

Best Seller G/L Author, Patricia Nell Warren In Tucson May 29



Patricia Nell Warren

TUCSON - Patricia Nell Warren, author of the first Gay/Lesbian national best seller novel, "The Front Runner" will be recognized at a reception in Tucson where she will be signing her books an releasing and signing her third in a love story trilogy, "Billy's Boy."

Some other books by Ms. Warren are "Harlan's Race," "Fancy Dancer," "Beauty Queen," "The Last Centennial," and "One is the Sun." Warren is also a political journalist, radio commentator and a civil rights activist.

The reception is being sponsored for all of the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual (G/L/B) community be the Men's Social Network, Thursday, May 29, 6:00 P.M. at the Metropolitan Community Church, 3269 North Mountain Avenue, just north of Fort Lowell (Space is being donated).

Ms. Warren will provide comments of interest to the G/L/B (including

Gay/Lesbian marriage and will have a question and answer period and then will sign books which will be available. Finger food snacks and drinks will be available as part of the reception.

Patricia Nell Warren is a respected activist whose focus is on the issues confronting Gay youth, as well as being a consultant to the ACLU and other civil rights organizations.

This is an exciting opportunity for all of Tucson. Help us honor a noted author and thank her for all of her valuable contributions to the G/L/B community. Bring your books, or be prepared to take books home with her personalized message. Make your presence felt Thursday, May 29, 6:00 P.M., at the Metropolitan Community Church. Help spread the word.

For more information, call 690-9565.

Manhunt Moves To East Coast For Spree Killer

PENNSVILLE, NJ (AP) - The nationwide manhunt underway for Andrew Phillip Cunanan, 27, moved to New Jersey over the weekend, as the spree-killer's body count rose to four.

Following a pattern since the

killings began, the body of a cemetery caretaker was found near an abandoned jade-colored Lexus stolen from Cunanan's third victim, a wealthy Chicago businessman.

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Alabama Law Violates First Amendment

by Lisa Keen

BIRMINGHAM, AL (WB) - A federal appeals court panel ruled that an Alabama law designed to block funding for any pro-Gay group or speech on a state campus was a "blatant" violation of the First Amendment.

The decision is a strong blow against attempts in recent years to block funding for Gay campus groups.

Matt Coles, head of the ACLU's National Lesbians and Gay Rights Project who argued the appeal on behalf of a Gay student group, said he thinks the opinion will be important against other "no promo homo" laws, including those which try to bar any pro-Gay discussion in the classroom.

In Whidden v. Alliance, a Gay student group at the University of South Alabama (USA) in Mobile challenged a state law enacted in May 1992 which prohibited any campus group to "permit or encourage its members or other persons to engage in" sodomy or to "provide materials that explain how such acts may be engaged in or performed." The law also prohibited any university entity to "directly or indirectly sanction, recognize, or support the activities or existence of any organization or group that fosters or promotes a lifestyle or actions prohibited by the sodomy and sexual misconduct laws."

The three-judge appeals panel, all

Republican nominees, said the law went far beyond trying to prevent violations of the state sodomy law.

The Gay student group's case was helped considerably by a 1995 case in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the University of Virginia could not deny funding to a Christian-oriented student newspaper which, among other things, carried articles saying that being Gay was against Christian beliefs.

In agreeing with a lower court that the Alabama law is a violation of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the appeals panel said the state cannot discriminate, through its funding policies, against speech on the basis of viewpoint.

"A university may determine what subjects are appropriate for the forum [on campus], but the university may not prescribe positions students choose to take on those subjects," wrote the court. The panel noted that Alabama's law did not prohibit state-funded campus groups from talking about sodomy or sexual misconduct laws.

"Rather, based on [the new state law], USA prohibited funding to [the Gay group] based on the Attorney General's unsupported assumption that [the Gay group] fosters or promotes a violation of the sodomy or sexual misconduct laws. The statute discriminates against one particular viewpoint because state funding of

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Statewide Advocacy And Awareness Is Mission Of AIDS Policy Alliance

PHOENIX - Arizona's first formal advocacy effort to ensure effective awareness and public policy to support statewide services for persons infected and affected by HIV disease has received initial funding from the Arizona Community Foundation.

The Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance (AZAPA) received a \$25,000 grant to assist in its mission of public policy discussion, education and advocacy. Phoenix Body Positive will serve as the fiscal agent and provide limited administrative support for the 501(c) 4-designated AZAPA.

"Arizona ranks 26th in the number of AIDS cases and 49th in the nation in the funding of services to the HIV community," said AZAPA executive director, B.J. Peters. "AZAPA's goals is to increase and enhance the awareness and education of both public officials and the business community about the public-health issue of HIV by offering a platform for input and discussion."

AZAPA's membership will include HIV/AIDS service providers; the medical community; individuals, government agencies and other non-provider, non-profit organizations; and for-profit

sponsors. For service, providers, membership fees are based on their annual budget.

"We want to encourage collaboration and build consensus across the state," Peters said.

AZAPA's mission includes three primary goals: Develop priorities and advocate for sound HIV/AIDS public policy including prevention, education and health-care accessibility and delivery;

promote increased funding and support for HIV/AIDS services from federal, state and local governments and the private sector and;

provide education about HIV/AIDS policy issues to the community, public-policy leaders and providers.

AZAPA members serve as liaisons to their specific organizations and home towns.

"The participation of our members ensures an open line of communication with their key audiences and enables us to understand and address their needs,"

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Jello Wrestling Benefit May 18



The late Reno Gannon, shown here, initiated the idea of Jello Wrestling ten years ago. He would be proud to see how the benefit has grown throughout the years, and the large amount of money it has made annually to benefit the Shanti Foundation. Reno died in 1989 due to complications from AIDS.

TUCSON - The community is invited to attend the Tenth Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza/Raffle and Auction, Sunday, May 18, 4:00 P.M., at the Graduate, 23 West University.

Audience members will also have an opportunity to participate in a live auction for items, donated by local businesses, ranging from gift certificates to works of art and collectibles, to purchase raffle tickets for the chance to win two round-trip tickets from Tucson to San Francisco and to watch members of the community wrestle in a pool of Jell-O.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (a merger of the Shanti Foundation, the Tucson AIDS Project, and the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson).

This event is being produced by Tucson's Community Bars - Ain't Nobody's Business, Boom-Booms, Hours, IBT's, the Graduate and the Venture-N. The Hostesses, once again, are Gilda Fatale and Lucinda Holliday. Auctioneers and fund raisers extraordinaire.

For more information, or to volunteer, or to receive your Wrestler Registration Packet, call 322-9191.

Marsha Stevens At MCC May 31

TUCSON - Born Again Lesbian evangelist Marsha Stevens will perform her original music at Water of Life MCC, May 31, 7:00 P.M.

Marsha Stevens is the famed composer of For Those Tears I Died (Come to the Water), a standard of Christian hymnals since 1972. Since coming out as a Lesbian and experiencing the rejection and scorn of a homophobic society - most fiercely expressed by the church she so devoutly served - she has focused her talents on evangelizing the Lesbian and Gay community through her gospel music.

Water of Life MCC is located at 3269 North Mountain Avenue. For more information call 292-9151.

Tucson-Pima Public Library Forms Gay & Lesbian Services Committee

TUCSON - The Tucson-Pima Public Library has formed a Gay and Lesbian Services Committee (G&LSC).

With the formation of the G&LSC we hope to improve service to the entire Gay and Lesbian population of Pima County. Some of the committee's goals are: Increased collection of Gay and Lesbian materials system-wide. Expanding the number of subscriptions to the magazine, The Advocate to several other branches besides the Main Library. Acknowledgment of Gay/Lesbian history and literature with displays and programming.

The committee needs input from the community. Call the Main Library, 791-4393, and speak with Rich or Terry.

PACT MAP Program Has Been Refunded

TUCSON - Attention all ASO clients! The PACT medication program, (MAP) which helps clients to get much needed medication, on a short term emergency basis, had been out of money but as of April 15, has been refunded.

With the new refunding comes some changes:

- 1) Time limit: Clients may receive support for a particular medication for up to three months;
- 2) All clients will be asked to make a small co-payment with each MAP voucher;
- 3) All clients needing to use the MAP program must set an appointment with Garry at PACT, 770-1710 and;
- 4) There is a list of medications that this program can not cover. (See the PACT advertisement in this issue of The

Observer.)

Garry's new hours at PACT are Monday-Thursday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Reveille Readies Spring Concert

TUCSON - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, now in it's second full season, will present its annual Spring Concert on Saturday, May 31, in the Proscenium Theatre at Pima Community College West Campus, 2202 West Anklam Road, Tucson.

Titled "(Not Exactly) Straight From the Heart," it will be a musical perspective on the many aspects of Love, Relationships and Everything in between!

Artistic Director, James Gall, will lead the 20-member-strong Chorus through such love-filled numbers as "Mother, I Must Have A Husband," "Wanted: GH/W/BM/NS/D/S . . ." "Sherry/Jerry," "In The Mood," "My Funny Valentine," "I Will Follow Him" and many more.

Tickets for the 8:00 P.M. show are \$10 advance, \$12 at the door (\$8 for PCC students with ID) and are available at Antigone Books, Girlfriends Coffeehouse and Bookstore, Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse, The Pink Motel, and Tucson Trunk. The show will be deaf interpreted and wheelchair accessible. For more information or reservations, call 617-3100.

HIV Prevention Planning Group Seeks Members

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona HIV Prevention Planning Group is seeking additional members for 1997.

People interested in regional planning for stopping the spread of HIV & AIDS are encouraged to apply. The planning group is made up of diverse people whose common concern is to help prevent HIV transmission.

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'Millennium Approaches' May 16

TUCSON - The Millennium Theatre Company (now almost fifty actors and technicians) is now in rehearsal for its production of the hilarious comedy "Greater Tuna," written by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears and Ed Howard, scheduled to open the new company's mini-season of three plays, May 16.

After the "Greater Tuna" opening, the company will offer its 90's revival of Mart Crowley's 70's hit "The Boys in the Band" to run June 13-29, and Christopher Durang's brilliant satire of the perils of modern live "Laughing Wild," set for July 11-27.

The cast for "Greater Tuna," originally written for two men, will be expanded by Millennium's Director/Designer, John Gunn to include two men and one woman, but none of the hysterical characterizations will be lost in this change.

The performers include Ina Gillers Shivack, playing Thurston, Elmer, Bertha, Loretta, Vera and the Coach. Ina is a recent transplant to Tucson from New York City, where she had extensive musical experience as a member and soloist with the renowned New York Choral Society, with performances at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, as well as tours of Greece and Israel.

Shivack has appeared in numerous Off-Broadway productions, including "The Co-op" and the Obie Award winning "The Dinosaur Door" by Barbara Garson. She also spent several summers touring New York City with "The Theatre For The New City," and "The Judson Poet's Theatre." A tremendous asset to the rapidly growing Millennium Theatre Family, she



TUCSON - Pictured above are (l to r) Jesse Jones, Stephen Spiegel and Ina Gillers Shivak who will be appearing in the upcoming Millennium production "Greater Tuna". The play opens this Friday, May 16. See story below.

will appear in several varied roles throughout their upcoming season, including "Laughing Wild," "A Tuna Christmas," "Delicate Balance," and the spectacular "Marat/Sade."

Stepping into the roles of Arles, Didi, Jody, Pearl, Chad, Phimas and the Sheriff is Jesse Jones, who comes to Millennium from Savannah, Georgia where he was very active in the local theatre scene, playing such diverse roles as Stephen Daedalus in "Ulysses," Tino in "West Side Story," Sir Andrew Aguecheek in "Twelfth Night," and Lady Bracknell in "The Importance of Being Earnest." Jesse will also be kept busy in the forthcoming Millennium productions of "Laughing Wild," "Love! Valour! Compassion!," "A Tuna Christmas," "Marat/Sade," and "Midsummer Night's Dream."

Our third cast member is Stephen Spiegel playing Harold, Petey, Stanley, R.R., Charlene, Hank and The Reverend. Bringing much youth and exuberance to the company, Stephen has appeared locally in the recent Parks and Recreation Department's production of "Cirque De Shakespeare" and several Old Pueblo Playwright events. He will also be seen in the Millennium productions of "The Boys in the Band," "Titus Andronicus," "Love! Valour! Compassion!," "Marat/Sade," and will have the chance to repeat some of his zany "Tuna" characters in the sequel "A Tuna Christmas" when it premieres during

the 1997 Holiday Season.

All three productions for the Millennium Theatre Company will be designed and directed by its founder, John Gunn.

The Millennium Theatre is located at 738 North Fifth Ave in the Historic YWCA Building. Just half a block south of University Boulevard. Season tickets for Millennium's premiere season will go on sale at the Theatre box office in June.

A special advance mini-season ticket for all three productions is available now at \$36. For more ticket information or if you wish to become a Millennium Company member or volunteer call 882-7920, or 882-0796. Millennium Theatre Company is an Arizona non-profit Educational Organization.

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My Last Column

I feel sad to say this, but this will be my last "Whole Person" column. Amazingly, I've been writing this column for over two years! Each week, I have tried to write something that would be of value to my readers. Sometimes, I hoped to be encouraging; sometimes, informative; sometimes, confrontive; but always of help. I also tried to write in such a way that I had the artistic satisfaction of expressing myself, and to make myself known in the Gay community here in Tucson. I feel I have had success on all these counts.

I'd like to reflect a little in this column, and look back over where I've been the past two years. When I first started writing this column, my interests were centered on the Gay spiritual eroticism that I had learned from the Body Electric School in Oakland, California. I tried to help my fellow Gay men to humanize and spiritualize their eroticism. I tried to be a force for safer sex. I talked a lot about erotic massage as a safe and emotionally satisfying alternative to riskier forms of sex. I spread the word about erotic energy that was heart-connected and liberated. However, I paid the price for my "radicalism." Many of the other Gay-friendly helping professionals in Tucson criticized me and distanced themselves from me. Many ordinary Gay men saw me as a threatening or immoral presence in the community. Often, these very men were people whose own sexuality was an issue for them. I became a lightning rod for people's sexual issues, an easy figure to project sexual fear and anger onto.

I grew frustrated with playing that role. I felt that most men misunderstood where I was coming from. I also grew disillusioned with the Body Electric School, as I saw the leaders of the school not living up to their ideals, and being cynical about that fact. I began to focus my interests more on psychological work again, as I had before moving to Tucson.

As I focussed again on psychological work, I realized that for Gay men, "therapy" is a dangerous word. "Therapy" implies that you're sick, and Gay men have had enough experiences of people telling them they are sick. Therefore I avoided that word, and all that goes along with it: diagnosis, health insurance, treatment plans, dependency on the therapist. I presented myself as a personal coach, an educator, and perhaps a counselor, but never as a therapist. To me, the tools that modern psychology has discovered are of great value for people who want to make a change in their lives. I want to bring those tools to Gay men, without disempowering them with the usual "You poor sickie" mumbo-jumbo. Again, I have had some success in this, and for that I'm grateful. Listening to so many Gay men talk about their lives, I've learned a lot about what holds us back and what moves us forward. I've been touched by the courage and love my clients have shown as they struggle to grow. It's my privilege to be a part of that process.

Most basically, who I am is a collector and interpreter of ideas about human growth. All my life, I've devoted myself to the study of philosophy, spirituality, and psychology. In an effort to make my own life and others' as rich and meaningful as possible. In the process, I've explored myriads of different philosophies, compared and contrasted them, and synthesized them. I offer them to others who

may not have the inclination to pore over all those books. What I'm saying, in general terms, is that wisdom is important. It's important to be reflective, and sensitive to other people. It's important to sense the profundity of our existence, just as it is. It's important to respect yourself enough to care about your way of life, and consciously shape your life, so that it is a beautiful and ethical work of art. Nobody does this perfectly, of course. I'm full of contradictions as much as the next person, and so are all the various gurus I've met along the way. That's why humor—good-natured laughter at yourself—may just be the ultimate, the highest wisdom.

Now, however, I feel this project of writing "The Whole Person" has come to an end. I feel I've shared enough of my ideas with the Gay community for awhile. Maybe it's time for someone else to do it! Truthfully, I also get tired of the "shrink" role, as tired as I got with the "sexual radical" role. If I'm watching TV with friends, and some character in the show acts crazy, people will say, "Uh-oh, better call Dr. Bob!" Or when people meet me, they will say, "Boy, do I have some friends who can use your services!" I see the humor in this, but I get a little vexed by it, too. It shows people's ideas of the "shrink" as someone whom only certifiably crazy people go to, a doctor who can heal them the way a medical doctor heals a disease, someone on whom the community can "dump" people who are strange and confusing. But who among us, myself most of all, isn't strange and confusing??

My own dream is that I, as a counselor, could have a role within a community similar to Counselor Troy's role in Star Trek. Among the crew, it's recognized that the community needs a person who is reflective and empathic, who understands the deeper well-springs of people's behavior, who can encourage compassionate and self-respectful choices when people are at decision-points in their lives. Crew members don't feel they have to be crazy to ask Counselor Troy a question, or share some pain or joy with her. That future culture has evolved to the point that they see the value of an Empath. Unfortunately, our own culture hasn't—we think we just need "shrinks" for our "crazies" to go to.

The Gay community may need Empaths even more than other communities. But what we have, by and large, is only the option of getting "treatment" from a mental health professional, whose objective is often to make the client look as sick as possible (at least on paper), in order to get reimbursement from the insurance company. Prozac and a couple of sessions of talk is the usual "treatment," because that is the cheapest way to get a person back to work quickly, there to fulfill their role as cogs in the consumer machine. I see my services as a saner alternative, one that is humane, exceptionally Gay-friendly, cost-effective, and doesn't make you feel sick because you asked for help.

Many, many thanks to you, my readers, for your encouragement and support throughout the past two years! Thanks for giving me the gift of your thoughtful attention. I hope you've been stimulated by some of the things I've said! And, sadly for the last time, I invite anyone who wants to communicate with me to do so by calling (520) 623-1732 or e-mailing me at: bobby@azstarnet.com. I'll be here!

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While the coming out "Puppy Episode" scored a 23.4 rating and a 35% share of the viewing audience to lead all programs last week, the May 7 "Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah" episode had a 12.7 rating and a 20% share equal to

Ellen Tops Timeslot With Half TV Audience

about 12.3 million households. That's a substantial increase from when the character was closeted and averaged a 9.6 rating and a 16 share for the season. It did not include any potential audience in Birmingham, Alabama where ABC affiliate WBMA once again decided the show was not "family" viewing.

There's still no word from ABC as to whether "Ellen" has a future after the May 14 season finale in which the character comes out to her boss.

The sponsor lineup for "Hello, Muddah" was noticeably the usual prime-time array, as opposed to the cavalcade of movie trailers sold at twice the usual price with "The Puppy Episode." While the fast food chains were notably absent from "Puppy," Burger King was back for "Hello Muddah." While the only carmaker to back the "Puppy" was Volkswagen, guess who bought into "Hello Muddah": that notoriously "sensitive" advertiser Chrysler Corporation, touting its Jeeps. The Gay and Lesbian Campaign for Equal Rights at Chrysler advises calling the customer

service line at 1-800-992-1997 so that your response will be tallied - the company isn't counting e-mail messages. If you called previously to complain, it's only fair to call now to applaud a little-publicized but very significant turnaround.

The months of will-she-or-won't-she and unprecedented media coverage showed up not only on the tube but also on the web. The "Ellen" site maintained by the show's co-producer Touchstone Television showed a 1,630% increase in traffic since the fall TV season began.

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Talk about a "B-1 Bombshell!" Brian O'Leary Bennett, who was chief of staff for California's rabidly homophobic (an understatement), ultra-conservative Republican former U.S. Congressman "B-1" Bob Dornan of John Wayneland, came out of the closet last week and publicly acknowledged he is Gay. Gee, just like Ellen!

Bennett had worked for Dornan for 12 years until 1989, eventually becoming his chief of staff, now works as an executive with Edison. "B-1 Bob" has asked Bennett to head Dornan's quixotic bid for the 1996 Republican Presidential campaign.

Bennett told reporters that he wanted come out now to lessen the risk of being "outed" and to help other conservatives who are struggling as he did with their sexual orientation. He told reporters he has been in the process of coming out to close friends and family over the last 18 months.

"I was in the mind-set of working for Bob Dornan for so long that I was a horrible, horrible person," Bennett said. No, "B-1 Bob" is the horrible, horrible person! He said that he came out to Dornan when he was asked to head up "B-1 Bob's" presidential quest in February 1996.

The actual-coming-out-to-Satan,

er Dornan, was touching, or nauseating depending upon your point of view. Driving Dornan home from a dinner, Bennett said, "Poppy, you know I love you very much: I have something very important to tell you. I'm Gay." After a long pause, Dornan put his arm around Bennett, kissed him on the cheek and said, "I've loved you like a son for 20 years. Did you think this would make a difference?" Yes, yes, yes, hell yes it does!

When reached for comment, "B-1 Bob," still in-the-midst-of-denying-he-lost-his-seat-in-Congress, said the news hit him, "like a ton of bricks." Why couldn't it have been a ton of spears! . . .

The next trial-of-the-century, or the moment for an Arizona politician has finally started! Arizona Governor, self-proclaimed real-estate and business mogul, and severely indicted, J. Fife Whitewash III's criminal trial got underway this week with jury selection.

Whitewash faces a 22-count federal indictment. The Fiferster is charged

with fraud, lying in extortion over his real-estate dealings and his bankruptcy case. The trial is expected to last three months. The jury pool, as of press time, is down to 139, and they plan to seat a 12-person, three alternate jury. The jury faces a daunting task, going through over one million pages of evidence.

If convicted on all charges, Whitewash faces up to 300 years in prison. If convicted on at least one charge, Fiferama would be out as governor since no convicted felon could serve as head of the state. The trial will not be televised since the case is being tried in U.S. District Court, and no cameras are allowed. No Court TV? Damn! . . .

Bonds, Pima County Bonds! On Tuesday, May 20, what few voters that care will go to the polls and vote on eight bond questions on the special election ballot. The eight questions as they appear on the ballot are:

Juvenile detention and court facilities - A proposed \$42 million to

expand the Juvenile Court Center.

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Parks - A proposed \$52.6 million for park improvements and construction of new ones.

Sonoran Desert open space and historic preservation - A proposed \$36.3 million to buy vacant land, historic sites and expand the county's trail system.

Public health, safety, recreational and cultural facilities - A proposed \$42 million to expand neighborhood centers, libraries and make improvements to government buildings and Kino Community Hospital.

Flood control improvements - A proposed \$21.5 million in flood control projects in Marana, along the Santa Cruz River and other areas.

Solid waste improvements - A proposed \$112.5 million to start construction of a new county landfill.

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Be A Part Of The Hope

by David Hoover

[This is a reprint of a talk given at the 14th Annual AIDS Mobilization and Candlelight Vigil, May 4, 1997, at Armory Park. This event was sponsored by Desert Voices, TIHAN and Wingspan.]

"Welcome to the 14th Annual AIDS Mobilization and Candlelight Vigil. Special thanks go to all the volunteers from Wingspan, Desert Voices and TIHAN who have made this evening possible.

"Most of us here tonight have lost loved ones to AIDS or have loved ones living with HIV. We are here to honor them.

"This year we have entered a new era of AIDS, an era of good news, an era of hope.

"Protease inhibitors directly attack HIV and lower viral load. This is good news.

"Through the use of AZT we are able to dramatically reduce the chances that an HIV+ mother will pass HIV on to her newborn. This is good news.

"Three AIDS service organiza-

tions are merging in order to reduce overhead and better serve people with, or at risk for, HIV. This is good news.

"Over the past 16 years we have built a community that has joined together to fight AIDS. We developed AIDS service organizations that became a model for other diseases to follow. We mobilized a federal response that resulted in Medicaid funding, Ryan White, Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS, and other federal programs. We brokered public and private research, which has increased our knowledge about HIV and produced medicines. Through ACT-UP and other, we monitored drug companies and developed fast track availability of life-saving drugs. We have built a compassionate community, hardly equaled in human history. This is good news.

"Now more than ever we must build on our accomplishments. We must press on.

"Since protease inhibitors don't work for everyone with HIV, we must press on.

"Since AIDS deaths for women and heterosexuals is on the increase, we

must press on.

"Since access to care depends on the color of your skin, the job you have or the zip code where you live, we must press on.

"Since the State of Arizona spends not one red cent on AIDS services, we must press on.

"Since AIDS is still the number-one killer of young adults, we must press on.

"Since federal dollars are still banned from needle exchange programs, we must press on.

"Since there is no cure, we must press on.

"I invite you tonight to embrace the good news, until good news for some is good news for all.

"This year, commit to being part of the hope.

"Be a part of the hope by volunteering with SAAF (Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation) or TIHAN (Tucson

Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network).

"Be a part of the hope by giving money for AIDS services, or AIDS prevention programs, or developing a vaccine.

"Be a part of the hope by supporting the AIDS Policy Alliance in its effort to change AIDS policy in Arizona.

"Be a part of the hope, and work to life the ban on federal dollars for needle exchange.

"There is much good news. At the same time, all of us need to press on, and be a part of the hope."

[David Hoover is Program Manager for HIV/STD for Pima County Health Department, 150 West Congress Street, Tucson, AZ 85701.]

Researchers Believe In New Mutation Of HIV

LONDON, U.K. (WS) - A group of researchers believe that HIV has mutated into more dangerous strains, but it could be that the difference is actually in the people who get infected.

HIV seems to be making people sicker faster than it did a decade ago, according to a new study from the University of Turin published in the "British Medical Journal." Dr. Alessandro Sini-cco's team of researchers believe their finding reflects the mutation of HIV into more virulent, "aggressive and dangerous" strains. If their results are confirmed, they believe it indicates more frequent testing is needed to identify and treat the virus as soon as possible after infection.

A diverse group of 285 people who began with comparable immune function but were infected at different times from 1985 through 1995 showed significantly faster progression of AIDS if they were infected after 1989. The difference showed up in the first year after infection, with a greater loss of CD4 white blood cells and a faster proliferation of HIV. Full-blown AIDS developed faster among those infected in the 1990's, averaging about 2-1/2 years from infection to AIDS diagnosis among those infected between 1992 and 1995. Those infected in 1985 often developed signature illnesses like pneumocystis carinii pneumonia and Kaposi's sarcoma only after the 10 years had passed.

However, the population studied was also changing during the ten years, with more women and more men infected through heterosexual activity joining the group in the later years, casting some doubt on the inference that it's the virus itself that's changed.



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A continuación compartiré con usted un artículo muy interesante, y de mucha importancia.

El renombrado investigador científico doctor Donald Francis ha confirmado que está trabajando en la producción de una vacuna que terminaría la crisis del SIDA de una vez por todas. Pero esa dedicación lo ha puesto en terreno caliente. Algunos activistas del SIDA se preocupan de que el desarrollo de la vacuna sea más bien una forma de desviar fondos del gobierno destinados al tratamiento de los que ya están enfermos. Como consecuencias, los Institutos Nacionales de Salud de ese país cerraron y rechazaron la petición del Dr. Francis de más fondos para llevar a cabo más pruebas de la gp120, su descubrimiento.

Existe una confusión sobre la efectividad que podría tener la vacuna gp120, pero esa es exactamente la razón de emprender el intento. De hecho, si tuviéramos ya seguridad de que da resultado, sería poco ético hacer una nueva prueba. Lo importante es que se pone de manifiesto la incapacidad de nuestra sociedad de encarar la prevención en general y subraya nuestro deseo absurdo de preferir tener tratamientos para todo.

¿El Sida es realmente un caso especial? Sí y no. Sí, en cuanto a que hay más influencia política de grupos algunas veces extremos. No, en cuanto a que el público tiene un amplio espacio para preocuparse por la prevención y el valor de las cosas como las vacunas para todas las enfermedades.

El problema con el desarrollo de una vacuna es que el sector privado casi nunca le encuentra rentabilidad, aun cuando la necesidad social de las vacunas es inmensa. Por ello, tradicionalmente se ha establecido una especie de sociedad entre gobierno y sector privado para compartir el costo, lo que se hizo de manera muy exitosa con la gp120 en las dos primeras fases de la prueba. Sin embargo, en la fase III se le negó la asignación de fondos.

¿Por qué algunos miembros de la comunidad del Sida se oponen a una prueba en gran escala de una vacuna contra la enfermedad? Se tiene que reconocer que las comunidades afectadas están organizadas en torno a los ya infectados. Es comprensible; si usted o yo estuviéramos infectados, desearíamos una cura y no recibir compromisos sobre la prevención. Pero la decisión de gastar dinero público para un determinado beneficio debería ser una decisión científica, tomando en cuenta el mayor beneficio para la sociedad y no el beneficio de un determinado grupo.

La transmisión del VIH es previsible mediante la educación a las personas sobre el uso del condón y uso de agujas limpias. ¿Por qué aún así necesitamos la vacuna?

Si prevenir la transmisión del VIH fuera realmente fácil, no tendríamos 40,000 nuevas infecciones al año sólo en los Estados Unidos, y entre 5,000 a 10,000 nuevas infecciones en el resto del mundo al día.

No se trata sólo de fondos para la vacuna, sino de que no se está destinando tampoco muchos fondos para ninguna educación preventiva. Casi nunca llegamos a entender por qué la gente educada, por ejemplo, no se preocupa por el sexo con protección. La educación no es tan fácil como suena... Mientras "son peras o son manzanas" se le recuerda sexo seguro, y el uso adecuado del condón...

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

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HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON
by Anida Cowboy

The General Membership Meeting will be held this Sunday, May 18 at the Stonewall/Eagle. It's a run-off election for two positions: President and Chapter Representative. You must be present at the meeting to cast your vote if you voted in the initial elections and there is no absentee ballots. It should be a great meeting, and is scheduled to start, 5:00 P.M., so why not come out and see what we have got going on for you this year!

Over the next few weeks, you will be seeing many of us selling tickets for "Gay West" at Old Tucson Studios. The event will be held June 28 at Old Tucson and sounds like it is going to be a blast! A portion of the ticket price will be given back to AGRA for each ticket we sell, so make sure you get your tickets from a Board Member. If you are interested in further information on the tickets or the event itself, feel free to contact me, 792-5653. Daniel is also looking for warm bodies to be on the Dance and Entertainment committee for AGRA

events, if interested, call 322-6969.

This Saturday night (and every third Saturday night of the month) Boom-Boom's will be hosting AGRA Night! Anyone sporting an AGRA LOGO (T-shirt, pin, nametag, etc.) will get happy hour pricing all night long and a 50/50 raffle drawing. I hear the new "Other Room" bartender is darling! (Me!)

Attention artists and creative persons! Get your designs ready for the 1998 Saguaro Regional Rodeo Poster Contest! More details to follow after the Sunday meeting.

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

Note: Next General Membership Meeting, May 18 at the Stonewall/Eagle.

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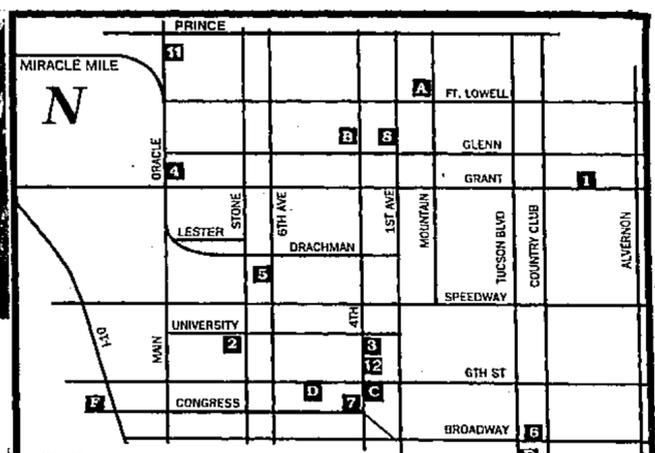
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NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.
 by Frank E.G. Gallego

[This is the third and final part of a letter to PACT members from the Board of Directors.]

Recent changes in staffing to reduce payroll costs: what does this mean to the long term continuation of client services and programs that have been the primary concern of the Board? Primarily, cost-saving measures to insure that everyone who comes to PACT for services will receive the care and attention they deserve.

The short term effects will be: 1) Reduction of duplicated staffing (to the extent possible drawing SAAF (Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation) staff from existing staff at PACT, Shanti and TAP. A process is being developed in order to make these decisions in a fair and responsible fashion. 2) Consolidation of these offices into one location. 3) Moving grants and contracts from each organization to SAAF. 4) Marketing SAAF to clients, donors, volunteers and the community. 5) Communicating with clients regarding how programs will be administered and getting their input into the process.

Obviously, a lot of work is ahead to bring this merger to fruition and your input into and involvement with the development process would be extremely valuable. You can address your comments either to Craig Snow, or Anne Maley, or directly to the PACT Board of Directors,

which will remain active until the merger is completed and SAAF is formalized.

As we prepare to usher in a new era of cooperative and consolidated HIV/AIDS services in Tucson under the SAAF banner, we would be remiss not to honor those whose vision, love, courage and concern created PACT in the first place: Jerome Beillard, Donald Dupee, Lew Elze, Victoria Kratina, Tom Lewis, Chuck Mayer, John Murphey, Troy Stephenson, and the sole surviving member of the founding Board, Danny Blake, who continues to serve to this day.

Over the years many people have given voluntarily of their time and energy to help direct the organization. To them and to our dedicated staff we also owe a deep debt of gratitude. Your Board, through its grassroots approach, HIV+ majority, and the mandated diversity, has fought many passionate battles, but the common goal has always been to provide our clients with the very best services and programs possible, given the available funds.

We can proud of our many accomplishments on behalf of people living with HIV/AIDS, and we pledge our support of and involvement with SAAF. . . .

I leave you with this in mind, "None of us is as smart as all of us." - Phil Condit.

New Anti-AIDS Drugs May Wipe Out Virus In Three Years, Study Says

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (KR) - Powerful new drugs are clearing the AIDS virus from the lymph tissues, one of its hiding places in the body, and may completely eliminate it after about three years of treatment, researchers reported.

The finding is another sign that medicines discovered last year to fight AIDS are living up to their promise. But scientists cautioned that the AIDS virus may be hiding in other hard-to-reach areas of the body, such as the brain and the genetic material of cells.

"There is very good news, but there are some caveats," said Anthony Fauci, the government's top scientist in the war against AIDS. Asked whether researchers could declare they had cured the disease, Fauci replied: "absolutely not."

Still, the research, published in the journals Science and Nature, highlights how rapidly the world of treatment has changed for the million-plus patients in America infected with the AIDS virus.

The development of protease inhibitor drugs last year - and the discovery that their potency was enhanced when combined with an earlier class of drugs called reverse transcriptase inhibitors - meant that for the first time since the epidemic exploded in the early '80s, patients can dare to hope.

The first AIDS drug developed in 1986, AZT, provoked a similar surge of hope, but it proved limited as the virus learned to get around the medicine. The new drug combination seems to be holding.

Last year, scientists found the medicines were clearing the virus from patients' blood. Eliminating the virus

from the lymph tissues, which store immune system cells that fight diseases, was regarded as the next hurdle.

The virus "clears more rapidly than we thought," said Ashley Haase, a microbiologist at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis and chief author of the paper in Science. "That opens an opportunity for the immune system to heal itself."

Within two days of treatment with the combination therapy, Haase said, half the virus he found in 34 patients' lymph tissues had disappeared. "In two weeks, another substantial portion had cleared; 99.9 percent of it was gone in a period of six months."

Counting the rate at which the virus in other hard-to-reach areas could be eliminated, a related paper in Nature said, the virus could be completely cleared from the body in 2.3 to 3.1 years. That paper was written by David Ho and other researchers at the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York and elsewhere.

Researchers stress that such strong results are unlikely to be repeated among longtime AIDS patients. Patients showing the most progress are those who have been recently infected and who were started on the new treatments right away.

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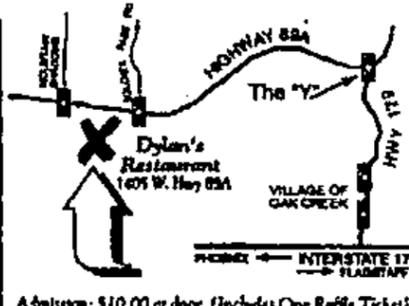
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A Response To Ralph Reed's 'Retirement'

by Brian Bond

WASHINGTON, DC - Ralph Reed may be leaving the Christian Coalition to start a new political consulting firm, but there's really nothing new about it.

We know exactly the kind of politics he practices -- the politics of hatred and division, the politics of distortion and fear. He has built his career on the backs of Gay and Lesbian Americans and now plans to profit from it by selling his services to the highest bidder.

Reed says the goal of his new political consulting firm, is "building a farm team of state legislators, school board members and other officeholders who, I believe, hold the key to the future of the country." Nothing new there. Reed's intention has always been to co-opt the electoral process and promote his extremist agenda.

Seven years ago he told the Washington Post, "What we've got to do is take back this country, one precinct at a time, one neighborhood at a time and one state at a time." Unfettered by the traditional values he pretends to embrace, Reed masterminded the deployment of the stealth candidates, carefully trained operatives who avoided taking about -- and even lied about -- their true beliefs and affiliation throughout the campaign. Only after

being elected did they "come out" as religious political extremists.

In addition to the development of covert campaign strategies, Reed's reign at the Christian Coalition was marked by unprecedented demonization of Gay men and Lesbians as a recruiting and fund raising tactic.

As he built the tax-exempt Christian Coalition into a powerful political force, his loyal minions launched unparalleled attacks on the Gay and Lesbian community. But with the Christian Coalition currently undergoing increased public scrutiny for its egregious political involvement, Reed has cleverly chosen a nominal separation from the church to further his pursuit of the State.

Reed may call this shallow attempt to legitimize what he does a new endeavor, but you can be sure he'll be working with the same old cabal of right-wing media, religious extremists and political opportunists set on subverting the interests of the fair-minded majority. In fact, Reed's virulently anti-Gay boos and mentor Pat Robertson assured the Washington Post that Ralph "has my full support in this new undertaking." There's nothing new about that either.

[Brian Bond is the executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.]

A View From The Rock A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Have you been to the Tucson Zoo lately? It is really nice, especially compared with what it was over twenty years ago when I first saw it. At that time the animals were in small, iron-barred cages with cement floors, many of them not much bigger than my living room. The poor things just paced the floors all day. The polar bears really suffered in the summer and the cats just walked themselves to exhaustion.

Things are much better now. Most of the animals live in natural habitat areas, surrounded by natural barriers. It is much more enjoyable to see the animals in these surroundings, and I'm sure it's much more comfortable for them, and they feel more at home.

Yet as I looked at these modern enclosures, I thought, "A cage is still a cage." If they walk so many feet this way or that way, sooner or later they come to a barrier, an object which stops their movement, which confines them to a certain area. The illusion of freedom is there, but it is after all a false image. The animals are still confined.

All this brought to my mind the fact that we are all born in a cage. No matter how comfortable it is, how large it is, how luxurious it is, our freedom is always restricted. The cage we all live in is called sin. Satan, the builder of this cage, has done a very good job. With glass walls, mirrors, and camouflage, he has managed to give us the illusion of freedom. But sooner or later, we bump into our walls. There is no such thing as running free with the wind in our hair, to travel with the sun for miles and miles. Like the zoo animals, many of us don't even realize that we are in a cage, since we have never known anything else. But

some of us have had the barriers knocked down. We have learned to know true freedom, that given only by God, the Creator of us all. We finally know what it really means to be happy, to be at peace, to know that we never have to return to our cage again.

Jesus said, "... if the son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36 emphasis mine) I've experienced this freedom and now I am here to share it with you. I want to show you how to let Jesus knock down the walls of depression, addiction, loneliness, and all manner of suffering, and how to have freedom, life, and sins forgiven through the blood he shed for you and for me. I know it is real because I have experienced it myself, and I know that it is offered freely to you also.

No matter how comfortable a cage is, how familiar, once you are aware that there is a better world on the other side, you can never be truly happy in it. Even if their cages feel good to the animals because they are taken care of and provided with just the right food without effort on their part, most of those animals at the Tucson Zoo would trade it all in a blink for a quick plane ride to Africa, South America, or wherever home is, and the freedom of living with those of their own kind, the freedom to make choices, to live without bonds.

Jesus can give you freedom to you today. If you want his freedom, ask him to break down the walls that sin has put in your life. If you have any questions, we have many loving people who know all about being freed from cages who will be glad to share with you and show you how to be free in Jesus Christ. He loves you very much, and we do too. Give us a call or visit us and see for yourself.

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Lovely Venus changes signs this week moving from sensuous Taurus to flirtations Gemini. Don't be surprised (or frustrated) if expressions of love become more talk and less action. Sometimes we need a little sugar to spice things up.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Beautiful Venus in intellectual Gemini puts quite a bit of charm and zest into your speech. Proud Rams sway even the most recalcitrant critic with their unerring confidence and charisma. Why not become the iron fist in the velvet glove and use this fabulous energy to push for our civil rights? If anyone can do it, you can. Show us why you were born to lead the troops.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

They say you should never count your chickens before they're hatched but now with Venus in Gemini, you have an innate ability to hatch a clever investment strategy. Seek financial advice from a reputable professional and plant those money seeds now when the planetary energy is right. Who knows what will sprout? Think retirement in South Beach.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Venus in your own sign amply demonstrates why Gay Twins can be one of the most charming folks in the zodiac. You pack a lot of power in your personality now. Use this hot intensity for niceness and not for nastiness. The temptation may be to settle an old score but you know that revenge is one of the few dishes that is best eaten cold.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Build up the good karma points when Venus enters Gemini. Good things come to proud Crabs who generously give back to our community. The secret is to galvanize all your best charitable volunteering forces to produce effective results. It is time to stand up and be counted my comrade-in-arms. If not now, when? If not you, then who?

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Friends are putty in your hands with Venus in Gemini. Pals gravitate to you as you command the group dynamic. This is fine as long as you don't let the party turn into a great Gay Lion Oscar winning performance. There is a time for the conquering diva and a time for democratic camaraderie. Choose the latter; eventually Venus moves on and the blush will be of your rose.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Plan your career climb when Venus enters Gemini. Projects that you have undertaken as part of your overall plan for advancement may begin to blossom and pay off. Proud Virgos sometimes don't know when to push the envelope with bosses. Now, not only is your timing right to push but the envelope has first class postage.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Even if you are no longer a student, use this terrific Venus in Gemini energy to expand and enhance your life's course of study and overall knowledge. The planets give you a truly global perspective and the itch to travel. Who knows, Gay Libras may even snare a foreign comrade to help in this affirming journey. They say two travel as cheaply as one if they share a bed.

HOROSCOPES



BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Lucky queer Scorps charm the pants off just about anyone when Venus enters chatty Gemini. Your sexuality is electric hot so prepare for a surge and be sure to pack extra fuses. But choose your conquests wisely; this Venus can be indiscriminating and it would be a shame to waste this feisty energy on liaisons who are more trouble than they're worth.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Feel free to discuss any nit picky issues with partners now that Venus has entered charming Gemini. When Gay Archers have a tendency to become too comfortable in relationships, they allow their more antisocial habits to dominate. Even though some partners like filthy socks on the pillow or loud belches at the dinner table, many do not.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

It may not be a time of champagne and caviar, but Venus in Gemini does improve the general atmosphere of your day to day job. Gay Goats should make the best use of this beneficent energy by unleashing ideas and beginning new projects. It is also an excellent time to review your diet and exercise regime. It is never too early to prepare for nude bathing season.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Unleash your creative Gay muse with Venus in Gemini; Paint, dance, write or create something beautiful. If you're no Picasso, then use Venus to plan a delightful party of five. The planet of love may also add a dash of romance into an otherwise monastic life. Aqueerians needn't stay home in their frowsy housedress. Get Out there and kick it around town, honey.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
Proud Fish open up the lines of communications with family members when lovely Venus enters Gemini. It's an excellent time to rebuild ties based on mutual respect. Accept nothing less than full equality though, dear queer Pisces. Give folks one more shot at being decent human beings. Be your magnanimous self and let them beat a path to your door.

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First up this week, is the herb Oregon Grape. This one is a liver tonic and blood purifier, and is good for poor protein digestion or hangovers. This herb is said to help with a sluggish gastrointestinal system.

Osha is an herb often combined with Lomatium, which I discussed last time. It is good for bronchial irritations, coughs that are dry, it has anti-viral and immune stimulating properties.

Passion flower is a good antispasmodic and nerve sedative, so it is very good for worry, anxiety, or depression. Women who suffer from premenstrual depression can benefit from this herb, it also aids sleeps, and helps with tense muscles and hypertension. I would place it in the same category of soothing relaxing herbs such as kava kava and melissa (lemon balm).

Pau D'Arco is a strong antiseptic and blood purifier, it is used to fight lymph congestion and candida (yeast infections). This is a powerful herb, said to be of great benefit to those with AIDS, the freeze-dried form is best, and the liquid form works quickly. Pau D'Arco is an immune booster. I recommend it to anyone combating viral infection. It is helpful for compromised immunity, and to help fight off infections.

Peppermint helps relieve gas pain, and aids digestion, calms nausea and also diarrhea as in flu. That is probably why peppermint chocolate candies are sold in restaurants. This herb makes a nice tea to calm an upset stomach. The commercially available Tummy Mint Tea has long been used to help calm the stomach, and is more recommended that over-the-counter medicines.

Pipsissewa is another of those wonderful herbs for the kidneys and urinary system, used as a diuretic, and is very good for those suffering with urinary tract infections, including gravel and kidney stones, it is said to be the herb of choice when urination is scanty, painful and contains mucous. Kidney and urinary infections are far more prevalent than people realize, and should never be ignored, treat them right away! Also, drink large amounts of water to flush the system.

Plantain is an herb used internally as a diuretic and antiseptic and for irritation of mucous membranes. It is also used topically on the skin for wounds, and is found in healing salves. Many herbs seem to be good for soothing, both on the internal level, and some externally as well.

Pleurisy root is an expectorant herb used for bronchitis and pneumonitis

Go In Good Health

by Rev. Andrew Brooks

(inflammation of the lungs), and has known to be helpful with pleurisy, hence the name. (Pleurisy is an ailment that often afflicts older people).

Prickly Ash is an herb used as a stimulant, and also for poor peripheral circulation, and is said to help with mouth ulcerations. This one is a desert herb, often combined with other herbs to increase the healing effect.

Red Clover is a strong blood purifier, which means, when you are ill, it helps to remove infections from the bloodstream. It is said to help with coughs and to aid the nervous system. Red Clover is said to be of benefit against tumors and cancer.

Red Raspberry is a strong herb against nausea, and it helps with digestion. Women can benefit from for it's helpful effects on the uterus. I have found it mostly in liquid form.

Red Root, and herb I have used myself with good results, helps with tonsillitis, sore throat, and any lymph swelling, and helps with conditions of enlarged spleen or liver, and aids blood clotting. Red Root is recommended for those viral troubles and particularly against chronic fatigue syndrome.

Rhubarb is one of the ingredients of Essiac (the complete formula is Sheep Sorrel, Yellow Dock, Rhubarb, and Slippery Elm) and is an appetite stimulant, and a tonic for indigestion and gas, if taken in large doses, it will act as a laxative and purgative, cleansing the colon.

Sarsaparilla, which is an ingredient in the old-fashioned soda of the same name, soothes mucous membranes, it is said to relieve gas, and is useful with rheumatism and is also good for the digestive system as a tonic.

Saw Palmetto is a diuretic, and a very good herb to enhance endurance. It is a men's herb, helping the prostate, and also with urethritis and kidney problems.

Shiitake Mushroom, long known to the Japanese, is a powerful immune system stimulant, and helps response to chronic infection. It is said to be excellent for debilitated states and with tumors. Use the freeze-dried form for full potency. It has been suggested for use against AIDS.

Skullcap is a good herb that acts as an antispasmodic, and it is good for nervous muscle activity, insomnia, and

also, I have found it good to use when treating epilepsy. This herb is often combined with St. Johns Wort, and I have found that it helps against epileptic seizures. (I take no standard medication for my epilepsy, I use herbs instead).

Slippery Elm is a soothing herb, used for indigestion and gas, it soothes the mucous membranes and for respiratory disease.

St. John's Wort helps with agitation and depression, it is helpful to treat migratory pain, and is also found in an oil, to be used topically on the body where soothing pains are present.

Usnea as an antibiotic, it is used in bacterial infections, especially for intestinal infections, and for colds and flu, as it is another herb with immune stimulating properties.

Valerian is a strong nervous system sedative, it is used against anxiety, irritability, and against insomnia due to excessive worry or depression, and brings mild pain relief.

White Willow is a natural aspirin, and is used against fever and headaches, and also helps with joint inflammation.

Yellow Dock is a blood cleanser, and helps against constipation. This herb is said to help with anemia.

Yerba Mansa helps drain the lymph glands with mild colds, sore throats, and sinus infections, and is said to help with subacute colitis and cystitis. This one works a lot like Goldenseal, and can be used as a substitute for it.

Yerba Santa is an herbal expectorant and antispasmodic used for coughs, bronchitis, and asthma, it acts as an anti-fungal.

I conclude my A-Z herbal with Yucca, derived from the Southwestern plant we find growing here in Arizona. It is useful against arthritis and joint inflammation. This herb has said to be of benefit with prostate trouble also.

Hopefully, the information I have presented will be of benefit, and that you have learned some of the healing benefits of herbs. The information was not intended to replace competent medical care, but to empower you with information to aid in self-healing. There is a great deal of literature on herbs, and many more healing herbs that I did not cover in my articles. Shop around, you will find that herbs are

a wonderful natural resource for natural healing, and can help to enhance your well-being. Next week, on to something else. Till then, Go in Good Health.

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Gay Illegal Residents Hit Hard By Change In Immigration Law

WASHINGTON, D.C. (WP) - A new immigration law which took effect is making it virtually impossible for Gay and Lesbian illegal immigrants to remain in the United States, according to newspaper reports.

Lesbian immigrants told reporters the new regulations make it almost impossible for them to meet the new requirements.

The Gay and Lesbian Immigration Rights Task Force told reporters their regional offices have been flooded in the past several months with thousands of panicked Gay and Lesbian illegal residents seeking assistance in processing their claims under the new regulations.

Shannon Minter, a spokeswoman for the Gay immigrants group, told reporters, "The new law is a tremendous blow to Gay and Lesbian immigrants who only recently had equal treatment under U.S. Immigration law," she said. "For those who want to become legal, it really locks them out of any remedy."

Under old U.S. immigration rules, illegal residents could avoid deportation by proving to officials they would face undue economic or personal hardship if returned to their native country. The new law is far more restrictive. It requires the immigrant to prove deportation would entail "extreme hardship" to a spouse, child, or parent who is a U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident.

The equal treatment provisions to which Minter refer came in 1990, when the U.S. repealed laws banning Gay people from immigrating; and in 1994, when immigration officials began accepting Gay and Lesbian requests for political asylum. Immigration officials told reporters Gay people were not targets of the change. The new provisions, they said, are meant only to close existing loopholes.

Since Gay people cannot legally marry each other, generally do not have children, and often come to the U.S. without their parents, lawyers for Gay and

Illegal residents have until September to legalize their status under the new restrictions or leave the country. Anyone failing to abide by the new measure risks being deported and barred from returning to the country for several years.

Possible Serial Killer Indicted

PORTSMOUTH, VA (WP) - 41-year-old Virginia resident, Elton Jackson, was indicted by a grand jury for the murder of Andrew Smith, 38. The circumstances of Smith's killing last July bore a close resemblance to 11 other area murders linked together by investigators.

from nearby Chesapeake and at least one agent from the FBI.

Sources close to the investigation told reporters last July that police believed Smith to be the 12th victim of a suspected serial killer who had been preying on transient and Gay men since 1987.

Local newspapers reported that police refused to comment on whether Jackson could be tied conclusively to the other murders. A police spokeswoman, Elizabeth Jones, told reporters last July, however, that Smith's murder "bears many similarities" to the 11 other victims.

Members of the multi-agency Serial Killer Task Force were summoned to the crime scene shortly after Smith's nude body was discovered by a utility worker. They were joined by detectives

All but two of the 12 victims were found in Chesapeake. Most of the bodies were dumped within a few miles of where Smith's was found. Only the first victim linked to the murders was found clothed; the rest were discovered nude. All 12 victims in question were strangled.

Oregon Workplace Non-Discrimination Bill Clears Committee

SALEM, OR - Oregon's employment non-discrimination bill, which would ban bias against Gay men and Lesbians in the workplace, won approval in an 8-1 vote from the Oregon House Commerce Committee, according to newspaper reports. The bill now goes to the full state House, where passage is expected.

mittee, Rep. Eldon Johnson (R-Central Point) kept testimony before the committee running at a fast clip, warning that anyone speaking out of turn would be ejected from the building.

"It clearly shows the Legislature is interested in addressing discrimination in the workplace," said openly Gay Rep. Chuck Carpenter (R-Portland) who forced the issue onto the House floor over the objections of Republican colleagues last week.

Kathy Phillips, chairwoman of the Lane County Republicans and member of the notoriously anti-Gay Oregon Citizens Alliance, said the bill was designed to promote "the homosexual agenda" and enshrines protection of a class of people "historically considered immoral by most citizens."

Local newspaper reports the chairman of the House Commerce Com-

The bill, on the recommendation of the committee, goes now to the House floor where it is expected to pass.

Vatican: Holy If Abstinent

VATICAN CITY (WS) - "Genital practices" won't make you perfect according to a Vatican newspaper article, but neither will homophobia make you a very good priest.

While this love-the-sinner-hate-the-sin approach is hardly new, there has apparently been an effort to take as positive a tone as possible towards Gays and Lesbians within the strictures of current doctrine.

The Vatican newspaper "L'Osservatore Romano" has completed a 14-part series of articles on homosexuality and Christianity, concluding that Gay and Lesbian Roman Catholics can achieve holiness as long as they abstain from the "sinful" activities the paper referred to as "genital practices," according to series.

Violence against Gays and Lesbians was specifically condemned, and "contempt" for them was also rejected in favor of the sort of charity any Christian might

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BEAR SCRATCHINGS

by Kevin Jackson

Ah spring, when an Arizonan's thoughts turn to whether the evaporative cooler is in good working order!! As I type this it's in the upper 90's and a tough muggy for this bear. What happened to our Spring? Our well, I guess this is the price we pay for the beautiful weather the rest of the year. One thing is for sure though, we've got a lot of activities planned to take advantage of the outdoors before it gets (pardon the pun) unbearable!

Last month saw the Bears descend upon the Upper Tanque Verde Falls and spend a day of sun worshipping and camaraderie. The looks on the hikers who happened upon our gregarious group of a dozen-or-so bears laughing and lounging along the largest pool in the upper canyon we're priceless! Truly a wonderful afternoon was had by all. We're also looking at holding our first Pool Party/BBQ of the year in June as well as a camping trip to northern Arizona with our brothers, the Phoenix Bears. Additionally, in a couple of weeks we're going up to Mt. Lemmon for a hike and picnic in the pines. more on that later!

On a more serious note The Bears of the Old Pueblo at the April general meeting chose the Our Town Family Center's (OTFC) Transitional Living Program (TLP) as the new beneficiary of the Bear Bust Tip Donations for the second quarter of 1997. The program was nominated during the March general meeting by Vice President Scott Davey, who is a counselor in the TLP.

The TLP is a four month program for homeless and throw-away youth aged 16 1/2 to 21 years who enter the program with the goal of living independently. Many of these kids have no other place to go and are often first encountered by the Street Outreach Program of the OTFC and from there referred to the TLP and Independent Living Programs. These programs are very worthy of our support and

provide a chance to many youth who would otherwise find themselves on the street. The youths attend life skills courses to teach them self sufficiency and must be going to school and/or working as close to full time as possible while in the program. These programs have been in existence for 7 years now and have many successful graduates.

We're constantly looking at ways for our group to bring together like-minded individuals and help where we can and are very proud to support such worthy organizations. Our first quarter recipient was the Wingspan Community Center. Bruce Corey, president of Wingspan wrote us a very kind letter to thank us for our donation. Bruce, it is a please and an honor to do what we can to assist our brothers and sisters in the community and we look forward to working with Wingspan in the future!

MEET-N-GREET SOCIAL, SUNDAY, MAY 18

If you've been curious about the Bears and would like to acquaint yourself with our friendly bunch, we've got just the activity for you! This coming Sunday, May 18, 1:00-4:00 P.M., we'll be having a Meet-N-Greet Picnic Social at Himmel Park! (One block south of Speedway and Tucson Blvd.) We're providing free food (burgers, hot dogs, picnic fare. . .) and a desire to have fun and see what we're all about. I guarantee this will be a great time and we'd love to see anyone who's interested to come on out and have a great time! Afterwards, we'll head over to the Graduate to lend our support to the Jello Wrestling Fund Raiser and who knows, maybe one of our guys will take the plunge! For more information on the picnic give me (Kevin) at call at 888-4751.

The Bears Take In "10 Inches of Lifelike Plastic," Saturday, May 24

Next week we're going to get a little culture and attend the first Dinner-and-a-Show of the year. On Saturday, May 24, we'll be attending Itch Production's hilarious new play, "10 Inches of Lifelike Plastic" at the Temple of Music and Art's Cabaret Theater. The play features two of our own in the production. Mark Brady, last seen in "The Seamy Underside" and "Remember My Name" will be acting in his second play with Itch Productions and Scott Davey who did sound for One-In-Ten's "Remember My Name" will be doing sound for "10 Inches." The showing is at 8:00 P.M., and we'll be meeting for dinner downtown around 6:00 P.M. For more information call the infoline, 327-1620.

If you'd like more information on the club you can call the Bears Information Hotline and get a current listing of events for the month and leave a message for one of the officers or you can write to us or visit our WWW page listed below. We'd be glad to send along a complimentary copy of our newsletter or answer any questions you might have about the club. Stay tuned, there's always more to come! Hugs and snuzzles!

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LUST IN THE DUST I'm a masculine man looking to meet other guys, between 35 and 55, in the area. (Carp Verde) #30167

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

FRIENDLY IN FLAGSTAFF I'm a good natured, good looking, 21 year old, White male, seeking friends for hanging out and good times. (Flagstaff) #34514

COWBOYS AND COUNTRY I'm a 43 year old, Gay, White male, into country music and cowboys. I'm moving to Phoenix as soon as I can. (Flagstaff) #32503

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

THE SKI BOAT APPROACH I'm a 23 year old, White male who has never been with a man before. A good way for us to get to know each other might be for us to go out on my old ski boat for a day of fun in the sun. (Kingman) #34442

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

IT'S ENORMOUS If you're a horny, horny, bottom, into size, I'm your man. I'm an extremely well endowed, Single, White male, 46. I'm looking for insatiable bottoms into hot, kinky fun. I'm a vacuum purper so it gets huge. I also like couples, and more. (Page) #34241

AIN'T NO DOUBT No doubt about it, I'm the one you should call. Let's get together. (Phoenix) #34536

SHOW ME WHAT FOR I'm looking for hot tops to give it to me good. I'm a nice looking, 40 year old, submissive, White male. (Phoenix) #34111

BE READY TO GREET ME I'm about to move to Phoenix from Colorado Springs and want to make some friends. I'm a good looking, Hispanic male, 27, with dark skin, dark hair and Hazel eyes. (Phoenix) #34163

NEW FACE I just moved here and want to make some friends. I'm an attractive, 31 year old, White male, 5'10, 170lbs. I'm HIV positive but healthy. (Phoenix) #34199

MYSTERIOUS MISSION I need a well endowed, Gay couple, to help me fulfill a fantasy. I'm a well built, very attractive, White male, 6ft, 180lbs, with a beard and mustache, and lightly hairy body. (Phoenix) #34260

DIRTY MOUTH I'm just looking for hot, sleazy, conversation. (Phoenix) #33412

HAIRLESS AND HUNG I want to play with hot men, 21 to 40, who look good and know how to have fun. I'm a hairless and hung, 26 year old, Gay, White male, 5'6, 130lbs, with Blond hair, Blue eyes and a great bod. (Prescott) #9428

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

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

OLD FASHIONED FUN I want to hook up with some guys for old fashioned fun. No pressure or anything to worry about, just laid back, clean cut, good times. We can plan dinners in or out, see movies, have a glass of wine, relax by the pool, or just talk. If a relationship develops, great. If not, we've each made a new friend. (Scottsdale) #34091

FRIENDS AND MORE I'd like to meet nice guys, 18 to 28, for friendships or a relationship, whichever happens. I'm an 18 year old, White male, 6ft, 200lbs, with Black hair and dark Brown eyes. #34399

LAI D BACK AND LUSTY I'm a good looking, Bi, White male, 27. I love to party with other hot dudes and see what happens. I'm pretty laid back and open minded. #32471

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

A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY I'm a hot, young stud into country music and hairy men. If you're looking for a good time in southeast Arizona, I'm your man. (Tombstone) #30364

SMOOTH RIDE I'm a good looking, 33 year old, White male, 6'1, 160lbs, with a smooth body. I'm clean and healthy. I want to meet a top man, in his forties, who is well built, and well endowed, for hot times. (Tucson) #33368

HOT SUMMER TIMES I'm looking for young, hot guys, 18 to 25, to have great times with. I'm a good looking, White male, 5'9, 190lbs. (Tucson) #33167

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, 145lbs, 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

IS YOUR MOUTH WATERING? This sexy, 33 year old, Italian, Bi, White male just moved to the area and wants to play with hot men. I'm 5'9, 175lbs, very muscular and good looking, with dark Brown hair, dark Brown eyes, and a goatee. If you're in great shape, very good looking, and as horny as I am, we should definitely talk, and more. (Tucson) #16773

TELL ME WHAT TO DO Let's kick up our heels. I'm a good looking, White male, 5'10, 175lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes. I like country music, and having sexy good times with hot men. I'm mostly passive but can be versatile. (Tucson) #30367

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) #8753

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

DOWN TO EARTH I'm 34, 5'10, Brown hair, Blue eyes, mustache and a goatee, like 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

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



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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

LUXURIOUS PACE This mature, business oriented, 20 year old, female enjoys dancing, being wine and dined, and massage, both giving and receiving. I seek a friend I can call my very own. I'm willing to take it very slow. #33575

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Reveille's Comedy Night A Success

TUCSON - "I just couldn't stop laughing - she was so hilarious," said one of the nearly 500 people who saw Roxanna Ward last Tuesday at Laff's Comedy Cafe. The Lesbian singer and comedienne had 'em rolling in the aisles at both 6:30 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. shows which benefitted Reveille Gay Men's Chorus (RGMC).

Said Ward of her return visit to Tucson, "I felt so at home on stage . . . the audience was wonderful . . . and most of 'em could actually count to eighteen in Spanish (referring to an audience sing-along to '18 Wheels On A Big Rig')! I can't wait to come back and sing with Reveille again - they're one of the best Gay Choruses I've ever heard."

Miss Gay Arizona, Gilda Fatale, also kept the assembled in stitches as emcee and with her standup comedy routine. "It was a dream come true," said Ms. Fatale, "I've always wanted to try stand-up and being able to do it front of a home town crowd was really fun." Judging by the response of the crowd, Gilda could go far if she chose to do this professionally. Her comedic talent and ability to work a crowd was obvious, and her willingness to volunteer her time was appreciated by all.

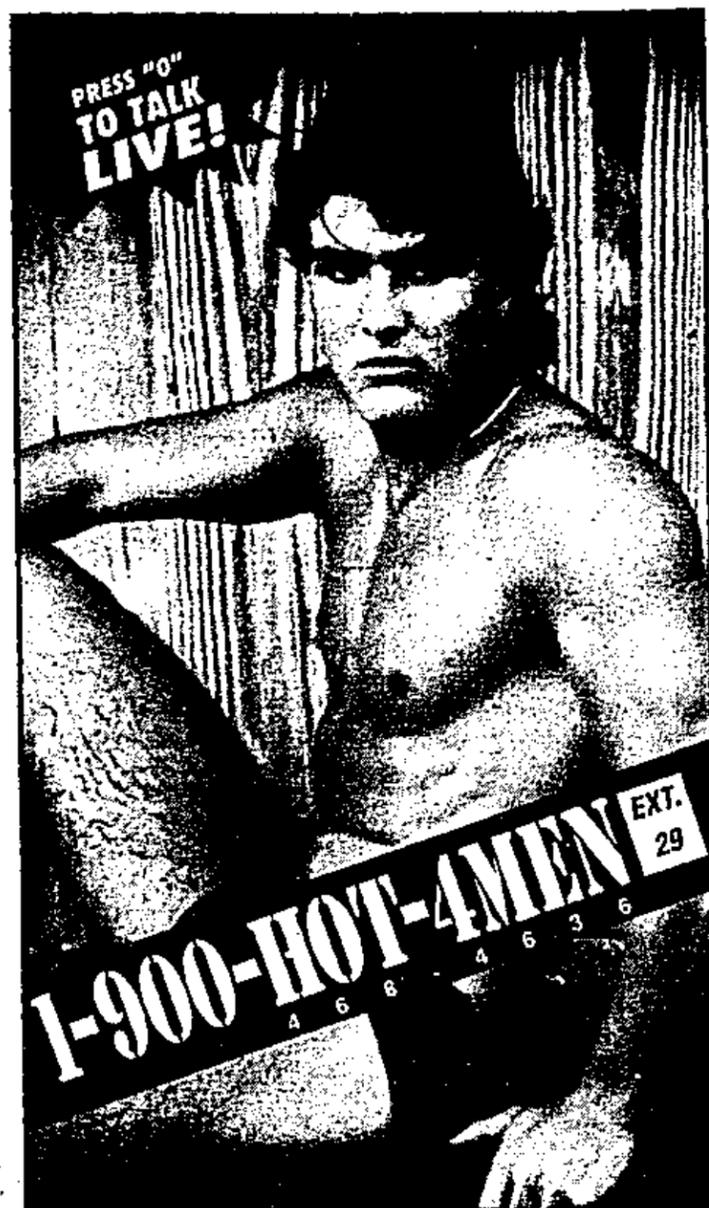
Reveille got into the act, too, crowding onto the postage-stamp sized stage and performing a number from their upcoming Spring Concert and accompanying Ms. Ward on "The Rose" and "There Will Never Be Another You" - a song featured on Ward's "Remember Who You Are" CD.

According to the show's produce,

Alan McLaughlin, the night was not only a financial success for the Chorus, but was "clearly an indication that Tucson is eager for more Gay shows like this. We want to thank everyone who came out for the show and to Wingspan Domestic Violence Project for helping to sell tickets. By sharing the ticket price, they netted over \$200 for their organization. Special thanks to Scott, Cathy and Gary at Laff's, John at Schroeder's Pianos and Organs, Rick at Casas Adobes Flower Shop, Robert at Best Western Royal Sun and to Marti and the gang at The Biz for their help in putting this together. And, of course, mega-kudos to Roxanna and Gilda - they really made it an unforgettable evening for everyone."

Next up for Reveille is their annual Talent Showcase, which will be at 9:00 P.M., Sunday, May 4, at IBT's, preceded by a Beer Bust and Bar-B-Q on the patio from 4:30 to 7:00 P.M. At the Talent Showcase, RGMC members will show off their varied talents, as will some non-Chorus members. There'll be full rock band doing David Bowie's "Under Pressure," comedy, and solo performances, including a special appearance by former RGMC member, Pete Lara. If you only know Pete as one of the best bartenders and softball players in Tucson, wait 'til you hear him sing! The emcee for the event will be the incomparable Gilda Fatale.

Two more RGMC fund raisers are scheduled before the May 31 "(Not Exactly) Straight From the Heart" Spring Concert: a Fashion Show and Auction at Stonewall/Eagle and a Bachelor Auction at IBT's. Watch these pages for more details about these events.



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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

BTS - 9:00 p.m. Special Reno Gannon Memorial Jello Wrestling kick-off show. Come meet and donate to the wrestler of your choice. Raffle tickets on sale for a trip to San Francisco. The show will feature your Jello hosts Gilda Fatale and Lucinda Holliday with Felice Renard and Ajia Simons with special guests.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Hollywood Creations and the Stonewall/Eagle present 5 of the hottest male strippers on the planet. Show times 9:00 and 10:30 p.m. You don't want to miss these guys. No Cover!

THURSDAY, MAY 15

BTS - Underwear Nite! 9:00 p.m. to close. Tucson's hottest guys in their shorts!

VENTURE-N - 9:00 p.m. to closing will be Leather Nite here in support of Jello Wrestling. Support your ASDs by supporting Jello wrestling.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

BOOM BOOMS - A.G.R.A. night in the "Other Room". Happy Hour Prices for all A.G.R.A. members wearing their badges. 50/50 drawing to benefit A.G.R.A.

GRADUATE - Pre-Jello Wrestling Show 9:00 p.m. with Miss Gay Tucson America '97 Mr. Kenneth Blake, Christina de Alexis and Felice Renard.

VENTURE-N - Tucson Arizona Levi / Leathermen (T.A.L.L.) Beer Bust from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. plus a Steak Fry Benefit at 7:30 p.m. in the Patio BBQ.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Avatar is back! Tucson's best Latin band. This will be the last show before they go on vacation. They'll be back July 27th. Don't miss this great group.

GRADUATE - 10th Annual Reno Gannon Jello Wrestling Fundraiser for Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) Hosted by Gilda Fatale and Lucinda Holliday. Mark your calendars for this wonderful fun event. Sign up for wrestling and join in the fun.

BTS - Post Jello Wrestling Party Nite. 9:00 p.m. to close. Drink specials and Wet Shorts Contest. \$100 first prize!

TUESDAY, MAY 20

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - It's Boys Knight Out here and there's a big show starring the bad girl herself Miss JOJOY aka Reginald Robinson, with MC Jerry Agas of 94.9 'MDX' FM and Garry Fowlkes Robinson, Cappuccino and the vocals of Sandra Lynn Rogers and some of the finest African American impersonators. 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

BTS - Male Box Nite returns. 9:00 p.m. to close. Play post Office and meet the Men of "85705"

STONEWALL/EAGLE - A Summer Fashion Show and Auction to benefit Reveille Gay Men's Chorus. Casual wear, swim wear, evening attire and sexy accessories. This event begins at 9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 22

BTS - Goodbye Party for our favorite daytime bartender, Madison. 5:00 p.m. to ???

SUNDAY, MAY 25

BOOM BOOMS - "Thank God I Can Wear White Again!" party. Wear white and register for a special Memorial Day give-away prize. Special drink prices for everyone in white after 8:00 p.m.

BTS - Bachelor Auction 9:00 to 10:30 p.m. 10 bachelors to be auctioned to the highest bidder for a date to Reveille Gay Men's Chorus Spring Concert and dinner for two. Check this one out.

MONDAY, MAY 26

GRADUATE - Monday Morning Madness coming Memorial Day. Watch for details in upcoming ads. Mark your calendars.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Have lunch with guys, as John hosts a Lunch Out at Chez Chef Shawn's. Please call John at 615-1366 so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect for lunch.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a Topic of Discussion on Spirituality. Can you be gay and spiritual? For reservations and directions, please call Bob at 623-1732.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Tucson Arts District Partnership 'Downtown Saturday Night'. Tucson's community cultural event is held the first and third Saturday of each month.

Cronies Social Club Picnic in Madera Canyon. Call 888-7264 for more details after the May 10th meeting.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. MSN goes on a special Dinner Out tonight at Karen's in Sonoita. Bill, who's handling this event, will also coordinate car pooling for those who are interested. The food is terrific, the men are great-what a great Saturday night dinner. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 615-0979 by 5/14/97.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Bears of the Old Pueblo (Bearish men and admirers, guests always welcome) 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Meet-N-Great social and picnic at Himmel Park 1 block south of Speedway and Tucson Blvd.). Southwest Corner of the park. Call Kevin 888-4751 for more information.

Tucson Prime Timers (Gay and Bisexual men over 30) will have their regular monthly meeting 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. Following the meeting the group adjourns to Caruso's for a social dinner. Members of At-Ease-Again and Cronies Social Club are welcome as are all mature Gay men. Become a part of Prime Timers, the largest Gay social club in the world.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 9:30 a.m. A hike is scheduled to take place in the Santa Ritas, near Madera Canyon. The Kent Springs/Bog Springs Loop Trail will be our hiking expedition. For reservations, directions and details, please call Lary at 795-9125.

The Men's Group Massage is having its Spring group massage at 8:00 p.m. This is a safe and comfortable environment for men to get together and enjoy touch through massage in a non-sexual way. It is an opportunity to give and receive massage. No experience necessary. Be sure to call 3-5 days in advance to reserve a place. Fee. Call Marc 881-4582. This is a good place to meet men.

MONDAY, MAY 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Mah Jong is the name of the game, and Martin is the name of the man to contact for a fun evening of playing (and/or learning) this ancient game. For reservations and directions, please call Martin at 623-1732.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

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.

Cronies Social Club mid-month dinner. Place: Chad's, 6:30 p.m. R.S.V.P. To Richard, 578-0840, by Sunday May 18 if you plan to go. All are welcome.

THURSDAY, MAY 22

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater benefit for Shanti at the Temple of Music & Art. 6:20 p.m. cocktails, 7:00 dinner, 8:00 show "Speak No Evil". Correctly guess the villain and win a chance at a trip for two to New York City. \$35 ticket includes dinner and play. For more info call Jenny at 622-7107.

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 C. W. at 325-5439 or Donna at 325-4257 for details and directions.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

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, MAY 24

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). Noon. The men of MSN will be off on a day trip to the Titan Missile Museum near Green Valley. Jay, our host, will show a one-of-a-kind video before we car pool to the museum. For reservations and any questions, please call Jay at 624-5304.

Bears of the Old Pueblo (Bearish men and admirers, guests always welcome) Dinner and show 8:00 p.m. The group will be dining at a downtown restaurant and attending the 8:00 p.m. performance of Itch production's hilarious new play, "Ten Inches of Lifelike Plastic" at the Temple of Music and Art's Cabaret Theater. Contact Kevin at 888-4751.

SUNDAY, MAY 25

1. **Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome).** 1:00 p.m. Join us for a Memorial Day Weekend Pool Party at a member's home in the Tucson Mountains. Bring a polluck dish to share, and any meat you may wish to barbecue. For reservations and details, please call Daniel at 682-8773.

2. **Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome).** 7:00 p.m. Jerry Sampson invites everyone to his Art Open House downtown. If you'd like to see his art, please call Jerry at 628-4249 for reservations and directions.

Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Salts 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. Sunday Dinner starts at 4pm. Karaoke 6-10pm. Dance party 10-1.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws \$1.25 11-7 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. Best 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. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

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. Dart Tourney 8:30. Special prices for all tourney players. \$1.50 domestic bottle beer 9-close.

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

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 - Boot Scootin' Country/Western Dance 9pm. Boom Booms Babes at 8:30 (1st & 3rd Wednesdays). 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. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

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 Begins 8pm

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/Daren 9pm. Karaoke 9pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Corona & 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 8pm 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. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

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 4-8 Country Western in the 'Other Room'. at 9pm. Dance Party with Raymond in the main bar at 9. Watch for the random "Reverse Happy Hour" after 10.

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

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 6pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Well Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening. Hot Go-Go Boys 10pm to midnight.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 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. Boot Scootin' Country/Western dance in the 'Other Room'. Random "Reverse Happy Hour" after 10pm

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.50/domestic \$1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 7pm, Double Elimination, pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pink Colada's \$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/1 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.

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Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #265, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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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 620-8565 for information and a newsletter. 556

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CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Insofath HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including in-home 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 298-8083.

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 322-4228.

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THE JOHN HANTEN MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1948 E. Lee St., at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-8015 or Jane Perri at 328-8377.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hoffman 577-8333 for more info.

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P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 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, 524-1778.

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, leagues and organizations. Call 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd 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, 8-8. 322-6228. AIDS Hotline: 326-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 - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

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GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-0977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGS PAN - 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 Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 570-0027 for more

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SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Footfalls Church, Susan and River Road, Room 22. Call the church at 290-8083 for information.

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

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 1:00 pm at St. Francis in the Footfalls for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 288-1208 for more info.

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THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson. Call 787-3116 for more information and a membership bio.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm in UMC Dining Room "F". 325-8878 or 870-1954.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 701-7878.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1600 N. Camino Pio Declino in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie 721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3873.

COCAINE ANONYMOUS "The Fruits Of Sobriety" party for Gays and Lesbians (but everyone is welcome) meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the MCC Church, 3288 N. Mountain. Hotline: (520)328-2211

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 287-8602 or Sr. Joan 742-8900.

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Alabama Law

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groups which foster or promote compliance with the sodomy or sexual misconduct laws remains permissible. This is blatant viewpoint discrimination."

The decision was written by Judge Joel Dubina (a Bush appointee) and joined by Judges Susan Black (Bush appointee) and William O'Kelley (a Nixon appointee in service from a district court).

The court added that the Alabama law was unconstitutional "on its face," meaning there was no way it could be applied constitutionally.

A spokesperson for the Alabama Attorney General's office said the state would not appeal the ruling further.

The ACLU's Coles called the decision an "important" one, both because the appeals panel was a "relatively conservative one" and because of the increased efforts in recent years by groups wanting to block pro-Gay discussions in schools.

"We've seen a lot more openness and activity by Lesbian and Gay student groups in high schools and colleges, and preventing that has become a major focus of the right," said Coles. "This decision from a relatively conservative court - that you can't block one side of discussion around sexual orientation - is great."

The "no promo homo" laws have been cropping up at every level of government since 1987.

The Alabama law was passed after a Gay student group at Auburn University was not only prohibited from meeting on campuses, it was also prohibited from even publicizing its "activities or existence" on campuses.

A federal district court judge in Alabama struck the law down last year, saying it violated the First Amendment guarantees of free speech and association, as well as the 14th Amendment guarantee of equal protection under the laws.

[Lisa Keen is a reporter for the Washington Blade, from which this article is reprinted.]

Spree Killer

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The dramatic chain of events began almost two weeks ago. Police in Minnesota say Cunanan is wanted for the twin-killings of Minneapolis architect David Madson and the man believed to be Madson's lover, Jeffrey Trail on April 29.

Authorities have speculated Cunanan was sexually involved with one or both men. But in a local newspaper report, the Mother of Andrew Cunanan, said that he supported himself by having sex with other men. Mary Ann Cunanan, in an interview, said that her son was a "high class homosexual prostitute."

Cunanan fled from Minneapolis to Chicago in Madson's stolen jeep where, after he tortured and murdered Lee Miglin, 72, he abandoned Madson's Jeep and stole Miglin's Lexus.

Police have been trying to discover a connection between Cunanan and the Chicago businessman. In a strange aside, an acquaintance of Cunanan's, Bruce Kerschner of San Diego, told reporters that Cunanan and Miglin's son, Duke, were friends.

Duke Miglin, who has a small

role in the upcoming movie, "Air Force One," starring Harrison Ford, told police he and Cunanan had never met. Kerschner later said he was only repeating a rumor he had heard.

Five days after Miglin's body was found, his stolen Lexus was found abandoned at a military cemetery in New Jersey, along with the body of grounds-keeper William Reese, 45.

Authorities believe Cunanan is now driving the slain caretaker's truck, a 1995 red Chevrolet pickup with New Jersey plates. Linda Vizi, spokeswoman for the FBI's Philadelphia bureau, told authorities Cunanan is considered armed and extremely dangerous.

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Peters said. "At the same time, they can help us get the word out, implement legislative strategies and mobilize their communities."

An executive committee is being organized with representatives from Arizona's northern, southern and central regions. To date, committee members include Ann Gardner; David Hoover, Pima County Health Department; Peter Houle, AIDS Project Arizona; Edgar Rivera, Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation; Lynn Sagara, and Brian Spicker, Phoenix Body Positive.

For more information call Phoenix Body Positive, (602) 955-4673.

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Most of the bond package - about \$257 million in general obligation bonds - would be repaid through property taxes. If the voters approve all the bonds, the owner of a house "valued" at \$87,000 should expect to pay about \$33 more annually, for the next ten years, according to the county. Yea, right!

The sewer improvements are revenue bonds, which means they would be repaid through increases in new hookup fees and monthly user charges. In other words, users fees would climb from \$10.29 monthly to \$13.13 assuming an annual five percent increase over five years. The average new connection fee for residences would increase from \$936 - \$1,650, assuming an annual 12 percent increase over five years, according to the county. Yea, right!...

So it goes for now kids!

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merit from another. The article also said that some Catholic clergy need to get over their "fears and repulsions," i.e., homophobia. The article's author, Jean-Louis Bruges of the International Theological Commission, wrote that, "God loves all of us as we are, with our limits, our peculiarities, which can become paths to holiness."

SPORTS

Desert Coyotes Bowling League Spring Standings

	W	L	T
Smokin Bears	35	21	0
Str'ght Shooters	32	24	0
Hung Hoes*	31	25	0
Rubber Queens	31	25	0
Triple T & Me	30	26	0
Three's Co.	30	26	0
Two	28	28	0
R.E.D.	27	29	0
Tres Amigos	26	29	1
Garfield & Girls	26	30	0
Erratica	24	31	1
Stoned Rollers	21	35	0
Thirteen	15	13	0

*League Champions

Lambda Lizards Bowling League Spring Standings

	W	L	T
Taste Buns	35	21	0
Rubber Queens	30	21	1
Pink Flamingos	28	28	0
Fuerie Tails	28	28	0
Desert Divas*	27	24	1
Lesberados	27	29	0

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