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Hate Crimes Bill Passes Again Faces Uncertain Future; Arizona ENDA Dies In Conference Committee

by Mark R. Kerr
Observer Political Reporter

PHOENIX (ON) - Despite veto threats from Governor Symington, S.B. 1047, a proposed state wide hate crimes ordinance, with a compromise amendment, was approved by the Arizona Legislature last week.

The state House of Representatives approved the measure, 39-20. Southern Arizona Representatives voted as follows:

YES - Reps. Paul Newman, D-Dist. 8; Lou-Ann Preble, R-Dist. 9; Sally Ann Gonzales, D-Dist. 10; Ramon Valadez, D-Dist. 10; Carmine Cardamone, D-Dist. 11; Debora Norris, D-Dist. 11; Freddy Hershberger, R-Dist. 12; Andy Nichols, D-Dist. 13; Brian Fagin, D-Dist. 13; Herschella Horton, D-Dist. 14; Marion Pickens, D-Dist. 14. NO - Reps. Gail Griffin, R-Dist. 8; Bill McGibbon, R-Dist. 9; Dan Schottel, R-Dist. 12.

The state Senate also approved the

compromise measure, 19-9. Southern Arizona Senators voted as follows:

YES - Sens. Gus Arzberger, D-Dist. 8; Victor Soltero, D-Dist. 10; Elaine Richardson, D-Dist. 11; Ann Day, R-Dist. 12; George Cunningham, D-Dist. 13; Ruth Solomon, D-Dist. 14. NO - Sen. Keith Bee, R-Dist. 9.

The hate crimes bill, S.B. 1047, after being approved by the state House two-weeks-ago was sent to a House/Senate conference committee, after Governor Symington threatened to veto the bill, to try to reconcile differences on the legislation.

S.B. 1047, as previously reported, would create an aggravated circumstance in felony cases, allowing a judge to impose a harsher sentence on a convicted felon if the victim were targeted on account of race, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry.

Symington refused to sign the
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Kenneth Blake, Miss Gay Tucson-America



TUCSON - Shown above in top photo is the 1997 Miss-Gay Tucson-America, Mr. Kenneth Blake. In the lower photo are 1 to 5, contestants Kenneth Blake, Truly Fabu; Miss Gay Tucson-America 1996 Felice Renard, and contestants Shaundriana and Crystal Abrams. More photos in the center section.

GMHP Launches New HIV Prevention Campaign

by Alan Nyitray

TUCSON - Over the years, Tucsonans have come to expect lively, vigorous, and effective HIV prevention campaigns for Gay and Bisexual men.

For instance, materials developed during the "Men Aloud" campaign, still used in local bars, have been used in HIV prevention projects throughout the U.S. and even internationally. The materials were so successful because they spoke directly to Gay men's issues and because they used the language and images of Gay men with no apologies to anyone who might have been offended.

In the next few months, the Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP), part of the AIDS Prevention Collaboration, will unveil a new campaign targeting men in Gay bars that will take its place alongside

some of the cutting edge campaigns of the past. Like those past efforts, this new GMHP effort will be grounded in research conducted by a local anthropologist and fine tuned by focus groups of Gay and Bisexual men in Tucson. The material of the campaign will likely be provocative and some may find various pieces controversial.

In Pima County, a majority of new infections are still occurring in Gay and Bisexual men. This pattern is common in most western states. Within the Gay community, three populations are at highest risk: Gay and Bisexual youth, Gay men of color, and men who frequent Gay bars. The AIDS Prevention Collaboration fields programs for all three. GMHP is responsible for programs targeting men in Gay bars.

In addition to the epidemiology of

Tucson ASOs Honor Volunteers

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - Tucson's three AIDS Service Organizations (ASO's), People With AIDS Coalition, (PACT for Life), Shanti Foundation, and the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) took time out to honor the volunteers who give their time to help those living with HIV/AIDS.

Over 200 people attended the ceremonies held at St. Francis Cabrini Church. The three volunteer coordinators; Aimee Carpenter of PACT for Life; Kelly Griffith of Shanti Foundation; and Carrie Bartimole of TAP served as emcees for the awards presentation.

Aimee Carpenter of PACT for Life led the ceremonies by announcing the recipients of the PACT volunteer awards. PACT for Life gave out eight awards to volunteers in recognition for their hard work:

Fund Raiser of the Year - Tommy Ragan. Teko Ipock Front Office Award - Franklin Kerr. Jerome Beillard Early Intervention Award - Jean Cicci and Frank Lopez. Food for Life Volunteer Award - Jacques Paillet. Sean Thomas Self Empowerment Award - Brian King. Tom Lewis Housing Volunteer Award - Garry

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TUCSON - The Ballroom at the Holiday Inn-City Center was filled to overflowing last Sunday evening for the 12th annual Miss Gay Tucson-America Pageant. The 1996 Miss Gay Tucson-America Felice Renard was about to give up her crown to one of the four 1997 contestants. Those contestant were #1 Mr. Kenneth Blake; #2 Truly Fabu; #3 Shaundriana and #4 Crystal Abrams. At the end of the evening, the judges awarded the crown to Kenneth Blake who also won the Talent Award for his exciting 'Batman' themed performance.

This year's Humanitarian Award was given to Alotta Whoremones for her dedicated ongoing work for the Tucson Gay/Lesbian community. Crystal Abrams won the title of Miss Congeniality and Truly Fabu was 1st Alternate to Miss Gay Tucson America 1997.

All of the performances were excellent and as usual the judges had a difficult time in their selection. All four contestants are to be congratulated for their individual acts and songs which, all added together, made this year's Pageant one of the best ever. Congratulations to Lucinda Holliday for her production talents which kept the show moving at a fast pace and made it one of the shortest in the long history of the Pageant.

UPDATE

Hope, Healing and High Jinx Returns April 29

TUCSON - The community is invited to attend the third annual "Hope, Healing and High Jinx," a comedy evening recognizing the joy and humor of life, in all its stages.

The event takes place, Tuesday, April 29, beginning at 7:00 P.M., at Laff's Comedy Cafe, 2900 East Broadway. Tickets are \$10 and \$20. Audience members will also have an opportunity to participate in a live and silent auction for items, donated by local businesses, ranging from gift certificates to works of art and collectibles, and a basketball signed by the U of A Wildcats!

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

The M.C. for the event is Slique Callahan. Well-known local talents, Dave Fitzsimmons, Gary Hood and Debbie Rice have helped four people living with HIV/AIDS (PWA's) to create stand-up comedy routines. Their efforts will culminate in "Hope, Healing and High Jinx," a true stand-up evening of comedy and all-around revelry, as the seasoned comics join PWA's to give us humorous insight into the reality of living with HIV/AIDS.

AGRA Volunteer Party Apr. 26

TUCSON - AGRA-Tucson invites all volunteers from the 1997 Saguaro Regional Rodeo and members to join us at Boom-Boom's Saturday, April 26, 6:00 P.M. for the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party.

There will be plenty of food and fun the entire evening. This is AGRA-Tucson's way of thanking everyone who helped make this year's rodeo a great success.

AGRA would also like to apologize for the confusion caused in the dates that were printed in past weeks. We hope you can join us for a fun filled evening and look forward to seeing you there.



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Patricia Nell Warren Southwest Book Tour

LOS ANGELES, CA - Patricia Nell Warren, author of the landmark novel "The Front Runner," and it's best selling sequel "Harlan's Race," will embark on a southwest book tour this May.

The book tour will start in El Paso, Texas on May 17. The tour will go through Arizona on May 29.

On May 29, Ms. Warren will be flying to Tucson, Arizona to attend a speak at a social reception sponsored by the Men's Social Network.

The Tucson Men's Social Network; in existence since March 1995 with over 300 paid members; is an inclusive organization with no age restrictions and emphasizes a variety of social activities so men in the Tucson area can have friends of all ages with whom to enjoy most any kind of activity. The reception will start at 6:00 P.M.

Ms. Warren, on May 30 will be at a book-signing at the Changing Hands Bookstore in Tempe, 7:30 P.M.

On May 31, Ms. Warren will be interviewed, in an Oprah-esque style, on stage at the heart of the Gay Pride Festival in Phoenix. All of PNW's admirers and supporters will be able to participate.

Following the interview there will be a book signing at the booth of Obelisk the Bookstore, which is the Gay and Lesbian bookstore serving the Phoenix area. This event will also conclude PNW's southwest tour.

Desert Voices Yard Sale

TUCSON - Come and get your bargains galore at our fantastic yard sale, April 26 at the Hour's Parking Lot, 3455 East Grant Road.

This fund raiser for Desert Voices (DV) will be held this Saturday, from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Please visit with us on Saturday an buy, buy, buy to support our future artistic concerts!

Remember, DV is your community chorus and we need your help for us to continue to entertain and enrich the Lesbian-Gay life in Tucson. For more information call 791-9662.

k.d. lang, OC - or oc?

OTTAWA, Ontario (NP) -- "I think the biggest dilemma I'm going to have is figuring out whether the 'OC' is lower case," said openly Lesbian singer k.d. lang after being invested as an Officer of the Order of Canada.

lang wore a black tail coat to Government House for the occasion and said she was "excited, flattered and honored." Declaring herself "as much a Canadian as I ever was and I always will be," the Alberta native said the hometown crowd can be "your best friends and your harshest critics." Naturally she did not miss the chance to pitch her latest album, due out in June, saying, "It's very dark, it's very intense, it's probably my best record vocally."

The honor represents merit and achievement, and the group of 40 invested in the order with lang included a former national Supreme Court justice, a former provincial lieutenant governor, and the Archbishop of Montreal, as well as other artists, activists and business leaders. The Officer degree of the title represents national-level achievement, as opposed to Members (local and regional) and Companions (international) of the order.

The medal itself is meant to resemble a snowflake, with impressions representing the crown, the maple leaf and the slogan "desiderantes meliorem patriam." "they desire a better country." The Order's Sovereign is the Queen of Canada (a.k.a. Britain's Elizabeth II), its president is her Governor General, and the Advisory Council determining its membership is chaired by the Chief Justice of Canada.

Recreation Volleyball At St. Francis

TUCSON - Enjoy the warm spring weather by playing Recreational Volleyball at St. Francis in the Foothills, 4625 East River Rd.

Games take place every Sunday, 4:00 - 6:00 P.M. on the sand court at St. Francis, (NW corner of Swan & River Roads).

People of all playing levels are welcome. Volleyball is a fun way to meet people and get exercise at the same time! For more information contact Davey, 886-1208.

Mother Teresa Wants To Help AIDS Patients

CALCUTTA, India (AP) - Barely three days after handing over the leadership of the global mission she founded, Mother Teresa said she would like to work with AIDS patients in the United States.

"I'm worried about the impact of AIDS in the present-day society," the 80-year-old nun said after receiving an award from the Bombay-based Indo-American Society.

"I'm eager to go to the United States and set up a center for AIDS patients there," she said in her acceptance speech. She did not elaborate on her plans.

The private Indo-American Society, which promotes trade and cultural ties between the two countries, said it gave Mother Teresa the award because she has encouraged "the spirit of service and sacrifice throughout the world."

Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation Upcoming Fundraising Events

- **Classical Concert #1:**
Acoustical guitar concert featuring Roberto Capocchi. Friday, April 18th at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 7:30 PM.
- **Laff's Comedy Benefit:**
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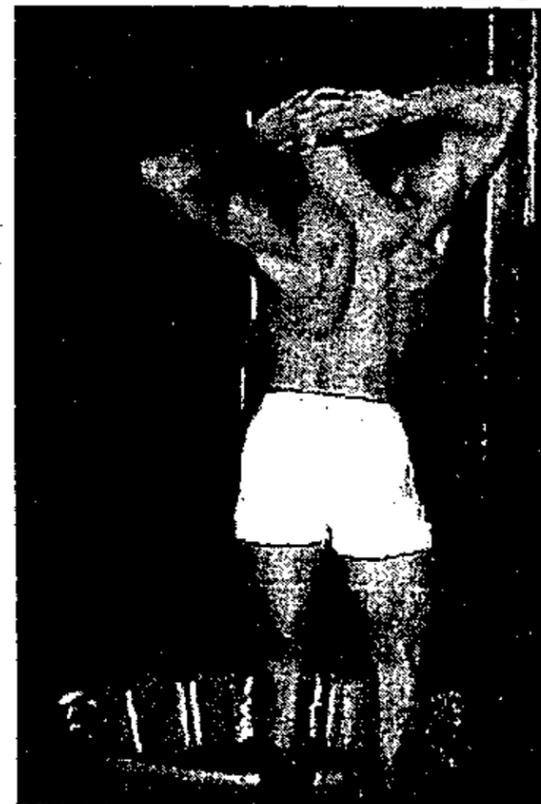
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ROBERT FELDHAUS, PH.D.

There are many competing brands of spirituality, psychology, and philosophy out there, any number of different ways of structuring your life. Spirituality, psychology, and philosophy are alike in a way: they are all ways of stepping back from life and commenting on it. They are all ways of reflecting life back to yourself and contemplating it. Unfortunately, many people only expose themselves to one or two philosophies of life. Sometimes people become narrow, thinking that the philosophy they were raised with is the only one worth looking into. Or they latch onto some philosophy because it's plausible, and because its conclusions flow from its premises, not realizing that all philosophies meet those criteria! Many people simply adopt the philosophy of whatever group they want the acceptance of. Some people reject all philosophy, all reflection, because of their disappointment with their childhood religion. However, spirituality-psychology-philosophy is a very wide field indeed. There are all different ways of reflecting on life and trying to make sense of it.

One thing is for certain: getting involved with spirituality, psychology, or philosophy will make you self-conscious. This is because all of them are ways of being reflective. Other bodies of knowledge are not that way. The knowledge of electronics, for example, is relatively straightforward. It consists of a set of principles and laws that govern electrical phenomena. If you learn the principles, you can then work in the electronic field. But in psychology, for example, you are trying to understand the one who is trying to understand! This is a different order of knowledge; it could be called meta-knowledge. The scanning beam of consciousness is trying to arch around and see itself. It's like trying to see your own face without a mirror: very difficult to do. In philosophy, it's similar. Any complete philosophy has to deal with epistemology, the science of knowing. Epistemology asks the question, "How do we know what we know? What is the nature of knowledge? And how do we know what is true?" For example, are we eternal, non-physical souls temporarily in a body? Or are our brains just very complex comput-

ers? Are we a part of nature, or something outside it? And with those questions, we're back to trying to see ourselves. Fascinating and frustrating all at the same time.

I think the most interesting question of all, if we are honest, is "Who or what am I?" That's not because we're egotistical. It's because we are fascinated with the fact that we are aware. None of us asked to be born, or to be conscious. Suddenly, we just found ourselves alive and aware as babies, out of the void. And it's very interesting, of course, to explore the external world and find out all about it. Then we discover other people, who are especially fascinating. That's when we suddenly realize: whatever I am, I'm like those other people! Because we can't see ourselves directly, there's an eternal fascination with the question of who we really are. How do I manage to be conscious? Who or what is being conscious through this body? Who or what gave rise to this incredibly complex body? And what happens at death? People who ignore these questions usually do so out of fear, discomfort, or hopelessness of ever finding a solution. Given a chance, I think we want to know who we are.

For example, when you look at group photos that you're in, whom are you most interested in seeing? You want to see your image, what you look like to others. You want to see the one thing you can't usually see: your face, the thing that does the seeing. Similarly, one of the most intriguing things is to know what people really say about you when you aren't there. You want to know what people really think of you, but of course, that's difficult, because people aren't usually very honest about that. So our fantasy is to overhear people talking about us when they don't know we're listening. We want to know how we come off to other people...really. (In fact, the best way of finding that out is by looking at our projections on others—but I'll leave that for another column!) Another example: we are intrigued by the sound of our voice on recordings. "Do I really sound like that?" And of course, we're often judgmental towards what we hear. One

Who Needs Philosophy?

reason we're afraid of self-knowledge is that we're afraid of finding out that maybe we are really horrible or unacceptable. People who take philosophical quests courageously take that risk, having faith that ultimately, we must be OK, or at the very least, I want to know if I'm not!

Different philosophies give different answers to the question of who you are. Christianity, for example, says that you are a soul-body complex, the image of God, God's creature, under God's law, made by God to serve and glorify him. God created us to share his fullness and love us. Atheistic naturalism, on the other hand, denies all supernatural realms, and says that the physical universe is all there is. Therefore, whatever we are, we must be part of the physical universe. The physical universe is capable of becoming conscious, by means of the nervous system. Pure neurochemistry is what we are. Then again, certain kinds of spirituality see human minds as sparks of the divine consciousness. We are God's infinite consciousness, temporarily having the dream of being finite, frustrated egos. God will at some point—perhaps at the moment of death—wake up from the dream of being us and remember that only God exists. This is typical of Hindu philosophy and all the currents that flow from it.

There are many other ways of looking at the basic issue of human identity. They all lead you into a kind of self-consciousness that a less reflective person represses. That self-consciousness can be uncomfortable, until you come to the point of realizing that you are OK as you are, self-conscious or not. For some people, that means a realization that they are loved by God just as they are, and nothing they can do can make God stop loving them.

For others, it means the peace of realizing that they are inextricably interwoven with the natural universe, and that therefore, they have the same right to exist as a waterfall or a star. Or a Hindu might come to the intuitive conclusion that s/he is one with the Divine, and that no matter how horrible life appears, it's ultimately a dream from which s/he will awake as God.

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NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

[This week's information is taken from A Common Voice Newsletter.]

The Board's of Directors of Tucson's primary AIDS Service Organizations - the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, the Shanti Foundation, and the Tucson AIDS Project, took action in March to formally incorporate the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). SAAF, (pronounced safe) will act as the fund raising and development arm of all three ASO's.

The three ASO's have consolidated all fund raising as part of the ongoing collaboration of activities. There has been positive reaction from the community at large, particularly from funders who perceive this as a positive step toward addressing the ever increasing shortage of funds available for all social service programs.

Immediately after incorporating SAAF, the three ASO's also applied for nonprofit, tax exempt status which means

all gifts made to SAAF will be fully tax deductible as provided by federal law.

SAAF's goal for the balance of this fiscal year, (ending June 30, 1997), is to raise a total of \$375,000 for programs and services operated by PACT, Shanti, and TAP. Elsewhere in this issue are stories about some of the upcoming events that will help us reach that goal. Fund raising events include classical concerts, Jell-O wrestling, a comedy night at Laff's on April 29, and a roast of Craig Snow on April 25.

For additional information on this collaboration, please call PACT, 770-1710; Shanti, 622-7107; and, TAP, 322-6226.

-I leave you with this in mind, "Give your love freely and look for nothing in return. No man is measured by the love he gives to others, but, by how much he is loved." - Brother Caedfel

AIDS 'Harpoon' Attacks Cell Membrane, Study Says

NEW YORK, NY (NYT) - Scientists have discovered the precise mechanism by which HIV, the AIDS virus, penetrates the membrane of the cells it infects.

Knowledge of the mechanism, in which a sort of spring-loaded harpoon pierces the cell's surface, is a significant advance and should provide drug designers many ideas for jamming the harpoon, thereby averting infection. Experts caution, however, that any such treatment remains a distant prospect.

The discovery grew out of an effort, beginning 15 years ago, to understand how the influenza virus changes shape when it invades cells. Now that the influenza virus, HIV and a mouse leukemia virus have been to use the same mechanism, it seems likely that many other viruses will be found to do so too.

The new advance resulted from an X-ray analysis of the pair of protein molecules that make up the harpoon mechanism in HIV. The analysis was performed by Peter S. Kim and his colleagues at the Whitehead Institute, in Cambridge, Mass., and was published in the journal Cell.

A competing article, by Don C. Wiley and his colleagues at Harvard University, was submitted to the journal Na-

ture but has not been published yet. Wiley said his team had discovered the same harpoon mechanism as Kim's team, and also information about the bottom end of the harpoon as well as its tip.

Dr. Robert A. Lamb, a virus expert at Northwestern University, said the new understanding was "highly important." Although biologists have understood for several years much of the chemistry by which proteins on HIV recognize target proteins that "stick" out from the surface of the cells they attack, the new studies address a different aspect: the HIV protein's actual change in shape as the virus begins fusing with its host cell's membrane.

Essentially the harpoon protein is squashed down like a jack-in-the-box until some event, probably contact with the target proteins on the host cells, triggers its release. Since its tip is repellent to water but attracted to the fat found in cell membranes, the harpoon protein is able, when released, to thrust itself deep into the surface of the cell membrane.

Dr. Wayne A. Hendrickson, a biologist at Columbia University, said that the dramatic springing out of the influenza virus protein was "one of the most marvelous things we have seen in structural biology."



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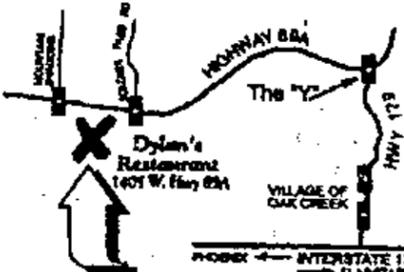
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IT'S NEWS TO ME . . . BY STEVE RISLEY

The \$64 Question: When will Gov. Symington, House Speaker Aldridge and the managers of various state agencies realize that Arizonans, the people they serve, are not all heterosexual, white, anglo-saxon protestants - that they never were and never will be? When will they understand that they have an obligation to serve ALL Arizonans and act in the best interests of ALL Arizonans regardless of personally held beliefs.

There have been a couple recent events that we all need be aware of and beware of.

The first was the State of Arizona's decision, based on "changing priorities", to cease providing funding to PACT - this in the face of a \$130 million surplus in the state treasury. Anyone with an ounce of brains understands that money spent on AIDS prevention and education NOW will save the state a whole lot of money down the road. Anyone with an ounce of compassion understands that we have many citizens who are suffering and dearly need the assistance that various AIDS services organizations provide. We certainly can't count on any state agency to dispense that kind of help.

The second is Gov. Symington's threat to veto the hate crimes bill that is currently moving through the legislature if it reaches his desk. The majority be damned, and for the second year in a row, I guess. It was overwhelmingly passed by the House a week or so ago despite Speaker Aldridge's arrogant attempt to keep it off the agenda. The governor doesn't like the fact that specific groups of protected individuals are named in the bill. Five will get you ten that it's really only one of the protected groups named in the bill that he really objects to, and I think it's the one based on "sexual orientation."

It's time for the State of Arizona to catch up with the rest of the world. It's time for Symington, Aldridge and the state politicians who control the purse-strings to recognize that they must implement the will of the majority and not use their positions to ram policy down our throats that's based on their personal opinions. And it's time for these same guardians of the public trust to provide for those amongst us who are least able to provide for themselves.

puter with access to the World Wide Web? Want to find out what's going on with our Lesbian and Gay brothers and sisters in other countries? Then crank up the old CPU and check out online Gay and Lesbian newspapers in the far flung corners of the world. Here's a partial list with site addresses:

Australia - *Sydney Star Observer* at <http://sso.rainbow.net.au> -Keep up with the latest developments in Sydney's bid to host the Gay Games in 2002. Lots of local news and gossip, too.

Also in Australia - *Brother Sister* at <http://werple.net.au/~leto/news/> - Wider coverage of news outside of Sydney with a large archive of back issues.

Slovenia - *Keke* at <http://www.ljudmila.org/siqkd/keke/index.html> -It helps a whole lot if you understand Slovene but explore the pages anyway.

Holland - *De Gay Krant* at <http://gayworld.nl/gaykrant/english/gkn-english.html> -What can I say about our dutch cousins? They're light years ahead of us.

And of course, Tucson's own *Observer* can be accessed at <http://bonzo.com/observer> -Stop in, have a look around and be sure to check out the messages left in the "guest book".

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POLITICS 1997
By MARK R. KERN

"At The Bank Of Bob Dole You Get Sleazy Loans And A Check Guarantee Card!"

A governor again defied; hate-crimes bill passes yet again; a statewide G/L employment non-discrimination measure was killed quicker than Bruce Willis' movie career. Just another week at the Arizona Legislature! Be afraid, be very afraid!

This past week, the Arizona Legislature again approved S.B. 1047, a proposed hate crimes ordinance (with compromise amendment) by overwhelming numbers. The state House gave their okay by a margin of 39-20. The state Senate said yes to the bill, by a 19-9 vote.

Southern Arizona legislators who voted No were: Reps. Gail Griffin, Jimmy Judd County; Bill McGibbon, R-Beefville; Dan Schottel, R-Melittland. Sen. Keith Bee, R-Nerd Valley.

As previously reported first, the hate crimes bill, S.B. 1047, had been approved by the state House two-weeks ago after:

turbulent debate; heavy-handedness and alleged anti-Semitic slurs from the state House Speaker; the governor's views on the bill flushed down the toilet; and veto threats from Governor Whitewash. Put in some lung-lost relatives, aliens from outer space and you've got a Procter & Gamble daytime soap opera!

The bill had been sent to a House/Senate conference committee last week after Governor Whitewash issued more veto threats on the hate crimes measure. This despite renegeing on his promise to support the bill! Hey Fifester, you broke another promise! Bad Gov, bad!

The House/Senate conference committee met last week and amended S.B. 1047 in an effort of compromise, good-will, and to get Whitewash to sign the legislation.

According to the bill's sponsor, and heroine in this novella, Rep. Robin Shaw, R-Phoenix, "I'm hopeful that an agreement can be struck with the governor. Sometimes you must make a compromise to pass legislation." True, but this is J. Fife Whitewash were talking about, soon-to-be ex-governor and member of Phoenix chain-gang!

What did the committee do? The committee removed the list and, through amendment, referred to "the victim's identity in a group," which is identified in "The Arizona Hate Crimes Statistics Act of 1990."

The Hate Crimes Statistics Act has a list that includes race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation and disability. The law is part of federal reporting requirements for the Department of Public Safety.

The committee unanimously approved the amendment and sent the bill back to both bodies, which approved S.B. 1047. Hooray! The bill has been sent to Governor Whitewash.

According to the governor's spokesperson, and favorite of the press, Doug Cole, Symington will review S.B. 1047, but is still expected to veto the legislation. So what if he does, for the second time in as many years?

The odds are not in favor of supporters of the measure. Since the Arizona Legislature ended their 1997 session on April 21, chances for overriding the veto are slim since the two ways to get the legislature into session is by the governor, or by the signatures of three-fourths of the legislators.

In an interview last week, state Rep. Ken Chevront, D-Phoenix, summed it up best, "It's better to have a good piece of legislation vetoed than a bad piece of legislation put into law." So true! . . .

As quickly as Bruce Willis' movie career has floundered, last week, Republicans on a House/Senate conference committee quickly killed the Arizona Employment Non-Discrimination Act (Arizona ENDA for those playing the home game).

Arizona ENDA, which would have given protection against discrimination in the work place, was attached to S.B. 1464, a bill was a broader measure dealing with the state personnel system.

The state House last week approved the amendment and the bill. S.B. 1464 was then sent to conference committee to be reconciled.

The bill's original sponsor, Sen. Tom Patterson, R-Phoenix, refused to accept the Arizona ENDA amendment. Patterson also rejected a proposal to limit protections to state employees.

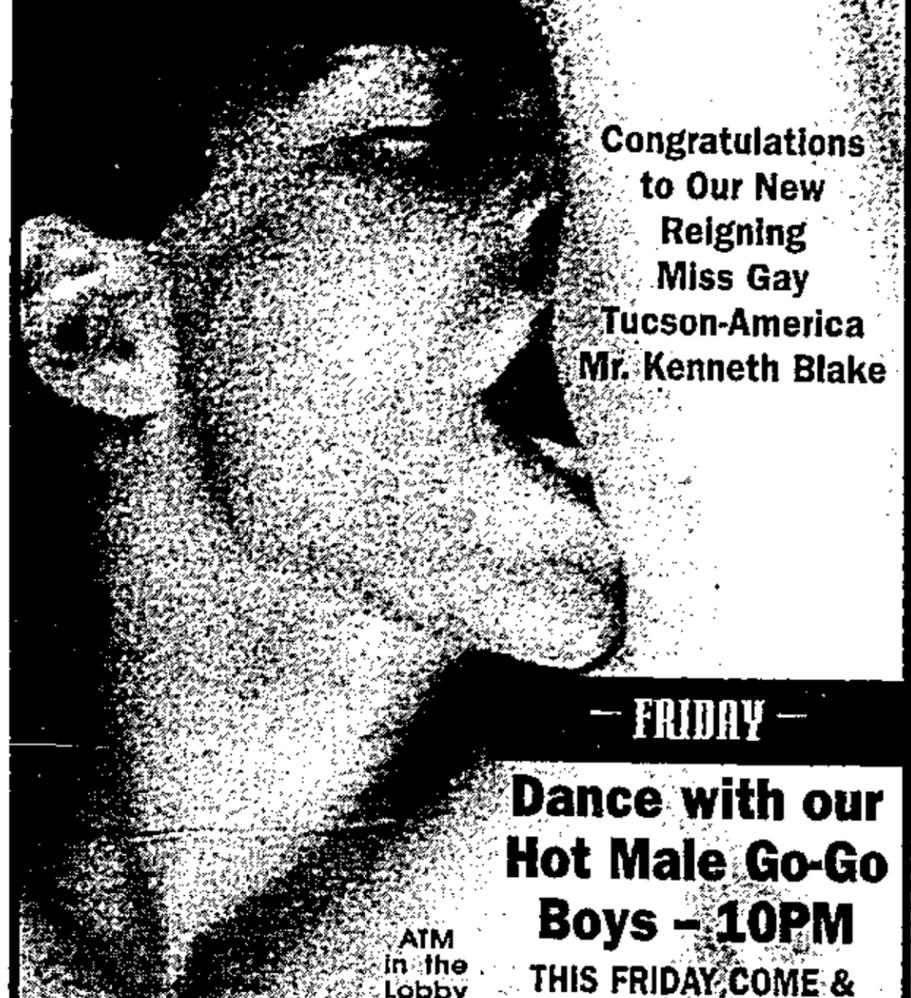
Patterson's reasons, "there was nothing in state law that allows agencies to fire or demote someone based on sexual orientation." What colors are the clouds in his mind?

The bill, sans amendment, was quickly approved by both legislative bodies and sent to Fiferama for his blessing.

As mentioned, the Arizona Legislature ended this current session on April 21. Next week, a sordid review of a sordid body! . . .

So it goes for now kids!





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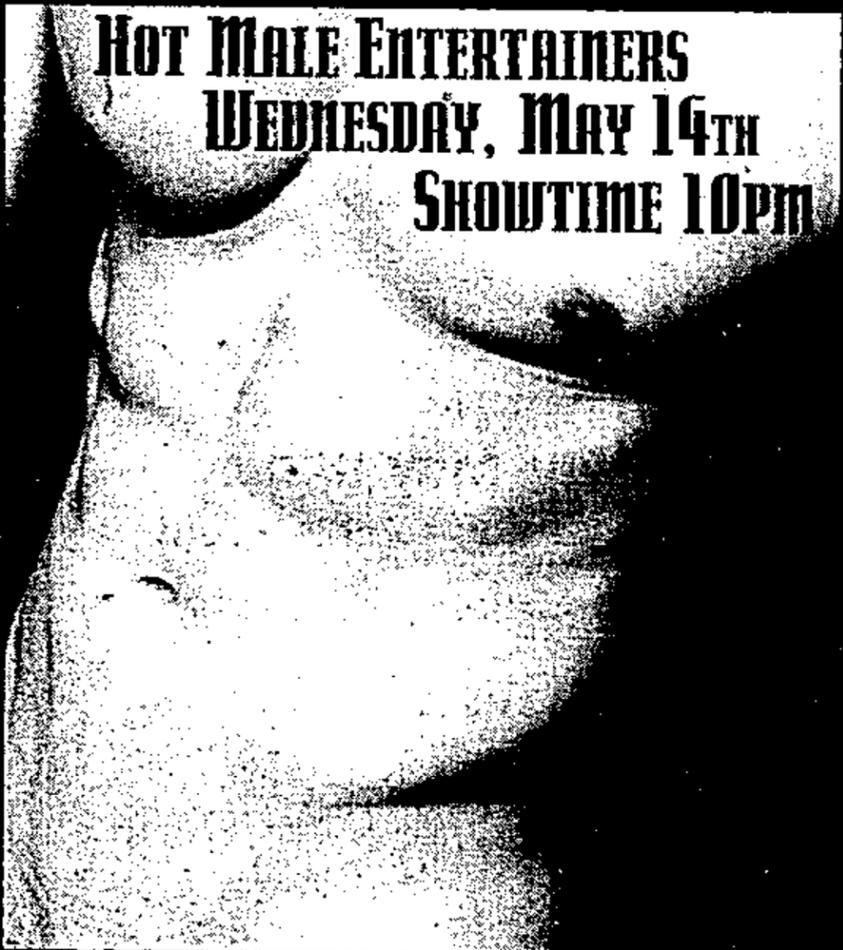


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En esta ocasión, como es costumbre, estamos un poco de prisa, ya que hoy será la ceremonia del fin de curso para el grupo Interdisciplinario de estudiantes de la Universidad de Arizona y de la Universidad del Estado de Arizona, quienes han estado trabajando en la ciudad de Nogales, AZ., durante todo el semestre escolar; dicho grupo Interdisciplinario lo componen estudiantes de las escuelas de Enfermería, Farmacia, Maestría en Salud Pública y Trabajo Social; haciendo un total de 10 estudiantes con la asesoría de las maestras Marylyn M McEwen M.S. R.N. C.N.S. y de Marion K. Slack Ph. D. y del maestro J. George Iglesias M.S.W., M.P.H. además de un gran equipo de trabajo, así como del grupo de Promotoras del proyecto Platícamos Salud de la clínica Mariposa de Nogales, AZ. En sí este grupo ha trabajado bajo el nombre de "Nuestra Comunidad, Nuestra Salud". "Mi experiencia en este entrenamiento interdisciplinario, me ha dado una gran apreciación y entendimiento real de lo práctico y de los alcances que enfrentan los proveedores al laborar en un medio rural. Mi agradecimiento va fuera del salón de clases, a los maestros, las lecciones; todos componentes vitales para mi verdadera educación" dijo: Matthew E. Borrego estudiante para el Doctorado en Farmacología de la Universidad de Arizona...

Nuestro comentario de salud para esta Columna Abierta, es que ya están listos los anticonceptivos para hombres. La inyección anticonceptiva para hombres es un método seguro y eficaz para prevenir embarazos, demostraron científicos alemanes en un estudio con 400 parejas voluntarias, patrocinado por la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS). La inyección regular de la hormona masculina -testosterona-, que regulariza la producción de espermias en los testículos, mostró que luego de tres meses la proporción de los espermatozoides en el líquido seminal de los participantes en el estudio se había reducido a 3 millones por mililitro; es decir, se había impedido la capacidad reproductiva del varón. Esta respuesta no es definitiva, pues al interrumpir el tratamiento la producción regular se regenera en un periodo de seis a doce semanas. Durante un año, sólo cuatro de las 400 mujeres de las parejas estudiadas quedó embarazada, lo que significa una falla porcentual de uno por ciento, más o menos igual a las fallas de la píldora anticonceptiva femenina, destacó el médico alemán Eberhard Nieschlag. Para promover la inyección anticonceptiva masculina en el mercado, la industria farmacéutica tendrá que empezar con las

pruebas clínicas, explicó el Dr. Nieschlag, "pero con el argumento de una falta de demanda por parte de los varones y el costo alto que contradice su interés económico, las grandes empresas farmacéuticas carecen de la colaboración", lamentó David Griffin de la OMS. (Hamburgo).

El Frente Nacional para Pacientes con VIH (Frenpavih), con sede en el Distrito Federal, nombró a Jorge representante en Sonora. El reunió a un grupo de seropositivos o gente a quienes se les ha detectado el Virus de Inmunodeficiencia Humana en la sangre y les propuso luchar por una causa que parece una locura en este fin de milenio, porque ya debería estar superada: Una calidad de vida -ya no no se puede cantidad- y una muerte digna.

¿Por qué tienen que "pedirlo", algo que supuestamente un ser humano, si se lo propone, puede tener, a esta altura la civilización? ¿Por qué la vida, a estos semejantes azotados por una maldición que suena apocalíptica para los "sanos", se les vuelve un infierno, en vez de despertar conmisericordia y el apoyo de los médicos, sus amigos, su propia familia que con frecuencia los abandona?. Ellos se reúnen en instalaciones de una institución que les presta un pequeño auditorio; porque juntos de alguna manera se ayudan entre sí, pero eso no varía que el no muy amplio futuro que les espera es desolador. Quieren ver si, aunque el caso de ellos es tan peculiar, uniéndose pueden conseguir un lugar donde puedan considerarse en "su casa", un espacio para estar sin causar la incomodidad de nadie, sin despertar compasión... "No queremos lástima, sólo dignidad"... dicen... Si desea ayudar a esta nueva agrupación FRENPAVIAH, lo puede hacer a través de la dirección del periódico El Imparcial, Sufragio Efectivo No. 71 en la ciudad de Hermosillo, Sonora, Mex. o comuníquese conmigo para información adicional al (520) 287-4722 en Nogales, AZ.

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

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Viewpoint

by R. Michael & C. Lichtenstein

The Proud Collector

Would you like to look like Cary Grant? No. How about Mildred Pierce? Well, if you were in Atlantic City recently for the twice a year collectible and antique show you could have fulfilled part of your dream. Cary's personal scarf - pearl gray - was available for \$395. And Joan Crawford's waitress uniform from the classic movie was for sale for \$4650.

The giant show, billed as the largest indoor collectible show in the world, is a major affair. There are 1200 dealers from 45 states and 17 foreign countries. The variety of items as well as the price range was enormous.

There was a certain nostalgia for the staff working the show at the Atlantic City Convention Center - home of political conventions and the Miss America Pageant. This will be the final giant collectible show as it will move to the new convention center when it returns in October. The new center is three-blocks off the boardwalk and next to the train station.

Celebrity memorabilia was featured and drew big crowds but dealer Rich Wilson of Washington, D.C. had the most to ogle at. Wilson's display showcased his Marilyn Monroe collection, which he began 14 years ago after meeting a JFK collector. There was a black crepe cocktail dress - circa 1944 - that would make you the hit of any party; \$2900 and it was yours! But what about a floor length negligee in cream satin and lace shoulder straps for \$2895? Or a black nylon bra, size 36c for \$3995? Think about it!

There were other celebrity items in the show, and not all were clothing. How about hair strands of the rich and famous? Would you believe that Elvis Presley's locks (\$1995) are priced higher than the father of our country, George Washington's (\$1600). John F. Kennedy's curls, however, topped them both at \$22-00.

If you're not into hair, what about Johnny Cochran's 1955 Los Angeles High School yearbook for \$340 or John

Barrymore's monogrammed bottle opener for \$195. And who could be without Judie Foster's popcorn bag from "Nell," without popcorn. I'll bet you don't have one or:

Rita Hayworth's false eye lashes, \$75; A Liz Taylor flower pot from Bel Air, \$35; Lucille Ball's toothpick holder, \$20; Stan Laurel's alimony check, \$65; Natalie Wood's hand mirror, \$195.

For the filthy rich there was Clark Gable's 1947 Kurtis Kraft Offenhauser Indy Race Car at \$350,000. This car finished fifth in the 1948 Indianapolis 500. Imagine what it would go for if it had finished first!

I think the clothes and accessories were the most interesting because they were the most intimate. But some items went too far. What would one do with Ellen Barkin's G-String (\$125) from "Johnny Handsome," 1989. No thanks. Or Paul Mercurio's underpants (tan) for \$75? Or Lucille Ball's toothbrush (\$40)- yuck!

Now Divine's red sequined dress with autographed photo at \$850 is another matter. Who can have enough red slinky dresses? I definitely know I couldn't get one leg into Macaulay Calkin's blue jeans (\$75). Anyway, who but Michael would want to. If you're into long and lanky then Geena Davis' smashing lavender beaded silk dress with spaghetti straps by Georgio at \$550 was a bargain. Another bargain was a pair of Barbra Streisand's pink nylon pants for \$15. I'll take two!

There were thousands and thousands of non-celebrity items, most too boring to describe. Dealers told me that foreign buyers, especially Japanese and Germans, were an important part of their business. The Japanese were scooping up "Nightmare Before Christmas" and "Star Wars" memorabilia. The Germans were buying PEZ dispensers. Mom, where did you put my PEZ collection?

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AN OPEN LETTER TO PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS IN TUCSON, MEMBERS OF PACT FOR LIFE AND THE TUCSON COMMUNITY:

Only four weeks ago, The Observer printed a letter from me as Executive Director of the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson that had been sent out to the PACT membership. This letter outlined the staff layoffs and program cuts that had to be made due to funding cut-backs. Also at this time, I stated that I would remain with PACT over the next few months to help with transitions in locating a building and continuation of the collaboration with TAP and Shanti.

Several days after the publication of this letter, I was called away to Florida to assist my sick brother with my father who was failing rapidly from cancer. Staying in touch with PACT staff and board members on a daily basis, I knew that there was some quick discussion taking place regarding merger rather than collaboration. Two days before my return, PACT had a special board meeting on April 9 where they unanimously agreed with this thinking. This prompted a letter to PACT membership and last week's article in The Observer to announce the merger with TAP and Shanti.

Also at this board meeting, Craig Snow of TAP and Anne Maley of Shanti made recommendations to the PACT Board of Directors. The recommendations included: to fire the PACT Development Director (which is not a board decision); to give me 30 days notice; and that they would become co-executive directors of PACT beginning May 16, 1997 while I stayed on as a consultant. These actions, however, were considered without any consultation with me in spite of my daily communiques with PACT staff and board during my three week absence. As I felt that my voice had been taken away from me while I mourned the loss of my father, upon my return, I accepted PACT's offer of a severance package effective April 15, 1997.

PACT's membership letter and a recent in the Arizona Star erroneously stated that I resigned, which I never did. Also, the article in last week's Observer failed to mention my name once, as if I were gone without a trace.

My partner, Laura and I chose to move to Tucson and make it our home. I chose the position as Executive Director of PACT over other Tucson job offers. I felt I could help to continue the legacy of Jerome without being HIV+ myself. However, I feel many members of the PACT would not support that. I have worked to keep the voices of people living with HIV/AIDS in front of us at all times. I did not abandon you.

I hope that PWA's in Tucson will get involved with the merger of PACT, TAP and Shanti. I support the merger wholeheartedly but only with your voice. Be strong and well. I am sure our paths will continue to cross. Thank you all for your support over this past year.

Sincerely,
Marylee M. Pangman
Former Executive Director -
PACT for Life

EDITOR:

I was shocked to hear on the national news that representatives of the tobacco industry have been meeting with congressional and state leaders behind closed doors for the last two weeks to strike a deal regarding future law suits against the tobacco companies.

What a moral tragedy that our elected officials would even consider a deal. We are on the brink of showing once and for all that the tobacco giants have intentionally misled the American people about the true addictiveness of this drug. How dare our elected officials even consider a deal. They should use this legislative powers they possess to ban cigarette advertising aimed at children and not make it part of any deal.

Consider the tens of thousands of people slowly dying from emphysema today that would have no recourse once this "deal" is struck.

I don't understand the hypocrisy of our state leaders who on the one hand would tells we didn't know what we were doing when we approved Proposition 200, to allow people access to a drug who may benefit from the effects of it, then blatantly legislate against our wishes, while at the same time consider a deal with an industry that promotes the production and distribution of another drug that has been shown to be the number one killer of Americans. I just don't get it.

Those responsible for hiding the truth about the addictiveness of tobacco are personally responsible for the deaths of many Americans and should be prosecuted criminally. Since when do we make deals with killers.

Patrick J. Dooley

SPORTS

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Rubber Queens Return	12	4
Straight Shooters	11	5
Garfield & Girls	11	5
Smokin Bears	10	6
Triple T & Me	9	7
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Hung Hoes	8	8
Tres Amigos	8	8
Two	8	8
Three's Company	7	9
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In Open Division play this past Sunday, IBT's Twisters swept a double-header from the Venture-N, 13-3 and 16-4. The Twisters were paced by Robb G's great pitching and by Brian L's defense and hitting.

In the other Open Division Game, the Arizona Aces beat Best Choice Realty.

In Women's Division play, Team Tucson won both of its games, setting up a possible showdown for first place next week against Ain't Nobody's Bizness. Team Tucson defeated Girls' Night Out 25-7, paced by Karen P. and Angie P's outstanding hitting. Defensively Nanni D. and Jan J. led the way.

In their second game, Team Tucson shut out Lavender Laces, 13-0. Kerri S. and Diana U. were the big hitters in this one. Team Tucson scored 10 runs in the third inning to put this one out of reach.

In the final game of the night, the Biz defeated Hill Foot Gems 17-7, in spite of losing two key players to injury and the team having to play out of position.

The Arizona Aces would like to thank those individuals who donated the food items for its fund raiser. Also a big thank you to those who supported the team in its fund raising effort.

Coming up in next week's regular season finale, the featured Women's Division game will be The Biz versus Team Tucson at 6:00 P.M. In a battle for first place (provided The Biz wins its 5:00 P.M. game against the Lavender Laces.)

The Open Division has the IBT's Twisters needing a sweep of its two games versus The Arizona Aces to gain a share

of the league title, at least in the loss column. The Aces are 5-0 in league play, while the Twisters are 4-2.

The regular season standing determine the seedings for the seasons ending tournament to be held May 4. The tournament will determine the TGSA representatives to the Gay Softball World Series in San Diego, California this August. The tournament details are currently being worked on, but it will be held in one day, with play starting quite a bit earlier than our current 4:00 P.M. start, so players and coaches, clear your calendar for Sunday, May 4. More on the tournament in next week's Observer.

Come out and cheer your favorite teams and players.

For more information on TGSA, please contact League Commissioner, Mary O., 770-9979.

APRIL 27 SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S DIVISION

- 4:00 P.M. Hill Foot Gems vs. Lavender Laces
- 5:00 P.M. Ain't Nobody's Biz vs. Lavender Laces
- 6:00 P.M. Ain't Nobody's Biz vs. Team Tucson

OPEN DIVISION

- 7:00 P.M. Venture-N vs. Best Choice Realty
- 8:00 P.M. Arizona Aces vs. IBT's Twisters
- 9:00 P.M. IBT's Twisters vs. Arizona Aces

All games are at Freedom Park (on 29th Street between Swan and Craycroft) bring your blankets and lawn chairs!

HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON
by Anida Cowboy

Hey Tucson! Hope you all had a great week. It seems that the week's are long and the weekend's are to short. I hope some of you got the chance to attend the Miss Gay Tucson Pageant this weekend. AGRA was well represented with front row seating. I want to extend my congratulations to the 1998 Miss Gay Tucson Mr. Kenneth Blake . . . the best of luck in your reign! I hope you can find a pair of cowboy boots to match your "Creative Fashion" outfit. Speaking of that outfit, if you wear it out in public, hide from me . . . I want it! Again, congratulations and good luck in the upcoming year!

As you all know, we held elections this past weekend for the 1998. The outcome is as follows:

President: Run-off between Terry D. and Tommy R.; Vice President: Bill D.; Recording Secretary: Maxine S.; Chapter Rep.: Run-off between Tommy R., and Bill D.; Public Relations: Scott W. Fund Raising: Pat T.; Dance & Entertainment: Daniel O.; Mobility & Logistics: Terry D.; Rodeo Events: Write-in for Richard G.

There will be run-off elections next month for the President and Chapter Rep. positions at next month's meeting. Tune in for details. Congratulations to the entire 1998 Board of Directors! Let's really pull together this year and put on

the best rodeo ever!

Over the next few weeks you will be seeing ads for Old Tucson Studios presents "Gay West" . . . this will be held June 28 at Old Tucson Studios and is a fund raiser for the non-profit organizations that serve the LGBT community. AGRA will be on the committee to organize the event and will be selling advance tickets for the event. We will receive a portion of the ticket price for each ticket that we sell so if you plan on attending the event, see a Board Member to get your tickets!

Stay tuned for more details!

Memo: Saturday, April 26, 1997 is the Volunteer appreciation party to be held at Boom-Boom's! I apologize for the confusion of dates that were announced in different papers, but trust me, April 26 is the right date. We will have plenty of food and fun so come out and join me in thanking all of the Volunteers that helped the 1997 SRR be such a success!

Hope you have a great week! As always, remember to keep your pride and play safe in the saddle!

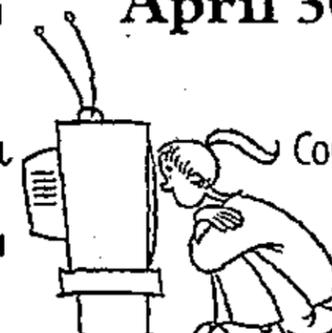
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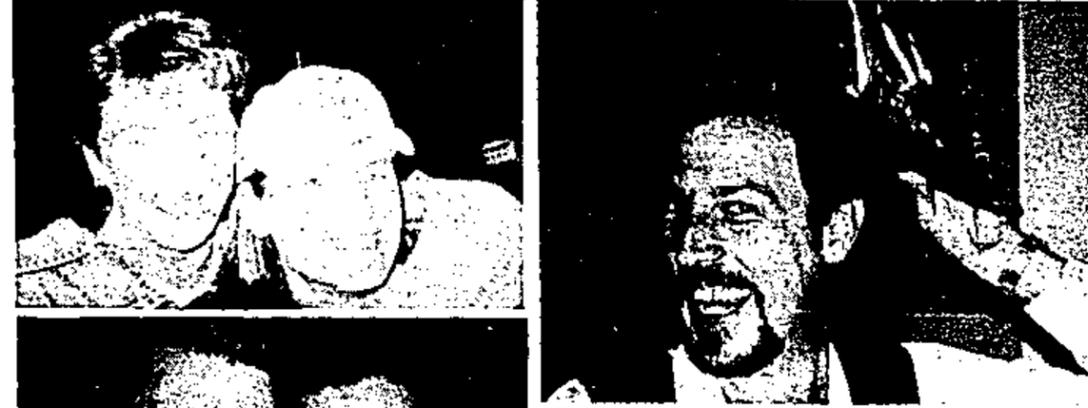
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Hawaii Same-Sex Marriage Compromise Set

HONOLULU, HI (WS) - According to local news reports, the Hawaii state legislature's House-Senate conference committee appears to have finally agreed on a compromise on the question of legal recognition of non-marital partnerships.

Reports have the compromise blocking equal marriage rights for same-gender couples while providing less than equal partner benefits.

Spurred by a perceived mandate from the November elections, as well as the looming final state Supreme Court review of the case to establish legal Gay and Lesbian marriages, both the House and Senate were quick out of the starting gate at the opening of the current legislative session, pushing through proposals on the question at maximum speed.

Once the bicameral voting was done, however, the process of reconciling differences between the House and Senate versions of both a proposed constitutional amendment to empower the legislature to deny Gay and Lesbian marriages and a bill to grant some marriage-like benefits to so called "reciprocal beneficiaries" dragged on, failing to meet an internally-imposed deadline.

With the deadline for presenting the Governor with a proposed constitutional amendment during this session in order for it to appear on the November 1998 ballot for voter approval, hard lines began to soften on both sides. Strangest of all, the most rabid and organized opponents of same-gender marriage began actively lobbying for the reciprocal beneficiary rights they would likely otherwise be fighting tooth and nail -- ready to sacrifice almost anything for the last-gasp chance to stop legal Gay and Lesbian marriages.

The language agreed on for the proposed amendment to Hawaii's state constitution will read, "The Legislature shall have the power to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples." This is designed to overrule the state Supreme Court's finding that denying equal marriage rights to same-gender couples violates Hawaii's equal rights amendment prohibitions on gender-based discrimination.

It has been the firm belief of the Hawaii state Senate, hotly contested by the House, that the court will not accept a flat rejection of Gay and Lesbian marriages without some guarantee of their equal treatment in some other form. The House gave token assent this session by passing a bill giving four simple rights to any non-married pair, including family members; the Senate extended those into every available ramification, offering more than 200 rights, some with fiscal impact. The House negotiators remained extremely concerned about possible costs incurred.

To achieve the present compromise, the Senate negotiators finally abandoned state tax benefits for reciprocal beneficiaries and the House negotiators finally agreed to health benefits for state employees' reciprocal beneficiaries effective July 1, 1997 (with a review in two years). County and federal government workers will not receive the health care benefits start date to 1999, but to the Senate team it made no sense to grant a right only to keep people waiting two years for it.

The House-Senate conference committee now appears to be set to tie up loose ends and complete its paperwork, and it seems likely that their compromise will easily win assent from both chambers.

Despite the agreement reached by House and Senate negotiators, there are no solid guarantees the issue will be resolved any time soon, according to local reports.

Lawmakers had agreed to give residents a chance to adopt an amendment to the state constitution which would give the Hawaii Legislature the right to restrict marriage to opposite sex couples. If the referendum is endorsed by voters in 1998, legislators will not be able to act until 1999. A lull can happen between now and then say Gay marriage advocates.

Civil and Gay rights advocates could, for example, sue in federal court to have the constitutional amendment overturned, as opponents successfully did in the case of Colorado's Amendment 2.

Sue Reardon, director of the Marriage Project Hawaii, commenting on the reciprocal benefits portion of the bill said, "It is absolutely not a step forward for Gay and Lesbians. We officially become second-class citizens, and I cannot think of a single married couple I know who would trade their 340 benefits for our paltry 60."

Dan Foley, the lawyer representing the Gay and Lesbian couples who sued the state for marriage licenses, said that even if lawmakers approved the proposed constitutional amendment language, it wouldn't end his case.

The proposal doesn't ban same-sex marriage, but merely states the Legislature has the power to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples, he said.

If the proposed amendment is ratified by the voters in the November 1998 election, the 1999 Legislature still would need to pass a law banning same-sex marriage, he said.

Foley believes that the Hawaii Supreme Court will rule before then.

Lawmakers believe, however, that the constitutional amendment and benefits package for "reciprocal beneficiaries" would put an end to the case, since there is already a law on the books that states marriage is between a man and a woman. Ultimately, the courts would decide.

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U.S. Supreme Court Okays N.J. Anti-Gay Discrimination Ordinance

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NP) - New Jersey's protections for Lesbians and Gays were upheld when the Supreme Court rejected a minister's challenge that discrimination was right.

The U.S. Supreme Court has rejected an appeal by a minister, letting stand an appellate court's ruling upholding New Jersey's civil rights protections from discrimination based on sexual orientation. Challenger David Cummings, pastor of Pittsgrove's Faith Orthodox Presbyterian Church, had claimed in his brief that the law would punish him for "advancing the viewpoint that sexual conduct should have moral limits," because of its provisions prohibiting aiding or coercing another person into committing discriminatory actions, boycotting or blacklisting anyone in a protected category.

Both a district court and the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that the law was directed not at speech but at conduct, such as making threats against a business if it didn't fire its Gay and Lesbian employees. That is the ruling the U.S. Su-

preme Court has allowed to stand.

New Jersey's 1992 law added "sexual orientation" as a protected category under existing human rights protections in the areas of housing, jobs and public accommodations.

The governing body of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church on one of its member churches had previously been party to Cummings' suit, but because New Jersey's law exempts religious organizations from its employment provisions, they had been dropped from "Presbytery of New Jersey v. Whitman."

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church separated many years ago from the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The Orthodox church holds that all sex outside of marriage, including homosexuality and bisexuality, are "grievous sins." The Presbyterian Church U.S.A. is the one that recently made headlines as a majority of its presbyteries have voted into church law a ban against ordination and lay leadership for Gays and Lesbians who do not remain celibate.

Gay Murder Trial Gets Underway In Lansing

LANSING, MI (WS) - Nine months after the brutal murder of Gay sportswriter Bob Gross, court proceedings in the trial of his accused killer, Robert Durfee, has gotten underway in Lansing.

Local newspaper reports Durfee is being charged with strangling Gross with a lamp cord and stabbing him three times in the back before setting fire to his apartment in an attempt to conceal the crime. Durfee was arrested driving Gross' car the following day.

Ingham County assistant prosecu-

tor Joyce Draganchuk told the jury that though robbery was the primary motive in the killing, Durfee's sexual orientation factored into the crime. "Mr. Gross' life wasn't worth a lot to the defendant," she said. "He was, in his words, a fag. A queer. Someone he could kill and look upon it as a community service."

Durfee's lawyer, Kerry Cole, told reporters his client witnessed the killing, but did not commit it. Cole did not make this assertion in his opening remarks to the jury. He said only the prosecution's case against his client was based on inconsistent and unreliable witness testimony.

Charlotte Business Community Takes Aim At Anti-Gay Commission

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (LAT) -- Political fault lines in Charlotte, North Carolina, continue to rumble in the wake of the Mecklenberg County Commission's vote earlier this month to stop funding organizations that expose people to "perverted forms of sexuality."

Newspaper reports the anti-Gay vote has awakened not only Gay advocates and invigorated moderate Democrats and Republicans, but stirred powerful downtown Charlotte business interests into action.

Social conservatives in the area were enraged by last year's decision by the Charlotte Repertory Theater to stage the Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "Angels in America." They demanded - and on April 1 of this year, won - assurance that "homosexual-themes" will no longer receive county taxpayer support. The Arts and Sciences Council was abolished and county commissioners will now review projects that seek funding on a case by case basis. Charlotte, by most every measure, is a sparkling cosmopolitan city: wide and clean city streets, an active arts community, a regional center for business and finance, and a history of racial harmony newspaper reports say makes it the envy of the South. The leadership provided by the business community has made all that possible, and it is something the city's business interests will not see casually destroyed.

Executives from NationsBank Corp., First Union Corp., Duke Power Company, the local Urban League chapter, and officials from the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce joined forces and announced their intentions to see commissioners who voted in favor of the anti-Gay ordinance drummed out of office in the next election.

"We are looking to identify pro-diversity, pro-tolerance leaders and help them make a decision about whether to enter the political arena," Henry Doss, a senior vice president at First Union, told reporters.

Referring to members of the county commission that endorsed the anti-Gay ordinance, David Ferebee told reporters, "You know the old saying -- 'if you give a person enough rope, they'll hang themselves'? That's what happened here."

"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

A Taste of the Water of Life

by Bob Feldhaus

News from MCC Tucson

Our reading for today depicts Jesus with children: "People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Amen I say to you, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms around them, laid his hands on them, and gave them his blessing" (Mark 10:13-16).

Nice story. It gives a pretty good idea of the kind of man Jesus was. He liked kids! It seems he appreciated a certain something that children have, and that adults have lost. What's the best word for that certain something? Innocence? Spontaneity? Honesty? Enthusiasm? With a child, what you see is what you get. A young child has not learned to hide his or her true feelings from others, or to calculate and manipulate other people. Jesus is saying, people who can regain those childlike qualities are the ones who can most easily experience God's love.

A friend of mine told me today that he had spent a week visiting with a friend who has a little boy. When it was time for my friend Mark to go home, the little boy said to his mother in his little boy voice, "Mommy, Mark is a really nice man. Mark is a really, really nice man." Mark was totally touched by hearing that come from the little boy's mouth. Why? Because a child wouldn't say that unless he really felt it. And because if you impress a child like that, it's almost a spiritual thing; Mark must have been giving off some really loving vibes, because that's what kids respond to. They don't know the difference between rich and poor, smart and stupid, cool and geeky, in fashion and out of fashion...until they're taught. They do know when someone is real, and loving, and fun...in other words, comfortable with themselves.

Jesus says something remarkable in our passage: "Amen I say to you, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." This is one of those scripture passages that most people, churchgoers included, must not really reflect on. So few people have a childlike enthusiasm for God, and hardly anybody talks about child-likeness when they talk about "being saved" or being intimate with God. When Jesus says, "Amen I say to you," that's his way of saying, "This is important, listen up, I really mean this." Then he says that

if you don't welcome the kingdom like a little child, you will never enter it. Never!

So many church people--or at least the ones you see in the media--are so smug about their salvation, and so glib about who they think is excluded from God's love. At an extreme, there are the people who hold up signs at Gay parades saying, "God hates fags." Or just the Jerry Falwell types, or the Catholic bishops, who exclude Gays and Lesbians from the embrace of the kingdom (unless we're celibate or get "cured," that is!). I don't know about you, but I have a hard time seeing a Catholic bishop, mitre, robes, and all, as being like a little child. That childlike enthusiasm and honesty for which Jesus praised the little children--does that describe Jerry Falwell?! I'm not saying God doesn't love Jerry Falwell, because obviously God does. I'm just saying that, if child-likeness is the prerequisite for getting into the kingdom of God, then maybe we should rethink some of our assumptions about what holiness is. "Many who are now first will be last [in the kingdom], and the last shall be first" (Luke 13:30).

Most of us are trained to believe that you have to "be good" to get into the kingdom. Do you know any children who are perfectly good? Or that you have to be a great philosopher to get to know God. None of the children I know could qualify on that one. Or that you have to believe a list of historical doctrines that a child's mind could never understand. Or that godly people are sober and serious...

Jesus is saying that, if you want to be intimate with God, approach God with the simplicity of a child. I imagine the children wanted to be around Jesus, since he liked and appreciated them. Do you remember, when you were a little child, how you could sense some adults really enjoyed children, and how you wanted to be close to them? Adults who might even get down on the floor and play with you. Imagine the eagerness with which the little children went up to Jesus to get a big hug and a blessing from his hands. If you can sense the love that Jesus was bringing, and let it into the part of your heart that is still childlike; if you can trust in it the way a child trusts that s/he is loved, you are truly blessed.

[MCC Tucson is a church where all are welcome, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Sunday service is at 10:45 AM, followed by fellowship. If you have any questions, please call the church at 292-9151.]

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

One of my co-workers died yesterday. Kathy was more than an acquaintance, we had worked for the same organization for about 12 years, but she was not a close friend. We shared some of the same concerns about situations at work, and discussed our children, but never really developed a deep relationship which might have included a lot of personal information. I knew about her four children and her two grand-children, but she knew very little about my personal life. However, she was someone for whom I had a lot of respect, since she was raising her four children essentially on her own. Her battle with cancer lasted many months. At first it appeared that she had it licked with chemo and radiation, but then the cancer reoccurred, and soon it

was evident that she would not be the winner in this battle.

During her last hospital stay I went to visit her, to let her know that I was thinking about her and praying for her. I also had something very important that I wanted to share with her, but she had other visitors and it didn't seem like the time was right. Since I didn't get to share them with her, I would like to share my thoughts with you.

Kathy knew that her time here on earth was limited. While she appreciated the prayers and good wishes of those who cared for her, she was also preparing her children for the time when she would leave them. Her children range in age

from 18 down to six, so they are unable to be entirely on their own. The 18-year-old has two children of her own and, according to one of my other co-workers, Kathy felt her daughter was not a fit mother for the grandchildren. Because of this, she had made arrangements with her sister, who lived with her, to become the guardian of her children. Another sister was going to take care of the two grandchildren. Kathy wanted to make sure that after she was gone the ones she left behind were taken care of. How difficult that must have been for her, and yet how loving!

While she was making plans for her children's futures, however, I do not know if she had any thoughts for her own. Even though death is the end to life here on earth, it is not the end to all life. After this short span of life which we experience here, each one of us has an

eternity in which to live. And as important as it is to make careful plans for this life, it is of far greater importance to make plans for eternity.

We only have to look around us to see the truth which is stated this way in Scripture: "... What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." (James 4:14) But while our lives vanish to those remaining on this earth, Scripture has this promise which it holds out to use: "... the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23) The Apostle Paul looked forward to the time when he would be "... absent from the body, and ... present with the Lord." (II Corinthians 5:8) Both of these verses point to the only who can make a difference in where we spend eternity: "Christ Jesus our Lord." It is by believing in what he has

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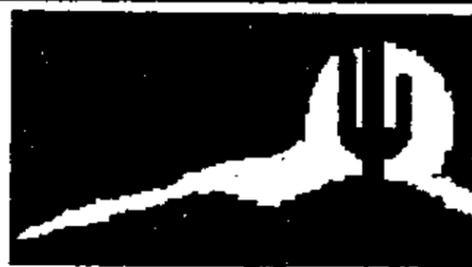
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GMHP Launches
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HIV in the Gay community, much of the philosophy behind the GMHP campaign hinges on an ethnographic survey of men in Gay bars conducted by anthropologist Halley H. Eisner Freitas. The survey, though detailed and lengthy interviews with men in bars, focused on a number of aspects of Gay bar culture including:

- 1) much of the social support for men in Gay bars comes from other Gay men;
- 2) often, the men find support for personal and sexual issues outside of the Gay community;
- 3) while knowledge of HIV transmission is high, some men chose not to use condoms for anal sex with casual partners;
- 4) Gay men in bars find most of their sexual partners in bars;
- 5) many Gay bars are highly sexualized places;
- 6) while many Gay men are in relationships with other men, a significant

number (greater than 50% in this study) of those relationships include agreements to bring in other men for sex;

- 7) drugs and alcohol play a strong role in the socialization process in the bars; and
- 8) men in bars under-utilize HIV testing.

Using the findings of the ethnographic survey and an understanding of some of the ingredients in the socialization process of many Gay men (internalized homophobia, sex phobia, coming out, etc.), the GMHP campaign will promote sex among men who frequent bars in order to embrace a core social norm of this community. The campaign will also seek to address this aspect of Gay bar culture in light of the broader community's negative labeling of Gay sex, especially Gay sex that endorses multiple sexual partners. Is it possible that multiple sexual partners is a strength of the Gay male culture that should be fostered and promoted?

The campaign, while always grounding itself in safer sex, will explore the decisions that some Gay men are making to not wear condoms 100% of the time for anal sex. Using guidelines developed by the Victorian AIDS Council in Australia, the campaign will delve into selective condom use for casual partners vs. life partners.

As GMHP staff move forward with this campaign, it is hoped that this article and an upcoming community forum will help provide opportunities for interested parties to learn about the reasons behind the campaign.

The community forum will be held at Rainbow Planet, 606 North Fourth Avenue, Tuesday, April 29, 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. The forum will be a time to ask questions about the project and hopefully, to gain a few more volunteers for what promises to be an exciting and innovative HIV prevention effort in Southern Arizona.

For more information, or to volunteer, call Joseph Aponte or Alan Nyitray at the AIDS Prevention Collaboration In Tucson, 322-6226.

The Whole Person

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Whatever philosophy a person holds, I think the well-rounded person has explored these questions. What else is it that makes us human, if it's not the ability to reflect on ourselves? After all, you cannot accept yourself until you first become aware of yourself.

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From The Rock

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done for us on the cross, taking the punishment for our sins which we deserve, which allows us to know that when we are absent from the body we will be present with the Lord for all eternity.

I didn't have the opportunity to share this with my friend Kathy. I only hope that someone else did, so that I will see her again in heaven. But I am sharing this with you, so that you will have the opportunity to make sure that you have received the glorious gift of eternal life which God extends to all who will believe in his son.

Alabama Officials Lament States Latest Black Eye

BIRMINGHAM, AL -- Local newspaper reports that the decision by the local ABC affiliate not to run the April 30 episode of "Ellen," coupled with national media coverage given to a judge who is fighting to keep the Ten Commandments on his courtroom wall, have compounded the state's negative image problem.

Local newspapers quote a recent editorial written by Alabama native Howell Raines which ran in the New York Times as saying, "Do [these events] hurt the state's image nationally? Of course they do. Do we pay a price for it in competition with other states? Of course we do. It undoes a lot of constructive work that has been done since the Wallace era."

Aubrey Miller, director of the Alabama Bureau of Tourism for Travel, chooses to put a more positive spin on recent developments. "If Alabama is portrayed as a family place with moral values, it's easier for me to sell," he told reporters. He said a lot of people in Birmingham were "proud" of the local affiliate's decision not to carry the episode.

But for people trying to sell the state and the quality of its workforce in a harshly competitive regional economy, the perceptions advanced by recent events come at tremendous cost. Local development executives just shake their heads when comics like Conan O'Brien, referencing Birmingham's "Ellen" decision, told his audience, "Homosexuality is not a topic that two cousins should watch with their children."

Neal Wade, president of the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama told reporters, "The number one perception of Alabama is that of an uneducated, unskilled workforce that is unfit for high-tech industry. Many companies eliminate Alabama from consideration before they even visit."

Ted vonCannon, president of the Metropolitan Development Board in Birmingham, said bad publicity can undo in a moment what has taken years to build. "One incident...can destroy \$50 million you've spent on positive advertising."

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First up in my continuing A-Z listing of herbs this week, is the herb Coltsfoot. This is an herb used for bronchial and gastric irritations, including congestion of the lungs, asthma and cough. It is also used to soothe the throat during a cough. Coltsfoot is not to be used in high doses. It is also used to induce sweating, helping to rid the body of toxins.

Cornsilk is a diuretic herb, useful when you have bladder and prostate problems. It is soothing to the bladder, and is used by people with a history of kidney stones, for its helpful properties.

Cramp bark is an herb that is helpful for its antispasmodic properties, it helps soothe both muscle cramps and intestinal spasms. Women can use this herb to help with PMS and cramping associated with menstruation.

Cranberry is a plant often used by herbalists, with proven healthful benefits. It is a strong diuretic and urinary antiseptic, and it helps acidify the urine. Anyone with kidney trouble, should drink cranberry juice every day! It is also available in herbal liquid tinctures, and in pill form (Trader Joe's sells Cranberry tablets). As you well know, Cranberry juice is combined with many other juices, such as Cherry, Blackberry, Raspberry, Apple, and others, all of which have their healing benefits. Anyone who is diabetic should drink it in its purest form, as it is diluted when combined with other juices. Rather than fill up on sodas, cranberry is a nice, refreshing drink that more people should get into the habit of drinking.

Damiana is an herb with a long and colorful history. According to the Male Herbal, (an excellent book by James

Go In Good Health

by Rev. Andrew Brooks

Green) Damiana is an herb that has uses as a tonic, anti-depressant, urinary antiseptic, and as an aphrodisiac. It is good for strengthening the nervous and hormonal systems. It has been used to treat impotence, and has long been reputed as a powerful male booster herb. It is sold in male herbal formulas, often combined with other helpful herbs. In the formula I like (Virility Herbal Elixir by Gaia herbs) it is combined with Siberian Ginseng, Sarsaparilla, Saw Palmetto berries, Muira-Puama root, Wild Oats, and Hawthorn berries, all of which are good for men. (I recommend it). It boosts the male system, helping sexual functioning.

Dandelion is a wonderful herb, used to help the kidneys, and also used to help the liver. It is often combined with milk thistle, so they can work together. It is a diuretic, and it is said to lower cholesterol and blood pressure. Anyone suffering kidney trouble may benefit from using this herb.

The herb Devil's Claw is used as an anti-inflammatory, and is used for arthritis and other joint inflammations. It is not to be used by diabetics! Devil's claw is also used for liver and gallbladder troubles.

Dong quai, long used in Chinese herbal medicine, is a menstrual regulator, and the Chinese say that it "regulates the hormonal balance and flow." It has long been regarded a women's tonic. It is to be used between monthly cycles for women, not during. It may help lower high blood pressure. Dong quai is to be avoided by women with a heavy flow, as it may increase it further.

Echinacea is a powerful, popular herb. It has strong immune building properties, and helps the body rid wastes from the cells more efficiently. It is widely used in colds, flu, sore throat, infections, viral diseases, and immune deficiency. According to some herbalist, it is best used for a week, then skip a week or so, and take again. It is often combined with Goldenseal, and these are potent antibiotic herbs, take only when needed. This herb is perhaps one of the best-known herbs, used by many to self-treat illness.

Elder flowers are used in herbalism as an expectorant, and to help induce sweating (this is an ancient healing method, to bring on a sweat, to "sweat out" a sickness). It is a mild laxative, and a blood purifier. It is used in the early stages of coughs, cold, and flu. It is always best to attack an illness at the onset, before it can take full hold, especially when dealing with colds and flu symptoms.

Ephedra is a strong nerve stimulant, and it helps to relieve swelling of mucous membranes. It helps to open air passages, due to its antispasmodic action, and used for asthma and allergies. Many over-the-counter medicines contain pseudoephedrine, with similar action. Ephedra may be too strong for some people, and can really rev you up. I have found it in some of the "pep pill" packets sold at convenience stores, designed to give you more energy. I would recommend it only designed to give you more energy. I would recommend it only in small doses. (Too much can act like speed, overstimulating you.)

I will continue with my herb list next week. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the number listed below. I really enjoy your feedback! Till next time, Go in Good Health!

[Andrew Brooks is an herbalist and holistic counselor. He can be reached at 326-0841.]

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LOVABLE AND HUGGABLE I'm 23 years old, lovable, huggable, Gay White male, 5'9", 145lb, Brown hair, hazel eyes, mustache, goat tee, spiritual inclined, like cats, cartoons, comic, surfing, reading, camping. Looking for a cute hairy man between 25 and 40 with brown hair. If you are fun free and like to cuddle, let's get together. (Bullhead City) #22095

SHY BUT CURIOUS I'm a curious guy. I've never done this before. I live South of Chandler. Please call me and let's get together soon. (Chandler) #7881

RICH AND GOOD LOOKING My name is Rich. I'm a good looking, 26 year old, Gay White male, new to the Flagstaff area. I have Dark hair and blue eyes. I'm interested in making friends here, with the possibility of dating and more. If you're sharp and interested, let's get together. (Flagstaff) #3618

YOUNG AND LONELY I'm 22 years old and I live in Flagstaff. I would like to meet guys in my area. (Flagstaff) #15172

BURNING YEARNING I'm looking for other masculine, Bi men, Married or not, to test my curiosity on. I'm a rugged, good looking, professional, Bi, White male, 40, 5'10, 190lbs. Discretion assured. (Graham County) #32286

CYNDI LAUPER SAID SO Hispanic boys just want to have fun. I'm 20, 5'7, 175. I get along with everyone, and just want to have some good times. Call for details. (Keanty) #23119

KINGMAN KORNER I'm 5'4, 160lbs, and am looking for a guy to meet and hang out with. Leave me a message. (Kingman) #15680

HORN OF PLENTY I like to get naked and wild with other hot, well endowed, young men. I'm a 26 year old, White male, with black hair, blue eyes, a dark tan, and nine thick, uncut, inches. I'm always very horny and looking for a party. A couple of my fetishes are being hed up and spanked, not necessarily in that order. (Phoenix) #32048

TOY STORY I want to meet a man, or groups of up to 5 men, who want to get super freaky and use me as a submissive sex toy. I'm an attractive, 36 year old, White male, 6ft, 190lbs, with a beard and mustache. (Phoenix) #31072

SCHEDULE A MEETING I'm interested in bisexual meetings with other horny guys. I'm an attractive, White male, 5'9, 185lbs, with a medium build. (Phoenix) #31557

PARTY FAVOR I'm looking for aggressive tops who know how they like it and always get their way. (Phoenix) #31007

FEELING NASTY I'm just sitting here thinking about getting down with you. I'm a sexy, Single, Bi, male, 31. Are you feeling nasty too? Call immediately. (Phoenix) #31696

CLASS SIZE IS GROWING This hot, young, Arizona State University student is into other A.S.U. students who are Blond, Blue eyed, very boy-ish looking, and well hung. I know what subject we can study. (Phoenix) #16181

SEEKS FEM BOY FUN I am looking for a young, feminine boy, in the Phoenix area. If that's you, and you like to have fun, give me a call. (Phoenix) #24328

GUYS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN I'm 190lbs, 6 ft. tall, and I'm hot and horny. I just want to meet guys. Call me. (Prescott) #17300

THE SKINNY IN SCOTTSDALE I'm a masculine, 52 year old, White male, searching for a companion, 30 to 45, for dinners, conversations, and more. (Scottsdale) #31820

SMOOTH OPERATOR I'm a White male, 5'11, 165lbs, well endowed, and very good looking. I'm looking for a bottom Latino male under the age of 25. Smooth young bodies are a plus! (Scottsdale) #45874

RAINBOW CONNECTION This 32 year old hippy wants to make a love connection. I'm a stocky, bearded, handsome, guy, 5'7, with Brown hair and eyes. (Tucson) #32056

FIRST THINGS FIRST I'm looking for a sincere, honest friendship which might turn into something more. I'm a good looking, shy and quiet, 28 year old, Gay, White male, 5'7, 145lb, with short Brown hair and Hazel eyes. I'm a one on one kind of guy. My partner should be under 5'10, and between 18 and 30. I'm not interested in guys with long hair or people who inhabit the bars. (Tucson) #31516

IRON MIKE I'm 34 years old, 5'10, and weigh 155lbs. I love all kinds of outdoor activities, particularly swimming, and hiking. I desire to meet someone my age, or younger. Looking forward to hearing from you. (Tucson) #24330

MESSAGE BRAT I'm 34 years old, 5'10, 190lbs, dark, work out 4 times a week, clean shaven. I'm looking for Hispanic or Black men. I give great oral and great massages. Please be masculine, buff, and well endowed. (Tucson) #16359

YOUNG AND SLIM I'm 21 years old, Green eyes, Black hair, slim build. I'm looking for guys to hang out with. (Tucson) #8755

LET'S START A FIRE I'm a hot looking guy looking for other hot guys 18 to 28 who are in shape, slender, toned, good looking, and like to have fun. I'm 30 years old and very attractive. (Tucson) #11640

BOTTOM BOY I'm a 26 year old Gay White male, 5'8, 145lbs, bottom. I have my own place. Give me a call. I'm looking to meet new people. (Tucson) #19267

DARK BEAR CUBS I'm 35 years old, 5'10, 285lbs., teddy bear type, light Brown hair and Blue eyes, versatile, looking for guys my age or younger. I like other bear cub types, especially Hispanics and Native Americans. (Tucson) #16250

DOWN TO EARTH I'm 34, 5'10, Brown hair, Blue eyes, mustache and a goatee, likes animals, the outdoors, moonlight nights for walking, dancing, hiking, fishing, or going to the movies or dinner. I'm looking for someone who is time considerate, likes things I like to do, Hispanic, someone who is looking for love, not material things. You be 5'8, dark hair, dark eyes, kind and considerate. (Tucson) #16028

MILD TO WILD Handsome, well-endowed, 36 year old, man, is new to the Yuma area. I'm 5'10, 135lbs, moderately hairy, with dark hair and eyes. Although most often a top, I am versatile. I like it mild, to wild, and have been called insatiable. I desire to be with other White, masculine, in-shape guys. If you look good, feel good, and have the energy to express it, age is unimportant. I will travel. (Yuma) #24276

TALK ABOUT IT I'm 41 years old. I'm lonely and bored. I'm looking for men to have a good time with. Call me, let's chat. (Yuma) #15717

IT'S BLACK JOCK O'CLOCK Seeking a Black, athletic supporter. I'm a 22 year old, Bi, White male, 5'11, 160lbs, with Brown hair, and Blue eyes. I'm not interested in the bars. I want to hang out with a Black male, into basketball, football, hockey, and working out. Let's have some fun. #24644

LET'S DO IT I'm a 35 year old Gay White male, 6'2, 195lbs. I'm looking for similar men to get together with and do whatever comes natural. #21694

MEET YOUR MATCH I'm a 21 year old Gay cross dresser, 6'2, 198lbs, 7", Blond hair, Aqua eyes. I'm looking to meet other gay males, bottoms or tops, to get on. (I will do anything you want, no questions asked. #19808

CAN YOU SPARE THE TIME? I'm a Gay White man, 5'10, 190lbs. I'm looking for other White men to spend time with. Please respond. #19281

HEY, BAD BOYS I'm a 24 year old, Gay, White male, with long Blond hair, Blue eyes, 6'1, 160lbs, straight acting, energetic, party boy. I like music, leather jackets and strong personalities. I'm searching for a bad boy with similar age and appearance. Long haired musicians are a plus. #18664

LET'S GET A ROOM FOR THE NIGHT I want to get all dressed up, get a room, and give you a hot oil rub. If this sounds good to you please call. #17502

HANGING LOOSE I'm 5'8, Blond hair, Green eyes, with a medium build. I'm looking for men to hang out with. #17073



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SOMETHING WILD I'm bored with Married life and would like to experience something new and outrageously wild with one or more females. This will be my first experience so I'm giving the reins of control over to you. Please show me how good it can be. (Phoenix) #13521

SHE'S THE ONE I'm 25 years old, Blond hair, Blue eyes, 5'7, 130lbs, 36a, 25, 33, feminine, toned, and I have a lover who loves me very much and is OK with me having fun on the side. I'm looking for womyn to have fun and become friends with. (Tempe) #13092

A TWINGE IN TUCSON I'm having a good time here in Tucson but it'd be better if I could meet another womyn to have a physical encounter with. Let's have some fun. (Tucson) #31352

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Same-Sex Marriage Update

PORTLAND, ME (WS) - Maine's governor doesn't like it, but he'll let the same-gender marriage become law so it can be killed off in court.

"I believe that this bill has very little to do with marriage and nothing to do with love," Maine's Governor Angus King (I) said. But even though he believes the state's bill against same-gender marriages is unnecessary and unconstitutional, and that its sponsors, Concerned Maine Families, are seeking "to stir fears and ancient prejudices," he will allow it to become law without his signature.

Gov. King's rationale is that if vetoes the proposal, it would appear as an initiative on the November ballot, creating a "bitter and divisive" campaign - as did Concerned Maine Families' unsuccessful 1995 initiative to prohibit civil rights protections for Lesbians and Gays. As law, on the other hand, the measure is expected to be challenged in court, as King believes it will there "fall of its own discriminatory weight."

So Maine is likely to become the 20th state to have enacted a law against same-gender marriages in reaction to the Hawaii state Supreme Court 1993 ruling, "*Bachr v. Mijke*," which found denial of marriage licenses to Gay and Lesbian couples to be illegal discrimination based on gender.

In other state action: Virginia's measure was signed into law March 15, and Nebraska's is now before the Governor. In addition, North Dakota's bill is prepared to go to the Governor as soon as there are legal Gay and Lesbian marriages being performed in another state.

Other legislation to deny legal recognition to Gay and Lesbian marriages performed in another state is headed for a second floor vote in Colorado. Bills have been passed in first floor votes in Florida, Indiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, and Montana. Measures are headed for first floor votes in Alabama, Iowa and New Jersey, and have been introduced in California, Connecticut, Kentucky, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, and West Virginia.

In addition, state constitutional amendments are in process in Mississippi (passed by both houses and signed by the

governor, but awaiting voter approval), Wisconsin (passed first committee) and Louisiana. Ballot initiatives are in process in Washington, where the state House and Senate are negotiating whether the measure will appear on the June or September 1997 ballot, and in Oregon (where signatures are being collected on a petition).

Where the court battle sparked the tidal wave of events, the Hawaii state House of Representatives made another effort at compromise with the state Senate over the issue of same-gender marriages, but not enough to breach the divide between the two sides.

The Hawaii House and Senate are arguing over the language for a proposed constitutional amendment to ban Gay marriage, and the scope of concessionary benefits to be offered Gay couples.

House Judiciary Chairman state Rep. Terrance Tom, the House's principal negotiator, offered a revised version of their amendment proposal which would read, "The Legislature shall have the power to reserve the legal recognition of the marriage relationship, and its attendant rights, benefits and burdens to couples of the opposite sex."

The House is still fighting the Senate over the cost implications of Senate proposals which would extend tax, insurance, and entitlement benefits to Gay couples in the event a Gay marriage ban is adopted. The House submitted reports from state agencies which say the costs of the Senate package remain uncertain. The Senate contends the cost of their package would be minimal.

In a small concession to the Senate, House negotiators added family insurance coverage to their limited "reciprocal benefits" package. The House has proposed to grant Lesbian and Gay couples hospital visitation rights, joint ownership of property, inheritance rights, and the right to file suit over wrongful death.

House negotiator state Rep. Terrance Tom pressed Senate leaders to immediately reopen negotiations so the legislature could submit its final version before the April 11 deadline. The Senate it needed additional time to study the House proposal. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

New Sex Offenders Law In Michigan Raises Gay Concerns

DETROIT, MI (DFP) - A new Michigan law creating a statewide public registry of sex offenders has raised fears that Gay men who have been arrested for lewd behavior - such as consensual sex in a public area or other minor offenses - will appear on lists alongside rapists and pedophiles available to anyone in their community.

Michigan's law requires local police department to maintain the list and enter offenders' names into a statewide registry. The law, however, does not make clear distinctions about what kind of crimes should be entered into the system.

Civil libertarians and Gay advocates note that because of confusion over the implementation of the new law, widespread inaccuracies are appearing on the lists. Michigan Gay rights groups insist that until these problems have been dealt with, the registry has the power to destroy

innocent lives.

The Los Angeles Times reported in February that California Department of Justice officials admitted to the newspaper that in the rush to compile and update decades-old criminal sex offender records, names were very likely being entered into the system that didn't belong there. Since there was no way to make that judgement based on incomplete reports - some which stretched back 50 years - officials were erring on the side of "public safety."

The Times spoke with a 90-year-old Orange County resident who was arrested in 1944 for lewd conduct when police found him touching the knee of another man. 50 years later, his wife went to the mailbox to find an envelope addressed to him stamped in red ink with "SEX CRIME." The letter said if he did not register with police he would be arrested.

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The Sun changes signs this week from blazing Aries to placid Taurus. We may suddenly feel like stopping to smell the roses or lounging over that one extra cup of coffee or taking that long luxurious massage in the middle of the afternoon. Whatever is worth doing now is worth doing well, I say.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rams turn a beady eye towards their finances when the Sun enters Taurus. Can money buy happiness? I suppose it depends upon what makes you truly happy dear, queer friend. Of course, this fabulous energy enables you to make the right financial decisions so even if money doesn't buy you happiness, it can at least afford you your expensive comforts.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

If you yearn for new beginnings and interesting encounters, the opportunities are boundless with the Sun in your own sign. Gay Bulls are in their prime this time of year so strut your stuff while the planetary energy is hot. Show the world what you can do in your old magnanimous Gay way by getting in front of a crowd and pressing the flesh. Handshakes, that is.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

They say that actions speak louder and prouder than words, but now, with the Sun in Taurus, it is unspoken, hidden thoughts that contain the impactful power. Proud Twins can open up and empty their wretched closets with a glorious joi de vivre. It's about time cousin! And while your carting out the psychic debris, try improving your wardrobe as well.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

It's all well and good to feel part of a group, but don't allow the warm Sun in Taurus to bake your brain. Be sure that the tune the social circle plays is one that's just your speed. Otherwise it may be best to cart your carcass off to another dance. Pink Crabs have important opinions too you know, and there is nothing wrong with giving folks an earful of them every so often.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

If your career is more of a burden than a joy, the Sun in Taurus will be a welcome friend of influence. Proud Lions live for the sheer applause of it all and there has not been much of that lately in the critical old corporation. Now however, you can feel the swell of appreciation from the most unlikely of sources. Grab it all while you can; tomorrow the bastards are sure to forget!

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Gay Virgins may hanker to travel during the Taurean Sun and good thing too; there is no better time to escape to parts unknown and chill out. If purse strings are tight and you can't travel far, try expanding your horizons closer to home by sampling an array of new things; food, films and even folks. The most important thing is to get out of your old routine.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

The sensuous Sun in Taurus heats up your passion from a slow simmer to a steady boil. Gay Libras can use their innate charm to great advantage now particularly in the sexual arena. Survey the vista, choose your prey carefully and go for the kill. Who knows who your will share? If that one is too small, throw it back and try again; the Sun in Taurus gives second chances.

HOROSCOPES
BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Even independent proud Scorps feel the need to join with a significant other during the Sun in Taurus. Maybe it's because you're feeling so unusually warm and cuddly with that bullish energy swirling around. Examine your current relationship and see if it's providing you with the affirmation that you so desperately need. If so, lucky you! If not, seek and ye shall find.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Independent Gay Archers like to call their own tune at work, but now with Sun in Taurus, you may be pushed into assembly line drudgeries. Still, mindless tasks have their advantage; you never have to take work home or worry about it over the weekends. Revel in the simplicity of your day to day and use this time to plan the

ultimate corporate coup d'etat. Then take no prisoners.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

It doesn't get better than this for Gay Goats. The Sun in Taurus enlivens an otherwise dull existence with sparks of creativity, luck, fun and dare I say, romance. But this doesn't mean that you should sit at home and wait for it to come to you. It means that you have to get off your tail and seek it out. Don't waste this fabulous energy imagining what could be. Go Out and bet it!

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians can use the warm Sun in Taurus to open up the lines of communication with family members. Why not build a few bridges while you feel so beneficent and forgiving? Don't compromise on your

life, however. As kind as you feel, you don't want to bury your own happiness because of the false values of others. The idea to is make them adjust to you, not vice versa.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

If words could move mountains, we should all take one big step back around pink Fish when the Sun enters Taurus. All this bullish energy stirs up your deeply buried eloquence and diplomacy so don't let it go to waste on nonsense. I strongly urge you to take up the rainbow cause in a big way get the word Out loud, proud and queer. If not know, when? If not you, then who?

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Back by popular demand, Nancy and Rose Mary. These ladies packed the Biz last time, so come early! Show starts at 6:30 and ends at 9:00 p.m. Cover \$3.00.

IBT'S - Murder Mystery Nite begins at 9:00 p.m.. The "Case of the Blessed Reverend" Guess the suspect and get a chance to win a portable phone.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Wear a college logo shirt in the Stonewall and get 50¢ draft beer all night. Show with Kenneth Blake and special guests begins at 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

IBT'S - Underwear Nite 9:00 p.m. to close \$1.50 well and \$1.75 Bud/Bud Light for those in their underwear. Pant check available.

SUNDAY APRIL 27

GRADUATE - Sal Valdivia returns - Great Guitar Classics!

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que/Beer Bust for AGRA 4:30-7:00 p.m. Then at 9:30 p.m. "Wee Shorts Contest" \$100 first place. Join in on the fun.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz is proud to "Out" Ellen! That's right, it's a coming out party for Ellen!! Come watch the show and enjoy great drink specials and give-aways. Shown on 3 TVs with sound. No cover. Dancing after the show.

BOOM BOOMS - "Ellen" The Party! Watch the special episode of Ellen at Boom Booms. Every time the words "Lesbian", "Gay", "Out", or "Closet" are mentioned, get 25¢ shots of schnapps for the next 5 minutes.

IBT'S - "Closet Ball" starts with "Ellen's" coming OUT show. 8:00 p.m. Followed by Gilda's Cabaret at 9:00 p.m. Hosted by Miss Gay Arizona, Gilda Falalé. Reach in to the back of your closet, pull it out and wear it and get \$1.50 well from 8:00 to closing.

FRIDAY, MAY 9

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Sistah Blue, the best all-women jazz and blues band in Arizona will be performing here from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Limited tickets available now for \$5.00.

Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A night devoted to getting out the MSN newsletters. It's a fun way to help the organization and get to know the MSN guys. Dessert and door prizes. Call Les at 690-9565 for directions.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join MSN for a fun night of roller skating on "Adult Night." The cost will be \$5 for rental of traditional skates, or \$8 for in-line skates. Call Chris (C.W.) at 290-4266 or Donn at 325-4257 for details and directions.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Bears of the Old Pueblo (Bearish men and admirers, guests always welcome). Patagonia Lake Camp-out weekend. Last year about 15 bears and buddies spent a really wonderful weekend in the wild and this year they're looking forward to the fun and fellowship again. Call Kevin at 888-4751 for more information.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take place at Les & Jerry's house. 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 directions and reservations, call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Bette Davis festival continues with "The Little Foxes." Once again, Bette plays a strong-willed southern woman who'll do anything to get what she wants. For reservations and directions, please call Jeffrey at 791-9674.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Recreational Volleyball every Sunday from 4-6 p.m. on the sand court at St. Francis in the Foothills, 4625 E. River Road (NW corner of Swan and River Roads). People of all playing levels are welcome. Davey 886-1208

1. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-6 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. Call Tom at 318-1650 for reservations and directions.

2. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). Time to be announced. Join Dave as he hosts a sunset bike ride through Saguaro National Park East. For reservations and details, please call Dave at 318-0540.

MONDAY, APRIL 28

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who may want to refresh their bridge skills; table talk playing. Call Perry at 321-4387.

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Gays and Lesbians United (GLU) will hold its next supper at 5:30 p.m. Hosted by the Cornerstone Fellowship at 2902 N. Geronimo (One block north of Glenn and two blocks west of First Ave.) All Lesbian, Gay and AIDS groups are welcome to attend. To RSVP call David at 323-7943.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization, a worldwide event to remember those who have died of AIDS and to support those who are living with HIV and AIDS through stories, songs, performance, a candle light procession and an interfaith service at 7:30 p.m. in Armory Park. For more information call 624-1779.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Tucson Prime Timers invites Gay men over 30 to their monthly Wednesday dinner at Old Times Kafe, 1485 W. Priner Road (near Flowing Wells on the south side of West Prince Road) at 6:30 a.m.

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Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.

BOOM-BOOMS - Open at Noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm. \$1.25 small pitchers of draft all day/all night. 8-8-2 3pm. Karaoke 6-10pm. Dance party 10-1.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws \$1.25 to 7 pm. Pool Tournament 3pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 Well. Benefit 8-9-0 and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 2pm. Steak Fry/Beer Bust 2-6pm \$4.75. Stonewall opens at 4pm with Latin music until 9pm followed by High Energy Dance Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Bert Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Trash Disco with Michael 9pm to close. \$1.75 white well 8pm to close.

BOOM-BOOMS - Closed Mondays. See you out at the other bars.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50 Draft \$1.75 Domestic.

HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s Dance 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon to 7pm. Party with Stephan. Free pool 7 to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic long necks. Free pool 2-4. Pool Tournament 7 pm. Pot matched. \$1 domestic long necks 9pm to close.

BOOM-BOOMS - Happy Hour 4-8 daily. \$1.50 domestic bottle beer 9-close.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close. Karaoke 9pm.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. 9 pm to close. 2for1 well Miller Lite. High Energy Dance with David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Latin Music Party.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. \$1.25 pitchers from 8 to midnight. Hot dance music all request. 9pm to close.

BOOM-BOOMS - Pool Scooter Country/Western Dance 9pm. 2-4-1 Well 9-close.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50; Domestic \$1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tourney. 7pm. Pot matched.

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. Feb. 19 New Pool Tournament 8pm to 9pm

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 - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. College Logo Nite w/Darren 9pm. Karaoke 9pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Corona & Cuervo Gold \$1.75

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 9pm to close.

BOOM-BOOMS - 2 for 1 well 9pm to close. Top Pop Dance Party 9-close.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75. 301 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm. Party with Peter in the Eagle. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres. Michael spins hi energy dance music 8:30 to close. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

BOOM-BOOMS - Happy Hour 4-9 Country Western in the 'Other Room'. at 9pm. Dance Party with Raymond in the main bar at 9.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.50/ domestic \$1.75.

HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Country Western Music 8-1am.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm; Hot Hors d'oeuvres 8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening. Hot Go-Go Boys 10pm to midnight.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%. Michael spins hi energy dance music from 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

BOOM-BOOMS - Dance to the latest club mixes in the main bar at 9. Pool Scooter Country/Western dance in the 'Other Room'.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.50/domestic \$1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm, Double Elimination, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Da'quiris, Piña Colodas \$3. Country/Western Music 8-1.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm Free pool all day. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Dance Music. Hot Go-Go Boys 10pm to Midnight.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Bitches & Bagels w/51 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.

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TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE Men and women welcome. Office 574-2272.

TAMARA CAR CLUB, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call 298-9454.

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. Ellis 581-8250 or Roma 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 Walkers, (602)737-1102

CROWDS SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Marie at 898-7264.

SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Consonance Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Carolino (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Art (520)782-8125.

LIGHTING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 898-7298.

MARE MERE Long-haired Gay male pergal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P8C4

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

"AT EASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday, 422 N. 4th Ave.

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 at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #182. For information call 791-9882.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson with Awareness Project, 3881 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

An Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3288 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-8565 for information and a newsletter.558

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact. Mary 770-9879 or Bertie 318-3415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Health/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 298-9063.

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call the Tucson AIDS Project at 322-8228.

"EVOLVERS" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held on 4th Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. Call 884-0541.

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 281-9602.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan. 320-1318.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. 89 or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 5:00 p.m. Check it out!

THE MEN'S MESSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, singly, 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.

THE JOHN HANTEN MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1946 E. Lee St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-6015 or Jane Perri at 328-8577.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hollman 577-3333 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets every third Thursday at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Avenue at 7pm.

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. 964-7083.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmel Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 328-3555

People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (FACT ForLife), 901 W. Congress. Office hours MWF 8am to 5pm, Tu 8am - 7pm, Th, Noon - 5pm. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Call 770-1710 for more information.

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON Help us help others in giving emotional support to persons with HIV and AIDS and their families, friends. Contact us Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 300 E. 9th Street, 622-7107. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

F.L.A.G. - Friends and Family of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8980 or write P.O. Box 38284, Tucson, AZ 85740-8284. 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 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1778.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 987-7483 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday, 4-8 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-8228. AIDS Hotline: 328-AIDS.

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 a.m. - 8 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 328-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. 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 psychological facilitator. Call 745-9877 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1778.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberheim, Ph.D. at 670-0027 for more

NOTICES

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays 7:30 to 8:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Shea and River Road, Room 22. Call the church at 298-8083 for information.

LICHER MIXING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Mix with other women. Listings in Rubyfruit Journal available at Arizone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 624-1778.

L.D.S., EX-L.D.S., GAY LESBIAN BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. 7pm. 320-1319 for information.

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Hate Crimes Bill

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bill. The governor called the measure, "an exercise in political correctness." Symington offered a watered-down amendment, which removed the list and referred only to "identified groups." The state House questioned the enforceability of Symington's compromise and killed his proposals. The House then approved the original bill, thus the referral to the conference committee.

The House/Senate conference committee met and amended S.B. 1047. The committee removed the list and referred to "the victim's identity in a group, which is then identified in another section of law." The section of Arizona law is the Hate Crimes Statistics Act of 1990, which has the list that includes race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender and disability. The law is part of federal reporting requirements for the Department of Public Safety.

The original sponsor of the hate crimes ordinance, Rep. Robin Shaw, R-Phoenix, said she's hopeful that an agreement can be struck with the governor. "Sometimes you must make a compromise to pass legislation," Shaw said.

Both houses of the Arizona Legislature took S.B. 1047 up again and approved the measure, with the compromise amendment. The bill has been sent to the Governor. According to the governor's spokesperson, Doug Cole, Symington will review the measure, but is still expected to veto S.B. 1047. This would be the second veto of a hate crimes ordinance by Symington in as many years.

Supporters of a hate-crimes ordinance said they had to stand by what they thought was correct.

"If the governor's going to veto it, he's going to veto it," said Rep. Ken Cheuvront, D-Phoenix, in an interview. "It's better to have a good piece of legislation vetoed than a bad piece of legislation put into law." . . .

Last week, Republicans on a House/Senate conference committee quickly killed the Arizona Employment Non-Discrimination Act (Arizona ENDA). Arizona ENDA would have given Gays and Lesbians protection against discrimination in the work place.

Arizona ENDA was an amendment attached, last week, to S.B. 1464 in the state House of Representatives by Rep. Andy Nichols, D-Tucson. The bill was a broader measure dealing with the state personnel system. Nichols called the amendment, "an equal rights protection." S.B. 1464 was subsequently approved by the House, 55-2.

The bill was sent to a House/Senate conference committee. The bill's original sponsor, Sen. Tom Patterson, R-Phoenix, refused to accept the amendment. He also rejected a proposal by conference committee-member, Rep. David Armstead, D-Phoenix, to limit protection to just state employees.

Patterson stated that there was nothing in state law that allows agencies to fire or demote someone based on sexual orientation. The bill, sans amendment, was quickly approved by the state House and Senate and sent to the governor's office for approval.

Tucson ASOs Honor

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Jones. PACT Volunteer of the Year - Enid Darnard.

Kelly Griffith of the Shanti Foundation announced the recipients of Shanti's volunteer awards. A total of six awards were given out by Shanti Foundation to volunteers in recognition for their hard work:

Lee Thompson Service Award - Mary Romaniello. Chuck Clapp Office Award - Richard Haskell. Bruce Fowler Longtime Service Award - Norma Valdez. Joe Sanchez Education Award - Bridgette Gomez and Linda Cross. Volunteer of the Year - Robert Castrillo. New Volunteer Award - Lisa Thompson and Jana Sebring.

Carrie Bartimole of TAP concluded the ceremonies by announcing the recipients of TAP's volunteer awards. A total of nine awards were given out by the Tucson AIDS Project to volunteers in recognition for their hard work:

Volunteer of the Decade - Barbara Stelly. Volunteer of the Year - John Bret-Harte. Business Partnership Award - Desert Diamond Casino. Original Contribution Award - Dr. Gerri Lamb and Dr. Kathy Michaels. Administrative Volunteer of the Year - Dennis Schmidt and Polly Monroe. Prevention Services Award - Eduardo Escalante. Client Services - Peggy McDonald. Development Award - Barbara Beach. Volunteer Resource Award - Stephanie Toale.

This was the last volunteer awards recognition for the three separate ASO's. On July 1, the Tucson AIDS Project, Shanti Foundation, and the People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson will merge into one AIDS service organization, the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation.

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