City of Tucson Equal Opportunity Office, P.O. Box 27210, Tucson, AZ 85726-7210. Applications may be delivered by mail (postmarked by November 12), in person or by fax at, (520) 791-5140.

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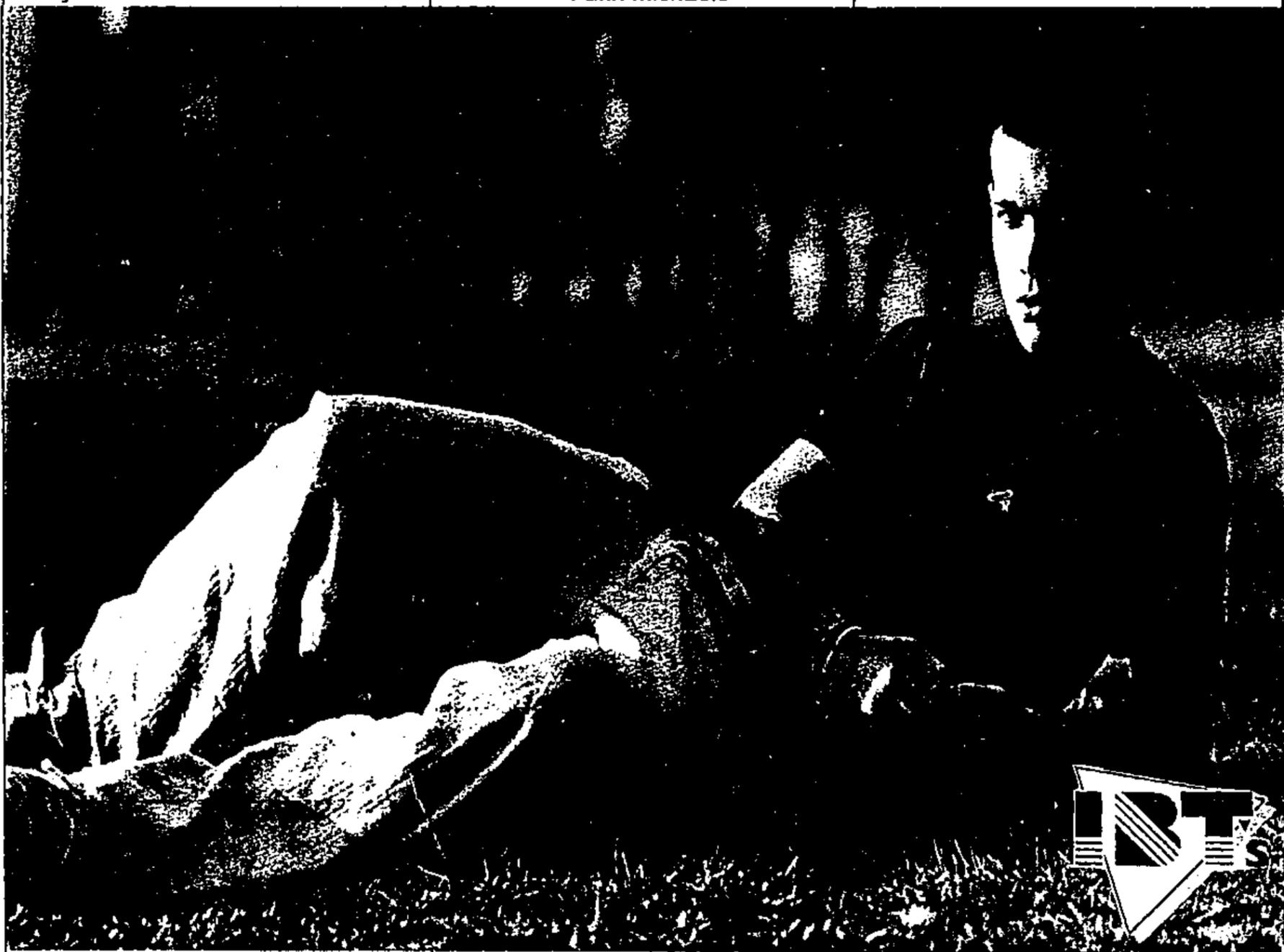
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LONDON, UK (GFN) — A new sex code for the British Armed Forces will forbid all touching and relationships across the ranks - not just those involving homosexuals.

The "sex, not sexuality" code, which could come into force in the New Year, is seen as a way of getting round the European Court of Human Rights ruling against Britain's military ban on Gays.

The new code is the result of a wide scale review of sex in the armed forces in which the Ministry of Defense examined how other countries handled the question.

Broadly speaking, Britain has opted for the Australian forces' model. There, the government lifted its ban on homosexuals in 1992 but introduced a tough code of conduct.

Britain's new rules will not prevent homosexual men or women serving in the Armed Forces but the conduct of people of all orientations will be strictly controlled, and touching, displays of affection and relationships forbidden.

Gay rights groups were about to celebrate the proposals as representing victory for their campaign to allow homosexuals in the Armed Forces but they have now been told the Ministry of Defense code is more complex.

Senior officers are said to be relieved that the Dutch and Israeli army models have been rejected as too liberal but at the same time fear the new code may drive away recruits.

"To tell a young person that they are to join the Armed Forces where perfectly normal behavior such as falling for a colleague of the other sex is wrong is going to make it even harder to recruit and retain people," said one military source.

Some senior officers also see the move as a backward step when the military is trying to project a modern image compatible with government policy of modernizing Britain.

It is also feared the new code will lead to an increase in courts martial, with personnel being punished for actions that would be perfectly acceptable in civilian life.

They had been afraid that a complete lifting of the ban on homosexuals would undermine morale in the services, with staff worried about homosexual advances in living quarters or officers taking advantage of junior ranks.

In September the Ministry of Defense said it would accept the European Court ruling on a test case brought by four homosexuals dismissed from the services, despite opposition from within the Army, Navy and Royal Air Force.

Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon will oversee the solution to the problem, which is an attempt to change policy without upsetting military chiefs.

The main alternative considered to the Australian model was that of the United States armed services where the policy is, "Don't ask, don't tell."

However, Gay rights campaigners said that was still discriminatory and it was ruled out by Whitehall.

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(Stonewall/Eagle) as well as Graduate, Colette's West, and The Finline.

Memories, Memories.

As we enter the Year 2000, each week Observer will be publishing photos taken throughout all the years from 1976 to the present. A lot of you readers will remember many of these faces. Many will not. But as we continue to the present, everyone should become familiar.

The Roller Coaster continues and we hope you enjoy the ride. We do!

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AS I SEE IT..... BY CLARK

TISH TANNER A GREAT FRIEND OF THE TUCSON/PHOENIX COMMUNITIES
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Accessory Sentenced As Shepard Saga Draws To A Close

LARAMIE, WY (WS) — According to recently released court records, a pregnant 19-year old Kristen Price entered a guilty plea and received a suspended sentence for misleading police during their investigation of the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard.

Price, the former girlfriend of Aaron McKinney, was the last of four defendants arrested in association with the beating death of Shepard, a Gay University of Wyoming college student.

Kristen Price was originally accused of being an accessory after-the-fact to first-degree murder, but the charge was reduced to interfering with a police officer, a misdemeanor.

Judge Robert Castor sentenced Price to 180 days in jail. She received 60 days of credit for time already served, and the remaining 120 days were suspended.

Chasity Pasley, Russel Henderson's former girlfriend, received a much harsher sentence for lying to investigating officers and helping to dispose of Henderson's bloody clothes. She was charged with providing fake alibis and helping destroy evidence and sentenced to 18 to 24 months in prison.

Price, who had a child with McKinney and is now pregnant by another man, testified at McKinney's trial that he came home the night of the attack covered with blood and said he had robbed a man. Price had been scheduled to go on trial in January.

In other developments, a sheriff's deputy told reporters in Laramie that twenty

minutes after Aaron McKinney was sentenced to spend the rest of his life behind bars, he was laughing and joking with other inmates.

Sgt. Rob DeBree, a sheriff's detective in the Albany County Jail said younger inmates in the facility have asked for — and received — McKinney's autograph. "We're worried about the effect he may be having on the younger inmates," DeBree said.

DeBree was in Washington with Shepard's parents, Dennis and Judy Shepard, lobbying Congress to pass the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, a bill which would extend federal hate crimes protections to cover crimes committed against Gay men and Lesbians.

The Shepards flew to Washington to channel their mourning for the loss of their son into something that would carry lasting benefit for other families. This is the one piece of unfinished business that we have," Dennis Shepard said. "We need to do this for Matthew, for everybody else, to keep this from happening again."

Laramie police commander Dave O'Malley said the Shepard case turned him into an advocate for hate crimes laws. "Thirteen months ago, I was one of those who had the opinion that all crimes were hate crimes," he said, echoing objections of Republican lawmakers.

"My whole attitude has changed," O'Malley said. "We're here in support of the hate crimes legislation. We implore those that have anything to do with that to do the right thing."

America On Line Meets With G/L Groups

DULLES, VA (GFN) — Representatives from some of the nation's most high profile Gay advocacy groups concluded a four and a half hour meeting Nov. 9 with officials from America Online Inc. (NYSE: AOL).

The meeting was called by AOL and took place at its corporate headquarters. Mounting dissatisfaction in the Gay community over AOL's terms of service policy, which some believe is unfairly exercised in disfavor of Gay subscribers, served as impetus for the gathering.

"We discussed what we can do to improve communication between AOL and the Gay community and make sure that our policies are consistently, evenly and fairly applied," said Rich D'Amato, an AOL spokesperson.

Present at the roundtable were representatives from Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Human Rights Campaign, National Latina/o Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Organization, National Youth Advocacy, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Planet Out, and the Victory Fund.

Initially, some concern had been expressed about the seemingly closed and secretive nature of the meeting. AOL contacted 11 groups by way of a letter of invitation that did not include an agenda or a list of invited parties. Four groups declined the invitation.

"I raised very early on my problems with the way the meeting was called," said Kim Mills, education director of HRC, who attended the roundtable. Mills said it was important for HRC to get details about who would be in attendance and what would be discussed before accepting AOL's

invitation.

"We all agreed that this isn't the whole GLBT universe," she said of the invited groups, but expressed optimism over the outcome of the meeting.

"It was a very good give-and-take," she said. "We covered a broad range of issues. AOL gave presentations explaining to us what they do, and we each introduced ourselves to them."

"I walked away with the feeling that the conversation was a prelude to other dialogue that would include many more voices in the community," said Joan Garry, executive director of GLAAD.

Garry said she was pleased with the AOL members of staff in attendance.

"Some key decision makers were there," she said. "And I found that very encouraging."

There was a general consensus among the attendees that positive gains were made.

"We'll wait to see when the next meeting is and make a status check then," said Martin Ornelas-Quintero, executive director of National Latina/o Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Organization. "What is good is that AOL provided us with some of their thinking."

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Mugabe Unleashes Verbal Tirade Against British

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (WS) — The rhetorical war Zimbabwe President Mugabe runs at the mouth.

Robert Mugabe unleashed last week on the British government, and specifically against Prime Minister Tony Blair, took on shocking new dimensions over the weekend.

Mugabe, Blair and the leaders of 52 other countries are in South Africa attending the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. Apparently stung by criticism that African leaders are not doing enough to halt the spread of AIDS through their populations, Mugabe lashed out at the British leader, accusing Blair of running a government of "queers."

"If Tony Blair wants to turn Britain into a United Gay kingdom, that is a matter for him. But he should not lecture other countries," Mugabe declared. He later claimed Blair's government was responsible for losing Britain "its influence in the world."

"Tony Blair has three homosexuals in his cabinet," Mugabe continued, apparently little concerned the ramifications his comments would have on steadily worsening relations with the British. "This is a Gay organization... People who are homosexuals are queer because they think differently."

Blair had just announced a £22 million package Britain was pledging to help combat the spread of HIV in Sub-Saharan countries. The outlay followed an appeal by the Commonwealth Medical Association last week for Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe to declare states of emergency in a desperate effort to stem the contagion.

"If we're going to be able to do anything, the heads of government have to acknowledge the reality of the situation," said CMA director Marianne Haslegrave.

The CMA was harshly critical of the leaders of these countries for not making a greater commitment to fighting the disease.

Mugabe said he would take no "lectures" from Blair about tackling the AIDS crisis. Asked if he thought the British government could offer any helpful advice, he said: "Not this government — the Conservatives were better, more Brarmature." Britain already pays for every condom distributed in Zimbabwe.

The British response was typically restrained. The Prime Minister's official spokesman later said Blair would not "go out of his way" to end the rift with Mugabe. "It is not difficult to see why there are difficulties," he said, "if one head of government is accusing another of organizing protests against him."

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VIEWPOINT

Fearful Of Isolation In Retirement, Gay Generation Is Seeking Havens

MIAMI, FL - David Krongelb, a Fort Lauderdale businessman, came out of the closet in his 20s and believed that the door would never close on him again. He is 50 now, and wonders if he will need that secret place again when he grows old.

"When you're old," he said, "the last thing that you want to do is to have to hide."

Many Gay Americans who, like Krongelb, have lived openly as homosexuals well into middle age are now worried that discrimination will have them retreating into secrecy if they enter retirement communities or nursing homes. As independent adults, they have been able to pick their neighbors; as aged people needing care, their choices would be limited, and where many have been able to defy bias and so lead prosperous and rewarding lives, they wonder whether their strength in old age will allow them to continue doing so.

Now, as the first openly Gay generation grows grayer and contemplates retirement, developers around the country are planning retirement communities and assisted-care complexes marketed specifically for homosexuals, places that will allow Gays to grow old surrounded by other Gays, where they do not have to live, and ultimately die, amid lingering condemnation.

In Fort Lauderdale, Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Atlanta and other cities, these developers - many of them Gays themselves, who ave their own fears of old age - are promising a haven for those who will become old and infirm, many without the support of children or other relatives.

For Gay men in particular, the ones who have lived into middle age with the stigma of AIDS and talk of shortened lives, the idea of living too long once seemed novel. But Gays around the country say retirement has been dinner-table conversation for the last few years, and the talk is growing more urgent as they grow older.

"We always ask, 'What are we going to do?'" said Jeffrey Dillon, 37, who, along with John DeLeo, 54, is developing a 270-unit assisted-care high-rise in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

DeLeo and Dillon envision a community where Gay couples can live together in peace, where loneliness can be staved off and the residents insulated from the meanness outside.

Scott Schieman, an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Miami who specializes in aging, said such developments could become more than just places to grow old among people with similar pasts and similar stories.

"What defines later life for Gays?" Schieman said. "Many of them have not formed any kind of nest."

"Gay men in particular," he said, "saw a truncated life," because of AIDS, and spoke more of dying young than of growing old. "They deal with a lot of loss,

loss of partners, and loss of friends."

The survivors often find themselves with an isolation that is complete, or almost so, when they finally enter retirement homes for the general population.

Of the Gays-only retirement developments, Schieman said, "Here, you have a new form of self-segregation." But it is one many Gays say they would find far preferable to fighting old battles - or hiding - amid a colony of elderly strangers.

One woman who has hidden is Evelyn Kinser, a 76-year-old resident of a Los Angeles retirement home. Her life now, she says, is like being a girl again, made to feel ashamed again.

"A sad world to live in," she said.

Ms. Kinser came out when she was 12, a pioneer of sorts. Like Krongelb, she thought she was out for good. But now, living in the home for the elderly, she hides her sexual orientation, out of fear she will be ridiculed or isolated.

"This is a hard way to live, having to be someone you're not," she said. "I don't talk to my neighbors about much of anything. Except sports. That's a safe topic."

Ms. Kinser has never told other residents of the home that she is a Lesbian.

But she knows that they know she is different.

"I've seen that look in their eye," she said.

Even friends who give her that look are better than no friends. So she remains quiet, although she is tired of ding so "I'm closeted again," she said. "I hate it."

Advocates of special housing for elderly Gays cite a number of incidents as evidence of a need for it. In 1996, for instance, a Lesbian couple who had shared a home for years were forbidden to stay together in an assisted-living center in northern California, said Doni Gewirtzman of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Gay rights group.

And some years back, a nursing home employee refused to give a resident a bath after learning that she was a Lesbian, according to the New York chapter of Senior Action in a Gay Environment.

"It's very daunting, especially for those people who have been out a long time," said Sandy Warshaw, director of policy education and community outreach for that organization.

Max Weatherly, 78, lives in public housing in Delray Beach, amid neighbors who are not unkind to him but with whom he has little in common. To him, a self-contained, Gays-only retirement home would be a utopia.

"People like my grandfather told me I would turn out to be no good," Weatherly said. "I would play the piano and read books, but they thought I was a sissy because I couldn't get on a horse."

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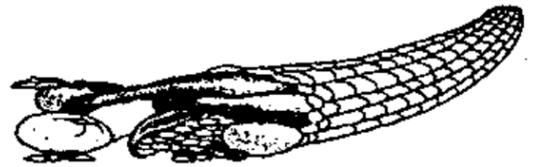
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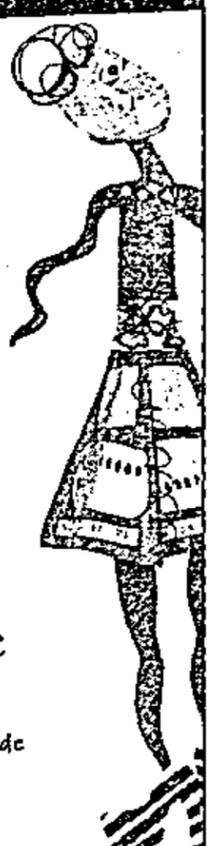
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ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20
Actions taken to jump start your personal agenda sparks events in your career. Bold Gay Rams love to grab the glory and Mars' feistiness is simply too tempting to resist. Be sure that those adorable hooves don't trod on a boss's toes or ruin an otherwise careful corporate ascent. However, calculated action could catapult you to the top of the heap. The question is: A heap of what?

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21
Doing a good deed could lead to great, unexpected global rewards or a diplomatic faux pas! Queer Bulls must maneuver through the Mars / Jupiter square carefully as the most unassuming charitable effort could explode out of control. Intuitive blasts have far reaching impact too. Marshall your forces to see what connects, detonates and explodes. Wear black to hide the stains.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21
The actions of friends could throw some rather rotten garbage onto your path of true lust. Pink Twins should use the Mars / Jupiter square to test the mettle of all platonic relationships against any sexcapades. One could enhance and encourage the other but if not, don't get your panties in a knot. Remember the saying, "through thick and thin?" We are not talking weight, darling.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23
Can partners accept your fast corporate rise? Blame the fame on the Mars/Jupiter square which places all proud Crabs on the fast track to the professional stardom. They say that the scent of power is alluring and you will wear it well. Try to splash that fabulous scent around any one-to-one relationship that's worth its salt. Otherwise Jupiter will test the relationship in other ways.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23
Even the most conservative and serious pink Lions have their minds in the sky this week with the Mars / Jupiter square. Global projects and compelling philosophies have a surprising impact on your day to day job for good or bad. Be choosy and see what a great cause requires of you. You think that you want an upheaval in your workplace, but be careful of the fallout.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23
Sassy Gay Virgins have their ids tickled during the Mars/Jupiter square. Sexual antics fold nicely into any creative or just plain fun endeavor. This could mean that you meet your next feast du jour at the opera you once refused to attend or that the light bite from last night becomes the main course at your next soiree. Who knows what tricks are up your sleeve... or in your pants!

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SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22
If there was ever a time that queer Scorps could be tempted to blurt out the wrong thing, this Mars /Uranus square could be it. Words take on a power and a force all their own so think before you flap the air. Complain if you must but make sure you are totally justified in your opinions. If you insist on being heard all I can say is expect fireworks, especially at work. It could be good.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22
Fun may be far more expensive than you think thanks to the Mars / Jupiter square. This is not a particularly good time for pink Archers to take risks with their green. Other folks may be able to play the gaming tables and win big but not you, sweetheart. Try to involve yourself in more creative and artistic (read cheaper) pursuits and play the Gay muse to the limit. Cash in later.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20
They say that rewards come to those who sit and wait but I disagree. The Mars/Jupiter square enables prideful Capricorns to cut the waiting time on any project that impacts their public persona. Dig deep into your resources (that means all sources including family) and see what can happen. Turn your attention to home oriented projects and don't forget to clean out the garbage.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19
Aqueerians are moved to speak ... no, yell ... to make their opinions known. My opinion is that you should carefully weigh what you scream; the Mars/Jupiter square makes your communication about as subtle as a descending anvil. Commentary leads to dysentery and may cause some surprising fallout from some very unexpected, heretofore hidden places. Leave the megaphone at home.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
Money will either solidify friendships in an unexpected way or cause great chasms so read the financial tea leaves before you bail out a needy compadre. The Mars / Jupiter square will almost guarantee that platonic relationships chaff at the bottom line and will not run smoothly this week. These rifts can keep us in healthy reappraisal of certain interactions. When in doubt, buy a dog.

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An attorney representing Arizona state Representative and First Lieutenant (Army Reserve) Steve May, R-Phoenix, said he had hoped the Army's long silence indicated a decision to drop the investigations into May's homosexuality, but actions this past week showed that an easy resolution would not be forthcoming. A November 4 memorandum from Major Patricia A. Maddox said that, "Based on evidence from multi-media sources, coupled with your open admissions, I have determined that you have made statements that you are homosexual," and in line with military procedures required May to present evidence to rebut the presumption that he is likely to "engage in, attempt to engage in, or have a propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts" by November 15 for her report for an informal (AR 15-6) investigation.

In August, May was charged under the Clinton administration's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy for statements he made before the Arizona House Government Reform Committee in February regarding a bill to bar local governments from extending benefits to their employees' same-gender domestic partners. "When you attack my family and my freedom I will not sit in my office quietly," he said in testimony before the committee; May spoke after the bill's sponsor, Representative Karen Johnson, R-Mesa, who said domestic partner benefits promote "homosexual and promiscuous lifestyles." May was on inactive reserve during the legislative session. He was moved to ready reserve status because of the Kosovo conflict in April. It was only after his change in status that the Army noticed front-page press reports of May's first-person comments in the state legislature.

At the August hearing, May was asked to waive his right to legal counsel, which he respectfully declined. This past week, he hired Christopher Wolf, legal counsel for Master Chief Petty Officer Timothy McVeigh when he became the winner in the only federal lawsuit in which a branch of the service has been found to have violated "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." In a November 15 response to Maddox's memorandum, Wolf refuted the charges and gave the Army until November 18 to comment and drop their investigation:

"Until last week, after a period of long silence, we had assumed the Army wisely had chosen to discontinue its investigation of Mr. May. However, you recently notified Mr. May in a letter dated November 4, 1999, that he faces imminent discharge. The letter notably fails to specify the grounds for which you are pressing discharge action as required by current regulations. You demanded that Mr. May defend himself against the unspecified allegations by providing information regarding his private sex life, also contrary to current regulations. You have imposed a deadline of November 15, 1999 for Mr. May to provide such rebuttal.

"It now seems clear that, absent a rebuttal from Mr. May regarding his private sexual life, the U.S. Army intends to discharge Mr. May for alleged violations of Army and Department of Defense regulations governing homosexuality.

"The investigation of Mr. May in which you are engaged is illegal under federal and state law, including the United States and Arizona Constitutions, and we demand that the investigation be terminated immediately. Your investigation is calculated to penalize Mr. May for fulfilling his responsibilities as an elected representative. Mr. May spoke his mind and followed his conscience on behalf of his constituents. For that, you are proposing to punish him. If permitted to proceed, your investigation

POLITICS 1999
by Mark R. Kerr

"Informal"

will have a chilling effect on Mr. May and on legislators serving in the military reserves. Thus, the investigation violates basic principles of representative democracy and federalism. What the Army is doing is an affront to the citizens of Arizona, as well as to the free speech rights of Mr. May.

"Your investigation also appears to be focusing on statements made by Mr. May in the media following the announcement of the Army's investigation. Mr. May was asked by his constituents and by the media to comment on your investigation, and he did so. Compounding the unreasonableness of your investigation is the apparent intention to retaliate against Mr. May for speaking publicly on this matter, a matter of great public concern and legitimate public debate.

"In addition, we believe that the investigation violates 10 U.S.C.-654 et seq. (The "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" law) and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Mr. May's statements in his capacity as a private citizen (and military veteran) prior to his being called for duty as a reservist may not form the basis for alleging a violation by him of military policy (even if later reported in the media at a time when he was in active status). In addition, the Army has waived any challenge it may have to statements made by Mr. May as a private citizen regarding his

sexual orientation since those statements were well-known to his military superiors at the time he was called into active duty, and for many months thereafter. Yet, the Army chose not to act on those statements until it focused on the media reports of Mr. May's remarks in the Arizona House.

"As you should know from your investigation, Mr. May has a distinguished record as an Army veteran, having served with distinction on active duty as a lieutenant. Likewise, he is a distinguished reservist and highly respected military leader. He stands ready, willing and able to serve his country, and he takes great pride in being a part of the United States Army. In civilian life, Mr. May is widely respected and highly conscientious legislator, and a businessman known for his civic-mindedness. Thus, it is disgraceful that the Army has chosen to harass Mr. May with an investigation and to threaten him with discharge based on statements wholly unrelated to his military life and responsibilities."

May is preparing for the long battle for himself, and is now in the process of setting up a defense fund to cover the legal costs in the federal government's effort to "muzzle him." Amelia Craig Cramer, co-chair of the Arizona Human Rights Fund, a statewide Gay and Lesbian rights group, is confident that May will prevail in his legal challenge, but "it will be a total waste of taxpayers dollars, especially when the military complains about the lack of qualified individuals serving, and in turn,

discharges outstanding individuals, such as Steve May."

In an other development, the Clinton administration has acknowledged a congressional inquiry regarding May's case, but its statement could hardly be called definitive. Responding to a September 2 letter initiated by U.S. Representatives Tom Campbell, R-CA, and Barney Frank, D-MA, asking Clinton to instruct the Department of Defense to drop the investigation of May, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director for Legislative Affairs Charles Brain wrote to Campbell that he had "shared this information with the President, and you will receive a response in the near future." On September 23, outgoing Clinton administration Gay and Lesbian liaison, Richard Socarides, had said a response would be forthcoming "in the near future." ...

In unrelated news, Steve May will be appearing on the Court TV cable channel, Thursday, November 18, 6:30 P.M. On Friday, November 19, May will be interviewed by Ed Bradley for 60 Minutes, which will air either December 5 or 12. The Tucson chapter of the Arizona Human Rights Fund will be hosting a fund raiser (from \$30 to \$250) for May, Saturday, December 4, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. The event will take place at the home of Mark Gerson and Tom Black, 4507 N. Camino Kino. ...

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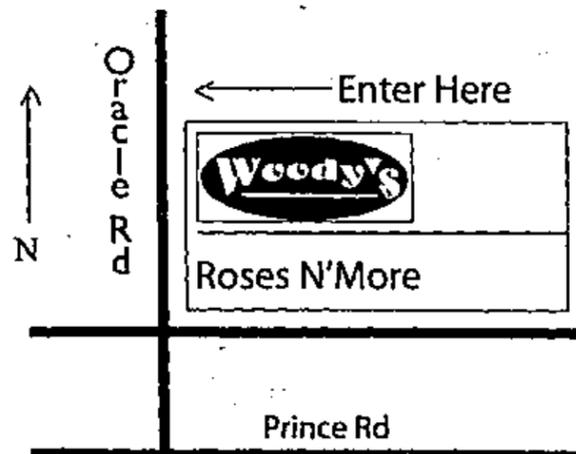
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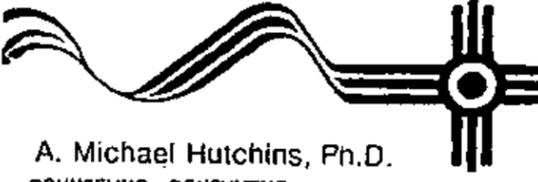
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Peace Vision

Finding That Quiet Place Within

Slowing down our pace. Resting in silence and solitude. Quieting our inner thoughts. As important as these simple aspects of life are, they are very difficult to incorporate in our lives.

Most of us are busy people. Most jobs today require some sort of overtime. Students always struggle to organize their time to accomplish the variety of tasks required of their studies. Relationships, families, involvement in clubs, groups, or other activities keep our lives full. Even though we may enjoy the many things we do, we need to have time for ourselves. But taking real time for ourselves, really stopping and slowing down, sometimes seems more than we can do.

Last week, I considered some of the difficulties some people have with silence. It happens often enough that when we spend time in silence, our thoughts take us to the hurts and pains of life that need to be healed. Most of us just don't want to go there. We'd rather pass over the pain, so we fill our surroundings with sound.

But what about when we want to move beyond the pain or when setting a slower pace is just difficult? What does it really take to slow down?

I recently spoke with a woman who told me that a few years ago she learned some simple techniques of meditation. She said that when she did the meditation, she enjoyed it. But she got away from it. She said it just didn't fit with her life.

I suspect many people have similar experiences with spiritual practices. They like the practice well enough but just aren't able to incorporate it in their lives. Because of that, I think the most important thing about any spiritual practice is to do what you can and don't do what you can't. As simple as that sounds, it's a lesson that's difficult to learn.

When we begin to learn to slow down, to take time for ourselves and incorporate any spiritual practice in our lives like being quiet inside, we have to seriously consider how that practice is going to work in our life. It's unrealistic to assume that a busy person who's never taken time to be quiet before will find it easy to start doing

an hour of Zen meditation, sitting in a perfect lotus position, each day. It's just not going to happen.

However, that same person probably could make a few little changes that would result in taking steps toward slowing down. For instance, that person could begin to walk regularly in a quiet park. It would be good exercise as well as time to be alone. If the person already takes walks, perhaps leaving a tape or CD to listen to at home would be the next step. Maybe the person walks a dog in the park. At the end of the dog walk, the leash could be tied to a bench and the person could take five or ten minutes just to sit and relax. Just imagine sitting on that park bench, taking a few deep breaths, and relaxing, allowing your mind to drift to no place in particular. That would be a good way to slow down.

Many active people find it easier to learn spiritual exercises that include movement rather than those that require sitting still. Walking in a park is one way to start. Other things include taking a class in Ti-Chi or walking one of the labyrinths in town. Walking a labyrinth is a medieval form of meditation. By slowly walking the concentric, winding path of the labyrinth, one's body is occupied while one's mind and spirit are able to slow down and become quiet. It's an excellent spiritual practice.

In past columns, I've explored a variety of spiritual practices including meditation, walking a labyrinth, and journaling. All of them are great, simple practices that help us to slow down and quiet our minds. With any spiritual practice, the important thing is to do it on a regular basis. It's really like going to the gym: you don't develop a well-tone body without a regular training program. It's that same with personal and spiritual growth.

If you want copies of previous columns on meditation, walking a labyrinth, or journaling, e-mail me and I'll send you the columns you request.

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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Well its just about Thanksgiving and of course that means Christmas will be here in no time. (I am still amazed at how quickly time seems to go by). And in the rush of preparation for both holidays it would be easy for us to forget about the others. The others you might ask? Who are the others? Well, they are the poor, the lonely, the homeless, the next door neighbor everyone shies away from.

Jesus spoke many times about such people. He said that we are to take care of each other and love each other. He went so far as to say we must love our "enemies."

So what can we do? What can you do? What can I do?

At Cornerstone Fellowship we have two projects underway to reach out to others who are less fortunate. First, we are providing Thanksgiving food boxes for families who otherwise would not be able to enjoy the holiday with abundant food like so many of us do. Included in the food boxes are a Bible and a video on the life of

Jesus.

Secondly, we are preparing to make our annual trip to Nogales, Sonora Mexico in December. Each year we go to a neighborhood that has been newly inhabited. The homes are made of cardboard boxes and of course there is no running water. Many of the people store their water in large barrels they have retrieved from the factories. The barrels often have been used to store poisonous, harmful chemicals. The shacks generally house large families and are inadequate in protecting them from the elements. For these reasons, we take with us blankets, jackets, sweaters and even some shoes. Warm clothing is the best hope those people have in surviving the cold winters. In addition we take little toys and snacks for the children and Bibles for the adults. We include Bibles in our giving because as Christians we know that Jesus is the only true hope any of us have. Despite our poverty or in spite of our blessings, Jesus is the only one who can give us what we all need.



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Columna Abierta by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

¿Qué tal? Deseándole lo mejor de lo mejor... En ésta oportunidad tenemos mucho que comentar con usted apreciable lector...

quiero compartir con usted es sobre: Una Vacuna Contra la Cocaína.

Estuvimos participando en la Segunda Conferencia Anual de Jóvenes para Jóvenes que patrocina *Compañeros*, de Douglas Arizona, en los campos del Colegio de Cochise en aquella ciudad fronteriza, donde cerca de 100 jóvenes de Naco Sonora, Naco AZ, Douglas y Agua Prieta, así como de Tucson, se juntaron y discutieron temas sobre disintegración familiar, el uso del tabaco, las enfermedades sexualmente transmitidas, (ETS) incluyendo al VIH/SIDA, y los procesos legales en la Corte, Etc. de verdad que fué una gran oportunidad de ver y escuchar las inquietudes que tienen algunos muchachos sobre esos temas; y todo la coordinación técnica estuvo por Tammy Martínez presidente del consejo juvenil de *Compañeros* y por el Vicepresidente Luis C. Greer y con la supervisión de la Directora de *Compañeros*, Claudia Chacón con asistencia de Rosemary Verdugo, Denisse Garcia y Monica Hernández quienes atendieron a los participantes de una forma muy especial; y no hay que dejar de mencionar las actuaciones artísticas del Mariachi y del ballet folklórico de la Douglas Junior High School, todos unos grandes artistas!...De verdad hay que estar pendientes de la siguiente conferencia!!!

Un equipo de científicos preparan una vacuna contra la adicción a la cocaína y esperan iniciar los ensayos en humanos a finales de este año. Sus experimentos en ratas muestran que la vacuna puede evitar que la droga llegue al cerebro, según explicó el Dr. Kim Janda, del Instituto de Investigación Scripps. De la Jolla Ca. En una reunión de la Sociedad Americana de Química. El sistema inmunológico no responde de forma natural a la cocaína porque es una molécula muy pequeña. Los científicos han adherido a un derivado de la cocaína una proteína que el sistema inmunológico reconoce. "Así podemos entrenar al sistema inmunológico para que cree anticuerpos capaces de evitar que la cocaína llegue al sistema nervioso central", ha explicado Janda. El enfoque puede ser utilizado también para tratar sobredosis de esta droga.

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

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También al llegar de Douglas, pudimos participar en la celebración del 61. Aniversario de Salud es Poder, en el Reid Park, pasandola muy agusto, disfrutando de la rica carne asada y otros bocadillos que prepararon Ernie y Rafael, con la ayuda de algunos voluntarios del proyecto, cerca de 50 camaradas entre los que se pudo saludar a José Miranda, Meno, Mario, Dago, Victor, Alberto "chapis", Angel, Aron, Eduardo, "Yayio", Micki, y Mr. Gay Latino 99' Rogelio, Nelly de Magdalena así como Merion "Martín" entre otras personas que se me escapan en este momento pero no menos importantes, de ninguna manera, al que "hechamos de menos" fué a Marco Martínez, quien por años ha estado presente en estas celebraciones, casi seguros que andaban por Hermosillo... Y Cabe aquí recordarle que el "Miss Gay Hispanidad 2000" se llevará a cabo en el Hotel Calinda de la capital Sonorense el sábado 20 de noviembre esperando algunos representantes a nivel nacional para tal evento, si necesita mas información al respecto, puede obtenerla con Ernie y Rafael, parece que se está planeando hacer el viaje en grupo... Ya les tendremos la información... La noticia que nos compartió Rogelio, fué sobre el certamen de Miss Gay Nogales, que se efectuó en Epidauros de Nogales Sonora, el pasado 13 de noviembre con bastante público y nos prometió darnos más detalles para la próxima Columna Abierta...

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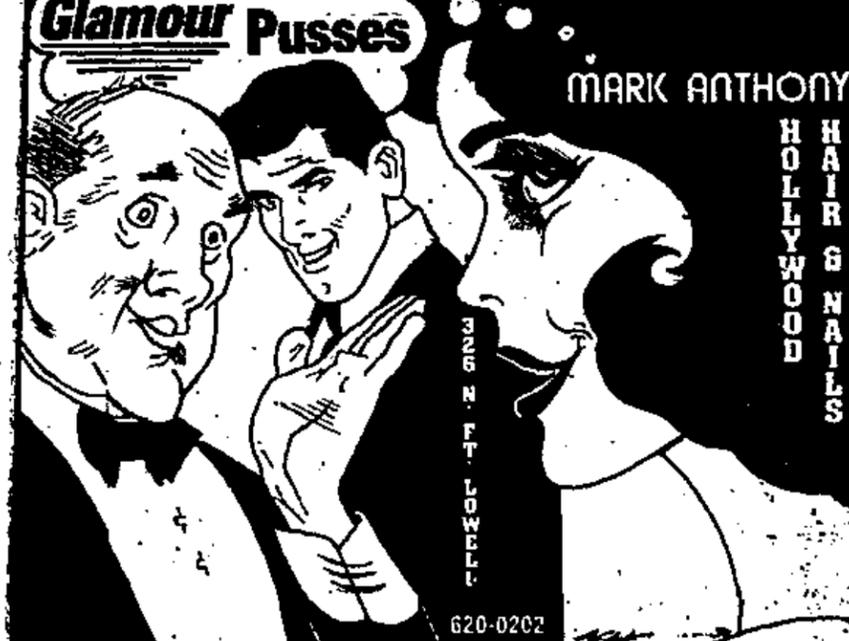
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Hi, my dear. This week, I want to tell you about some nice little vitamin/health food shops to get some herbs. Over on the East/Central side of town, in the same shopping center that has Trader Joe's, which also has nice herbs and vitamins, is Nova Vitamins, which has some lovely herbal products and a nice, friendly staff. They are not as crowded as the bigger stores, and is worth a visit. On the Northwest side of town, near "New Marana," in the Foothills mall, we have the nice Vitamin World store. They have some really low prices, and a nice selection of herbal tinctures, at very low prices. Another good group of stores to check out, which always offers their products at twenty percent below retail, is Warehouse vitamins. I've been to almost all the stores in town, and know that these stores have good selections.

There are a lot of herbal products on the market today, and some are natural, and others altered. There are debates as to standardized herbs, or the natural forms, which only means that some are guaranteed to have a certain amount of the most active ingredient. Plants, particularly herbs, contain a number of interrelated organic compounds, and the entire action of the plant is healing, not merely the one element isolated by science and determined to be the most potent. The plant is a whole system of elements that sustain and nourish life. I do not care for the new herbal products where they have been altered, turned into pills similar to standard drugs, and given artificial colors, flavors, and added sugars. That to me is too alien to nature, to far removed from the gentle healing properties Mother Earth gave them.

If I want the full healing power of the herb, I will take the pure, natural herb. I don't want the altered, diluted, chemicalized mass-market product dyed a bright color to make it catch the eye and sell fast. As herbs became more popular, many companies and stores jumped on the bandwagon, quick to label their own line of herbal products. Some are better than others. Go with the pure herbs in capsule

form, teas, and liquid tinctures. For external use, there are oils, herbal salves, and creams. Avoid, as much as you can, the mass-market "pills" that have as much in common with junk food candies as far as ingredients as they do with herbs. We don't need all the extras, just the herbs.

There are, of course, herbal/vitamin combinations, and those are wonderful. I swear by the KAL Deep Thought Neuro-nutrient formula. It has helped me immensely. Native wisdom is time-honored, ancient and proven through centuries of use. Natural herbs have been used in myriad cultures for healing since prehistoric times. Even animals are drawn to certain healing herbs in the wild, and eat them to help themselves. Speaking of animals, I saw a nice line of herbal medicines for pets at the Wild Oats over at Oracle and Orange Grove. There is also the Holistic Animal stores, one on east Broadway, and one on Oracle and Roger near Target, that have herbal blends for your pets. Your cat, dog, or rabbits can benefit also from herbal medicine. Some vets are now using holistic treatments and Chinese herbs, etc., for pet care. What is good for us, is good for them also.

By the way, if you're curious about me, check out my homepage, I provide some interesting links, including a link to the on-line Weekly Observer, this lovely paper I am writing for right now. It's at <http://www.gcocities.com/Westhollywood/Park/2165>. Take care of yourselves, my queer family. Give yourself the very best in life, and take time to enjoy nature, and have a lovely Thanksgiving holiday. Share it with those you love. If you don't have family here, try the Men's Social Network. They do a lovely gathering at Thanksgiving. And for those organizations providing Thanksgiving to the "poz" community and for the homeless, blessings to you. What a wonderful way to give of yourself! As Whoopi Goldberg says - "Give something of yourself. What you get back is immeasurable." It's something to think about. Goddess bless. Til next time, Go in Good health.

Christian Right Funds Case

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Southworth said that he and Schoepke first discussed the issue as undergraduates. A leader in the campus movement to reform the student government, Southworth said that he repeatedly—and to no avail—contacted the university to discuss an opt-out, a reimbursement or some other way of restricting the use of his money. He also tried to get the Wisconsin Legislature involved. "I had exhausted the executive and legislative branches, and there was only one left," he recalled. At that point, he was in law school and shared his frustration with a fellow devout Christian, Bannach, who also was upset with the advocacy "antics" of some of the groups, particularly homosexual ones, and who also had no luck in getting the university to address his concerns.

Bannach suggested to Southworth that he contact the Alliance Defense Fund, which he had heard about during a radio broadcast by Focus on the Family. The Arizona-based organization, whose board of directors reads like a Who's Who of conservative Christian leadership groups, said that it does not bring court cases but does fund them, and it referred him to Jordan Lorence, of Fairfax, Va., of Northstar Legal Center.

The center, which Lorence founded in 1994, "is basically me and a few other

people doing conservative free speech and religious liberty type cases around the country," he said, adding that Alliance has funded all of his cases.

Mr. Lorence said that he saw a Southworth-type case coming after the Supreme Court's 1995 ruling in *Rosenberger v. University of Virginia*, which struck down the university's refusal to fund student religious organizations. The high court explicitly left open the question that is now being presented by Southworth.

He has handled the Southworth case alone, with occasional help from the three law-students-turned-lawyers and "many late hours at Kinko's." He will argue the case at their request. The high court challenge has drawn 30 amicus briefs, spanning the political spectrum.

"I don't want to think about losing," said Mr. Southworth. "God calls us to be faithful, not successful. We just have to focus on making our arguments, doing the honorable thing and leaving it in God's hands."



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Cuban Wins Battle To Stay In U.S. Despite HIV Status

TUCSON — Alfonso Ramirez Batista was walking near railroad tracks in Madera, Calif., a year ago when U.S. Border Patrol agents picked him up. They assumed he was a Mexican here illegally.

But Ramirez, 38, was a Cuban exile who had lived in the United States for nearly 20 years. He also was Gay and HIV-positive.

Immigration officials kept him in custody anyway, charging that he was deportable because he had failed to adjust his status after he came to the United States. The Immigration and Naturalization Service added a second charge: Because HIV is a communicable disease, Ramirez should be deported back to Cuba.

Thus began an ordeal that left Ramirez in INS custody for seven months — most of it in solitary confinement in Eloy because of concerns about other detainees learning of his HIV status and homosexuality. He eventually was allowed by an immigration judge to stay in this country.

"It was a very sad story," Ramirez said in a recent interview. "I wanted to kill myself, thinking of returning to Cuba."

While in custody, Ramirez applied for asylum, arguing that he faced persecution in Cuba because he was HIV-positive and Gay.

Ramirez's case was one of the first asylum cases in Arizona involving HIV, said his pro bono lawyer, Ruben Rivera of Tucson.

"It's a relatively new type of asylum (case)," he said.

Growing up in Holguin, Cuba, Ramirez was taunted by other children because he was Gay, according to Ramirez. The Cuban government was hostile to homosexuals, considering them undesirable opposed to the regime of Fidel Castro.

Hoping to find a less oppressive environment, Ramirez moved to Havana to live with an aunt, according to Ramirez. But the aunt was a Communist and was president of a block watch committee, and tried to force Ramirez to become heterosexual, he said.

When he was 15, Ramirez and two Gay friends waiting at a bus stop were arrested by undercover police who had overheard the friends talking and determined they were Gay and anti-Castro, Ramirez said. Ramirez spent three weeks in detention.

When he was 18, Ramirez holed up in the Peruvian Embassy in Cuba with hundreds of others, searching for a way off the island. He fled in the Mariel boat lift in 1980, arriving on U.S. shores.

Ramirez never became a U.S. permanent resident. His official status was as that he was "paroled" into the United States, meaning he had not officially en-

tered the country, and could not leave and re-enter.

But Ramirez lived for a year in Caborca, Son., and when he returned across the U.S. border, without identification, he was apprehended by the INS, convicted of illegal entry and detained for a year. During that time, he applied for asylum, but his case was never settled. After his release from INS custody, he remained in the United States. He drifted across the country, finding work as a dishwasher and a cook and in other odd jobs. He was convicted of marijuana possession and served 45 days in jail, and he told the court that he had been arrested for stealing socks and for trespassing. But those minor offenses did not affect his case for asylum.

Ramirez discovered he was HIV-positive in July 1998 and was devastated, he said. He told the INS about having the virus after he was detained last November. When he was taken to the INS detention center in Eloy, he became suicidal at the thought of returning to Cuba, he said. "It was the hardest and saddest experience of my life," he said. "I got so depressed that I thought it would be better to die."

Cuba has set up sanitariums where people with AIDS and HIV are detained. People with HIV can base an asylum claim on the grounds of fear of persecution because of the disease. But HIV also can be grounds for inadmissibility for immigrants trying to come to the United States. In Ramirez's case, the INS argued that the government was keeping homosexuals in sanitariums not to persecute them, but "to monitor their practices due to the government's concern for health threats to its general population," according to the 18-page decision.

Judge John T. Zastrow didn't buy it.

"The applicant believes that if he were sent back to Cuba he would be placed in a concentration camp for the rest of his life," the immigration judge's May decision noted. "He believes that he would be mistreated and hated by society due to the fact that he is homosexual and HIV-positive."

The judge ruled that Ramirez had established a well-founded fear of future persecution based upon his homosexuality and HIV-positive status and granted him asylum. Ramirez now lives in Yakima, Wash., and said he is devoting himself to AIDS education.

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The Therapy Sisters will join Jamie for this performance. The Therapy Sisters are a zany and eclectic Austin duo who have performed at clubs, festivals and conferences from coast to coast. Martie Van der Voort, a Tucson singer-songwriter and performer, will also join Jamie and the Sisters.

Tickets are available at Antigone Books, 411 N. Fourth Avenue. Advance tickets for the concert are \$12; door tickets will cost \$15. For more information, please call (520) 795-4135.

Upcoming Events At Antigone Books

TUCSON — Antigone Books is hosting Book Party and Benefit, Friday, November 12, 7:00 P.M. to celebrate the release of local author Kenneth Ray Stubbs' new book, "Male Erotic Massage: a Guide to Sex and Spirit" (\$17.95).

This illustrated book of massage techniques for Gay men is a safer-sex guide with a strong spiritual undertone. Twenty-percent of the proceeds will be donated to SAAF and Wingspan, co-sponsors of this event.

On Friday, November 19, Merle Yost will read from his new book, "When Love Lasts Forever: Male Couples Celebrate Commitment" (Pilgrim, \$39.95). This beautiful anthology shares stories and photos of fourteen couples who have been together between ten and forty-five years. Yost's book shows a "tradition and history of Gay couples that has been largely hidden from view."

Antigone Books is located at 411 N. Fourth Ave. For more information, call (520) 792-3715.

Positions Open At SAAF

TUCSON — The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is seeking individuals for the following positions.

Gay Men's Health Project Outreach Specialist: Energetic individual sought for half-time (20 hours/week) position to provide outreach, recruitment, and health education for Gay and Bisexual men in Southern Arizona. Applicants should be familiar with Gay bar culture and possess excellent communication skills. Salary range: \$8,500 - \$10,500.

Gay Men's Health Project Coordinator: Experienced prevention specialist

sought to coordinate an HIV prevention and health promotion project for Gay and Bisexual men in Southern Arizona. Applicants should be familiar with Gay bar culture and prevention program implementation. Salary range: \$25,000 - \$29,000; excellent benefits.

To apply for either position, pick up job description and application instructions, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., at 375 South Euclid or call (520) 628-7223 to have them faxed to you. Both positions open until filled. AA/EOE

AZAPA Benefit November 24

PHOENIX — A holiday season all star, comedy drag revue for the Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance (AZAPA) will take place Wednesday, November 24, 9:30 P.M. at Wink's, 5707 N. 7th Street.

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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

NOW PLAYING...

The Live Theatre Workshop is presenting "The Dresser" by Ronald Harwood through Sunday, December 12 at their performance space at 5317 E. Speedway. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. The show centers around Sir, an aging Shakespearean actor past his prime. Norman is the patient dresser that takes care of him in this dark comedy. Sir will be portrayed by Phil O'Hern and Jeremy Thompson is Norman. Admission is \$11 per person with a \$1.00 discount for students and seniors. For ticket information and reservations call 327-4242.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Poz Cafe - providing a delicious free lunch along with friendship, games and social activities. Open to all HIV+ adults and one guest (partner, family, friend or volunteer respecting confidentiality/privacy concerns). Doors open at 11:30 a.m., lunch is served at noon, activities last until 2:30 p.m. Located at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, a Gay-friendly church at the corner of River and Swan. To reserve your space or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at 299-6647 by Monday, November 15.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:00 p.m. At Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave., Merle Yost will read from his new book "When Love Lasts Forever: Male Couples Celebrate Commitment" (\$39.95). This beautiful anthology shares stories and photos of fourteen couples who have been together between ten and forty-five years. Great writing, wonderful stories. This book makes a great gift.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Party held at Jerry & Les' 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 or Les at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, November 18 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).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our Topic of Discussion as it is guest-hosted by author, Merle Yost. Merle is in town to promote his new book, and he'll take time out to lead our discussion. For any questions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30-6:30 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.

The Men's Massage Group meets at 5:00 p.m. This group meets every 3rd Sunday. This is a good place to meet new friends and relax through the medium of layman's massage. It is a fun and lively group of 8-10 men. Call Marc in advance to reserve a place at 881-4582. Centrally located. Small fee.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 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. Retro TV features an episode each of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and "The Avengers". For reservations & directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner / Meeting at Carrow's. 2660 N. Campbell Ave. Call 584-0280 for details.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. There's no reason to spend the holiday alone-join your gay family for a potluck Thanksgiving Dinner. A traditional dinner with turkeys, pumpkin pie, mashed potatoes, gravy, and much more are just waiting for you. It's a fun day to spend with family and new friends. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 548-7539.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. Join Les for his annual Turkey Movie-a film so bad you may be sick! This year join us for the "Mystery Science Theater 3000" presentation of "This Island Earth". The movie is skewered by the hosts, and you're invited to talk back, too! For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join Les for the night's second movies-a sharp counterpoint to the turkey shown earlier. "Trancers" is a "B" movie from 1985. It's a lot of fun, and it stars a very young Helen Hunt. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. Join Bill as he hosts Pinochle Night. If you're a fan of the game, this is the place to go. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll help you out. This is also a themed potluck-and tonight's theme is Eastern seaboard fare. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 267-3569.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

IBT'S - Girls Show and Lip Sync Contest at 9:00 p.m. hosted by Lucinda Holiday featuring Mr. Kenneth Blake and Aja Simone. Call Larry at 327-1576 to sign up. \$50 cash prize for 1st place.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Christina de Aloia presents a pro-Thanksgiving/Christmas Show for Rud's Kids. 10:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Latin Dance Party 9:00 p.m. to closing. Fuerza Latina 2000 Travesti Show 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

WOODY'S - Three day Grand Opening starts tonight with the Ed Team presenting their famous games with some great prizes. Bud and Bud Light \$1.75.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

IBT'S - Special MPS Benefit Show. Hosted by Lucinda Holiday with special guest Woody Duffy and featuring Miss Carousel '99-'00 Stella Virgin, Miss Kristin, Bunny FuFu Deora Le Blanc and Shaundria and the Norman Tabernacle Choir (as you've never seen them before!)

STONEWALL/EAGLE - New Cosmos Revue starring Kristin, Miss Gay Cosmopolitan Arizona America. Showtime 10:00 p.m.

WOODY'S - Grand Opening weekend continues here with "Trivia day". Top score per game wins a Woody's T-Shirt. (Limit one per customer).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust for MPS Society 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Featuring Turkey Bowl 7:30 to 8:30. Fun and prizes for strikers! Plus, Karaoke on the Patio with Billy Dee from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - "Sabra" - Live One-Woman Dance Band. 9:30 p.m. Don't miss it!

WOODY'S - Opening weekend festivities wind up with NFL Football all day and Chili Dogs served from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

WOODY'S - This new cocktail lounge at 3710 N. Oracle Road begins it's every Monday run of Karaoke with Billy Dee from 9:00 p.m. to close.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. Special, special Phaedra Birthday Show featuring Phaedra and friends Lucinda Holiday, Tori Steele and Faith Michaels. STONEWALL/EAGLE - Special Thanksgiving Show. Capitol City Queens with Adrienne Alexander. Showtime 10:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

IBT'S - The bar will open at 5:00 p.m. in order that their employees may enjoy their Thanksgiving Dinner with their family and loved ones.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Happy Thanksgiving! Free Dinner. Turkey or Ham and all the trimmings plus dessert. 5:00 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Join the gang here for a festive feast. They'll provide the meat and you bring your favorite side-dish. It's also the opening day of the 1999 Arizona Fellowship Run which runs through Sunday. V-N will be headquarters but the crowd will be traveling around to all the bars.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

STONEWALL/EAGLE - "Goddess" Starring Mr. Kenneth Blake. Showtime 10:00 p.m.

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Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9-1. Shot specials all night.
IBT's - Open 11am-1am. Happy Hour 11-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well, \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7pm. 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.

STARS - Open 5pm-1am. Happy Hour 5-7.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. During Pool Tourney Beer Bust. No Tourney 2-8 only. Schnappa 1st 10 minutes of each hour 75¢ 9-12 only. Fabulous shows every Sunday. Call for info 624-8805.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. \$1.25 Tomato Juice Cocktails, Boilemakers. Beer Bust, BBQ and Drink Specials. Football on big screen.
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (not matched). Boss Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight.

IBT's - Open 10am. Martini Monday all day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well, \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm to closing, \$1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Karaoke on the patio 7:00-9:30pm. Retro 80's dance 9:30pm to closing. All drink specials not available during special events.

STARS - Open 5pm-1am. Happy Hour 5-7.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. During Football game Bud & Bud Light longnecks \$2. Hot Dogs w/chips 75¢ Popcorn \$1. Corn dogs \$1.
VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour 11-7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Football on big screen. Food & Drink Specials.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Blue Monday! \$2 Well and Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Skyy shots \$2 (w/price \$2.25). Dart Tourney 8pm
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close. And Football.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1 longnecks for pool players. Funky disco w/DJ Starskee & DJ Butta Fly 9-1.

IBT's - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well, \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm 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. House Hi-Nergy Dance 9pm to closing.

STARS - Open 5pm-1am. Happy Hour 5-7.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Beer Bust during Pool Tourney Pitchers \$1.75, Glass 75¢. If no tourney Beer Bust 7-10. Flavored Stoli 50¢ in Stonewall.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour 11-7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$2 Well drinks and longnecks 6am-12:30pm; Makers Mark \$2 shot. 1st Tuesday TXO Spaghetti Feed
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Skyy's the limit \$2.25

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Free Pool 2-4. \$1.50 Longnecks 8-midnight. Dance music with DJ Stephanie 9pm-1am.

IBT's - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am to 4pm, \$2 domestic beer & well, \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. \$1.75 Bud Prod. 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STARS - Open 5pm-1am. Happy Hour 5-7.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Any flavor Schnappa 50¢ 1st 10 minutes of every hour 9-12. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hottest dance music in town.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am, Happy Hour 11-7pm: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Free Pool 9pm-12:45am. Dance Mix.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Salsa Morning! \$2 Well & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 and Cuervo 1800 \$2.25 Open to close. Western Nite Drink specials if in Cowboy attire.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Melissa 9pm to close. W/creamy cowgirls & \$2.50 Tequila Rose.

IBT's - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well, \$1.75 Well & domestic 4-9. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 well and \$1.75 domestic beer to those in their underwear (part check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STARS - Open 5pm-1am. Happy Hour 5-7.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Bartender's Choice 9-12 only. In the Stonewall Horitos shot or mix \$2 from 9-12 only.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour 11-7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Free Pool 9pm-12:45am. Dance Mix.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am \$2 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm. Patio Bar open 2pm. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. \$3 entry. Hides Leather shop opens at 8pm
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm.

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hill. Drink specials every 1/2 hour

IBT's - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well, \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9. Live Jazz on the patio with Susan & Tracey 5:30-8:30pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

STARS - Open 5pm-1am. Happy Hour 5-7. Entertainment 8-12.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Bartender's Choice 9-12 only. Flavored Stoli in the Stonewall 50¢ discount 9-12 only.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour 11-7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Variety Dance Mix.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$2 Well & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Snacks served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens 8pm.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm Martini Party - Well Martinis \$2, Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 5:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every half hour.

IBT's - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well, \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Patio bar 9-1. Dance 9-1. All drink specials not available during special events.

STARS - Open 5pm-1am. Happy Hour 5-7. Entertainment 8-12.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. During Pool Tourney Beer Bust. No Tourney Beer Bust 2-8 only. Bartender's Choice 9-12. Stonewall opens 9pm. Schnappa 1st 10 minutes of each hour 75¢ 9-12 only.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour 11-7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Drag Shows. Dance.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ drafts, \$1.50 pitchers. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm. Cricket Dart Tournament 9pm
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm

NOTICES

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere.

HKE & BUKE DYKES. Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7239 for info.

LESBIAN SOCIAL DISCUSSION GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 pm. Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Come Chat!

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX. For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5853. Leave message.

GAY CONVOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Advertisers 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.

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

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 43810, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month.

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-AHON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. EMail 581-8850 or Room 968-2384.

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 688-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Desert Girlz (MTE) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Desert Boyz meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. Of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 824-1778 for more info. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagae-mail

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 602-279-4803.

GAY MORMON, EX-MORMON. New support and discussion group. For information call 529-4589

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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 Mita Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number).

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 Leo at 624-6768.

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. Guadalupe (near 1st Ave. and Leguna). 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.

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 8:30pm at Armary Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-0662.

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NOTICES

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.

GLSEM - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. 743-4800.

GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL VETERANS meet at Wingspan every fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more info call Miguel Guzman, 889-4076 or pager 446-5123.

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at St. Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6624.

WOMEN'S OUT OF THE CLOSET GROUP. Welcome to women in all stages of the coming-out process. We are here to support the Lesbians, Bisexuals and straight women of all races, religions and ages. Meeting times are the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30pm at Wingspan at 300 E. 6th St. 624-1778. Call Wendy Bailey at 235-1893 after 5pm for more information.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED -- FORMING CHAPTER FOR GAY/LESBIAN LUTHERANS. Write LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS: Confidential individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual or Trans men who are victims/survivors of domestic violence. For more information call 624-0348 (24-hour line)

GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDERED Young Adults Support Group for people ages 20 to 30 meets for sharing, support and information. Meetings are every Saturday from 11am to 12:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1778.

GAY SUICIDE PREVENTION. P.O. Box 64685, Tucson, AZ 85718-9958. Tele 520-577-3760. 1-888-774-9200, Fax 520-577-7443

REVERLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3289 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us! Call 881-1369 to audition. 617-3100 for more info.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson with Awareness Project, 3651 N. Campbell Ave. #385, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3289 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 690-8565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact. Mary 770-9979 or Bertie 318-5415.

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 biweekly 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 299-6647.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS and updates on Gay Games 2002, contact TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours Barn 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. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet every Sunday morning and some weeknights for fun runs. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555 or e-mail mandmduz@worldnet.att.net

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 575-8560 or write P.O. Box 38264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. 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? GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 4:30 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.

NOTICES

AIDS HOTLINE - 325-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 Thursday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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 628-7223.

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.

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 Holtman 529-7542 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.

TJHAN, 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.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL DIVERTERS 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 791-7678.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1438 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Eddie Betrans 888-4585.

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

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