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Senate Judiciary Comittee Hears Testimony On The Hate Crimes Prevention Act

By Mark R. Kerr

WASHINGTON, DC (ON) — The Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, May 11, held hearings on the Hate Crimes Prevention Act (HCPA).

Many witnesses were called to give testimony on S. 622 (the Senate version of the proposal), either supporting or in opposition. One of those called was Judy Shepard, the mother of the murdered, Gay University of Wyoming student, Matthew Shepard.

Judy Shepard testifies before the Senate Judiciary Comittee

Shepard tearfully pleaded for the committee and Congress to pass HCPA. "Today, we have it within our power to send a very different message than the one sent by the people who killed my son," she testified before the committee. "It is time to stop living in denial and to address a real problem that is destroying families like mine, James Byrd Junior's, Billy Jack Gaither's and many others across America. It is time to pass the Hate Crimes Prevention Act."

HCPA is sponsored by Senators Arlen Specter, R-PA, and Edward Kennedy, D-MA, would add disability, gender and sexual orientation to federal civil rights law and make it easier for the Justice Department to investigate and prosecute. Current law prohibits crimes based only on race, color, religion or national origin.

The need for hate crimes legislation was highlighted by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs report on hate crimes, which documented 2,552 anti-Gay incidents this past year.

Opponents, including the anti-Gay activist Robert Knight of the Family Research Council, testified that the bill would punish thought and create a special class of victims, such as homosexuals.

But Judy Shepard countered in her testimony by saying, "I can assure opponents of this legislation, first hand, it was not words or thoughts, but violent actions that killed my son."

Had the law been in place at the time of her son's death, "perhaps these murderers would have gotten the message that this country does not tolerate hate-motivated violence," Shepard added. "Maybe I would not have to be here today, talking about how my son was savagely beaten, tied to a fence and left to die in freezing temperatures."

Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-UT, expressed admiration for Judy Shepard's appearance at the hearing, but raised questions about the bill's constitutionality, stating legislation should be designed to pass muster before U.S. Supreme Court.

"I am particularly concerned with the courts' restrictions on Congress' powers to legislate under section 5 of the 14th Amendment and under the Commerce Clause," he said.

Noted Tucson Lesbian attorney, Amelia Craig Cramer, said the Utah Senator is wrong in his constitutional interpretation. "The question is not with the Commerce Clause and the 14th Amendment, but with the First Amendment of the Constitution."

In other testimony. Yale Law Professor Akhil Reed Amar, suggested that a bill might survive a Supreme Court challenge if it added hate crime language to the penalties phase, rather than force prosecutors to prove a person's thinking as part of their case.

Amelia Craig Cramer agreed with Amar's suggestions to deal with the constitutionality of the matter.

Eight states have no hate crimes laws. Laws in 21 states cover sexual orientation (Arizona included). Twenty-two state laws include gender, and 21 cover disability.

Jones Blames Murder On Homophobia

PONTIAC, MI (CTO) — Claiming she was "shocked" and "stunned," by the jury's $25 million judgment against her show, Jenny Jones said her guests are never treated the way plaintiff's attorney Geoffrey Fieger treated her during the trial.

Jones told reporters that she did not believe the reaction to Scott Amedure's murder would be the same if it had followed a "heterosexual show."

"This is about homophobia," she

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12th Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jello Wrestling Extravaganza Sunday, May 16

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) — It's time again for some Jell-O!

The twelfth annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza/Raffle & Auction will take place Sunday, May 16, 4:00 to 7:00 P.M., at the Graduate, 23 West University.

This event is a fund raiser for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), and was the idea of the late Reno Gannon. Reno had initiated the idea of Jell-O wrestling to raise money for the Shanti Foundation. Gannon lost his battle to AIDS in 1989.

Over the years, this event has raised a lot of money for Tucson's AIDS Service Organizations (ASO). More than $100,000 has been raised over the past eleven years, making this the third largest ASO fund raiser, next to the Festival of Live and the annual AIDS Walk.

So what color will the Jell-O be? Last year it was orange, to celebrate the centennial of the invention of the dessert. For the twelfth annual event, "Gay Green" will be the color.

The color of the Jell-O may change, but the hostesses won't. Miss Gilda Fatale, and the "Queen of Comedy," Lucinda Holliday will again emcee the extravaganza.

Wrestling is just one part of the event. Audience members will also have the chance to buy raffle tickets ($1 each), of which the winners can win two, round-trip airplane tickets to San Diego.

Live auctions and other raffles for items donated by individuals and business, including: gift certificates for massages, hair cuts, and dinners, will take place. One of the highlight items to be auctioned will be a "Men of Moose" portrait.

The Jell-O will fly, bids will soar, and many will have a great time for a good cause.

For more information about the extravaganza, contact Matthew Palmer at SAAF, (520) 322-6226.

16th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Saturday, May 15

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) — With new medications, such as protease inhibitors, some people believe the AIDS epidemic has gone into remission and that it's no longer the "plague" that killed many in the 1980's.

Even with the medical advances, there is still no cure for the disease. AIDS can be brought under control, but it is still, highly contagious. That is the case among young people (teens to early 20's), of which many have ignored safe-sex precautions, resulting in them becoming the fastest rising group to contract the AIDS virus, according to several recent studies.

Wingspan hopes to change that through the Sixteenth Annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial, which the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center is coordinating. This year's event will take place Saturday, May 15, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., at the George Demeester Performance Center in Reid Park.

Tucsonans, and people across the U.S. and the world will gather, "Sending the Message of Hope Through Awareness," which is the theme for this year's Memorial. People will also be lighting candles to remember lovers, friends, brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers who've lost their battle to this dreaded disease.

Awareness and remembrance are just one part of this annual event.

Those present will hear from elected officials and officials from the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, the Pima County Health Department and the National Researchers for the HIV Vaccine, Vaxgen.

Singer Peter Lara, Gary Robinson of TRIBE and the Desert Voices Chorus will also sing songs of hope and awareness.

Miss Gay Arizona-America 1998, Mr. Kenneth Blake (as Cher), Arizona Dance and the France Academy of Dance are scheduled to perform at the event.

For more information about the Memorial, call Wingspan, (520) 624-1779.

Sunday, May 16
At The Graduate

UPDATE

Memorial Rose Garden In Full Bloom At MCC

TUCSON — The Memorial Rose Garden at Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) is in full spring bloom!

Everyone is invited to drop by any time during daylight hours and see the spectacular rainbow array of brilliant roses. Walk through the arbor entry into the beautiful and inspiring world of roses in prime bloom. The garden is located at the church facility at 3269 N. Mountain Avenue, just north of Fort Lowell Road.

Designed to memorialize forever those who have gone on before us, the Memorial Rose Garden includes a great variety of roses, most often chosen by the donors. A plaque with each rose bush honors the memory of a loved one long with the name of the rose. The Memorial Rose Garden was initially conceived as a service to the greater community, and roses honor many community leaders who are no longer with us. The church's Rose Garden Work Team spends one day each week with the roses to assure that they are properly fertilized, nurtured and pruned for maximum beauty. An automatic drip system assures adequate watering of the roses.

Space is still available for anyone who wishes to honor the memory of a partner, friend, or family member. For only $20.00 the church's Rose Garden work Team plants the rose bush and maintains the roses year round. You may select the color of the rose. For further information, please contact the church office at (520) 292-9151 or e-mail: WOLMCC@aol.com.

POZ Life Expo Tour In Phoenix May 21

PHOENIX — The POZ Life Expo Tour will be once again visiting Phoenix on May 21, at the St. Joseph's Hospital Campus.

Now in its fourth year, the POZ Life Expo Tour is a gathering of doctors, pharmaceutical companies, nutritional companies and others who offer products and services that are vital to the health of people living with HIV. Local, non-profit AIDS organizations and community groups to set up information tables at the Expo to inform the community on the array of services they provide. At a typical Expo, people with HIV are able to get free health screenings, free product samples and free advice and information, all in a supportive and empowering environment.

The 1999 POZ Life Expo Tour will be visiting: Miami, Philadelphia, Phoenix, New York City, Seattle, St. Louis, San Diego, San Francisco, Dallas and New Orleans.

Panoramic's Love! Valour! Compassion Premieres May 14

TUCSON — Panoramic Productions moves into its second show of the 1998-99 season with the multiple award-winning play, Love! Valour! Compassion! by Terrance McNally.

During its run on Broadway in 1995, McNally won the Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle, New York Critics Circle and Tony Awards for Best Play.

Panoramic Productions chose this challenging piece of theater because it's subject matter fit perfectly with the group's overall agenda. "It is our mission to pick one show a year as an outreach to underrepresented audiences," said Panoramic Artistic Director, Rhono Geppert. "I think it's an extremely important play about understanding, and more importantly celebrating, the Gay lifestyle," said Terry Erbe, Director of the production.

Love! Valour! Compassion! will open at the Tucson Center for the Performing Arts, May 14, and play two weekends. Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays, 7:00 P.M., Sundays at 4:00 P.M. Tickets are $8-$10. Call (520) 293-5397 for information or reservations. This play contains nudity and adult themes.

Art Exhibit Opens At Wingspan May 14

TUCSON — An art opening, "On Solid Ground," featuring the work of artist, Kelly Griffith, will take place Friday, May 14, 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. at Wingspan.

According to Griffith, "On Solid Ground has been in process for the past six years. It began as a black and white photographic/poetic essay piece called, 'Nobody's Daughter.' The work is evolved into water color images strongly influenced by the rigors of photography. The blending of the two media is not the least bit subtle, the effect however, is diverse and rich."

Wingspan is located at 300 East Sixth Street. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

St. Francis Support Group and Recreational Volleyball

TUCSON — You are invited to the St. Francis Support Group, which meets Thursday evenings, 7:30 to 9:00 P.M., at St. Francis in the Foothills, (northwest corner of Swan and River Roads).

The group is a safe place for discussion and support of issues in our lives. Participants in the group get a sense of community and a place to make lasting friendships. No religious affiliation is needed to attend. This group is an outreach of St. Francis being a Reconciling Congregation, accepting all people regardless of sexual orientation.

Recreational Volleyball is played every Saturday, 3:00 P.M., at the sand court at the church. People of all playing levels are invited.

IN MEMORIAM

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Larry Anspach passed away suddenly on April 21, in San Diego, California.

He is survived by his Life Partner, Ken Deyo of San Diego and his cousin, Pat Dominique of Miami, Florida.

Larry was born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana on October 21, 1947. He moved to Tucson, Arizona in the late 70's. Larry and Ken met in Tucson. In 1989, they moved to San Diego. Larry's ashes were scattered at sea off the coast of San Diego.

Open Position At SAAF

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TLGA Logo Contest

TUCSON — The Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA) has announced their 1999 Pride Logo Contest for OUToberFEST '99, "Reflections of Pride and Progress."

Entries must be received no later than May 14 and must include the following information in the proposed artwork: OUToberFEST '99, "Reflections of Pride and Progress," TLGA or Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance, October 16, 1999, Tucson, Arizona.

Entrants may use as many colors as they wish. Please keep in mind that the winning logo will also be used for polo shirts, caps, and b/w advertising. All entries become the property of TLGA. The winning entrant will receive a $100 check. Mail entries to: TLGA, POB 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717-0301. For more information or questions, call the OUTline, (520) 622-3200.

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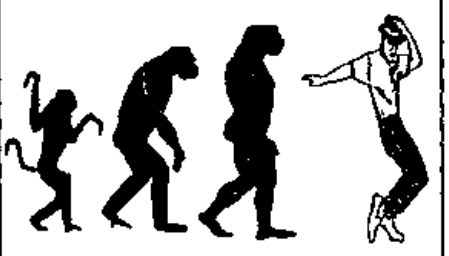

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Jones Blames Murder On Homophobia

Jury Awards Amedure's Family $25 Million

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said.

Jonathan Schmitz killed Amedure three days after Amedure revealed his secret crush on him during a taping of a "same-sex, secret crush" episode of "The Jenny Jones Show." Last Friday, May 7, a Michigan jury found the show negligent and responsible for the events that led to the murder.

Amedure's family, maintained "The Jenny Jones Show," its parent company Warner Bros. and production company Telepictures started the chain of events that led to the murder and should have asked Schmitz whether he suffered from a mental illness before having him appear on the show.

Jones' producers, however, said the show had nothing to do with the murder, denied misleading Schmitz before the show, and suggested something else happened between the two men that triggered the slaying.

Jones rejected the plaintiffs' contention that guests can be adequately pre-screened before they are booked. If the show had investigated Schmitz's background, said Jones, his friends and co-workers would have said he was fine. Even his doctor would not have revealed useful information, claimed Jones.

Jenny Jones

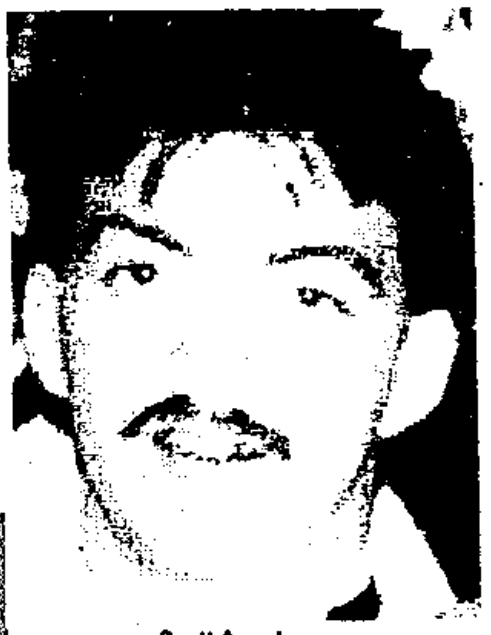
Zazi Pope, Sr. Vice President of Warner Bros., said Jonathan Schmitz had the right to decide if he wanted to be surprised. "Where is the connection between embarrassment and murder?" Pope asked.

Jones questioned the effect of validating Schmitz's embarrassment. "Why do we all accept that it will be humiliating for a man to reveal a same-sex crush?" wondered Jones.

When asked to address an opinion expressed by some of the jurors that the show should not have surprised guests with such sexually explicit material, Jones again attributed that sentiment to homophobia. "If it were a man and a woman, no one would have had an issue," she said.

Asked if there was anything else she wanted the public to know, Jones stressed her sadness over Amedure's tragic death. She said she wanted to reach out to his family, but was told not to.

"I begged to," she said.



Scott Amedure

Pope insisted that the show would go forward with the appeals process and would not settle. "These are very important principles. Everything uttered on that show is protected by the First Amendment. We think that this verdict sends a disturbing message," Pope said.

Fieger said he was sure the jury award would stand up on appeal, especially when the court looked at the relative worth Amedure's life versus "the carnival freak show ['The Jenny Jones Show']." "If putting a ball in a hoop is worth $100 million for Michael Jordan, how is the life of Scott Amedure not worth $5 million?" asked Fieger.

Fieger also addressed what he called the alleged "absolute bias" in the way the media dealt with this case. Because "The Jenny Jones Show" is part of

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AS I SEE IT..... BY CLARK

London Bomb Vigil, Service

LONDON, UK (NP) — British Gays and Lesbians were joined by other minority communities threatened by hate violence in mourning, defiance and solidarity.

Silence reigned in Soho's busy Old Compton Street at the time when exactly a week before an explosion blew out of the front of the Admiral Duncan Gay bar. Patrons and staff of surrounding cafes and shops joined hundreds gathered for a protest vigil in a minute of silence as the bells of St. Anne's Church around the corner ceased tolling for the lives lost to the explosion: Andrea Dykes, John Light, and Gay Nick Moore. Five remained in critical condition, and many of the dozens injured will be scarred for life.

The man authorities believe is responsible for the April 30 Soho bombing, as well as similar bombings on April 17 in the predominantly Black Brixton neighborhood and on April 24 in the predominantly Bangladeshi Brick Lane area, made a second brief court appearance on May 10. As on May 3, David Copeland spoke only to confirm his name and address as he appeared at Bow Street Magistrates' Court. He was remanded to custody until his next court appearance June 7. Copeland faces three counts of murder and three of causing an explosion with intent to endanger life. Despite several neo-Nazi groups having claimed responsibility for the blasts, police are convinced Copeland acted alone; they continue to seek any information in connection with the bombings.

The boards now covering the front of the Admiral Duncan are plastered with messages, most of Gay defiance against the threat of violence. Peter Orrin, a bombing victim just released from hospital treatment for injuries to his face, hands and foot, told reporters at the vigil who asked if he feared returning to London's Gay center in Soho, "It comes down to the fact that if you let them win you have lost. If you change your lifestyle in any way then you really have lost."

Well wishers have laid flowers near the scene of the bomb blast of the Admiral Duncan Bar in Soho

Defiance, solidarity and remembrance were the three themes of the vigil named by Peter Tatchell of the Gay and Lesbian direct action group OutRage!, which organized the gathering and estimated a turnout of 1,000. The solidarity was marked by speakers at the rally representing the communities hit by the two earlier bombs, including Teresa Bennett of the Anti-Nazi League, Darryl Telles of the National Assembly Against Racism, and Sukwant Dhaliwal of Southall Black Sisters; Britain's Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks also sent a message, read by a member of the Jewish Lesbian and Gay Group. All expressed a sense of unity in the face of the common threat of hate violence, and called for action against both racism and homophobia.

Openly Gay veteran rocker Tom Robinson sang "Lean On Me" and his classic anthem "Sing If You're Glad to Be Gay" with a new verse added for the occasion. He also described school days in which he was driven to contemplate suicide by the harassment he experienced. Member of Parliament Ken Livingston, Labour-Brent East, expressed dismay that homophobia appears to remain a socially-acceptable bigotry among young people, and called for education to combat the fear and ignorance that lead to violence. Several speakers called for repeal of the notorious Section 28 (now more than a decade old, it prohibits local governments from devoting any resources to "promotion" of homosexuality) because it has interfered with schools developing anti-homophobia programs.

OutRage! declared that they want not only words of sympathy, but government action against hate crimes, and criticized the Blair government for failing to enact a hate crimes measure the group had proposed last year. Tatchell also charged that in leading opposition in the House of Lords to equalizing the age of consent for sex between men with that for heterosexual acts, "Baroness Young fueled the hate; the bomber lit the fuse."

More than 400 people attended the service at St. Anne's in support of the families and friends of the dead. Each left small candles all around the church garden. The Pink Singers performed at that service.

Donations to assist the victims of all three bombings can be sent to Massow Financial Services Limited, 36 - 38, West Street, London WC2H9NA. Checks should be made out to "April Bombing Appeal." Massow Financial Services can be reached by phone at 0171-539-7777.

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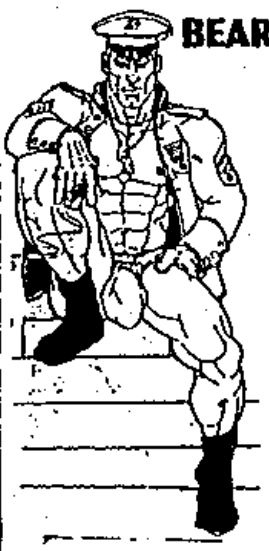

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DEAR OBSERVER AND COMMUNITY:

I want to congratulate the Wingspan Domestic Violence Project on putting together an excellent conference last Thursday.

Patrick Letellier, a national expert in domestic violence in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender relationships, made an inspiring presentation which I wish so many more people could have heard. (I do understand the video of his presentation will be available to the public.)

Patrick, co-author of "Men Who Beat the Mean Who Love Them," also congratulated Wingspan's DV Project for its ground-breaking work in helping our community address the difficult issues of abuse, whether physical, emotional, economic, sexual, intimidation, isolation, or any other form of abuse, in same gender relationships.

This valuable conference was just another example of how very fortunate Tucson is to have such hard working, concerned, and committed people making this a more informed, caring, and healthy community for all of us.

Thank you all involved in Wingspan's Domestic Violence Project.

Scott Blades

EDITOR:

Okay, okay! I know that I pissed a lot of people off with the last letter, but as my mama always said, better to be pissed off than pissed on! Just kidding!

I'll keep this letter short and to the point. My meaning and intentions were lost somewhere in my ink pen. I owe Deora DeBlanc a huge apology! I hope you can find it in your heart to forgive me. I'm truly sorry for the comments that I made. I never meant to hurt you, or belittle you in any way. I'm not very good at wording my thoughts, sorry. I would love to sit down and talk sometime, Eric Taylor knows how to get a hold of me.

As to Eric Taylor, thank you for listening and for being a true friend. It really means a lot to me, thanks! Once again Eric, thank you for everything.

Alotta Whoremoans

EDITOR:

New reports that the two young kid murderers in the Littleton, Colorado mess, were being teased for being Gay. And that this put them over the edge. The murderers were not Gay, it is not that they were Gay, but that being called faggot was the worse insult any teen could endure and it caused them to snap.

Due to the hate filled atmosphere of Colorado after the ballot measure to deny Gay rights in Colorado, you can almost hear every homophobic father and mother in the State, 51% by the vote against Gay rights, saying, "damn faggots . . . etc." Which were the exact words of the jocks and girls in school who teased the kids. Quoted in some newspapers as saying, "Faggots, you two are faggots."

I think that there is some kind of amplification of hate (coined by me) when it gets passed from one generation to another.

Faggot is the last word a high school kid can hate with . . . he certainly cannot call people "nigger," or other racial slurs without ending up in the office. But the word faggot is universally allowed in schools all over the country, the female teachers and male teachers almost encouraging the alpha males to assert their dominance and put down the Gays, or faggots, you choose the word . . . most teacher look the other way with tragic results.

I say that this tragedy is the finally nail in the coffin of the use of the word "faggot" in any social setting . . . kids must be disciplined for using this word.

It is worse than calling someone a racial slur, it is akin to harassing someone living with cerebral palsy, another genetically caused state of humanity, according to science.

So, I say, the end to the word faggot, if someone uses it, report them to the boss or principal immediately, we will not allow hate speech to erupt into violence. Stop the hate, stop the hate speech, stop the violence.

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION

by Anne Maley

I want to share with you some of the exciting things taking place at SAAF. I'll be sharing with you, through these updates every month and welcome your input.

Volunteer Recognition: On April 27, SAAF held its annual Volunteer Recognition event. SAAF benefits from the kindness and generosity of so many wonderful volunteers. I want to thank every one of you for your support. The following individuals and businesses were recognized this year:

Volunteer of the Year - Tino Vega; Longtime Volunteer - Claudia Nesbitt, Helen Brink; Jerome Beillard Self-Empowerment Award - Steve Boyer; Client Services Volunteer - Ion Bazgan; Food for Life Volunteer - Pat Andrews; Jean Cicci; Peer Counseling Volunteer - Steve Courter; Prevention Services Volunteer - Francisco Saenz, Jennifer Daniels; Education Volunteer - Evans Spears; Volunteer Resources Volunteer - Michelle Brown; Office Reception Volunteer - Willie Cobb; MIS Volunteer - Jim Crouch; Administration Volunteer - Marthe Witte; Development Volunteer - Don Black; New Volunteer - Rick Bendes; Business Leadership - Dean Groth, Dave Huff and Frank Schepis; Media Leadership - Lupita Murillo and KZPT 104.1 FM; Original Contribution - David Hoffman, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Building: SAAF is in escrow to purchase a building at 375 South Euclid. We plan to be moved in by August 1. The building owner, Bill Pascoe, is offering SAAF a terrific deal. The purchase price is $990,000 - that's only $60/square feet. And Pascoe is providing SAAF with an interest-free mortgage. This will SAAF nearly $300,000. Right now, we are working with the City of Tucson to legally split off this property from the rest of the buildings in the complex. We hope to close in late May, leaving 60 days to do needed renovations on the space.

We are very excited about the building purchase. Our offices at 151 South Tucson are inadequate in many ways - inaccessible, cramped, with very limited confidential meeting space.. The South Euclid building will allow for confidential offices for case managers to meet with clients, a client support group room, and an adequate training room. All of the offices are on the ground floor with plenty of parking and near a bus line.

The capital campaign is progressing very well. Our goal is $700,000 over three years, and we have received $455,000 in pledges so far, $275,000 from the City through CDBG funds. The capital campaign targets donors who want to make a gift for something permanent and goes beyond the ongoing fund raising efforts for services.

Events: Don't miss the Twelfth Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling and Benefit Auction, Sunday, May 16, 4:00 P.M. at the Graduate. As always, this event promises to be great fun.

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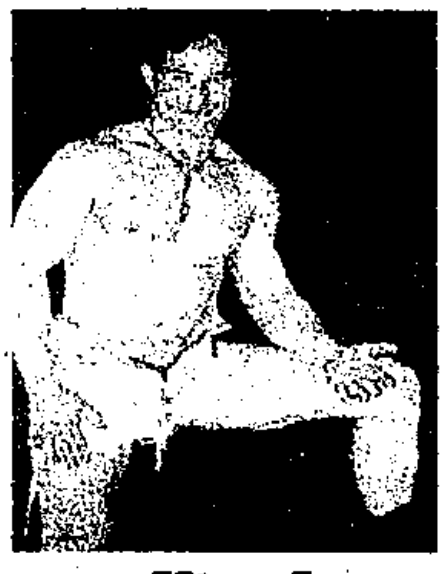

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POLITICS 1999

by Mark R. Kerr

"Is The Truth Out There?"

A plot from an "X-Files" episode perhaps?

In the dead of night, around 4:00 A.M. late one Friday, several dozen people hurried to their cars, vans, SUV's and trucks, quickly scurrying as the townsfolk still slept, unknowing of what had taken place.

They left the scene of their crime, with most trying to get away and not think about what had transpired.

For one though, their misdeeds almost caught them. On a lonely stretch of highway, a car, driven by a woman, was being followed by several other vehicles carrying groups of people from the NAACP, the Anti-Defamation League and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. The woman being pursued screamed, "it wasn't my fault, I was the victim of a conspiracy!"

The pursuit continued over dusty roads and trails, ending with the woman just making into her bunker/home/fortress. Cue opening music and credits!

A plot from an "X-Files" episode perhaps?

Just another session ending for the Arizona Legislature, with some embellishment and half-assed humor thrown in. Heaven knows we needed something to laugh about during the 121 days of the 100-day legislative session.

Those magic words, "sine die," have been said and we can collectively start breathing again . . . for a few months. A lot did take place, and as one activist said, "it was as well as can be expected."

So was it?

A rundown on the bills of concern (in numerical order) and other misdeeds (House Speaker Jeff Groscost's conflict of interest notwithstanding):

The radical, religious right tried to ban Gay and Lesbian support clubs on public school campuses through HB 2051, sponsored by state Representative Linda Gray, R-Glendale. In interviews, she blathered that taxpayer's money should not go to groups who "promote homosexuality." Not one dime does, but tell that to Gray, who still pushed the bill. HB 2051 was eventually gutted and new language dealing with open containers of alcohol in vehicles was put in, but the story wasn't over with.

Later in the session, Gray also threatened to withhold funding, a couple of million, for the University of Arizona, college's women's studies department. Why? Gray said that she had received complaints from students who had to go to Antigone's, a "homosexual bookstore," to purchase books for a class at the U of A. When confronted with protests, Gray pulled her proposal.

State Representative Steve May, R-Phoenix, had offered an amendment to HB 2088, which would allow Gays and Lesbians to purchase long term, health care insurance and get a tax credit for the purchase. The amendment's life was short lived, as well as the bill, killed in the Senate Rules Committee.

Once again, the leadership of the Arizona Legislature showed they don't care about the future of the state, the young people, by not hearing HB 2230. The proposed legislation, from state Representative Herschella Horton, D-Tucson, would have established an AIDS pilot education program, to teach students in Arizona's schools about the AIDS virus.

Still, on the subject of AIDS. The legislature dealt with HIV testing in two bills, HB 2495 and HB 2496. HB 2495 would have changed the state guidelines of significant HIV exposure to match the new federal guidelines, despite the fact the federal guidelines had not changed.

HB 2496, if approved, being in a traffic accident would have been hazardous to your health, with a mandatory HIV test.

Both bills died, HB 2495 through not being heard, and HB 2496, through infighting between the supporters, (fire fighters, doctors and the hospitals).

Medical and dental benefits for domestic partners of government employees were a hot topic during this session. Two bills (HB 2523 and HB 2524), sponsored by anti-Gay state Representative, Karen Johnson, R-Mesa, would have barred any government in the state to extend medical or accident benefits to the domestic partners of government employees.

A titanic struggle resulted on both bills. Openly Gay state Representatives, Steve May, R-Phoenix and Ken Cheuvront, D-Phoenix, fought against both measures and succeeded in getting the bills killed.

HB 2644, sponsored by state Representative Christine Weason, D-Phoenix, would have extended the medical and dental benefits to the domestic partners of state employees, didn't get a hearing and died.

Another attempt to repeal the state's archaic laws, dealing with sodomy and cohabitation went further than it ever has in the state legislature. State Representatives Steve May and Ken Cheuvront offered amendments to SB 1396 that repealed the state's sodomy and cohabitation laws and extended domestic violence protections to Gays and Lesbians.

SB 1396 had a majority in favor in the state House. But that didn't stop House Speaker Jeff Groscost, R-Mesa, who killed the bill through parliamentary maneuvering. Guess he doesn't know the meaning of the word democracy? For that matter he doesn't what a conflict of interest is.

In other legislative action:

Gay and Lesbian adoptions and foster parenting came under fire by anti-Gay state Representatives Karen Johnson, R-Mesa, and Barbara "homosexuality leads to cannibalism" Blewster, R-Prescott

Both put a directive in the proposed state budget that would have cut off funding to single foster parents and single foster parents cohabitating with other single people. Just another thinly veiled Gay and Lesbian threat. Their directive was eventually stricken from the proposed budget.

Still, on the subject of the budget.

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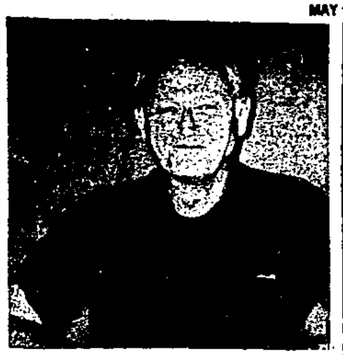

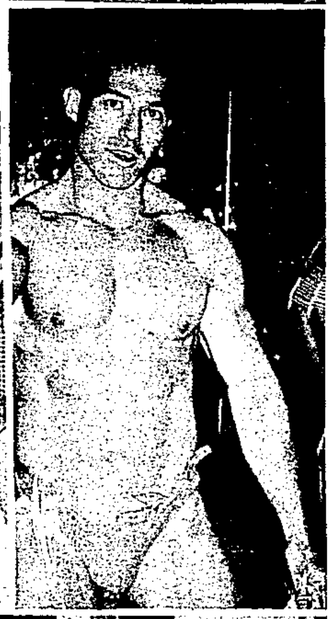

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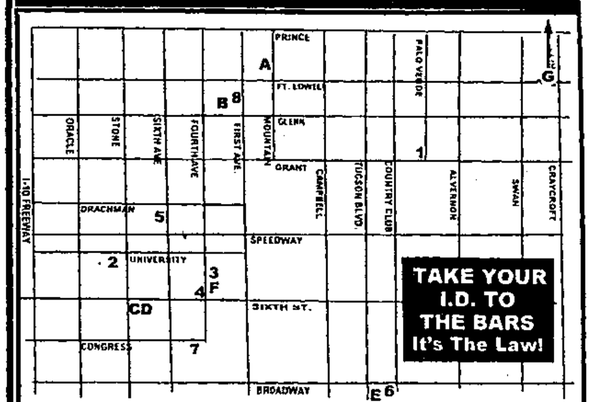

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

If you believe that actions speak louder (and prouder) than words, imagine what can happen when retrograde Mars backs into Libra this week. Actions not only speak, they rant and rave. They also set off minor nuclear chain reactions. Avoid aftershocks by keeping your petty tantrums to yourself, until the beginning of June.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20
Mars' retrograde back into Libra can cause some nasty reverberations with partners. If you're ready to scuttle the Love Boat, Mars will find the impetus and the excuse. But if there is still a bit of spark in the old stove, why not wait until Mars goes direct before you try anything new off the rack. Hold back the whips and chains my proud Ram; it's no time to draw blood.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21
Gay Bulls may overdo it in the exercise department when retro Mars backs into Libra. Blame your laziness on the planets. You never know when a hoof will get caught in the treadmill or a horn gets hooked in the weight rack. Exertion is not in the stars - and that goes for the job too. Don't expend extra energy pushing your pencil if you can avoid it. Push something else instead.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21
Mars retros back into Libra and provides perky Gay Twins with too much of a good thing. Fun, creative endeavors and even a possible romance can shift into overload if you fail to pace and bruce. However, you may be able to bang out a great American Gay novel in a day and a half when that crazy Mars inspiration is driven to new heights. Don't forget to spelll (sic) check.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23
Home-loving pink Crabs are inspired to do a little spring cleaning but take it one scrub at a time while Mars retros back into Libra. (How about cleaning out your closet?) But don't paint the house or tear down a wall until June when this transit passes. Invite a few compadres over for a nice evening but keep the guest list small and tres intimate.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23
Proud Lions practically bellow their opinions when Mars retros back into Libra. If you enjoy creating a ruckus that can run amok, the possibilities are endless now. Be careful of what you wish dear, queer Leo; the anvil that you toss today can crush your tail (or worse) tomorrow. Sometimes it better to keep your whiney, petty demands to yourself.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23
Prim, practical, pink Virgins are awash in pennies from heaven during the Mars retrograde back into Libra. But it's not for keeps so keep prying hands off. Financial investment strategies should be shelved if possible during this transit. Anything you covet will cost far more than expected and have less value in the long run. I know that proud Virgos don't like it that way.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23
The wild, unprincipled energy of retro Mars in Libra can result in a little public embarrassment if you're not careful. Proud Libras should not rush into center stage now; your cargo pants will drop and your underwear may be . . . ahem . . . drafty. No matter; as long as you stay behind the scenes, no one need see your shortcomings. Check for spinach in your teeth before you meet anyone new.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22
Intuition is not generally your strong suit when retrograde Mars backs into Libra. Avoid acting on any vague rumblings if at all possible. In your attempt to dislodge hidden enemies, you may miscalculate and open up your Achilles heel to a swift kick. Poor pink Scorps should sit this battle out and console themselves with a pleasant, stress reducing pastime. Do tell!

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22
Don't take on more tangos than you can easily fit on your dance card when feisty Mars retrogrades back into Libra. Gay Archers who take on too much socially will more than likely gallop themselves into exhaustion. Friends may become especially needy now. You'll do them a better service if you remain on the sidelines. Once involved, you'll only screw things up even more.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20
Even conservative, politically astute Gay Goats may inadvertently mouth off to the head honcho when Mars retrogrades back into Libra. Professional aspirations may be jolted now so play any corporate cards close to the vest and don't take any extreme action if you can avoid it. Of course, there is something nice about sleeping late before you pick up your unemployment check.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19
Aqueerians hanker for far horizons but sit tight for a bit when Mars retrograde back into Libra. Travel may become too difficult or too unwieldy during this transit or you may find that exotic locales are too much trouble to navigate. Also avoid pushing the envelope on lawsuits or any legal issues. Mars amok can make mincemeat out of any carefully planned attack. Rest your case.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
Mars' retrograde back into Libra may make pink Fish too hot to handle. The embers of desire are poked into a raging fire that can soon rage out of control. Jealousy can mix with desire to create a strange and potentially poisonous brew. It's not bad to have your coals stoked on occasion but you don't want to burn the material to a crisp. Seared Fish should never be on the menu!

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Desert Vision by Rev. Louis F. Kavar, PhD

Bare Back Sex: Let's Talk

Bare-back sex. That's the term used for the conscious choice to engage in unprotected anal intercourse. Bare-backing began to occur among Gay men when the newer treatments for HIV were introduced. It seemed that with the newer drugs that HIV was really becoming a treatable, chronic illness. Unfortunately, not all the drugs work equally well for everyone. Further, after a period of time, many of the drugs become toxic for the person taking them.

Over the last year, bare-backing has been discussed more and more in the Gay and Lesbian communities. The topic has been featured as a cover story in national magazines, include the Advocate and POZ. No one really knows how many men actually engage in bare-back sex. For those who have made this choice about their sexual activity, bare-back sex is often seen as a form of sexual liberation, a statement of personal freedom, and a celebration of intimacy.

My first contact with men engaging in bare-back sexual activity was in Miami's South Beach. In the last two issues of the Observer, I wrote about Carlos. He was the first person who told me of his insistence on bare-back sex. He had been diagnosed with AIDS. With the introduction of protease inhibitors, his viral load decreased and his health greatly improved. Carlos was a very attractive and charming man who did a great deal of community work in Miami. Following his diagnosis, he decided not to disclose his HIV status to his sexual partners nor would he wear a condom for intercourse if asked to do so. With his sexual partners, it was his way or no way.

Carlos is far from the only person who has told me of making the same decisions about sexual activity. He was simply the first. He gave me a great deal to think about.

Having come-out in the days before HIV/AIDS was identified, I know that I am part of a different generation from those who have only known Gay life with HIV. I remember well the battles fought over risk-reduction education. I also design several successful safer sex campaigns. Having spent a great deal of energy working to educate the public about AIDS issues and Gay men about risk reduction, when I hear men talking about their preference for bare-back sex, I am stunned and confused. But I realize that the experience of HIV/-AIDS and attitudes about sex are not what they once were.

In 1988, I published my first book. In the preface, I stated that in order to effectively live with AIDS, we needed to view it as a treatable chronic illness. I believed that even when treatments for HIV/AIDS were far from effective. Viewing HIV as a treatable chronic illness has enabled us to develop strategies to manage the infection. Eleven years later, we're almost there. But not quite. Perhaps when HIV transmission poses no real health threat, then I will be comfortable with bare-back sex. That day has not yet come.

Knowingly engaging in behavior that is harmful to oneself and others is psychologically unhealthy and spiritually wrong. Men who are already infected with HIV and engage in bare-back sex simply re-infect themselves with other mutated strains of the virus. That means that managing their illness is more difficult. Men who are not infected with HIV and engage in bare-back sex will soon be infected. While the treatments have improved, the life changes necessary to maintain the treatment regimes are not simple. The treatments are expensive. For some people, they don't work.

No matter what rhetoric supporters of bare-back sex pose, knowing the risk of HIV and continuing to engage in bare-back sex is a clear symptom of sexual addiction. That does not mean that all bare-backers are sexual addicts. Some may not understand the risks. Some may have such low self-esteem as to not care about bringing harm to themselves. Some may have so little respect for others as to not care about whom they harm. In my mind, bare-back sex is a symptom of something unbalanced in an individual's life. Health, wholeness, and integration result in behavior which enhances the individual's life and the lives of those around the individual. Such is not the case with bare-back sex.

While I feel strongly about my position in this area, I encourage you to discuss the development of bare-back sex among men with others. I know there are those who will claim that I am prudish or "sex-negative" for my stance. However, I believe that sex should be enjoyed and celebrated. Integrating sexual expression in healthy ways in our lives doesn't happen easily. But it can happen when we are seriously explore and discuss the issues surrounding sex.

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By Scott Weidamoyer

Hey Tucson! I know it has been a long time since you have heard anything from AGRA and I do apologize for not keeping in touch. Things have been really quiet with AGRA and I am not quite sure why. We seem to be missing our membership support at the meetings and fund raising events that we have. Recently, we held our great fund raiser at the Golden Pin Lanes for a Bowl-A-Thon, thanks to the support and interest of those that participate in the Tucson Desert Coyotes Bowling League, we were able to pull off a fairly decent event. I graciously thank all of the wonderful people that came out to support us! A reminder to those who obtained pledges for the event: we need to have them turned into the AGRA office before May 15, so that Gil can prepare his report! A full report will be given on Saturday.

This is a reminder to all members, our board and general membership meeting is this Saturday night, May 15. We have moved the times further back in the day to accommodate all of our busy schedules. We have a full line-up for your Saturday evening at the Stonewall/Eagle. Here is the run down: Board meeting begins at 5:00 P.M. The General Membership meeting follows at 6:00 P.M. A Burger Burn to benefit AGRA will follow at 7:00 P.M. Line Dance lessons will take place at 8:00 P.M. A full night of Country Music will take place, from 9:00 P.M. to close. Please plan on attending for the entire night or at least show some support sometime during the evening.

AGRA is in the process of planning for the 2000 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. For those who did not know, we have named Pat Terry as our Rodeo Director and she has chosen Richard Girardi as her sidekick, Assistant Rodeo Director. My feeling is that with these two at the helm for this year's Rodeo, we have a lot to look forward to and will need the help and support of AGRA Tucson to really make this year a money maker for the Saguaro Regional Rodeo.

Current membership consists of 37 members with five Champion Members. That is about half of what we had at the end of last year. For those members that forgot to renew, and still want to rejoin AGRA, please contact the AGRA office to obtain a membership application. AGRA is always willing to welcome any new members to the organization. Please contact the AGRA office, with any questions you may have.

That's all I have for this week. I look forward to giving you a full rundown on this week's meeting in next week's article and hope to see many of you on Saturday at the Stonewall/Eagle. Until then, please remember: We are Country Western. We are rodeo and we are here to make a difference!

[AGRA-Tucson Chapter, POB 40894, Tucson, AZ 85719-0894. Phone: (520) 323-0805.]

Win Free Tickets To See Reveille Gay Men's Chorus' 'ExtrABBAganza'

TUCSON — "If you're the correct caller right now, you'll win a free pair of tickets to see Tucson's Reveille Gay Men's Chorus in their season finale, "extrABBAganza", June 5 or 6 at Pima Community College West campus. Call now . . .880-COOL . . .good luck!"

That's what you'll hear on COOL 92.9 FM the week of May 24. The Oldies station is giving away 30 pairs of tickets, so just listen and call in to win! Or, pick up a free copy of the Tucson Weekly. They're giving away pairs of tickets to people who mail in a personal ad.

You may also have heard that Reveille is underwriting "This Way Out" and "OUTLoud" on community radio station, KXCI (91.3 FM). These programs are heard back-to-back starting at 5:30 P.M., Wednesday evenings.

And, you could be the winner of the "Dancing Queen" contest at IBT's on Sunday, May 30, co-sponsored by The Tucson Weekly. Starting at 9 p.m., ten contestants will compete for the grand prize: $100 cash, dinner for two, complimentary reserved tickets to the June 5 performance, and a spotlight appearance during the concert! There'll be a $50 second prize, and all runners-up will also receive tickets to the show! If you're interested in being a "Dancing Queen", get out your polyester bell bottoms and disco shoes, because judges will be rating on talent, audience response, and costume. For more details, just look for the "Dancing Queen" flyers soon at IBT's. (Plus RGMC will be the beneficiary of the May 30 Beer Bust/BBQ/Karaoke from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M. – a pair of tickets will go to the Top three Karaoke singers that night.)

These are just a few of the ways RGMC is getting the word out about their final show of the season. As you may have guessed by now, the concert is filled with the hits of the 70's & early-80's Swedish pop group, ABBA. You'll hear "Take A Chance", "Waterloo", "Mamma Mia", "S.O.S," "The Winner Takes It All," "Fernando," "Knowing You, Knowing Me," and, of course, "Dancing Queen." Lyrics take on a special meaning when the chorus spoofs "When I Kissed the Teacher" and "Does Your Mother Know That You're Out."

Now, if you don't happen to win a free pair, fear not. Tickets are just $10 each in advance at Antigone Books, 411 N. Fourth Avenue; Desert Pride, 300 E. Sixth Street; or at Tucson Trunk, River & Craycroft. Admission at the door will be $12 ($10 for students and seniors; $8.50 for children 12 and under). Reservations may also be phoned into (520) 617-3100.

You won't want to miss this fun-filled, all-hit concert by one of America's best Gay Choruses, under the direction of James H. Gall. It's Saturday, June 5, at 8 P.M. and a Sunday matinee at 3 P.M. on June 6, at Pima College West Campus, 2202 W. Anklam Road. Both performances are sign-interpreted and wheelchair accessible.

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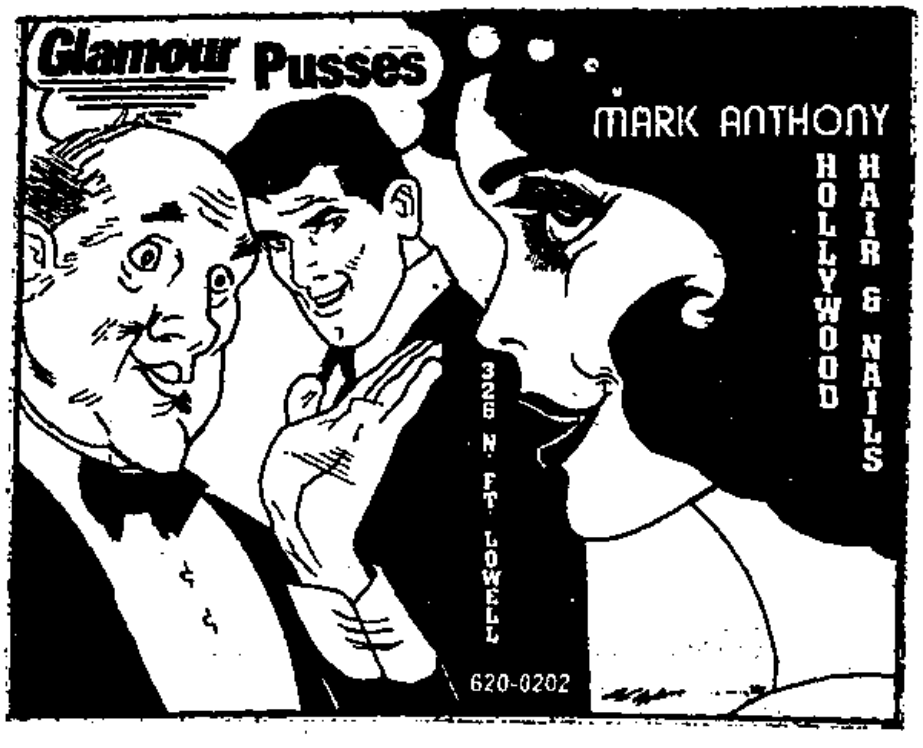

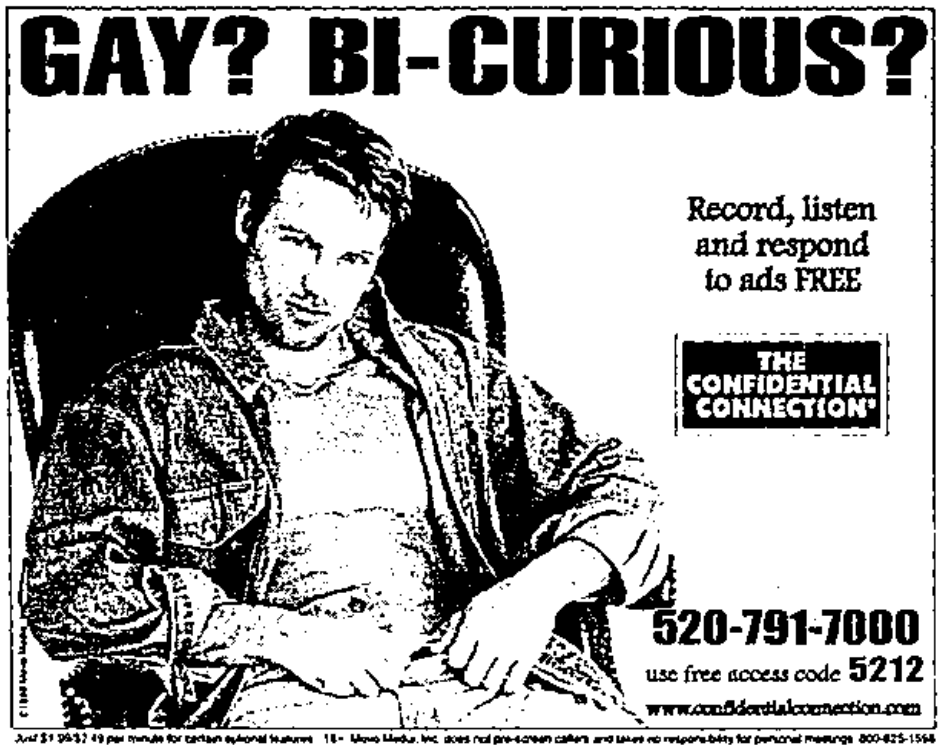

Happy 80th Birthday To Orn Huntington

Jenny Jones

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Time Warner, shows like "Dateline NBC," "Today," and "Good Morning America" have handled the news of the verdict in an "unethical" and "scurrilous" way, Fieger said.

The jury compensated the Amedure family with $6,500 in funeral and burial expenses, $5 million for Amedure's pain and suffering, and $10 million each for loss of companionship and compensation. The jury's decision was not unanimous: one out of the nine jurors sided with the defendants. Eight jurors were needed for a verdict in favor of the Amedure family.

Jonathan Schmitz, whose 1996 conviction for Amedure's murder was overturned, will be tried again in August.

Politics

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How much would "the check in the mail" be for the state's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) would be for the next two years was answered.

Governor Hull proposed $1.7-million annually for ADAP, while the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) proposed only $1-million annually, citing the federal government would be chipping in $4-million. Which proposal won? Not Hull's. The legislature went with the JLBC proposal.

ADAP will have $5-million each for the next two years. According to state health officials, ADAP is running at a $5-million dollar clip. Can we say future funding crisis?

So the first session of the 44th Arizona Legislature is over with. Like the "Cigarette Smoking Man" from the "X-Files" though, they will return . . . eventually.

So it goes for now kids!

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UPDATE

Arizona Cyclist Joins AIDS Research Race

PRESCOTT — The Associated Press reported that Multi-Colored streamers of helmeted bicyclists will wind down California's picturesque coast highway from San Francisco to Los Angeles June 6 for the Sixth Annual AIDS Ride.

Among them will be Karen Jacobs of Prescott, pedaling her blue and yellow mountain bike. Over the six days of the journey, Jacobs will ride 560 miles alongside 2,500 volunteers, who raised $2,500 for AIDS Ride, which proceeds go to AIDS research, counseling, health care and support of patients.

Jacobs said it would be no "Sunday ride in the country," but she is doing it, "mostly to raise money, but also to raise awareness, as with all great projects." There's another reason she's doing the ride.

When Jacobs was a teen-ager, she worked for the local fire department. One day, a woman called for help, saying her husband was dying. Jacobs performed full-contact CPR on the man, who nurses at the hospital later told her that he was an AIDS patients. "To me, it meant dying - that's what it felt like," she said.

Jacobs had herself tested and she did not contract the disease. "I was lucky, but it doesn't end for many other people," she said.

Team Arizona To Meet May 21

PHOENIX — The next meeting for Team Arizona is scheduled for May 16 at the Community Center.

Several items are to be discussed, including the Beach Volleyball Tournament, Tucson Run for Pride and the Body Building Championship.

For more information, call (602) 408-4311.

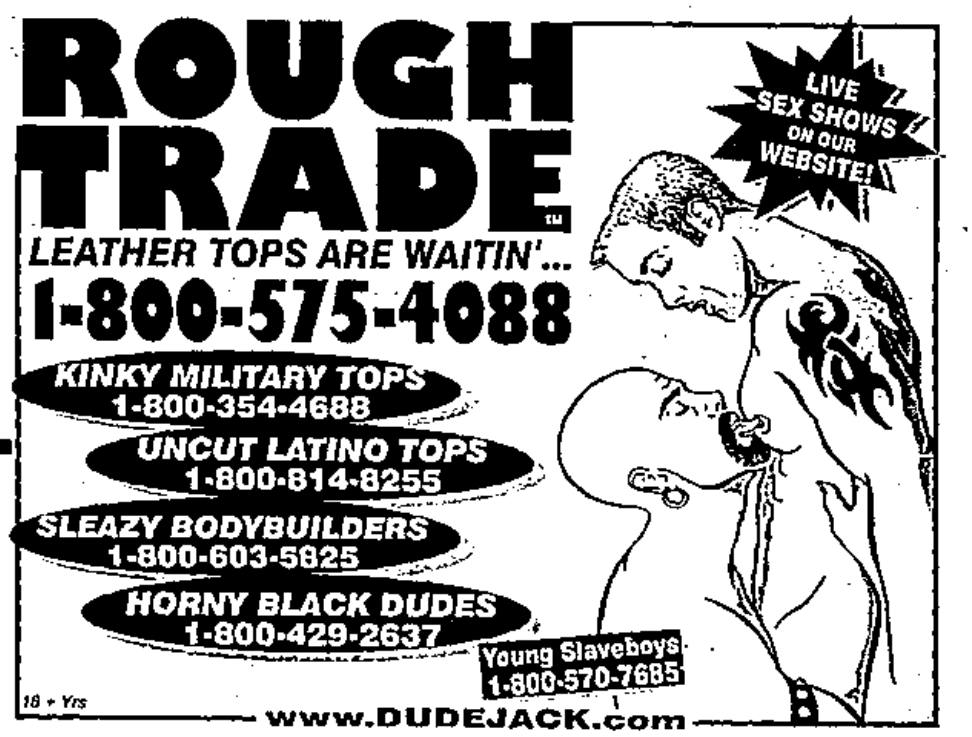
Simi Valley Shows Their Pride

SIMI VALLEY, CA (NP) — One of the earliest Gay and Lesbian pride events of the ever-lengthening pride season was celebrated in Southern California's Simi Valley with a festival.

Vendors and organizations staffed some 70 booths while the music, live and canned, never stopped. Organizers at one point believed that the crowd was larger than the 3,500 who turned out for Simi's first pride festival last year, but another estimate pegged the crowd at only 2,800, reflecting gray and threatening weather conditions.

The attendance of protesters was definitely down, however, from about 30 to only 15 or 20, and the festival retained a happy party atmosphere. Staging the community celebration was not easy, with strong religious right opposition and vandalism against four of its major with fluorescent spray paint, the vandal or vandals wrote "No pride in being Gay."

However, all five Ventura County Supervisors signed a pride proclamation in support of the event.



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Panoramic Productions will present "Love, Valour! Compassion! The Tony Award-winning play by Terrence McNally at the Tucson Center for the Performing Arts My 14th through My 23rd Fridays and Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. and Sundays at 4:00 p.m. , Tickets are $10 with discounts for students, seniors, groups of five or more and people living with a disability or disease and are available at Antigone Books or at the door. For reservations call 293-5397. This show features an ensemble cast starring Marin chandler, Glenn Coffman, Douglas Hill, Kevin Johnson, David Johnston, Alonso Minjarez (the beefcake in the show!) And Harry Susser. It is directed by Terry John Erbe and choreographed by Rick Tackett.

FRIDAY, MAY 14

Art Opening at Wingspan featuring the works of Tucson artist Kelly Griffith 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., 300 E. 6th Street. Hors d'oeuvres.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take be held at Les & Jerry's home. Simply bring $4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, May 15 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, MAY 15

Garage Sale by Men's Social Network (MSN) bargains galore. 7:00 a.m. til ??? 1250 E. Blacklidge (corner of Mountain and Blacklidge). Furniture, books, clothes, tools and much mush more.

Prime Timers of Tucson Breakfast at Coco's across from Park Mall on Broadway. 9:00 a.m. Call 584-0280 for details.

Arizona Aces Softball Team Benefit Car Wash and Rummage Sale from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Gateway Villas, 228 N. 4th Avenue. Car wash $3.00

16th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial. 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Georges Demeester Performance Center in Reid Park. Lawn seating. Bring your chairs and blankets. Participants include Desert Voices, Queer Voice, Gary Robinson of TRIBE, vocalist Peter Lara, Mr. Kenneth Blake appearing as Cher, Pima County Health Dept., Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, Wingspan, Az. Dance Inc., Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network, The France Academy of Dance, representatives of Yaxgen - National researchers for the HIV vaccine, Pima County Democratic and Republic chairmen, Representatives of Mayor George Miller and Congressman Jan Kolbe. For more information call Wingspan 624-1779

Rainbow Families, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network holds a rap and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. Check it out today at 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis in The Foothills Church, Room 31, at the NW corner of River and Swan. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are welcome. Call Craig at 318- 9348 for more information.

Queer Voice Youth Program 'Boyz 'n Girlz Nite Out' For directions or more information call Mike at 798-0151.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join the MSN for a night out at the theater as we go see "Love! Valour! Compassion!" Group discount tickets for MSN will be $8. For more information, please call Les at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 a.m. A birding expedition will take place at Catalina State Park today. For reservations and directions, please call Gene at 625-8109.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 5-7 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Gordon offers Yoga classes to help you stretch you muscles and clear your mind. For directions and more information, please call Gordon at 321-9509.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our Classic Cinema as we showcase an older movie, along with a cartoon and a short. Tonight's feature is "Dial M for Murder" starring Grace Kelly & Ray Milland (directed by Alfred Hitchcock). For directions and reservations, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

The Men's Massage Group meets this evening. This is a good place to meet new friends and relax through the medium of laymans massages. It is a fun and lively group of 8-10 men. Call Marc in advance to reserve a place at 881-4582. Small fee.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). TBA A planned trip to Rocky Point gets under way today. If there is still space available, Bill can help you with all the details. For information, please contact Bill at 577-0645.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M., 'The Girlie Show' hosted by Ajia Simone and featuring Barbra Seville, Phaedra, Regina Reed and Nova Cane.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Desert Coyotes Bowling League Awards event. Special show 8:00 p.m. with former Miss H.I.T.T. (Red Team Debut Benefit).

SATURDAY, MAY 15

STONEWALL/EAGLE - A.G.R.A. Country/Western Music and Dancing 9:00 p.m. to closing. Line dancing lessons 8:00 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Uniform Party. Check with the bartender and check it out!

SUNDAY, MAY 16

GRADUATE - 12th ANNUAL RENO GANNON JELL-O WRESTLING FOR SAAF. One of the largest fund-raisers in the community and always a full day of fun. Wrestling in Jell-O, Auctions, Music, Comedy, Drinks (soft and hard) and much more. Come on down for a great day outdoors in the secured parking lot at University and Stone. You won't regret it. Dress casual!

IBT'S - After the Jell-O Wrestling at the Grad, come join teh gang at IBT'S for a hot dance party and a special Wet Shorts Contest at 9:30 p.m. $100 first place prize. Sign-up at 9:00 p.m. NOTE: There will be no Karaoke or Bar-B-Que/Beer Bust this Sunday. See you in the Jell-O.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - "Muscles of Steel" erotic male dancers. 10:00 p.m. No Cover! Stonewall/Eagle will open at 6:00 p.m. in support of Jell-O wrestling.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. Special Benefit Show for Tori Steele, candidate for Miss Gay Arizona featuring Ajia Simone, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Veronica Lake, Deora Le Blanc, Ciera Steele and Angela Washington.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Rock "N" Roll Night. 50s, 60s. 70s & 80s. Rock, Bop, Be-Bop, Disco. DJ Darrin.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

VENTURE-N - Tucson Knight Owls Benefit Car Wash 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. $3.00 donation to benefit TKO's Spring Fling #19.

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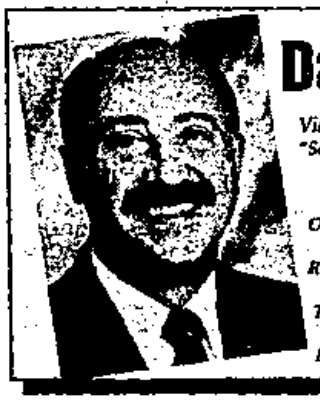
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Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

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

GRADUATE - Sunday Beer Bust and Food Bag 4-7pm. 50¢, $1.50 small pitchers. BBQ Beef Sandwich with Cheese & Potato Salad $1.50. Drink Specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm. $2 Bloody Marys & $1.50 Screwdrivers til 8pm. Country music & dancing.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 Well. Benefit 8-8-O 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.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Pool Tournament & Sirloin Burger Bust 2-6pm. Karaoke 9pm-close hosted by Billy Dee. Fabulous shows every Sunday. Call for info 624-6805. Snack Bar open til midnight

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee (pot matched). Bass Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.

Monday

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

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

HOURS - Closed Mondays.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 10am Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 'til 8pm. Party with Chuck in the evening. Free pool all day and night. Snack Bar open til midnight

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Blue Monday! $2 Well and Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Skyy shots $2 (w/juice $2.25). Dart Tourney 8pm

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 Starshee & DJ Sutta Fly 9-1.

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

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. $1.50 well or domestic beer. Draft Beer Nite 8-close. $2 small/$4 large pitchers, Karaoke Night 9pm.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 10am Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 8pm. Eight Ball pool tourney, warm-up 6pm, play begins 7pm. Latin Dance Party w/ DJ Eduardo 9pm - 1am. Snack bar open til midnight

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. $2 Well drinks and longnecks 6am-12:30pm; Makers Mark $2 shot

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.

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

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

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour Noon to 8pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. Mystery Night, $1.75 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. Dance with David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 10am Daily Drink Specials. Happy Hour til 8pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close w/Billy Dee in the Eagle. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hottest dance music in town. Snack bar open til midnight

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Salsa Morning! $2 Well & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm. Cuervo Gold $2 and Cuervo 1800 $2.25 Open to close.

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.

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

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

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8 pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Underwear Nite. $1.50 Well and $1.75 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

VENTURE-N - Open 6am $2 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Patio Bar open 8pm. Fosters Bottles $1.75 from 9pm-midnight. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. $3 entry (Pot Matched). Hides Leather shop opens at 8pm

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

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

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

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Tracey 5:30-8:30pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 10am Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 8pm. T.G.I.F. Free snacks 4:30-6pm The hottest dance music in town 9pm to close in the Stonewall. Snack Bar open til midnight

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. $2 Well & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Snacks served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODYS 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..

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks $1.50/domestic $1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm, Double Elimination, pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm. Small Pitchers $2 & FREE pool 2-5. Country Western Music all night.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Daily drink specials. Beer Bust & Happy Hour til 7pm. Free Pool noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. The hottest dance music in town. Snack Bar open til midnight

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 75¢ draft 3-7pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm. Dart Tournament 9pm

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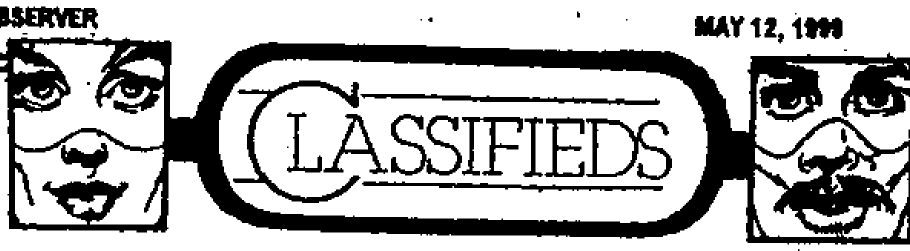

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NOTICES

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. Intermediate or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park from 3-5pm Saturdays.

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 Hellman 577-8333 for more info.

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

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

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

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

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6678 or 327-4293.

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

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, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Eddie Betrano 888-4595 or Cheri Jacobs 323-9066.

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 884-8920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (evellen@ix.netcom.com)

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyao@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 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 10th year! (2nd in Tucson).

TRANSGENDER ISSUES: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on first Mondays for informal discussion of transgender topics. Hosted by Desert Boyz. For information call Gary at 628-8659 or send email to: monkeydyke@earthling.net.

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

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 4523 N. 14th St., #117, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

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

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS. Individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual and Trans men who are victims/survivors in same-sex relationships. Group meets Tuesdays 7 to 8:30pm at a confidential location. For information or appointment call 219-2827. Wingspan Domestic Violence Project.

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (602)432-5501. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

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

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

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

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-6850 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 5th Ave. Call 791-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3061 N. Campbell Ave. #965, Tucson, AZ 85719.

NOTICES

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmoor Building). Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS. World wide web: http://www.saaf.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 mandelbaum@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 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Information and Referral about Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

YOUNG AND GAY?
Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 584-0280, leave name and phone number.

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

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

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

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

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

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX. For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2007, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

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

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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

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

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

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

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 890-8565 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 770-0979 or Barbie 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 299-6063.

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

"EVOLVERE" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held at Wingspan on 4th Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Call wingspan 624-1779 for more info.

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

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

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

GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL VETERANS meet at Wingspan every fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more info call Miguel Gomez, 889-4878 or pager 446-5123.

NOTICES

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 293-6834.

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. 624-1779. Call Wendy Bailey at 235-1093 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

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)745-9058 (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.

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