



GLBT And Questioning Young People Find Support and Help

TUCSON - Depression. Thoughts of suicide. Sawsawing weight. The challenges and confusion Ruben Grace faced before he came out at age 19 were not atypical.

If only he'd known that at the time.

"It was rough. I was very depressed about it, 'cause in high school my goal was to fit in," said Grace, now 23. "It was just like I was on the verge of a nervous breakdown."

Grace tried to fit the ideal of a teen-ager, pursuing sports and dating girls amid rumors that he was Gay, all the while both curious and confused about his attraction to men.

"I had a girlfriend, and I loved her, but it, just, I wasn't sexually attracted to her. But I loved her," Grace said.

With a friend's encouragement, Grace checked out Wingspan's youth group for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender youths ages 23 and younger. It meets Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. at 300 E. Sixth St. Soon he was attending weekly, the Tucson Citizen reported.

"That was an awesome experience, because it was so comforting to know that I'm in a group of my peers," Grace said. "It's just a great place to clear your head and talk about what's going on, hear people that are going through the same stuff."

"Social isolation is a big issue for queer youth," Mike Pollack, coordinator for Queer Voice, another organization that offers support services to GLBT youth, said, adding that substance abuse, rejection from peers and parents, and homophobia are additional daily realities for many.

And some Gay teens end up homeless.

"I have statistics that 25 percent of GLBTs get kicked out of their homes. I have another statistic that 60 percent of homeless youth are GLBTs, which is really scary," he said.

Three agencies in Tucson that work with homeless youths, Pollack said, are Our Town, Open Inn and Youth on Their Own. Pollack can be reached at (520) 628-7223 if a referral is needed.

Grace became involved with Queer Voice shortly after his introduction to Wingspan, and he attended the more socially centered Boyz 'N' Girlz Nite Out. These occur monthly and take the form of

drug- and alcohol-free parties.

He then trained, through a Queer Voice Leadership Retreat, to be a facilitator for the organization. For the past two years, Grace, an elementary education major at Pima Community College, has led discussions at Queer Voice's Café Chat. The chats are informal gatherings at Rainbow Planet Coffee House on the third Saturday of every month, at 5:00 p.m., and topics include relationships, safe sex, school violence and safety, and parents. The coffee is free.

"I love working with Gay youth," Grace said. "Growing up Gay is rough enough, so (Café Chats are) a great support group."

Queer Voice, which is housed at the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation building at 375 S. Euclid Ave., also puts on a same-sex prom in the spring and The Mister and Miss Gay Teen Tucson pageant in the fall. Ben Healy, 15, the second-to-youngest Queer Voice participant (the youngest is 14), took the "Miss" title this October.

A portion of the proceeds from the pageants goes to sending teens to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force "Creating Change" conference, and this November four kids, including Healy, were sent to Atlanta for the event.

Both Queer Voice and Wingspan "have been beneficial in supporting me, and they have also given me a wide variety of friends," Healy said. "I think they've made me active and political."

Grace's advice for confused teens is to "just be yourself. And there are others like you out there. If there's a way, check out the youth groups. Call Queer Voice. There's no reason you should feel alone."

"I don't ask sexual orientation," Pollack said. "I'm here to support any youth who needs help."

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."
- Henry David Thoreau

Barajas Changes Plea To Guilty In Clean Elections Case

By Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (ON) - At a pre-trial conference, Thursday, November 30, open Lesbian, Colette Barajas, who had run for the Democratic nomination for the Arizona House of Representatives from District 13, changed her plea to guilty, per a plea-bargain, on one felony count of attempted fraud, stemming from her efforts to obtaining public funding under Arizona's Clean Elections law.

Barajas had dropped out of her primary contest Tuesday, September 5, citing personal reasons and that she really wasn't interested in pursuing the public office.

On Friday, September 8, Arizona Attorney General Janet Napolitano announced that her office had filed charges against Barajas, accusing the candidate of forging 19 signatures of Clean Elections contributors on documents submitted to the Secretary of State.

Arizona's Clean Elections Act requires candidates who want to qualify for publicly funded campaigns, must gather a specific number of \$5 contributions of registered voters, of the same political party, who live in the same political district the candidate is running in. Barajas needed 200 valid contributors in Legislative District 13.

Barajas had initially submitted 220 contribution petitions, and after a check by the Pima County Recorder's office, 42 were declared invalid, of which 26 of those did not match voter signatures filed with the Recorder's office.

"Colette acknowledged that she took some shortcuts with some of the signatures and used her own money for some of those people, put her own five bucks in," Mike Piccarreta said in a December 1 interview.

According to documents obtained by the Observer, a State Grand Jury was convened Tuesday, September 19, and a 20-count felony indictment of Barajas, accusing her of attempted fraud and forgery, was handed down Wednesday, September 20.

According to Pari Urias, Public Information Officer for the Arizona Attorney General's Office, the arraignment hearing was to have taken place Friday, September 29, but Barajas' attorney told the court that she was out of the country but the following day, Saturday, September 30, Barajas was in Tucson to receive an award at Wingspan at their annual fund raising dinner.

At the initial arraignment, held Friday, October 6, in Phoenix, Barajas initially entered plea of not guilty, and a pre-trial conference date of November 30 was set. Urias said the plea agreement was negotiated and finalized before the November 30 conference date.

"Colette made an error in judgment and she took a shortcut," Piccarreta said in an interview. "She made a mistake. She just never recognized it was this serious, but once it became clear, she fully accepted responsibility for it."

According to documents obtained by the Observer, the plea agreement, signed off by the judge, she plead guilty to the first count in the indictment, attempted fraudulent schemes and practices. She faces up to three years on probation. With her plea, the 19 counts of forgery were dropped. Jail time is not likely, according to Urias, but the judge could still send Barajas to prison. Sentencing is set for January 8, 2001 in Phoenix.

While felons may not vote or hold public office, Piccarreta said Barajas will petition the courts to get her voting rights restored, after serving her sentence. With her guilty plea, Barajas could most likely lose her real estate brokers license as well.

A Day Of Remembrance

TUCSON (ON) - More than 50 Tucsonans attended a "Day of Remembrance," Tuesday, November 28, a candlelight vigil to memorialize the deaths of those killed based on Transgender hatred and prejudice.

Tucson was one of several cities, including San Francisco, Ft. Myers Beach, Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Albany, New York City, Cleveland, Oklahoma City, Philadelphia, and Houston, which held a memorial for the 212 people who lost their lives to anti Transgender violence.

This event started with by Transwoman, Gwen Smith, in November 1998.

Smith was chatting in the Transgender Gazebo, an online chatroom on AOL. The topic was the recent murder of Rita Hester, an African-American Transwoman found stabbed to death in her home in Boston. As the conversation proceeded, Gwen shared that the murder of Rita was chillingly similar to that of Debra Forte and Chanelle Pickett, two other murdered Transwomen. The reply in the chat room: "Who are Debra Forte and Chanelle Pickett?" Gwen was stunned and moved that so few people, including those in our own community, knew nothing about these lives so recently and tragically lost.

UPDATE

2nd Annual POZ Cafe Holiday Dinner Dec. 16

TUCSON - TIHAN sponsors its Second Annual evening holiday dinner and social event for people living with HIV on Saturday, December 16. A delicious buffet featuring oven-roasted turkey, honey baked ham, and vegetarian dishes will be served, along with a variety of fresh side dishes, vegetables, salads, desserts, and beverages. All this is served up by some of the most fabulous, caring volunteers around. This month's edition of Poz Cafe is being sponsored by volunteers from St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church.

Following the casual buffet will be a selection of activities to choose from, including singing outside by the campfire, holiday arts and craft projects, games, or just hanging out and socializing with friends old and new. Last year's Poz Cafe holiday dinner event was the most well-attended of the year, and the list is sure to fill up, so reserve your spot.

Poz Cafe is located at St. Francis in the Foothills UMC (corner of Swan and River Roads). The event begins at 5:00 p.m. with the buffet, and will conclude by 7:30 p.m. Like all TIHAN programs, Poz Cafe is Gay-friendly, free of charge, and no proselytizing or evangelizing is permitted, the purpose is to enhance social opportunities and nutrition for adults living with HIV/AIDS.

Reservations are required so that TIHAN can have an idea of how much to cook. Each HIV+ person may have one guest accompany them if they so choose. (Each guest—partner, spouse, friend, volunteer—will be reminded of confidentiality concerns.) It's all free, courtesy of generous grants from Arizona Gay Rodeo Association, St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, and other caring individuals and congregations of TIHAN.

For more information about Poz Cafe, or to make your reservations or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at (520) 299-6647 no later than Monday, December 11. For this special holiday event, reservations are required!

Festival For Life Raises \$74,500

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation's (SAAF's) 12th annual Jerome Beillard Festival for Life held November 19 at the Marriott University Park raised \$74,500, significantly more than in recent years.

Festival for Life is an art and holiday gift auction, which benefits services for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Artists, designers, and businesses donate their work for auction. This year's hot items included a Lynn Taber pastel, which sold for \$4000, a trip to Australia donated by Qantas Airways, and a chef's dinner for six from Pastiche Modern Eatery.

Nearly 500 people bustled around tables of gifts and displays of artwork varied enough to appeal to any taste. Attendees enjoyed a dessert buffet and entertainment by Brad Holland "Tunesmythe" while bidding on their favorite items. KZPT's Cathy Rivers and the Arizona Daily's Star's David Fitzsimmons served as masters of ceremonies, while Rodney Shanks conducted the live auction.

Festival for Life is one of SAAF's three major fund-raising events that support its efforts to provide a compassionate, comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS. SAAF provides case management and support services to people living with HIV/AIDS and their families and prevention programs to at-risk groups in southern Arizona. Call (520) 628-7223 for information.

New Gay Pagan Circle Formed

TUCSON - A new Gay Pagan Circle has been formed, and an open invitation to those Gays and Lesbians who are either a pagan, wiccan, or just curious.

Paganism is a nature based religion that honors the Goddess and the Gods of Earth, and reveres all life as sacred. Some pagans are Wiccan, and that is a form of the Pagan religion. The new group

is Gay friendly and hopes to network with other Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay friendly, straight pagans also. Organizers want to create a network and reach out to the community, giving something back as well.

The new group has monthly meetings, open circles and more, the first Sunday of every month at Ft. Lowell Park, Ramada 5. For more information, call Rev. Andrew Brooks, (520) 326-2224 or E-mail: eyeofsokar@hotmail.com.

Teddy Bear Raffle 2000 Announced

TUCSON - On Sunday, December 17, the Gay community of Tucson again will host the annual "Uncle Rudi's Teddy Bear Raffle and Show 2000." Located TBA.

This year's main grand prize "Kahuna" is a plush collectors item #26 of 490 in a limited edition by Gund. The stuffed animal was donated by Mostly Bears, 2629 N. Campbell in Tucson, and valued at \$350. One dollar raffle tickets are available at Mostly Bears, Woody's, Robb & Co., and Hyde's Leathers on the patio of Venture-N. In addition, volunteers will make tickets available at many various locations throughout the city until the drawing, December 17.

Spokesbear "Kahuna" reminds us that winners need not be present to win. Many other prizes like toys, collectibles and gift certificates will also be awarded. Donations of prizes or cash should be directed to David Zinke, (520) 884-9175. All proceeds from this event benefit the Arizona Children's Foundation in Tucson, protecting children, preserving families.

The show is directed by Dani Bordello and will feature Christina de Alexis, Lucinda Holliday, Misti Malone, Faith Michaels, Jance Starr, Billy D., and a special guest.

RGMC Update

TUCSON - Plan now to spend an evening with ye merry gentlemen of Reveille Gay Men's Chorus at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 15 or Saturday, December 16 at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Tucson.

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Joining us will be Tucson Diva Soprano Elena Todd, a frequent guest artist with Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, along with Wanda Brister, who brings a great history of performance with her as the newest voice faculty member at the U of A School of Music.

This promises to be a great Holiday Show, so get your tickets now! Tickets are \$30 for season tickets (all 3 concerts). Individual tickets are \$12 advanced purchase, and \$15 at the door. Seniors (65+), students and children tickets are \$12 advanced purchase or at the door. Season tickets are available by calling the Chorus Hotline, (520) 617-3100. Advanced purchase tickets are also available from Tucson Trunk, 5606 E. River Road; Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.; Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. 4th Ave. and at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2331 E. Adams.

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Poll: Teens Biased But Pro-Rights

LOS ANGELES, CA (NP) - More than a third of this year's cream of the American high school crop admit to anti Gay bias, but most still believe in job and marriage rights.

The thirtieth annual survey of those listed in the latest Who's Who Among American High School Students found 38 percent admitting to personal bias against "homosexuals" but majorities supporting a range of employment opportunities for them and marriage for Gay and Lesbian couples. Those majorities had all increased since a similar survey in 1998. The new survey released November 27 reflected the opinions of 2,804 students ages 16 - 18 maintaining grade averages of at least 3.0, with 97 percent planning to go on to college. Among those respondents, 4.8 percent of males and 3.6 percent of females identified themselves as "Bisexual," "homosexual," or "uncertain."

The level of self-identified prejudice against Gays and Lesbians was far higher than that against racial groups (15 percent against Hispanics [sic], 13 percent against African-Americans, 8 percent against Asian-Americans, 4 percent against Caucasians) and Jews (5 percent). Yet homophobia had dropped about 10 percent from the 1998 survey, while the other forms of prejudice were essentially unchanged. Who's Who founder and publisher Paul Krouse found all these results "disappointing" given many schools' increased attention to diversity issues, but speculated that the anti-Gay sentiments stemmed from lack of experience with Gays and Lesbians. In the Who's Who surveys of 1992 through 1997, respondents were not asked to identify their own prejudice but to answer "Of the people you know, how many do you think are prejudiced against homosexuals?" with "most/about half/a few/none"; interestingly the number responding "most" steadily dropped over those years from 56.7 percent to 36.4 percent.

Respondents were also asked a series of questions beginning "Do you believe homosexuals should be permitted to ..." Military service was acceptable to 78.4 percent (up from 74.9 percent in 1998 and only 52.3 percent in 1993); teaching was acceptable to 74.4 percent (up from 70.7 percent in 1998); coaching youth sports was acceptable to 67.9 percent (up from 66 percent in 1998); leading a Boy Scout or Girl Scout group was acceptable to 62.4 percent (up from 61.1 percent); and serving as clergy was acceptable to 53.8 percent (up from 51.2 percent in 1998).

Interestingly, in a breakdown by type of school - public, private or parochial - it was the private school students rather than the parochial school students who most disapproved of Gay and Lesbian clergy: 56.8 percent of public school students supported "homosexual" clergy as did 55.1 percent of parochial school students, while only 39.5 percent of private school students agreed. The results on that question were very similar in 1998. There was a somewhat similar breakdown on the question of Gay and Lesbian marriage, which 53.5 percent approved of overall: 57.3 percent of public school students supported "homosexual" marriages as did 51.7 percent of parochial school students, while only 37.2 percent of private school students agreed.

The language of the survey itself reflects a change in attitude towards Gays and Lesbians over the years. In 1993, respondents were asked to choose on a five-point scale their level of "discomfort" with varying degrees of intimacy with a

"homosexual" - as a family member, friend, dorm resident, sharer of a bathroom, or watching two "homosexuals" kiss. They were also asked to choose which of three statements "best describes your feelings about homosexuality" - "Homosexuality is immoral and unnatural" (41 percent), "I don't care what homosexuals do in private, as long as I don't know about it or see it" (31.8 percent) and "Society unfairly discriminates against homosexuals; they should not have to hide their sexuality" (26.3 percent).

Rather than being asked about their self-identification, the 1993 survey asked if the students had ever had a "homosexual experience" (3.9 percent of males and 1.6 percent of females said yes). In 1977, 1978 and 1980 respondents were asked to choose among various reactions to a best friend coming out to them and expressing a wish to have sex with them (in 1980, 47.6 percent would be distressed and end the relationship while 42.5 percent would say no but say it wouldn't affect the friendship; 0.8 percent might consider it and only 0.2 percent would be pleased).

Among numerous other topics touched on by the current survey is violence in schools and how students believe it should be handled, although anti Gay harassment is not dealt with specifically.

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Arkansas Court Hears Challenge To Sodomy Law

LITTLE ROCK, AR - The two and a half year battle to have the Arkansas sodomy statute declared unconstitutional will soon reach a pivotal juncture, as lawyers on both sides of the issue prepare for a January 29 hearing in state circuit court.

The civil lawsuit was filed against the Arkansas attorney general's office and the state prosecutors by lawyers representing seven Gay men and Lesbian residents. Circuit Judge David Bogard scheduled the hearing to argue motions for summary judgment, the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reports.

The summary judgment motions, which petition the court to make a finding based on the legal issues in the case without a formal trial, were filed last week. Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund attorney Ruth Harlow, who is representing the Gay plaintiffs, told the court the sodomy statute not only violates her clients' right to equal protection guaranteed by the Arkansas and U.S. constitutions, the law violates the plaintiffs' rights to privacy.

"The act thus creates two vastly different rules depending on who engages in these forms of intimate behavior," Harlow said. "Those who have a same-sex sexual attraction ... are forbidden this particular behavior in all contexts, no matter how committed their relationship or how private the setting. They are branded criminals and threatened with prosecution, while their heterosexual neighbors freely practice the same intimate contact without criminal penalty or stigma."

In June 1999 the Arkansas Supreme Court ruled the case should be transferred to circuit court. The high court also rejected a motion from the state that the lawsuit should be dismissed because none of the plaintiffs had actually been charged under the sodomy law.

Pulaski County Prosecuting Attorney Larry Jegley, who is representing state prosecutors and is being assisted by the state's attorney general's office, told the court there is no right to individual privacy contained in the Arkansas Constitution or the U.S. Constitution that would prevent a state from criminalizing sodomy.

The state argues that in order to prove that the law violates equal protection under the U.S. and Arkansas constitutions, the plaintiffs must show that there is no "rational basis" for the law. They can't do that, Jegley says.

"Plaintiffs, and undoubtedly others, passionately believe that the act represents 'backward thinking,' 'intolerance,' and bad public policy, but plaintiffs have presented their complaint to the wrong forum. The people of the state through their elected representatives have expressed the view that homosexual sodomy is immoral, and under the federal and Arkansas constitutions, there is no barrier to state's criminalization of such conduct."

The state also maintains that the Gay plaintiffs' complaint falls short of being enough "to support a claim that the 'threat' of criminal prosecution of plaintiffs by defendant Jegley or any other member of the defendant class is sufficiently 'real.'"

Elena Picado, 45, and the six other plaintiffs in the case filed affidavits last week saying that even though they hadn't been arrested, they felt harmed by the sodomy law.

"I particularly fear that, as has occurred with other Gay parents in the state, the [sodomy law] will be used to diminish my parental rights to my own children, even without my being prosecuted or convicted," Picado wrote in her affidavit. "The act's criminal condemnation fuels an atmosphere in Arkansas in which many believe that it is acceptable to discriminate against me and other Gay people, and even target us for verbal abuse or violence."

Arkansas is one of only five states with sodomy laws specifically outlawing same sex acts. The others are: Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Lower courts in Missouri and Texas have ruled against the sodomy laws there. Texas is planning to appeal that decision.

Elton John Raises \$200,000 For His AIDS Foundation

ATLANTA, GA - As millions watched his "One Night Only" TV concert special, pop star Elton John introduced about 300 guests to his photographs inside a red-hued High Museum of Art in Midtown. Attendees, including R.E.M. members Michael Stipe, Peter Buck and Mike Mills, wrote checks for between \$750 and \$30,000 at the World AIDS Day benefit for the Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF), the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported.

Dressed in a salmon-colored suit, John spent much of the evening warmly welcoming his guests. Having just jetted in from Europe, John admitted he wasn't altogether pleased by the lack of media attention paid to World AIDS Day 2000.

"In this country, everyone still seems consumed with the election," John told Buzz. "I didn't see much [about World AIDS Day] on television. I fear that people aren't paying attention. We have got to do more to educate. I have just seen some statistics that are due to be released soon in England. The numbers [of newly infected cases] are on the rise with young heterosexuals there."

John said that his partner David Furnish recently returned from Africa where he got a first-hand look at the programs the EJAF is funding there. "I want to

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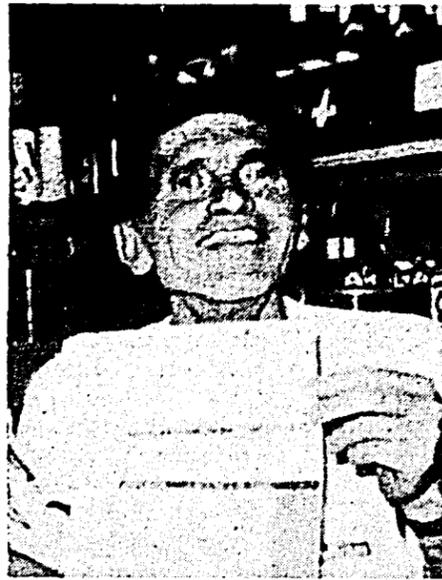
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JACK DEAN "POONEY" FOLEY

On November 10th, a group of Jack "Pooney" Foley's family and friends traveled to Rocky Point, Mexico. We went to bid Pooney a final memorial farewell on the eleventh. This was a memorial meant to be a poignant but fun celebration of Pooney's life. That is just what it ended up being.

Saturday morning dawned bright, sunny, and clear - a glorious day for a memorial. Everyone arose to coffee, snacks, and great conversation. A competitive game of spades was played with waves lapping gently a few yards away. We all missed watching out for how Pooney played on past trips - he cheated shamelessly. At eleven a.m., an ultra-light airplane, arranged for the occasion, landed on the

beach. Marian, "Mama Poon", was first to take flight - carrying Pooney's ashes. As the plane made a low pass parallel to the beach, we saw a white, smoke-like puff. Pooney had found his final Earth home. Several others followed Mama Poon into the sky. We even shamed normally chicken Steve into going up. Wonderful experience.

That afternoon everybody headed to Cholla bay for "clam catching" and drinks at JJ's Cantina. Fifteen pounds of clams and several buzzes were caught.

The celebration continued that evening with dinner at La Curva. The food and conversation were spicy and delicious. You should have seen the looks on the snowbird faces when Steve and Papa Poon jumped on the dance floor for a lively Polka. After seeing those two on the dance floor, Mama Poon and Dan lost their step and never did get it back. Great fun.

The party headed back to the beach. We drank Pooney's favorite drink, rum and coke. We lit a rainbow candle that was Pooney's and sat around a blazing campfire. Many Pooney stories were told around that campfire until the last of the six candles burned out.

Pooney, we sent you off in a manner that would have won your approval. We laughed. We drank. We told stories and lies. We did it at a place you loved. We will always remember you and we will always remember your last party. Hope you are having fun wherever you are.

Los Angeles Severs Boy Scout Ties

LOS ANGELES, CA - The Los Angeles City Council voted unanimously on Tuesday, November 28, to sever program ties with the Boy Scouts of America because of the organization's discriminatory anti Gay policy.

The 11-0 vote was the latest in a wave of similar actions taken by municipalities, police departments, school districts and non-profit groups all over the country as they formally disassociate themselves from the BSA and its anti-Gay policies.

Though the United States Supreme Court, in a closely divided 5-4 decision, upheld the right of the Scouts to ban Gay members and leaders, that win has cost the organization dearly in terms of contributions and public standing. As was the case in Los Angeles, its avowed anti-Gay stance has also run afoul of anti-bias statutes in the country's more populated areas.

City Council members said Los Angeles law prevents ties to organizations that discriminate. "We don't have a choice legally. Both the spirit and the content of existing city law is very clear: the city should not participate in a discriminatory practice or policy," Councilman Mike Feuer said.

"Nobody, including the Boy Scouts," said Feuer, "has articulated what the difference is between discriminating on the basis of race, on the one hand, which they would agree ought never happen, and discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation."

Under the terms of the City Council measure, the Los Angeles Police Department will be asked to dismantle its Explorers unit, a Boy Scouts-affiliated police cadet training program, within 90 days. It has been authorized to create a

non-BSA affiliated alternative.

All other city departments will be audited to determine whether other contractual relationships exist with Boy Scouts affiliates, and all city contracts will be examined to ensure they contain non-discriminatory clauses, and are in compliance with city code, said Laura Esquivel, assistant to Councilwoman Jackie Goldberg.

In addition, the city's department of Parks and Recreation will end the practice of waiving fees for the Boy Scouts for camping and other activities. In reference to the fee waiver, Esquivel said, "We pointed out that their criteria should be consistent with the city's non-discrimination policy. The Boy Scouts no longer qualify to be subsidized by taxpayer money because we have an obligation not to subsidize organizations that discriminate."

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E.D., or better known these days, Florida, is something plaguing this country, with the lawsuits over chads, dimpled, pregnant or not registering, hand counts, and absentee ballots, on whether elected officials violated state statute over the application process for an early ballot and should those votes be tossed, making great television ratings but not answering the question on who the 43rd President will be, at least as of press time.

So what if the "Sunshine State" had counted all the votes? Vice President Al Gore, the Democratic candidate, would have won the state, in an error free vote, according to an analysis of voting patterns.

Gore would have won a flawless Florida election by 23,000 votes, according to a study, capturing the state's 25 Electoral College votes, held for the moment by Texas Governor George W. Bush, the Republican candidate, who was certified as the winner, by his state campaign co-chair, Florida Secretary of State Kathryn Harris, of the November 7 presidential election by a mere 537 votes out of the 6 million tabulated in the state.

For this study, data was collected for all of Florida's 5,885 voting precincts, including absentee ballots and those disqualified for such reasons as showing no vote for president or more than one vote for president, with the extra 185,000 uncounted votes were then shared out to Gore, Bush and other minor party candidates, according to ratios drawn from the official tabulations in each precinct.

That would be a wonderful scenario if it could be played out, but the courts, as of press time, are stating otherwise, despite state laws which candidates can



'Electile Dysfunction'

challenge an election result, certified or otherwise. Leon County Circuit Court Judge N. Sanders Sauls, Monday, December 4, rejected the Democratic request to review ballots that have yet to be counted.

The forcefulness of Judge Sauls' ruling surprised the litigants and observers, as it rejected every legal argument put forward by the Vice President's team. The matter now goes to the Florida Supreme Court where different standards on the Sauls' decision may be applied.

Florida election laws are clear in that a court can and should intervene if there is evidence that state officials rejected "a number of legal votes sufficient to change or place in doubt the result of the election." Evidence put before Sauls' bench showed that some 10,000 uncounted votes in Miami-Dade County could close or overturn Bush's slim 500 vote lead in Florida.

According to reports, Judge Sauls ignored that baseline standard for intervention in Florida law, imposing a far higher burden of "reasonable probability" on the Gore team. They were asked by Sauls to prove before hand that counting the uncounted ballots would, in fact, change the election result. Noting that the Democrats had failed to meet that high standard, he rejected their arguments.

Gore's lead attorney, David Boies, said in an interview that their appeal is

based on the fact that Judge Sauls did not consider the physical evidence transported with such media fanfare to Florida's capital last week -- the actual ballots. He will also attempt to persuade the court to overturn Judge Saul's contention that counting ballots in a few disputed counties would be unfair to voters in other parts of the state.

Gore's legal team is now pinning its hopes on is that the Florida Supreme Court will reject the higher standard for intervention in the election arbitrarily imposed by Sauls. It is the responsibility of the state high court to weigh, not only the letter, but the intent of the law. In our opinion, the baseline standard in Florida election law for court intervention has been met many times over.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruling, handed down Monday, December 4, gave neither the Republicans nor the Democrats a clear victory. The nation's high court essentially asked the Florida Supreme Court for a clarification of its ruling, bearing in mind certain legal prohibitions and principals.

The Supreme Court also provided the Florida high court with something of a road map through the thicket of federal concerns. Most if not all of these concerns could be settled by the Florida justices with the addition of one or two paragraphs to its original ruling, which extended Florida's certification deadline.

Will all this do anything to affect the final outcome, given the constricted timetable? Wouldn't the counting of the ballots affect the final outcome, since that is what the point of an election is, to tabulate all the ballots to find out who will serve in the respective elected post? "Your vote counts," is a hashed-about slogan dredged up during election time. With all this, does it?

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DECEMBER 15 & 16
 Reveille Gay Men's Chorus will be in concert at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 8:00 p.m. both nights performing "Ye Merry Gentlemen!" Join Reveille for its traditional Holiday Concert that includes music with a "southern" flavor and a "Tucson Style" Winter Wonderland. Performing with Reveille will be soprano Elena Todd and mezzo-soprano Wanda Bristler, in the concert finale of music from "White Christmas". For tickets and information call the Chorus Hotline at 617-3100.

DECEMBER 7 - 22
 Borderlands Theater presents "A Tucson Pastorela" by Max Brascomb and directed by Barclay Goldsmith. In This all new version, follow dazzling Estrella and join Bato and his flock on a journey filled with wacky adventure, and lovely Christmas carols sung in both English and Spanish accompanied by live Waila music. Pima Community College Center for the Arts Black Box Theater, 2202 W. Anklam Road. Reservations 882-7406.

JANUARY 4 - 7, 2001
 The Invisible Theatre will present "Coming Through: Ellis Island Revisited" at it's facility 1400 N. First Avenue. This one-act play interweaves the stories of three actual immigrants who "came through" Ellis Island on the same day in 1922. Between 1892 and 1954 more than 12 million people entered the United States through the Ellis Island Immigration station. The play unfolds the recollections of three actual immigrants as they share their stories of journeying to America, the struggle to make it through Ellis Island and finally life as an immigrant in America. Their recollections become a testimony to the indomitable courage of the human spirit and serve as a catalyst and an inspiration for the audience to share their own family stories of coming through" whether it be through Ellis Island or crossing the border. The production is a special event during the Invisible Theatre's 30th season of Renewal and will be presented at the Theatre and in touring shows at local schools. Tickets are \$10 and may be ordered over the phone with VISA/MC/AMEX by calling the Theatre 882-9721 or at the box office 1400 N. 1st Ave.

DECEMBER 7 - 23
 Green Thursday Theatre Project, Tucson's new queer and quirky theatre company presents "The Eight Reindeer Monologues" by Jeff Goode Thursday thru Saturdays Dec. 7-9 / 14-16 / 21-23 at 7:00 p.m. at Club Congress, 311 E. Congress St. \$10 general admission, \$8 seniors and students. Tickets are available at the Hotel Congress front desk. Call 795-4322 for reservations. Scandal erupts at the North Pole when one of Santa's eight tiny reindeer accuses him of sexual harassment.

DECEMBER 9- 10
 The Boys Choir of Harlem performs vibrant, inspirational concert of holiday music in their Centennial Hall debut. Using music as a force for change in children's lives, The Boys Choir of Harlem has grown from a

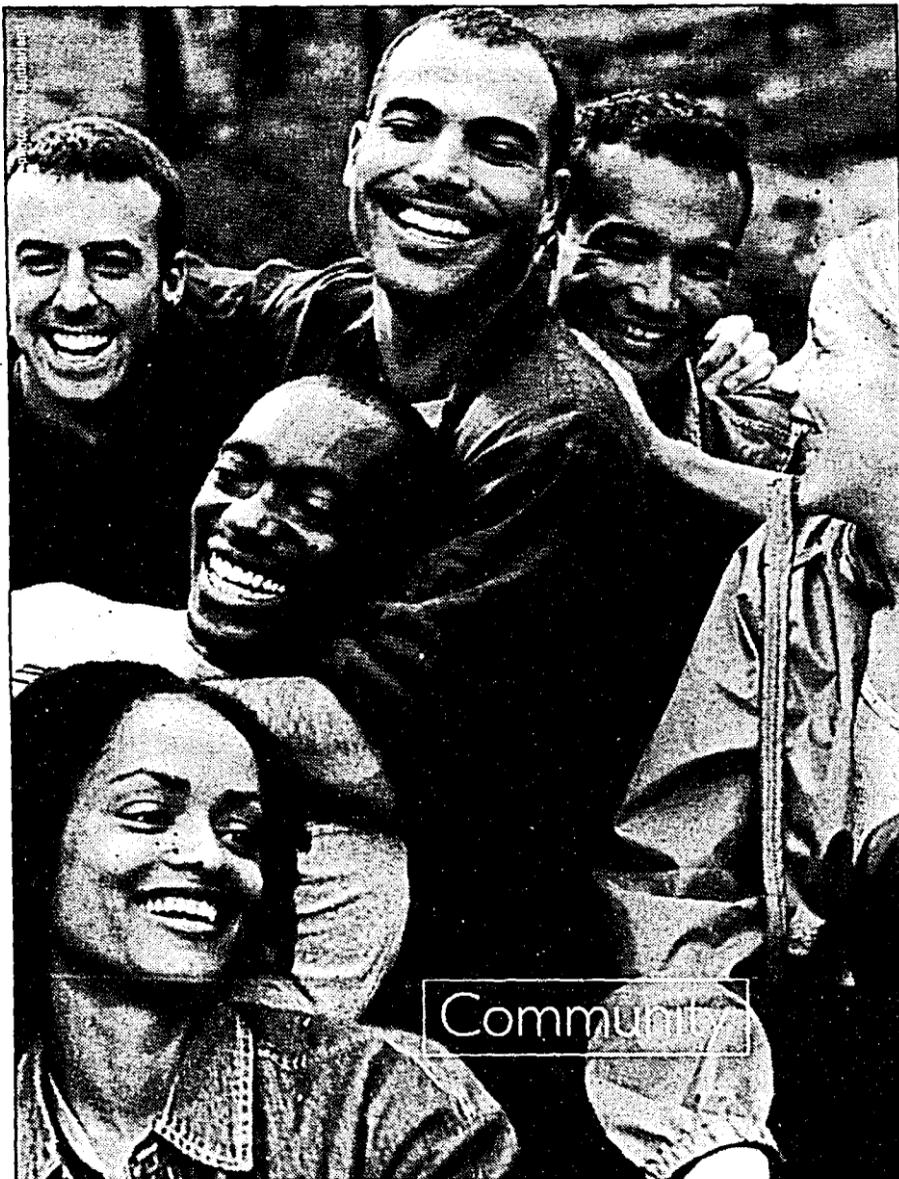
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THE BOOK REPORT

Homophobia: A History by Byrne Fone. Metropolitan Books, 2000.

and legal discrimination emanates from church doctrine. This is a major reason why homophobia remains the last acceptable prejudice.

This is a thoroughly researched and eloquent tome chronicling the fear and loathing of homosexuality in the Western World from antiquity to the present day. With chapters focusing on topics such as "The Plague of Sodomy," "England's Abominable Vice," and "American Masculinity," this book covers a lot of ground. One thing that this book establishes, besides the awful power of homophobia to destroy lives, is that Gay people (or what ever term you care to use for those attracted to their own sex) have been around for a long, long time and in all strata of society.

Not that the Church is alone in formulating homophobia; medical science and government contributed their fair share. And there is much, much more. The fact that this book is so well chronicled leads one to skim over passages that tell more of the same story. But for those interested in this particular form of prejudice, how it came to be and what it says about us, this is a fascinating read.

Until the rise of Christianity, what we would call homophobia was aimed at men who exhibited feminine traits. Although the Greeks and Romans may have been open to same-sex sexual encounters, including intergenerational sex, they couldn't abide sissy's very well. Gender-transgression has remained a strong component of homophobia till this day, but it was organized Christianity that began to stigmatize the "sin" of same-sex relations in any form. It was the church that first exiled Gay men and women from its fold then upped the penalty to severe physical punishments and finally executions. Much of what exists of current homophobic raves

[Reviewed by Richard DiRusso, Tucson-Pima Public Library Librarian, and co-chair, Gay and Lesbian Services Committee.]

HATE IS NOT A FAMILY VALUE

HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Mercury changes signs this week and rams into volcanic Pluto. Zap! Our thoughts and speech can set the world on fire. This has its good and bad points, kids, depending on whether you remembered to bring the marshmallows. Tempt fate this week by giving your communication a full range but wear your asbestos suit, just in case.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud rainbow Rambos are not usually the most eloquent of folks but who really cares as long as others shut up, sit up and listen? Your words pack a global wallop thanks to Mercury conjunct Pluto. Get your opinions Out, comrade, and catapult our political cause to greater heights. A tree that falls in the forest will be heard if Aries says it's so. So there!

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

They say that all that glitters is not gold, but don't say that to a Gay Taurean when Mercury conjuncts Pluto. Personal values are in for a grand reassessment but, if you are a tried and true Bull, the balance between good hard cash and higher moral character may tip to one side. Guess which side tips over?! Fact is, cousin, even maniacle louses look fetching in green and gold.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Queer Twins face the classic identity dilemma when Pluto conjuncts Mercury. Is it possible to retain your own sense of independent self within a one-to-one relationship? You'll test the limits of your powers of persuasion against the flowering of the partnership during this transit. But remember sweetheart, Laugh and the world laughs with you. Kvetch and you sleep alone.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Your day to day job may suddenly chaff at the collar. Pluto conjunct Mercury makes you realize that schlepping along at some old dreary job no longer feeds the inner soul. (as if it ever did...) Can pink Crabs achieve self actualization and still be able to pay the rent? Sure, as long as you prioritize your time. Keep working, but volunteer a bit for our community as well. Think karma.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

You'll be amazed at how even simple suggestions from friends lead you to exuberant creative expressions. Proud Lions always know how to make good use of an appreciative audience and now you seem to be treading into Tony territory. Go for the gold darling and demonstrate the dramatic tour de force of Pluto conjunct Mercury. Of course hams become yesterday's lunch.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Pluto conjunct Mercury can impact your homelife and general surroundings. Pink Virgins are tempted to upend their current living arrangements in favor of something totally out of character. This may be a great opportunity to break with the past. At the same time, who wants to be burdened with lime green plastic bean bag chairs or, worse still, a condo in Heritage City??

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Pluto conjunct Mercury gives you a rare opportunity to be diplomat to the world. Proud Libras not only can expand and reshape their global view but can also share their personal opinions with the masses and win a few prized converts in the process. Ever thought of politics? It's about time the White House was painted pink. And not a moment too soon!

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

The good life doesn't come cheaply when Pluto conjuncts lascivious and luscious Mercury. Queer Scorps become lost in the passion of the moment as Pluto upends and shatters all your long-held beliefs and values. Will you be reduced to spineless quivering protoplasm who can be molded by gigolos and other assorted scamps? If so, request a sculptured physique.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Gay Archers can always use a fashion tip or five as well as a general reappraisal of their appearance. Now, with Pluto conjunct Mercury, rely on pals and partners to give you the best overall advice; After all, they have your best interests at heart. It's time to trade in those tired old togs for something a bit more topical, and clean, ahem..

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Don't be surprised if you can adapt portions of your job to more personally fulfilling pursuits when Mercury conjuncts Pluto. Leave it to a queer Goat to construct the perfect balance of work and community service. This is a transforming time for you; Pluto doesn't tolerate anything hidden or repressed and will blow the bolts off your closet. Welcome the liberation, comrade.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Is it the Age of Aquecius yet? Maybe not, but with Pluto conjunct Mercury we can begin the celebration now. Outreach is the operative word. Creative ideas must be shared with as many folks as possible. Aquecians will be the party planners of the moment during this transit and can mingle with just about any old crowd. Avoid any old crowd of young Republicans, though.

PISCES

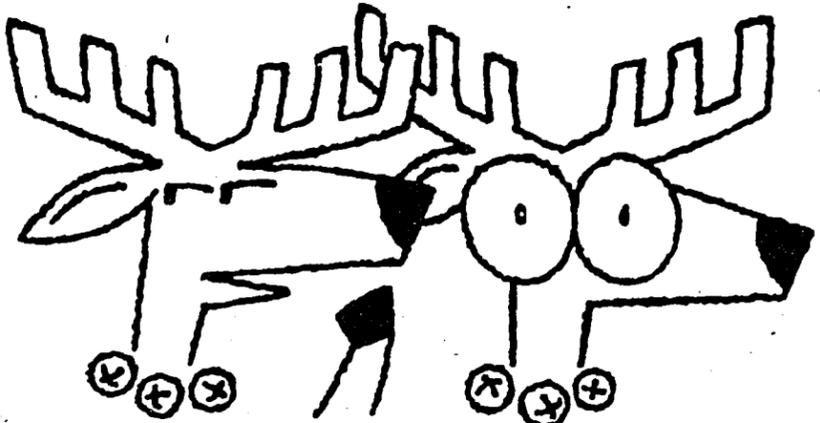
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Hey, who wouldn't like to retire? I know I would but I've gotten used to eating. Queer Fish ache to able to cash in their corporate chips when Pluto conjuncts Mercury, but refrain from any spur of the moment breathtakingly extravagant actions. This transit shall soon pass and it would be a shame to leave the game just as it was getting interesting. Raise the ante, you stud poker.

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SECOND PERFECT GAME ROLLED IN DESERT COYOTES BOWLING LEAGUE

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - If someone partaking in the game of bowling wants a perfect score, 300, they must throw twelve strikes in a row while battling their nerves, as they try for something few have achieved, but for the second time in the Desert Coyotes bowling league, it happened Wednesday, November 29.

Jeff Thompson pulled off the perfect game on lanes 41-42, while his team, Mamas Family, bowled against Erratica 5. After bowling a 257 for the first game, Thompson was in a groove, stringing nine strikes in the second game with a deliberate arcing curve, and the question arose whether he would finally roll the elusive 300 game.

In league and tournament bowling, Thompson had thrown a couple of 290+ games, stringing 11 strikes but not able to get that elusive twelfth. His tenth and eleventh strikes were right in the pocket, clearing the pins with no doubt but there was the twelfth and last shot for his piece of bowling history.

For those few who have managed to bowl a perfect game, the twelfth shot is the worst, with their heart beating a mile a minute and nerves on edge. Thompson's nerves came to the forefront, having to step off the lane to compose and ready himself for the last shot, for which probably seemed like an eternity to him, he threw, getting the last strike and finally getting that 300 game, his first in bowling for which Thompson said he had been doing for 20 years.

In league competition, a 300 game is a rarity. For a league to have an individual bowl a perfect game in something, but for a league to have two people get that 300, is remarkable and Tucson's Desert Coyotes Gay and Lesbian bowling league is indeed such.

DESERT COYOTES LEAGUE STANDINGS

	PW	PL
The Breeders	7	0
Mamas Family	7	0
Slutopoly	7	0
Oompah Loompals	7	0
Team Ate	7	0
Rebellious!	5	2
Judy's Truck Stop	5	2
Tres Amigos	5	2
Gay Divorcees	4	3
Children of the Corn	3	4
Erratica 5	2	5
Sluts-R-Us	2	5
Wicked Witches	2	5
The Hoochies	0	7
M-Cubed	0	7
Gutter Snipes	0	7
*The Nut Sack	0	7

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SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

High Average - Heather H., 180; Keith D., 226; Mamas Family, 530.

High Series Scratch - Keith D., 768; Heather H., 620; The Breeders, 1754.

High Game Scratch - Keith D., 300; Heather H., 245; Sluts-R-Us, 661.

High Series Handicap - Kristen S., 753; Keith D., 768; The Breeders, 2000.

High Game Handicap - Sluts-R-Us, 735; Keith D., 300; Kristen S., 293.



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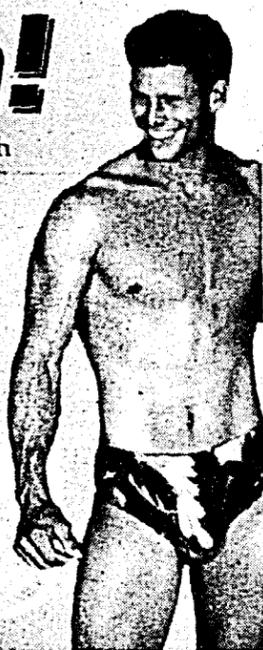
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by Chaz

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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1 Peter 3:15)

Scripture tells us to not only be ready to share the reason of our hope but to do it! So often we hide our hope where others can't see it and then wonder why we live in such a "hopeless" society.

The hope of a Christian is based on one's relationship with Jesus. The mere definition of a Christian is that one has made a personal relationship with God's son, Jesus and believe fully in what he did for all people while on Earth. He died on a cross a sinless man. Yet he did so because it was a final payment for the sins of each and every person. It's a difficult concept, but one someone is able to embrace the truths of Jesus and the salvation he offers each of us, then that person is free to be filled with hope.

My hope personally comes from believing that God is sovereign. In other words, nothing happens in this world that is out of his knowledge or will. I derive great comfort in trying times just knowing that there is a reason I am having to endure the particular hardship. I also get hope

from the fact that my time on this Earth is temporary yet my time of being is eternal. And thanks be to God, that eternity can be spend in Heaven with the Lord rather than in Hell because of my relationship with Jesus Christ. When the world seems filled with violence and my immediate world seems filled with anguish, even then I can still have hope. God can and will give a new perspective on situations, people, and event emotions. There is tremendous hope in God's truths found in the Bible and there is great hope in my heart no matter my current circumstances, because I know my God is bigger than any problem.

You may be in a difficult if not excruciating place in your life right now. You may be feeling your hope wain quickly away. But don't give up. Rather, turn to God and ask him to make Jesus real to you. You won't be disappointed. In fact, I know from experience, with God, there is always hope!

Mark you calendars for some upcoming events; Christmas Program (great singing and lots of laughs), Saturday, December 16, 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service, Sunday, December 24, 10:30 a.m.

GO IN GOOD HEALTH

BY REV. ANDREW BROOKS

Well, it's nearly Christmas again. And Hanukkah and Yule also. Wow. So much holiday shopping to do. Even the holy month of Ramadan is going on right now for Moslems. So many gifts to buy, so much to do, my queer family. I am sure Gay.com and Tzabaco are gearing up to sell everything in sight for that perfect gift for your Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual celebration of the holidays. Well, don't forget the gift of good health. It's flu season right now.

I was just now watching the CBS nightly news, and there is fear about adverse, even fatal reactions to the anti-flu drug Relenza. People, it's time to realize the drug companies aggressively market every drug they make that can just "zap" away every health woe and these wonder drugs might be the cure for everything from migraines to hemorrhoids. Just look at how aggressively women's hygiene and health products are marketed. But do we need all of them? And as often as they say that we do? No, not really. Think about it. There are reasons you are getting a headache. Stress, tension, constricted blood flow, tiredness, too much alcohol at the bar last night, whatever. It is easy to grab your Excedrin or Motrin or whatever. They do help, for a while.

However, in the case of pain killers and "NSAIDS" - Non Steroidal Anti-Inflammatories, they are trying to block the production of inflammatory agents in the body. Ibuprofen, if taken long enough, can cause liver dysfunction and also anemic conditions in the blood. And the flu drugs have killed people. What they are doing with flu vaccines is injecting you with a weakened form of the same illness that is floating around, and for those with weaker immune systems, it can attack you hard and do the opposite to what you expect. Flu shots are not the panacea they want you to think they are. So reconsider running down to get one. Instead, take Echinacea, Vitamin C and Zinc. What Echinacea, either Angustifolia or Purpurea, is help to purify your body, to help it to remove cellular wastes more efficiently. In your blood are millions of microbes, germs, viruses, etc. and your body sends macro-

phages, cellular soldiers, if you will, to attack invading pathogens.

We need to boost our immune systems. There is so much pollution in the air, the water, and the land, that our bodies are feeling the stress. Anyone with asthma can tell you that all the chimney smoke at night will set off an attack. Pollution sickness is not unheard of in Tucson, and is definitely out there in Phoenix!! No, you don't need a designer gas mask in pretty hot pink for Christmas just yet, but you might reconsider going into the mall with all that miasma of flu germs percolating in the air, without boosting your immune system.

Goldenseal, Olive Leaf Extract and Myrrh are wonderful immune boosters. Myrrh, given to the baby Jesus, is a sacred herb, used in ancient times to banish evil. That wasn't such a superstitious notion, as myrrh contains myricitrin, which helps banish sickness, and acts as an antimicrobial. It fights dental infections, and is sometimes combined with Goldenseal. In fact, Frankincense is a medicinal herb also, I found it in herbal male, a liquid tincture to boost the male system (including sex drive and improve erectile duration and libido) at New Life health.

Olive Leaf inhibits the growth of all viruses, such as herpes, Epstein-barr and even HIV. Not a cure for AIDS, unfortunately, but it helps fight the virus from taking over. This applies to many viruses, and cannot hurt in flu season either. There are many mutations of viruses, and "new" viruses like Hanta and Nile virus are in this country now also. However, herbs are powerful healers and can and will help you feel better.

If you are worried about overusing immune boosting herbs, don't fret. Take normal dosages, and supplement with acidophilus and yogurt to fight off candida when taking any antibiotic, either herbal or standards like tetracycline and penicillin. Echinacea should be used for about two

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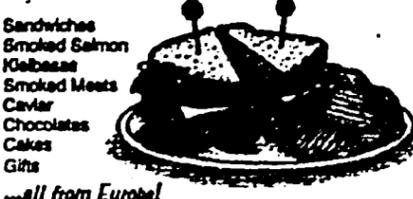
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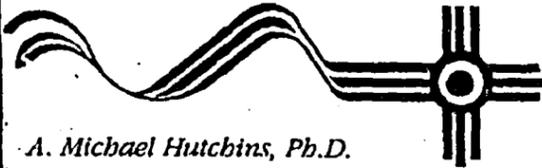
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From that chat conversation, Gwen developed the Remembering Our Dead Web site. Based on the simple premise that "Those who cannot remember the past are doomed to repeat it", both the Remembering Our Dead Web site, and the Day of Remembrance seeks to insure that the names and lives of those lost to anti Transgender violence are not forgotten.

Tucson's event opened with Kevin Maxey, president of the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA). Maxey welcomed the crowd and thanked the sponsors of the event. Two letters of support from the City of Tucson government, Mayor Bob Walkup and the city's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Commission were read to those present.

Alexander John Goodrum, a former member of the Tucson GLBT Commission addressed the crowd. The names and biographies of 20 victims were read, by Goodrum and Maxey, to make sure these people weren't forgotten. The descriptions of those live cut so brutally short moved many present, organizers said.

Jamie Carr, the past president of

SAGA, delivered a touching and emotional eulogy. He spoke of remembering of each of the 212 lives lost to anti Transgender violence and encouraged the crowd to see and honor the light they left behind. A march followed to Wingspan, with people carrying their candles, banners and placards aloft.

"A special thanks," Goodrum said, "must go out to Gwendolyn Ann Smith, the creator of the Remember Our Dead project and Web site as well as the organizer of the first Day of Remembrance event held in San Francisco in 1998." "Gwen's leadership, vision and commitment is a wonderful testament to the courage and strength needed to educate about anti Transgender bias and violence."

Organizers wanted to express their thanks to following people who helped to make the event a success: Michael Petillo, Kevin Maxey, Henry Sabia, Bertie Lozano, Daniel Goodrum, Tim Konski, Jamie Carr, Mike Pollack, and Amelia Craig Cramer.

For more information about this event, visit the Web site: www.gender.org/remember, or call (520) 624-1779.

Go In Good Health

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weeks, then take a break. Myrrh can be used whenever needed, as can Suma, another powerful immune booster. Astragalus, a Chinese herb, helps the immune system too, but don't take it when you have a fever. If all that rich holiday food is upsetting your stomach, get pineapple-papaya enzymes. Trader Joes has them for a low price, and also get some peppermint oil capsules. This will help digestion, and peppermint soothes the stomach. It is good for diarrhea and acidic stomach upset. That is why peppermint chocolate candies are so readily available at most restaurants. Papaya also contains bromelain, which is a natural supplement that is very healing also.

There are of course peppermint teas, tummy mint tea, and spearmint tea. All kinds of mint are healing, but peppermint is a bit stronger. There are many kinds of mint, I grow several in my garden, including apple and pineapple and chocolate mint. They are flavored mints, and can heal also. As for aroma therapy, burning a bit of eucalyptus or red or white thyme oil on an oil ring on your lamp will kill the germs in the air. The oil may be a bit strong for some, but it is proven that essential oils, breathed in, have a healing and anti-germ effect. There are also incenses that heal. Frankincense and Myrrh incense is a nice holiday fragrance, and healing also. Pine is another healing scent. Use real oils, not synthetic oils, as they have no healing powers at all, they just smell nice. White pine is a healing agent derived from pine bark, and pine bark tea, from certain types of trees, has a powerful healing effect. I have used it. You will find pine in some herbal blends. It's not just the tree of choice for Christmas! Pine oil is very soothing and refreshing, and has a nice woody aroma. I recommend it.

Happy holidays, my Gay and Lesbian and Bisexual and Transgender family. Goddess bless. May the rebirth of Light kindle the light of joy and love and hope and peace in your heart, no matter what your religious path may be.

[Andrew Brooks - paganbear30@hotmail.com. P.S. Please e-mail me with your health questions. I will answer them in upcoming columns. Thank you so much. I want your feedback!]

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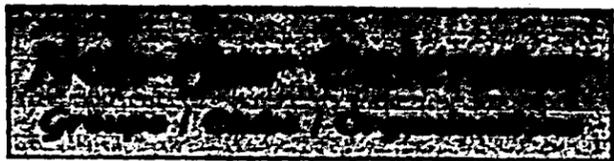
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Investment Club (Tucson Stockmen) meets the first Wednesday of each month. There are new openings in the Stockmen, so please call for more information. For reservations and directions, please call Carl at 331-4238.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN as they go the Desert Voices Concert: "Life, Love & Light". If you need tickets or other information, please contact T. Jay at 881-7919.

Desert Voices, Arizona's premier GLBT Chorus in concert tonight and tomorrow. Come share the "Love & Light" of their second concert of the season. 8:00 p.m. at the Proscenium Theatre at Pima Community College, West Campus. Bring a can of food the night of the concert to support the Community Food Bank and receive two for one tickets at the door (normally \$15.00 per person)!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Tom leads the Triangle Tribe-a support group with MSN which is designed to teach openness and communication. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Les for a showing of the Showtime series "Queer As Folk". We'll show the premiere episode and the 2nd one. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

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. It's a chance to meet 60-75 new faces. 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, December 14 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, DECEMBER 16

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN as they go the Reville's Christmas Concert: "Ye Merry Gentlemen!". For tickets or more info, please contact Bill at 577-0645.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Due to popular demand, we're showing the "Rites of Passage" again this month. It was "sold out" in October-and for a good reason: it's a great gay thriller about a young man at an isolated cabin with his brother, a homophobic father-and killers on the loose. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

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2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Terry as he hosts Bridge Night. Beginners and seasoned players are welcomed. For reservations and directions, please call Terry at 577-3545.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

The Gay and Lesbian Reading Group meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at Barnes and Noble on Broadway. Tonight's meeting the group will be reading Anchee Min's "Red Azalea". Newcomers are especially welcome. 5130 E. Broadway (at Rosemont)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Help us in getting out the newsletter for the coming month. It's quick and simple, and you get to know the guys you're working with! We also have door prizes and dessert. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. "The Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Mr. Kenneth Blake with Bunny FuFu and special guests.

VENTURE-N - Competition night here while Mr. Venture-N 2001 is chosen in a contest that always is great fun. There is still time to enter the contest or to nominate someone else. During the evening the nominees will be judged wearing street clothes, cruising attire and loin cloth. Nominees will be required to respond to three questions which will be given in advance so that they may prepare their answers. For further information call the Venture-N 882-8224.

WOODY'S - Spaghetti is out and Chili is in for the winter here. Chili Feed Wednesday 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. \$2.50.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

IBT'S - Every Thursday is TEE's and Tattoo night 9:00 p.m. to closing. Happy hours prices for those in their IBT T-shirt (\$5) or IBT Tattoo (\$0¢)

FRI., SAT., SUN., DECEMBER 8 - 9 - 10

IBT's - Fourth Avenue Winter Street Fair. Make this your headquarters while you're at the Fair. Desert Diva's Shows: Sat. Dec. 9 at 3:00 p.m. (\$1 cover); Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3:00 p.m. (\$1 cover), and again at 9:30 p.m. (No cover). Shows hosted by Lucinda Holiday and Ajia Simone and starring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Deora Le Blanc, Faith Michaels, Bunny FuFu, Tori Steel, and from Phoenix Devina, Phaedra and Angela Dodd. Plus hot dancing all weekend. No Cover except for afternoon Saturday and Sunday. NOTE: There will be no Bar-B-Que/Beer Bust or Karaoke this Sunday due to the Street Fair.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

WOODY'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust for the Arizona Aces Softball Team from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. followed by Karaoke with Bill Dee 9:00 to close.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "The Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Angela Dodd, Samantha White and Faith Michaels.

WOODY'S - They're giving the spaghetti a rest for awhile and the regular Wednesday chow will be a Big Chili Feed for \$2.50 with fixin's served from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.



2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us as we show "In The Flesh"-this month's second good, gay thriller. A young college boy works as a hustler at night, and he may be the key to a brutal murder. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. A traditional Holiday Dinner is offered for all who wish to join in with the MSN family. The main dishes will be provided, and if you'd like to bring a side dish or dessert, you may. If you're home for the holiday, spend it with your gay family. We'll also be showing 2 movies: "Mr. Hulot's Holiday" at 4, and "The Wizard of Oz" at 6. Games will also be out for those interested. For directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill as he hosts a Video Grab Bag. The participants will bring movies, and the winning movie will be shown that evening. If you don't have a movie to bring, just come on over and watch whatever may be chosen. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jeff as he hosts a Topic of Discussion on "Meeting Men in a Healthy Way". Are you always meeting Mr. Wrong? Looking for love in all the wrong places? Come and share your thoughts on the subjects, and maybe come away with new ideas for meeting men. For reservations and directions, please contact Jeff at 299-1194.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les as they host the annual New Year's Eve Game Night. Games begin at 7 and go past midnight, as we ring in the new millennium together. Sparkling cider and grape juice is provided for toasting in the New Year. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

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Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight, 25¢ cups of draft 8 to closing.
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 and domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm to closing, \$1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Karaoke Billy Dee 7:00-9:30pm Retro 80's dance 9:30pm to closing. All drink specials not available during special events.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Dart Tourney 8pm, pot matched. Patio opens 5pm
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close. Special drink prices 8pm to close for American Airlines - American Express - AOL employees.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool touney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Long Islands all nite. Dance to music w/DJ S. Country music 9 to close
IBT's - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. 9 pm to close \$1.75 well. Wear an IBT's T-shirt get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. House Hi-Nergy Dance 8pm to closing.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. 7pm Dart Tournament with Doc. Pot matched. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Skv's the limit \$2.25.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. \$1.50 pitchers 8-close. 80s Retro & house music with DJ Sarafina.
IBT's - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am to 4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. \$1.75 Bud Products 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio opens at 5pm.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pick-up Volleyball games start 7pm. Spaghetti & meatballs 5-9pm \$2.50. Patio bar open.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1. Karaoke with Liz 9pm to close. \$1.50 Tequila & 75¢ Watermelons.
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 (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. 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. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close plus 50¢ off all Big Ass drinks. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open.

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. 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 the Susan & Tracey 5:30-8:30pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens 6pm.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Martini Party - Well Martinis \$2.50 all day. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. \$2 pitchers for pool players. 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.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ drafts, \$1.50 pitchers. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Steak Fry 5-9pm Filet Mignon, vegetables, salad, potato & roll \$4.50. Patio Bar Open.

\$200,000 Raised For AIDS

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take a trip there myself next year to see the work being done," John said. Friday night's gathering raised more than \$200,000 for the foundation.

The singer is also planning to finish work on his next studio album project early in 2001. He wants to record "American Triangle," a new song co-written with longtime lyricist Bernie Taupin centering on Matthew Shepard and the two men convicted of the Wyoming Gay college student's murder. "I didn't even know Bernie was working on it," said John. "It is a beautiful lyric."



NOTICES

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings-the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or 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

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 815-6438 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.

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

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline for info at 888-5541

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

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

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-8768.

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

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

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7843 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 8:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9682.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Desert Girlz (MTF) 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 624-1779 for more info. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sageemail

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

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

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NOTICES

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

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS - a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6219 (Phoenix)

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

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS 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.

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC provided daily by the Pima County Health Department. Gay friendly. Confidential. Treatment and Medication too! Any questions? Call 624-8272

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saat.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11am. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty, facilitator. 882-7723

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 575-8680 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

TUCSON GLBT AL-ANON GROUP meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. Call 624-1779 for more information.

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 WORLDWIDE 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 529-9344, leave name and phone number.

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

AIDS HOTLINE - 328-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

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.

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, 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/BISEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6878 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 Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1438 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Eddie Betrano 888-4595.

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

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

NOTICES

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

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Room 43. Call the church at Davey at 886-1208 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

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GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpgcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

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

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

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

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

SAA (SexAddicts Anonymous) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520)570-1225 for current information.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org 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)

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us! Call 881-1389 to audition. 817-3100 for more info.

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCL. 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 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

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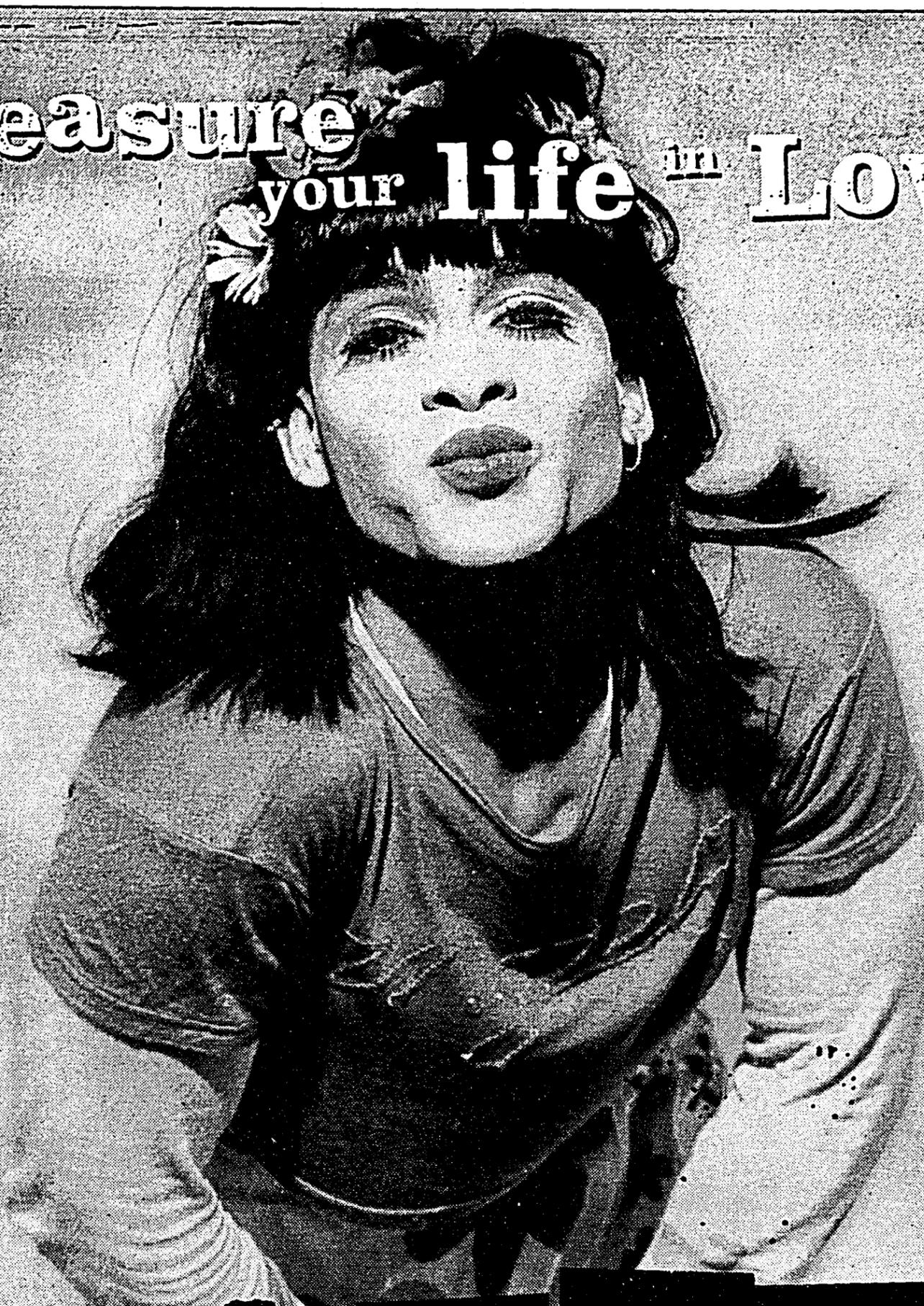
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