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## Reveille Elects New Board

TUCSON - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus recently elected its new Board of Directors for the 1997-98 season, and announced its schedule of three major concerts for the season.

The newly-elected president, Alan McLaughlin, is excited about the growth opportunities for Reveille, which will begin its third full season with rehearsals starting in early September. "We have some very dedicated Board members who share the vision of growth, both in terms of increasing the number of singing members and improving the over-all production values of our shows, and establishing a sound financial base for the future," said McLaughlin.

McLaughlin went on, "I am thrilled to be involved with such an exciting Gay non-profit organization. Our chorus has, without question, some of the finest singers in Tucson and we all share the pride of being a vital and active part of Tucson's Gay community as well as Southern Arizona's diverse Arts community."

Also serving on this year's Board are Bryan Teske, Vice President; Tom Turner, Secretary; Dwain Herron, Treasurer; and at-large members Cicely d'Auremont, Dominic Miller, Sean Murphy and Stephen White. There remain two positions on the Board and McLaughlin is interested in hearing from anyone who would like to get involved in Southern Arizona's only Gay men's chorus, whether

you sing or not. You can reach him at 670-1162.

James H. Gall continues as Reveille's Artistic Director, and says of the upcoming season, "this (one) will be our best ever with three major concerts, Reveille Road Shows in Bisbee and other outlying communities in Southern Arizona, plus other guest appearances. Our first show of the season will be the holiday celebration, 'Nutcracker: Men In Tights,' to be held December 6 at Grace St. Paul Church. Then, on March 8, we're very excited about bringing 'Prayers for Bobby' to Tucson. It's a highly-acclaimed piece inspired by the true story of a young Gay man who commits suicide after revealing his sexuality to an un-supportive family. This production will be a fund raiser in part for PFLAG, TLGA, TIHAN, and other non-profit organizations who'd like to get involved. And, as a season finale, we'll usher in Summer '98 with the May 30 high-tech show, 'SSSteam Heat' at the Temple of Music and Art. Whether you're already a patron, or have never seen Reveille perform before, you'll not want to miss any of these shows!"

A mailing will be going out soon to previous donors and supporters with details about season tickets and ways to get involved in the Chorus. If you would like to get on the RGMC mailing list, just call the Reveille Hotline, 617-3100 and leave your number.

## Bottoms Wins In Appeals Court

RICHMOND, VA (NP) - Sharon Bottoms, who because she is a Lesbian lost custody of her son, Tyler Doustou, to her own mother, Kay Bottoms, in a notorious 1993 decision upheld by the Virginia state Supreme Court, has won the latest round in her continuing legal struggle.

Less than a year ago, Sharon traded in the hope of regaining custody of Tyler for the chance to have him visit with her in her home, only to see any contact whatever between Tyler and her life partner, April Wade, barred by Henrico County Circuit Court Judge Buford Parsons. A three-judge panel of the Virginia Court of Appeals ruled that Parsons had misapplied a decade-old precedent denying a Gay father's domestic partner visitation with his child, and ordered the judge to reconsider the case.

Although noting that this was the first instance in which a higher court in Virginia had explicitly ruled that sexual orientation per se should be irrelevant in visitation determinations, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), which has participated in Bottoms' case since the beginning, was somewhat disappointed by the narrow scope of the appeals court's ruling.

The unanimous opinion written for the three-judge panel by Judge Richard Bray said, "While issues of adult sexuality

and related behavior are significant to an adjudication of visitation, such factors must be assessed by the court together with other relevant circumstances and balanced in a visitation arrangement which both benefits and protects the child." In addition to Tyler's own formerly close relationship with co-parent Wade, Sharon Bottoms' suit presented a psychologist who testified to the importance of "demystifying" for him the relationship between Wade and his mother. Tyler is now five years old.

Any joy in the current ruling may well be short-lived, as Kay Bottoms' attorney has indicated that there will probably be an appeal to the Virginia Supreme Court. In the original struggle for custody of Tyler, the appeals court also ruled in favor of Sharon Bottoms, only to be overruled by the state's highest court in 1995. That decision was significantly based on Virginia's sodomy law, which makes Lesbian sex acts felonious, even though criminal charges were never brought against Sharon Bottoms or April Wade.

Tyler's father has never been a party to the case, although during the custody appeals he voiced strong support for Sharon. The Bottoms case was presented last year in a thinly fictionalized made-for-TV movie called "Two Mothers for Zachary."

## News Of AZT Structural Flaw Highlights Need For Broad Awareness Of HIV Treatment Options

WASHINGTON, DC - Reports of new research published in the August issue of Nature Medicine and Nature Structural Biology raise questions for people with HIV disease who are considering their treatment options.

The research suggests that AZT, an agent in the class of drugs called thymidine analogs, is less effective than it might be due to a fundamental flaw in its chemical structure. This flaw prevents AZT from being effectively metabolized in the body. As a result, less AZT is converted to an active form that is able to attack HIV. Researchers suggest this structural flaw as the explanation for some of the resistance that develops with prolonged AZT use, as well as for some of the side effects associated with AZT.

Recently, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a draft of "Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV-infected Adults and Adolescents," which underscores the importance of including a thymidine analog in every combination antiretroviral regimen. AZT was the first thymidine analog to be made available to treat HIV disease. A second-generation drug of this same class is d4T, which later was designed to more closely resemble the naturally occurring substance, thymidine.

Because of this structural difference, d4T does not have the flaw described in this research. The result is that d4T is more actively metabolized, to a form that makes more drug available to efficiently attack the HIV virus. AZT and d4T, while not taken together, are paired

with the non-thymidine analogs, ddI, ddC and 3TC, as cornerstones of combination therapies.

"The use of antiretroviral therapies makes a tremendous difference in the lives of many people living with HIV disease," stated Cornelius Baker, executive director of the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) and member of the Panel on Clinical Practices for the Treatment of HIV Infection, which developed the HHS Guidelines.

"It is essential that individuals on antiretroviral therapies continue to take their medications as prescribed, and that they discuss the implications of these findings with their physicians," noted Baker. "This new research provides important information and advances the medical understanding of the treatment of this disease."

"It is important that physicians and patients understand and consider the similarities and differences between the available thymidine analogs when making treatment decisions," commented Calvin J. Cohen, M.D., research director, Community Research Initiative of New England. "Several small clinical trials have begun to provide important clinical information comparing AZT and d4T. Additional large-scale studies comparing these two agents in combination with other drugs will help clinicians make treatment decision in the context of HHS guidelines. These findings will be particularly important in light of the new research on AZT's structure and its clinical implications."

## CompuServe To Move Gay & Lesbian Content Making It 'Safe For Kids'

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (NP) - Will CompuServe's "separate but equal accommodations" -- and other ISPs methods of making the net "safe" for kids -- turn Gays and Lesbians into The Invisible Cyber-People?

CompuServe, which has 5.4-million users around the world and is second in size in the U.S. only to America Online, announced that it will be creating an adults-only area on its CSi service and moving its Gay and Lesbian content there as of August 5. The move is intended as a compromise between allowing free access to so-called "adult" material while limiting its accessibility to minors.

To sign on to the adult area, the user will need to provide his/her name, age, and other information, receive confirmation of "adult" status from CompuServe, and use a password. All these "safeguards" are being put in place even though the service already offers parents

blocking options to control their children's surfing and refuses to post anything at all rating higher than a "5" on the Microsystems Software scale of 9. (AOL currently uses the same software to rate its content but not to censor it.)

In the wake of a resounding free speech victory in the U.S. Supreme Court striking down the so-called "Communications Decency Act," service providers are moving to censor themselves before anyone else can. CompuServe has already had the experience of government-imposed censorship in Germany, where a prosecutor required the service provider to block more than 200 sites, many of them with Gay or Lesbian content.

Prodigy announced last week that it is responding to President Clinton's call for industry self-regulation, by blocking its users from accessing newsgroups intended exclusively for child pornography.

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# UPDATE

## Team Arizona Golf Tournament

TUCSON - Team Arizona will host its Third Annual Golf Tournament, Saturday, August 30, at the Westin La Paloma Country Club in Tucson.

The tournament will begin at 1:00 P.M. with a shotgun start. The tournament represents an opportunity to play a course normally open only to hotel guests and club members.

Proceeds from the golf tournament will support Team Arizona's participation in the 1998 Gay Games in Amsterdam.

Tournament registration is \$75 per player, with sign up on either an individual basis or in foursomes. Registration forms are available from team members or register by letter to Team Arizona, P.O. Box 36431, Phoenix, AZ 85067. Overnight accommodations are available at special rates at the Westin by calling (800) 228-3000 and mentioning the Team Arizona Golf Tournament.

For further information contact Colette in Tucson, (520) 327-3591, or Kevin in Phoenix, (602) 274-9729.

## Ministry To G/L Catholics General Meeting Aug. 25

TUCSON - The Church Ministry to Gay/Lesbian Catholics and their families invites anyone interested to attend and participate in a general meeting to be held, August 25, 7:30 P.M., in Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Church, North Campbell Avenue and Adams Street.

The agenda will include an opportunity to fill out an anonymous questionnaire on the needs of Gay/Lesbian Catholics and their families.

If unable to attend the meeting, call 320-7881, and a questionnaire will be sent to you. Fill it out and mail it back, we need your input. Some copies are available at Wingspan.

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## Womenfest '97 Preparations Underway

KEY WEST, FL - WomenFest is a Lesbian festival for women and their friends taking place annually beginning the Wednesday following Labor Day. This year it takes place from September 3-9.

Last year's festival had over 5,000 women in attendance and this year organizers expect to top that number. New events for 1997 include the Coors Light/Banana Bay Beach Bash, a reggae beach party and barbecue, and a Wild Women Do! party.

To receive a ticket ordering form and the schedule of events, please send a self addressed, stamped envelop to WomenFest, 201 Coppitt Road, #106A, Key West, Florida 33040.

## SAAF Employment Opening

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is looking for a temporary Office Manager for the AIDS Walk.

Experienced office worker needed to provide clerical/administrative support to major fund raising event, full time, flexible hours, for up to \$12 weeks. Comp. to \$7/hour; no benefits. Open until filled.

To apply, pick up job description and applications, M-F, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., at 151 S. Tucson Blvd., #211, or call 322-6226 to have them faxed to you. AA/EOE.

## St. Philip's Film Weekend Aug. 15-16

TUCSON - A "Film Weekend" is being presented, August 15-16 by the Gay and Lesbian Spirituality Group of St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church.

Here is the schedule for the film-fest:

August 15 - 5:45 P.M., The Celluloid Closet. 8:00 P.M., The Incredible True Story of Two Girls in Love.

August 16 - 5:45 P.M., The Sum of Us. 8:00 P.M., Beautiful Thing.

All films will be shown at St. Philip's (NE corner of River and Campbell). \$5 dollar donations will be accepted, with proceeds going to Wingspan and the St. Philip's Building Fund.

## IN MEMORIAM



SCOTT W. THOMPSON

Scott W. Thompson of Albuquerque, New Mexico passed away suddenly last Saturday, August 2. "Sadie," as he was known to his many friends in Tucson and Phoenix, will be sadly missed.

Scott was born on May 14, 1949 and resided in Albuquerque. He is survived by family and many friends there. He was a member of Hijos del Sol of Albuquerque and Tucson Knights Owls of Tucson.

Sadie will best be remembered to his many friends in Tucson as a party person who loved his pearl jewelry and who loved to shock people with his mooning.

Thank you Sadie, for the privilege of having known you.

## Singers Wanted For Desert Voices Auditions

TUCSON - Auditions are being conducted for Desert Voices on August 18 and August 25, from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Desert Voices rehearses Monday nights, 7:00 to 9:30 P.M. at the Music Building at the U of A. Keith Koster, Artistic Director would like to invite all singers, male and female, to call the Desert Voices office to make an appointment for an audition. A prepared song is not necessary.

Call 791-9662 to schedule your audition and get further information.

## Lesbian Film Role For Whoopi

HOLLYWOOD, CA (WS) - If you've dreamed of seeing Goldberg as a Lesbian, it's time for you to say "Whoopi!"

Ever-popular "Gay icon" Whoopi Goldberg, the brilliant comic and film actress who may have worked on more turkeys than anyone of comparable ability, will begin shooting in October on "Deep End of the Ocean" in which she plays a Lesbian cop. Also starring as the parents of a kidnapped child will be Treat Williams and Michelle Pfeiffer, which should ensure that someone will be watching the final product.

The film adaptation of Jacquelyn Mitchard's novel will be directed by Ulu Grosbard.

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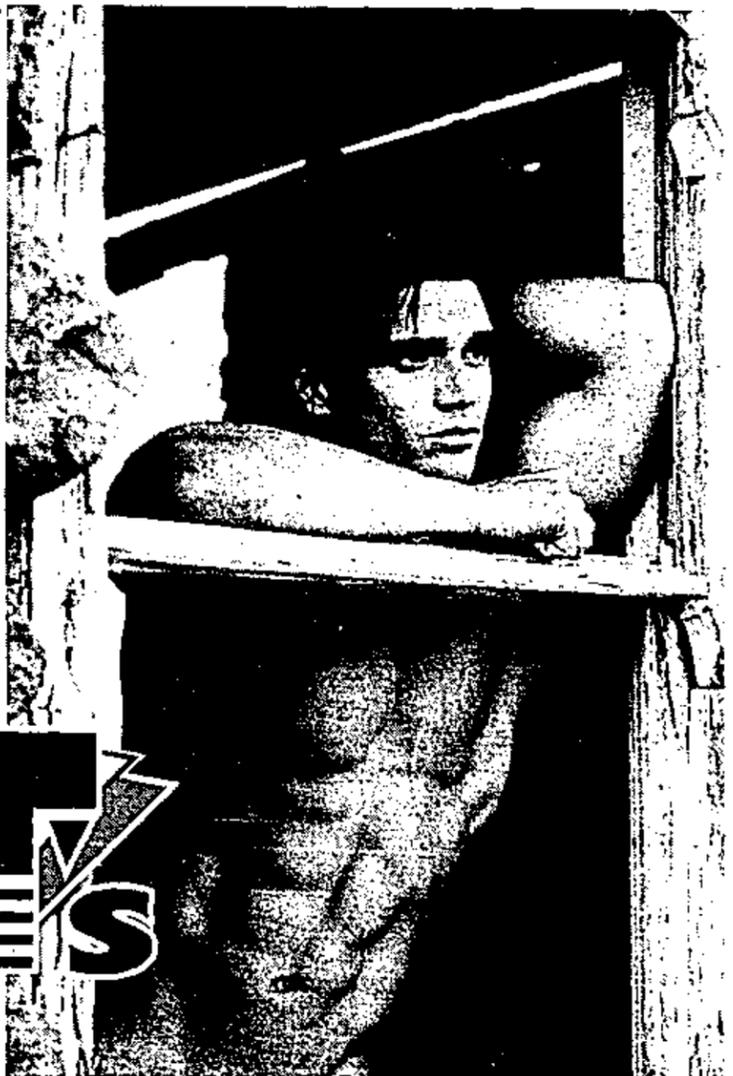
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## Wednesday, August 13th, 9PM SPECIAL BENEFIT SHOW FOR CELIA PUTTY'S MISS GAY AMERICA CAMPAIGN

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## Sunday, Aug 10th MEET THE CANDIDATE

Carol Zimmerman, candidate for Tucson City Council - Ward 6 will answer your questions and address Gay & Lesbian issues that affect you.



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Everyone expects to find Lesbian and Gay travelers in New York, London and Sydney, and in Gay meccas such as Key West, Provincetown and Mykonos. But in Ethiopia? India? And Utah?

Increasingly, Gay travelers are looking farther afield to more remote and exotic locations. Both experienced and novice travelers now have a wonderful variety of organized vacations available to them, taking them to some of the world's most fascinating and obscure destinations in the company of Lesbians and Gay men.

Adventure Bound Expeditions of Boulder, Colorado, has organized an Ethiopian Safari this fall, from October 30 to November 16. The company offers two or three Gay men's adventure trips annually; director David Johnson explains that his company tries to organize tours to a wide variety of unusual locations. The company is in its tenth year of operation and has offered trips to Nepal, Machu Picchu in Peru, Botswana, Chile, Transylvania, and Morocco. For more information about the Ethiopian trip, call (303) 449-0990 or email ADVENTBDEX@aol.com.

From January 25 to February 9, 1998, Our Family Abroad is offering a 16-day trip to India and Nepal, which will include the beautiful cities of Rajasthan, the Taj Mahal, Varansi, and exotic Katmandu. According to OFA's Jeff Allen, this is the first time the company is offering an India trip, but because it's difficult to visit India as a solo traveler, they expect an excellent turn-out. For more details, contact Our Family Abroad, (800) 999-5500.

Mariah Wilderness Expeditions will take its tenth annual group of women to Costa Rica, November 1-10, to enjoy some of this Central American country's beautiful sights. Tour members will have the opportunity to participate in scuba, kayaking, rafting, and snorkeling while exploring the country's lush tropical forests, cascading waterfalls, and cool rivers. Mariah can be contacted at (800) 462-7424, or via their website at www.mariahwe.com.

Utah doesn't immediately spring to mind when the topic of Gay travel comes up, but Park City has hosted a number of successful Gay ski weeks, and Lizard Head Tours offers its "Pinnacles,

# Venturing Out

by Sasha Alyson

## Off The Beaten Path



Fins and Spires" trip," October 5-11, 1997. The trip will take a group of Gay men and women hiking amidst the spectacular rock formations of Utah's canyon country, with opportunities for mountain biking and rock climbing. No experience is necessary, just a strong spirit of adventure. Lizard Head is at (888) 540-2737, via email at INFO@LizardHead.com, or visit their website: www.LizardHead.com.

Toto Tours is also conducting a number of unique trips for Gay travelers this year. "Heaven on Earth" trip, November 6-16, is an "unorthodox" pilgrimage to the Holy Land, featuring visits to the Gay nightclubs of Tel Aviv, a cruise of the Sea of Galilee, and a camel trek to a Bedouin feast. They're also taking a group of Gay women and men hiking and biking in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, September 28 - October 4, 1997 to witness the reds, oranges and yellows of the Fall. Toto can be reached at (800) 565-1241 or via their website at www.TotoTours.com.

In this age of the Southern Baptists boycotting Disney, we'd like to ex-

tend thanks to a number of national travel companies that have not shied away from their commitment to Gay travelers. Among these are American Airlines, American Express and National Car Rental.

National has instituted an Authorized Driver Policy, which recognizes same-gender relationships, eliminating some of the awkward moments, additional expense, and delays when renting a car with a domestic partner. Their policy is the first of its kind in the car rental industry.

The other major rental companies (Hertz, Avis, Alamo and Budget) either don't offer such a policy, or offer it only in certain markets or to certain customers, such as Hertz, to its Gold and Platinum Club members.

Rob Fyfe, an account manager for National based in San Francisco, explained that domestic partners need to have the same address, but like straight married couples, only one drive needs to present a credit card, and there is no additional driver fee.

Fyfe said National has worked closely with counter personnel to ensure they're familiar with the program. This was indeed the case with several agents at Nation whom we called at random. In contract, the reservations personnel at the other companies were often completely unfamiliar with the concept of a domestic partner, or confused about how their company treated same-gender relationships.

Recognizing the tremendous size of the Gay marketplace, National also offers free Emerald Club memberships through Fyfe's office (normally \$50) to enable frequent travelers to bypass the reservation counter altogether. Gay travelers who want a free Emerald Club membership can call Rob Fyfe, (415) 548-6826. . . .

Send questions or comments about Gay travel to Sasha Alyson, Alyson Adventures, P.O. Box 180179, Boston, MA 02118.

## CBA Trade Fair Set For Aug. 21

TUCSON - Tucson Gay and Lesbian Community Business Association (CBA), will hold its annual Trade Fair Thursday, August 21, starting at 5:30 P.M.

The site for this year's fair is the Grand Ballroom at the Doubletree Hotel, 445 South Alvernon, Tucson. The annual event is open to the public; admission is \$3 for non-members. Entertainment will be provided by Take V, from Reveille Men's Chorus.

CBA was formed in January, 1996 for the Tucson's Lesbian and Gay business community for the purpose of networking and marketing their services. According to Greg Hollman, president of CBA. "The association has more than doubled in members over the past year. Plus, our members are more diversified covering from Doctors, Artists, Restaurant owners and almost every professional service needed."

According to recent newspaper articles and surveys, Tucson was voted one of the top cities in the country for Gay and Lesbian lifestyle acceptance, making the Tucson area a growing business Mecca for future members.

In other communities, the increase of Gay and Lesbian business managers and owners gives a huge economic boost to their community. The economic benefits of Gay and Lesbian couples are greater than that of average married couple. Benefits include less of a burden on the school systems, most couples do not have children. Also, 60% of Gay couples income is spent on housing, home furnishings, entertainment and travel all having a greater than normal tax rate.

Other Gay and Lesbian business managers and organizations are invited to join our monthly Thursday morning breakfast meeting, enjoy an interesting speaker and take the opportunity to meet each other and promote products, services and specials.

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# Washington State School Abuse Lawsuit Filed

NORTH THURSTON, WA (WS) - Harassed, beaten, intimidated, but undaunted, a Washington state Gay youth is fighting back in court against the school district that failed to protect -- or even respect -- his rights.

A recent high school graduate has filed a federal lawsuit against the Kent School District in Washington for failing to protect him from homophobic abuse, with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington (ACLU-WA).

Although Kent has a policy to maintain a "harassment-free environment," the lawsuit seeks to make explicit that the policy applies to the treatment of students perceived to be Gay, as well as to obtain unspecified damages for plaintiff Mark Iversen. Iversen and his mother Alice made repeated complaints to school administrators to no avail. He hopes to prevent other students from having to go through what he did.

Iversen says the homophobic abuse began when he was in junior high school and thinks it can be attributed to the way he walks and the fact that most of his friends were girls. The Gay label established when he was in seventh grade followed him through the rest of his school career, despite transfers and even a period of home schooling with a district tutor. Suffering almost daily harassment, Iversen was left with severe emotional distress and stress-related headaches and stomach aches. He does currently identify himself as Gay.

The lawsuit names the Kent School District's superintendent and assistant superintendent and three school principals. It also describes several alleged specific incidents as indicative of the district's failure to protect Iversen. Two teachers watched without intervening while students used a broomstick to push him against lockers while calling him "fag." A gym instructor said to him, "I already have 20 girls in my class. I don't need another." A teacher publicly questioned whether Mark, being Gay, was qualified to give blood. When Iversen reported to one teacher that he was experiencing homophobic abuse, the teacher responded with antagonism, banning him from her classroom and flogging him.

Perhaps most damning of all, the

Iversens met with the principal of Kent Junior High to beg for help, only to be told that Mark had brought the abusive treatment on himself and that only he could stop it -- one of several instances in which school officials shrugged off the Iversens' pleas for protection with remarks to the effect that the harassment was only to be expected as long as Mark was perceived to be Gay.

The most dramatic attack against Iversen came in October, when a group of at least eight students assaulted him in a classroom during school hours while another 30-plus students watched, some of them cheering the assailants. The attackers yelled "faggot" and "queer" at him while beating and kicking him. Criminal charges were brought against the perpetrators, who received deferred sentences.

Five other Washington state school districts have policies which explicitly protect students from harassment based on sexual orientation, while the North Thurston School Board is currently considering adding sexual orientation as a protected category in its anti-discrimination policies. Along with a number of other "culture war" debates in the state over the last twelve months, a state Senate committee considered a bill (SB 5167) in mid-February that would have prohibited public school employees from ever portraying homosexuality as acceptable.

But Beth Reis and others have undertaken the statewide "Safe Schools Anti-Violence Documentation Project," creating an unprecedented database that reveals that more than one-third of LesBi-Gay students statewide (compared to 8% of all students) have experienced anti-Gay harassment at school, and the effects of that abuse in terms of suicide, drug use and school performance.

Iversen's lawsuit is believed to be the first of its kind in Washington, but students elsewhere in the U.S. and even in Australia are following in the footsteps of Jamie Nabozny, the openly Gay former Wisconsin public school student who last year won nearly \$900,000 in damages from school administrators who failed to protect him from continuing violent assaults. The size of that highly-publicized payment definitely won a new level of attention from school administrators to homophobic harassment.

## AS I SEE IT..... BY CLARK

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**A:** Last week we discussed keeping a daily diary or journal from the date of diagnosis to help prove disability when the time comes, and finding the exact coverage for health, disability and life insurance policies.

Did you review the beneficiary named in your life insurance policies? Is that the person you want to receive the money? How about a beneficiary for your retirement? You should know who will receive your benefits in the event of your death, and how to change the beneficiary.

What do you own? How do you own it? If you have invested in the stock market, exactly what stocks do you own and where is the certificate? Where is the title to your automobile? If you own real estate, is the title in your name only? How about bank accounts? Certificates of deposit?

Do you have a mortgage? Outstanding loans? Credit card payments? (Do you have mortgage insurance or coverage on your credit cards in case you are unable to work? Read the policy to be certain.)

List all your assets and list where the papers are to be found. If you keep important papers in a safe deposit box, does anyone else have access to it?

By now you have a pretty good idea about your assets, and what to expect in the way of insurance coverage. It's time to think about what you want to happen if you are unable to handle your business affairs.

You may want to establish a trust to manage all your assets. This does not necessarily have to be expensive, but it only works for those items you actually transferred into the trust. You can name yourself as trustee, with a successor trustee to take over upon stated conditions (for example, when Dr. Smith and Dr. Jones agree that you are no longer mentally competent to handle your business affairs.)

Another way to manage is to have all your assets held jointly with your spouse or partner. Then either one of you can conduct business. Or you may want to give someone you trust a power of attorney to act for you. In either of these cases make absolutely certain that the person you are providing joint title or power of attorney understands and agrees with your desires. This person must be trustworthy.

I know a woman who gave her daughter her power of attorney because it was too difficult to tend to her own business. While she was in the hospital, her daughter sold her house and car. There is nothing she can do about that, because her daughter had the legal right to act in any capacity the mother could have done. It's an expensive lesson in determining whom you can trust.

Do you have a will? Many people believe that wills are only for those with large estates. That is not necessarily so. If you fail to write a will, the state will provide one for you. Your assets will be divided between your surviving spouse, if any, and your children, if any. If you have neither surviving spouse or children, your assets will be divided between your parents, then your siblings. The law is not concerned with how well you got along with your family, or who wanted to have your property. By properly writing a will you can be certain that your wishes

## You Have The Right. . .

by Sharon Kutzschbach

are carried out after your death.

Consider what the law describes as your "natural objects of affection," your relatives. If you are planning to leave assets to someone other than a family member, you may want to discuss this with the family early on. How likely are they to contest a will? What is necessary to protect your partner?

I have seen relatives who hadn't acknowledged their sister in five years descend on the house the moment they heard she had died and take everything that wasn't nailed down. (And if they could pry it up, it wasn't nailed down). They left her husband of 55 years with nothing. All before the funeral arrangements were made.

If you have relatives who may act that way, make certain that there is a clear record of what belongs to you and what belongs to your partner or roommate. A photograph and the original receipt or a copy of the receipt should be kept in a safe place. (In extreme cases, have someone detailed to have the locks changed and remain at the house from the time you go to the hospital.)

Discuss the steps you should take to protect your will from contest with your attorney. Making your will early may avoid a contest based on mental incompetence. Your partner or major beneficiary should not be with you when you discuss your will with your attorney, nor should they be present when the will is signed. (You want to eliminate an "undue influence" challenge.)

Making a will is not necessarily like writing something in stone. If next year you decide to make other arrangements or name a different beneficiary, you can. The important thing is to make certain that those whom you wish to benefit will do so.

Have you considered a "Living Will" and appointing someone to have your medical power of attorney? Discussing your desires early and making your wishes known can prevent problems later. (Even though you have several times clearly stated that you do not wish "heroic measures" to be taken to keep you "alive," your family may insist that such measures be taken if you have failed to provide a Living Will and medical power of attorney.) These decisions should be discussed with your family, if at all possible, to eliminate heartache and trouble between your family and designated representative later.

What about a funeral? Burial? Cremation? The best way to see to it that your wishes are carried out in this area is to enter into a contract with a funeral home providing exactly the services you want. Some funeral homes have pre-need contracts that can be transferred to other areas of the country if you decide to move. Again, don't let the arrangements be a surprise to your family.

Get the best information you can before making your decisions. Early preparation allows you to get on with the business of living and can eliminate much of the stress in your life.

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## Filming Of More "Tales" Begins

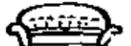
SAN FRANCISCO, CA (NP) - Back by popular demand: everybody's favorite San Franciscans will be on screen again as Mrs. Madrigal prepares to "roll another one."

At last - there will be "More Tales of the City." The cooperative effort of Showtime cable network, Britain's Channel 4 Television, Working Title/Propaganda Films, and Canada's Productions La Fete began principal filming on the sequel to the beloved Gay-themed 1994 miniseries that nabbed a Peabody Award and set new ratings records for PBS.

Like its predecessor, "Armistead Maupin's More Tales of the City" will be a six-hour miniseries, and will feature the return of many of the original's cast: William Campbell, Barbara Garrick, Thomas Gibson, Laura Linney, and Olympia Dukakis as the mysterious pot-growing landlady of 28 Barbary Lane in San Francisco.

The script is adapted by Nicholas Wright from "More Tales of the City," the second book in openly Gay author Maupin's "Tales of the City" series (originally published as a daily newspaper serial), picking up the story in 1977 where the first TV miniseries left off. The director is Genie Award winner Pierre Gang.

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# Cunanan Was HIV Negative; Caretaker Receives Several Rewards

MIAMI BEACH, FL (NP) - Those who speculated that AIDS was the motive for Cunanan's murders need a new theory. Also, more loose ends tied, a TV movie deal in the works, and the alleged murderer laid to rest.

According to local newspaper reports that three unnamed law enforcement sources have told them the post-mortem HIV test on the body of openly Gay alleged multiple murderer Andrew Cunanan turned out negative.

Officially, the HIV report has not been made available because of state confidentiality laws - and confidentiality is a sore spot in Florida in the wake of the scandalous "worst breach of medical confidentiality in U.S. history." Several months ago, copies of a computer disc containing information gathered under the state's mandatory reporting law on some 4,000 people with AIDS were mailed to two newspapers.

There had been speculation since Cunanan first became a suspect in the Minnesota murders of his Gay friend Jeff Trail and former lover David Madson, that he might be seeking revenge for having been infected with HIV.

Police Bicker: Miami Beach Detective Al Boza, having had rather more than 15 minutes of fame acting as a department spokesperson in the case, is a humble street cop once again. Although the department claims a staffing shortage, it's hard to escape the conclusion that Boza is being punished for telling the world July 23 that the infamous houseboat was empty after the Metro-Dade SWAT team announced "all clear" there, when in

fact they'd meant there was no danger and had found Cunanan's body. City Manager Jose Garcia-Pedroza wants to see public information duties turned over to a civilian employee.

Caretaker Cleared; Jeered: Fernando Carreira, the caretaker who alerted police to what turned out to be Cunanan's post-mortem presence on the houseboat, didn't hesitate to nudge New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani for failing to hand over the city's reward money.

While thanking New York City's Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project for the \$10,000 reward they gave him - given despite his having not perfectly met their criteria and the only reward money he's received to date of the total of \$65,000 offered from several sources - Carreira said of Giuliani, "I'm not asking for it. He was the one who promised. You promise, and you go through with your promise."

The FBI announced on Friday it will pay \$10,000 in reward money to Fernando Carreira. New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani refused to honor a similar \$10,000 pledge made by the city saying the information provided by the caretaker did not match the criteria established by the city.

\$1,000 in contributions made by the public to help Carreira collect \$35,000 pledged by the Miami Beach Police and Dade County will be donated to charity, said Carreira. The two public agencies have not yet announced whether Carreira can collect on their rewards.

The claims of a woman who'd

said Carreira took milk and a lunchbox into the long-unused houseboat days before calling police have been discounted since no garbage from such food was found in or around the houseboat.

Cases Open And Closed: With his death, a full set of Cunanan's fingerprints should now be available to police, whereas previously the only print known for certain to be his was the thumbprint on his California driver's license.

When that final piece is in place, most of the local police departments involved in the alleged Cunanan killing spree will be closing out their cases. The Minneapolis police department believes the April 29 murder of Jeff Trail is now closed, with the now-deceased Andrew Cunanan assumed to be the perpetrator; there will be no further investigation there, and the lead investigator is going on vacation for the month of August.

Trail was Cunanan's first alleged victim, his body found bludgeoned in the apartment of the alleged second victim, David Madson. The FBI in Chicago is also more or less satisfied that their work is done in the case of the alleged third victim, real estate tycoon Lee Miglin. The FBI in Minneapolis and Philadelphia consider they're now just tying up loose ends.

However, in Miami Beach, local police and the FBI are still slogging through their tip files, hoping to be able to track Cunanan's movements step-by-step to the end of the line. One law enforcement source says the case won't be closed until a motive has been established for the murder of openly Gay fashion designer

Gianni Versace, something which may very well never be discovered at all.

In San Diego, three previous homicides are now under serious investigation as possibly the work of Cunanan.

TV Movie: ABC appears ready to rush in where others fear to tread, announcing July 30 that it's commissioned Avenue Pictures ("After Dark, My Sweet") to develop a script for a made for TV movie about Cunanan, likely to air in 1998. HBO had previously announced rejecting more than 20 proposals for the Cunanan story. For ABC, it'll make a great double feature with their upcoming made-for-TV movie about the San Diego mass suicide of the Heaven's Gate cult, whose leader had at one time been sexually active with other men.

## Gay Job Protection May Follow Iowa Injustice

DAVENPORT, IA (WS) - The Davenport City Council has begun consideration of a proposal which would amend its civil rights ordinance to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The council move is in response to the dismissal of six Gay and Lesbian employees from a state-run nursing home in Davenport, Iowa - an incident first reported in local newspapers last December.

"[T]here was probably at least three, excuse my French, faggots working here, and I had at least three dykes working here," Roger Crow, administrator of St. Katherine's Living Center, boasted to reporters late last year. "This is no way to perceive my operation," he said.

All of the employees he referred to were fired.

The case presented an indisputable act of anti-Gay bias in the workplace, but as the city and state had no prohibitions against discrimination based on sexual orientation, no action against Crow was taken.

Mike Bawden, chairman of the Davenport Civil Rights Commission, wary of sparking organized opposition from social conservatives played down the politics of the proposal. "It's easy for people to look at this as a Gay rights issue," he told reporters. "But really this is a fairness issue."

Gay and civil rights advocates told reporters back in June they hope the incident in Davenport gives them the ammunition they need to push for state-wide employment and housing protection for Gay men and Lesbians.

Two other Iowa cities, Ames and Iowa City, have already amended local civil rights ordinances to establish protections for Lesbian and Gay residents.



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## POLITICS 1997

By MARK E. HERR



## "I'm For No One And Against Everybody!"

Webster's defines the word "perjury" as, "act of swearing that something is true which one knows to be false." Consider the following:

Arizona's severely indicted Gov. J. Fife Whitewash III, R-Wonderland, finished his run on the hot seat during his federal fraud trial. The Fiferster is up on 21 charges of lying, defrauding lenders and the Arizona electorate. Surprise!

The guy was the last of five witnesses to take the stand in his federal bank-fraud case. Whitewash completed his testimony on Tuesday:

During direct examination by his mouthpieces, Fiferama declared that his financial statements were immaterial, it's his track record and the quality of the projects rather than detailed report of his assets and massive debts. Details? Like selling a house one day, and listing it as an asset the next day on a financial statement. Oops!

When federal prosecutors cross-examined Whitewash, the "blame someone else" defense crumbled. A letter introduced by the feds showed that as early as 1986 he was worried that lenders could be frightened away if his financial statements (numerous?) showed a heavy debt load. Who wrote the letter, a lawyer for J. Fife Whitewash III. Check please!

It gets better, the federal prosecutors grilled the Fiferster on the numerous financial statements Whitewash submitted. The guy put on the "stall" defense, asking to review every document, gave long-winded speeches, hoping to confuse the jury. Damage was done by the feds.

Fiferama's mouthpieces had the chance for re-direct and "stop the bleeding." In redirect, Whitewash reiterated that his financial statements were immaterial to lenders because they relied on his track record. Whitewash declared he was honest with lenders, and that it was his reputation, not his personal finances that got him the loans.

Fife ended his redirect by testifying that "he was a successful real estate developer and businessman." Really?

Southwest Savings folded. Many of his major real estate projects such as the Mercado and the Camelback Esplanade were repossessed by the banks fool-hearty enough to give him the loans for these debacles! Lastly, what about Fiferama filing for bankruptcy? Whitewash, a successful businessman owing over \$24 million to the banks and union pension funds for his success. Please!

There were no rebuttal witnesses called by either side and the case will most likely go to the jury tomorrow, pending any legal maneuvers. . . .

Voters went to the polls in very underwhelming numbers to decide the future and direction of Pima County government. Like they care!

Obviously not! One out of eight registered voters managed to vote in the latest Pima County "smooth running" election. As of press time, the proposed charter for Pima County was going down to defeat by close to 4,000 votes.

With 95% of the voting areas counted, the No vote was 27,549, 54% to the Yes vote, 23,621, 46%. Final results hopefully next week, or whenever. Remember, this is Pima County, home of "smooth running elections." Sure! . . .

The Tucson Gay and Lesbian community has a chance to affect the outcome of the City Council elections. True or false?

The answer is true. Here's why. In 1997, the City of Tucson is holding elections for three council seats, in Wards 3, 5 and 6 which are up for consideration.

Two of the seats in Ward 3 and Ward 6 are contested. Ward 5 Democratic incumbent Councilman Steve Leal is unopposed in the primary and general elections for a third term.

One of the incumbent Councilmembers, Democrat Molly McKasson of Ward 6, decided in May not to run for another term. Thus an open seat and many wannabees who want the position with low-pay, high-hours, plenty of abuse. Five Democrats, one Republican and one Libertarian are vying for the nod.

Turnout for these "off year" city elections are usually low, between 20 to 25 percent in primary elections. Just a little higher for the general. Since Republicans have not been victorious since 1985, the general election is an after thought, the primary election is where it's decided.

Consider the following, in Ward 6, there are 25,000 registered Democrats, thus if predictions hold, 5,000 people will vote for the five candidates. A handful of votes could decide this contest.

Dave Huff, owner of IBT's and community activist knows this and is holding a "Meet the Ward 6 Candidate Night," this Sunday, August 10, 5:00 - 7:00 P.M., at IBT's. This is the first of a series Huff and IBT's will be holding to get the community involved and motivated for the upcoming city elections.

The first candidate is Carol Zimmerman, who is running for the Democratic nomination in Ward 6. Zimmerman is a political consultant, having previously worked on many local political campaigns.

Zimmerman also previously served: as an aide to former Councilman and Mayor, Tom Volgy; on the Board of the Tucson Women's Commission; member of the Pima County Charter Committee; and, the Board of the Tucson AIDS Project.

Have questions about annexation? Police harassment? CAP Water? Gay and Lesbian rights? Sunday, August 10 is the day to be at IBT's and ask the candidate the tough questions. . . .

"Contributions, we don't need no stinking contributions," is a quote that can still be attributed Dan Copeland, the elephant running for the Tucson Ward 3 Council. Go figure!

As previously reported, Copeland's campaign treasurer Mary Preble, resigned over what she called violations of

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**Making The Most Of Your Anti-Viral Therapy**

The arrival of the protease inhibitors has ushered in a new era of treatment and hope for people with HIV disease, and even for those who have progressed to AIDS. While the large majority of people using combinations of antivirals with a protease inhibitor are doing very well, a significant minority fails this type of treatment. Sometimes the virus is already resistant to the medication; other times the treatment is just not powerful enough to reduce the number of viruses to a low enough level to prevent resistance from occurring. In some cases the drugs produce intolerable side effects or are not used as directed. In fact, most - but not all - cases of treatment failure can be attributed to one of these issues.

This article will later address some options for people who are unable to tolerate a given combination. For most people the critical issue is to prevent the development of a viral strain that is resistant to the combination of drugs they are on. Resistance can develop because the virus sometimes makes imperfect copies of itself when it is reproducing, and some of these copies may be able to survive and reproduce despite the antiviral combination. When such a resistant virus emerges, it may make enough copies that the drugs begin to fail. The next section outlines some steps one can take to minimize the possibility of that happening.

**TEN GUIDELINES FOR SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT**

By following these essential guidelines and working closely with a doctor who has a significant amount of experience with HIV disease, you can get the most out of the current treatment technology.

1. Understand that the goal of antiviral therapy is to get rid of all virus in the body or at least to reduce viral load (the amount of virus in the bloodstream) as much as possible, preferably to levels that scientists cannot detect with the most sensitive viral load tests available. Currently the most sensitive tests available measure viral loads as low as 400 or 500.

Reason: The fewer viruses that are in the bloodstream, the less chance they have to mutate and become resistant to the antiviral combination that you are using. It is believed that the only way to be sure no resistant strain will emerge is to prevent any virus from reproducing. Currently it is not possible to know when that happens, but getting viral load down as low as possible is the next best thing. The fact that an undetectable viral load is not necessarily the same as no virus is just one of a number of reasons why it is as important as ever to practice safe sex.

2. Know what your viral load is when beginning a new combination.

Reason: This is important for two reasons. First to make sure the drug is working, you will want to check it later and compare it to your starting point. Second, you need to consider if the combination you are planning to take is strong enough to get your viral load to undetectable levels. People with very high viral loads may want to consider something more powerful than a standard triple combination of a protease inhibitor and two nucleoside analogues (nukes).

3. All drugs must be taken as directed by your doctor and pharmacist. Now that researchers understand how and

why resistance occurs, they are insisting that skipping doses (or even taking lower doses) can lead to viral resistance and then to drug failure. For this reason it is imperative that you are prepared to make a commitment to the treatment regimen of your choice. If you falter and miss a few 'doses' it is probably a good idea to find a dependable alarm-type device to remind you to take your medicine each day. Also, understand that if you are late in taking a dose of an antiviral, taking it then is better than missing it completely.

Reason: Powerful antiviral combinations provide strong pressure that stops the virus from reproducing. Any let up due to low drug levels gives the virus a chance to mutate and eventually become resistant to the current therapy.

4. When one is using a protease inhibitor, timing meals around dosing is very important. Be sure to follow all label directions including those regarding meals and side effects.

Reason: Different drugs are absorbed differently by the body. Instructions around meals are given so that enough of the drug gets into the bloodstream. Taking the drugs without paying attention to meals may mean that the body is getting too low a dose, and like skipping doses, that can lead to resistance. The protease inhibitors ritonavir (Norvir), saquinavir (Invirase) should be taken after eating fatty foods. Nelfinavir (Viracept) should be taken with food, while indinavir (Crixivan) should be taken on an empty stomach. It is also very important to watch out for side effects and report them to your doctor. Recently high blood sugar levels was added to the list of possible side effects of protease inhibitors.

5. Do not take any drugs not prescribed to you, over the counter or recreational, without first talking to your doctor. There are many drugs that can interfere with the effectiveness of HIV antivirals.

Reason: Taking antivirals with other drugs can affect the level of medicine in your body. Therefore, taking the wrong types of drugs with your treatment regimen can lead to drug failure or to dangerous side effects. For this reason you need to be open with your doctor about the other drugs you might be taking. Your pharmacist can be especially helpful in this area.

6. Store your medications properly, especially protease inhibitors.

Reason: Indinavir (Crixivan) must always be stored in its original specially coated bottle or the drug will quickly decay. The capsule formulation of zidovudine (Norvir) must be refrigerated at all times or it also will decay. When calling in your ritonavir prescription to the drug store, it can't hurt to remind your pharmacist to continue to refrigerate it until you pick it up. Improper storage can effect the strength of the drug and lead to drug failure.

7. Protease inhibitors should usually be used with at least two other antivirals.

Reason: Each drug used sets up a different roadblock for the virus to get around if it is to successfully reproduce. Using more antivirals make it less likely that the virus will mutate to a form that can survive all the drugs. Furthermore,

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**Columna Abierta.**

by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

¿Qué tal?, Como cada semana, descandoleos que la esten pasando "a todo dar" como acostumbramos a decir y esta edición hay muchas preguntas que contestar, de verdad que hemos recibido algunas, que poco a poco iremos dando respuesta ya que algunas de ellas nos haran investigar bastante, pero realmente es lo que queremos... Asi es que empezando con una de esas preguntas; he aquí la primera:

**¿Qué es la carga viral?:** Los niveles sanguíneos de ARN del VIH (carga viral) cada vez están siendo más usados por los profesionales de salud para determinar cuándo se debe comenzar o cambiar el tratamiento contra los retrovirus. Este examen es muy importante en el tratamiento de la infección por el VIH, porque los estudios han revelado que el nivel de virus en la sangre es un factor predictivo del avance de la enfermedad. En otras palabras, las personas con altos niveles de ARN del VIH en su sangre, tiene mayor probabilidad de avanzar rápidamente al SIDA que las personas con bajos niveles del virus. Puesto que la prueba que mide la carga viral es una parte importante del tratamiento de la enfermedad del VIH, es importante aprender lo que esta prueba es y cómo se emplea. Cabe recordar que el ARN es el material genético del VIH que contiene la información necesaria para hacer más virus. Hay tres pruebas diferentes de la carga viral actualmente en uso; y estas son:

♦ PCR (Reacción en cadena de la polimerasa) Es la más común y la única prueba aprobada por la FDA.

♦ bDNA (Análisis de la cadena ramificada del ADN)

♦ NASBA (Amplificación de la secuencia del ácido nucléico)

Dado que las pruebas no dan exactamente los mismos resultados, es importante hacer siempre el mismo tipo de prueba de la carga viral.

**¿Cuándo debe hacerse el examen de la carga viral?** A continuación se incluye el cronograma para la prueba:

♦ Tomar dos muestras diferentes de la carga viral con una diferencia de 2-3 semanas para tener una base de referencia.

♦ Repetir cada 3-6 meses conjuntamente con el recuento de CD4 para vigilar la carga viral y el recuento de células T.

♦ Repetir la prueba 4-6 semanas después de iniciar o cambiar la terapia con los antiretrovirales para determinar el efecto en la carga viral.

Evite hacer la prueba de la carga viral 3-4 semanas después de una vacuna (incluyendo vacuna contra la gripe) o en menos de una infección, para reducir al mínimo los resultados falsos. Se debe

evitar la prueba en estos casos, porque se ha visto un aumento temporal en la carga viral.

**¿Qué significa tener un nivel de virus no detectable?** En muchos individuos después de tomar una combinación de medicamentos el virus no se detecta en la sangre. Esto NO significa que la persona está curada o que ya no es infecciosa. Sólo significa que las pruebas actuales no son lo suficiente sensibles para medir niveles muy bajos de virus en la sangre. Aunque la cantidad de virus sea menor de 20 copias/ml en la sangre, el VIH puede estar presente en la sangre, las secreciones genitales (como semen), los ganglios linfáticos, otros tejidos linfoides y en otros sitios del cuerpo. No hay datos suficientes que indiquen que los individuos en los cuales el virus no se detecta ya no son infecciosos o que ya no hay riesgo de que la enfermedad avance en el futuro. Todavía no sabemos el significado a largo plazo de un nivel no detectable. Los individuos con niveles no detectables de virus todavía necesitan visitar a sus médicos regularmente y evitar riesgos innecesarios.

**¿Cuánto cuesta un examen de carga viral?** Dado que la prueba es costosa, es importante hacer la prueba en el momento apropiado. El precio oscila entre \$63.00 y \$292.00 con un costo promedio de \$200.00 por prueba.

Para información adicional acerca de los estudios de la carga viral, por favor comunicarse al: 1-800-448-0440, y por E-mail: atis@edenac.org

Por hoy es todo le esperamos la próxima semana D.M.

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

An Open Letter to Rep. Kolbe: (Recently our local representative to congress Jim Kolbe (R-Tucson) addressed the national convention of the Log Cabin Club, an organization of Gay and Lesbian Republicans. An opponent unceremoniously yanked Kolbe out of the closet during his re-election bid last year and undoubtedly his opponent's nasty tactics garnered sympathy and support for Kolbe among both the straight and Gay communities and contributed to his return to congress.

The "high" points of Kolbe's remarks to Log Cabin Club members included the following:

1. That members of the Gay community can advance by focusing on issues with broad appeal to the national populace such as crime and education.
2. That in his opinion it is a mistake for us to focus solely (as he puts it) on what he characterizes as our own "narrow agenda".
3. We need to concentrate on issues that matter to main street America.)

Dear Rep. Kolbe:

You'll excuse me, but the kind of remarks you recently made to the Log Cabin Club national convention were insulting and offensive. They demonstrate that you're completely out of touch with your constituents, and indicate that you're

considerably more concerned about your own welfare and interests than those of the people who elected you to represent them. May I remind you that a large portion of those supporters were Gay and Lesbian as well as straight friends and relatives of ours who are voting residents of your district.

Let me further point out to you that we hold jobs, work hard, pay taxes, own homes and businesses, raise families, contribute to the community at large, and sacrifice in the hopes of improving our lot in life just like everyone else. At the same time we not only have to overcome the usual hurdles in our attempts to accomplish that, we also have to deal with the bigotry and hate of a great many of our fellow citizens who think we should not be entitled to have any of the same things that they enjoy, and who actively attempt, both overtly and subtly, to keep us OUT of mainstream America.

We do want our kids and our neighbor's kids to receive the best education they can have (and please remember some of us are teachers and school administrators). We do not like it when we, or our children, are attacked and beaten solely because of our sexuality. We don't want our homes and businesses robbed and we don't want crime of any kind in our community any more than our straight neighbors do.

If anything, our agenda is considerably broader than the concerns of the overall community. We are very much concerned about the same issues as they are PLUS the very real and burdensome matter of the discrimination and hate we encounter on a daily basis. For you to imply or state otherwise is to buy into the same repulsive and exclusionary rhetoric used by the right wing which keeps tossing the same old argument in our faces that all we want are "special rights". That argument is nothing more than a smoke screen to cover their bigotry. All we want are the SAME rights and opportunities that main stream America enjoys and takes for granted, and we want some effective sanctions against the criminal tactics employed by those who continue to persist in doing all they can to keep us from having it.

Your remarks, Rep. Kolbe, may have made you a few friends among those able to use their assets to insulate themselves from the realities of Gay and Lesbian life in the real world, but you certainly haven't won any support or votes back here in Tucson. Quite the contrary.

When you were "outed" we did not demand that you take up our banner but we did hope you would demonstrate at least some sensitivity to our circumstances and show a modicum of opposition to the very real discrimination and hate you know is directed at us. What we were not prepared for was the kind of offensive insults and self-serving remarks you made to the Log Cabin Club convention. You've clearly shown the voters of this district, both Gay and straight, where your true interests lie.

If you wish to cloak yourself in the exclusionary garb of the privileged, rightwinged and moneyed you would be doing the Gay and Lesbian residents of your district a very great favor by quickly completing your trip back into the closet where you can enjoy playing "dress up" in private. We could do without the embarrassment.

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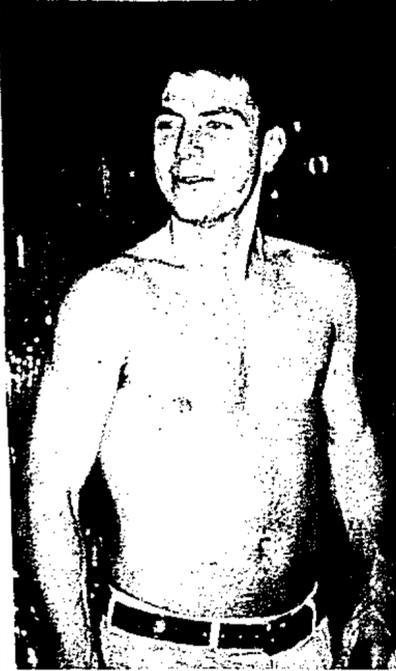
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## HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

by Scott Weidmoyer

Well, well, well . . . Another week in the Old Pueblo! We continue to raise funds thanks to the almighty and her fund raising committee. Keep up the good work! If we keep this pace, this year's rodeo will be a great success.

We received word this week that Old Tucson Studios is interested in hosting out rodeo this March! We are anxiously awaiting full details that will be presented to us at the General Membership Meeting coming up in two weeks. The Rodeway Inn will host the meeting. Wes and the crew will be hosting a pool party/cookout/membership meeting. We need as many people to attend the meeting as possible! With so many decisions to be made, we need your voices, opinions and votes present to insure that this year's rodeo is a great success!

Other meetings that are upcoming. This Saturday is the State meeting, which will be held in Phoenix. And, on Sunday, AGRA-Phoenix is holding their monthly Membership Meeting at Charlie's, Board, 3:00 P.M., and General Membership, 5:00 P.M.

On a personal note, I want to congratulate IBT's on their successful weekend celebrating their fifth anniversary. May you have many more successful years here in Tucson! I would also like to congratulate the MPS Society on their success of the "Roast and Toast of Lucinda Holliday." A great time was had by all and AGRA was very well represented at the event. Thanks to all involved.

In keeping with the information regarding Gay Rodeo, I am going to continue this week with in depth documentation regarding Animal Care and Rodeo. The International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) imposes specified rules, which are strictly enforced, and penalizes any contestant found to be guilty of inhumane treatment of animals, the least of which is their immediate disqualification from further competition.

Gay rodeos operate under greatly modified rules of straight rodeo while still preserving this American tradition. Although consisting of traditional rodeo events such as bull riding and bronc riding, Gay rodeo activities purposefully have been tailored to provide the animal and human participants with the safest environment possible, while still demonstrating the skill of the contestant.

IGRA bylaws are public record and include numerous rules which strongly protect animals from abuse, including passages that prohibit the use of lame, sore, sick, or undersized stock; mandate the availability of veterinary care; prohibit the beating or cruel prodding of animals; direct the release of any animal from competition that appears in danger of injuring itself, and forbid the use of metal or fiberglass rigging, any equipment judged to be too tight, or the concealed use of caustic ointments or burrs.

There are, however, groups who do not agree with the utilization of animals in any capacity. These "animal rights" groups oppose the keeping of animals as pets, the presence of animals in zoos and circuses, and the use of animals in the development of life-saving drugs.

Members of these groups should be able to voice their views and disseminate any information they feel is pertinent to their beliefs, that is, so much that it is

factual, well-researched, and based upon first-hand observation, as most of the exaggerated accusations of abuse made by "animal rights" groups toward Gay rodeo are based on erroneous information drawn mainly from straight, "backwoods" rodeos.

Animal rights supporters take the position that animals are equal or superior to humans based upon their inability to make choices for themselves, and that any use by humans is unjust. Further, these groups infringe upon the differences of the Lesbian and Gay community by attempting to persuade others to conform to their beliefs, giving the impression that the Gay rodeo community is anti-animal. This is patently false, as the sponsoring organizations of the celebration wish to demonstrate a positive force in the community while proving the diversity of the community.

Patrons of Gay rodeo support animal welfare, and the humane, responsible treatment of animals in their housing, feeding and exercising, and hygienic and medical needs. These men and women further believe that the raising of animals in a humane manner to be pets or recreational companions is rewarding for both the animals and humans involved.

I hope you find this information informative and please feel free to contact me with any questions or issues you may have. Until next week! Keep your pride and play safe in the saddle.

## Shootin' Pool Around Town

by Wayne Steele

TUCSON - Here are the winners of the most recent pool tournaments held in the Old Pueblo:

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by Wayne Steele & Doc

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**SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION**  
 by Sharon Kutzschbach, VP Program Evaluation

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Food For Life provides up to seven nutritious, balanced, freshly prepared meals a week for people who are HIV+ or have AIDS and are temporarily unable to shop or cook for themselves. Clients either request this service for themselves, or are referred by doctors, hospitals, public health programs, or an AIDS service organization.

Volunteers are important to this program, as we have only one part-time employee to cook the meals. The program serves from 15-30 clients a month, and has a budget this fiscal year of \$22,800. The entire amount must be raised through community fund raising, since there are current not grant monies to finance Food for Life.

The Food Pantry provides food for those who are able to prepare their own meals. Each client may receive one bag of food every four weeks. Cleaning supplies, paper products, and toiletries are also provided as available. The Food Pantry serves 50-60 clients per month, with the greatest demand coming at the end of the month.

As more clients become aware of the Food Pantry, and others are faced with increasing costs for medications and basic living expenses, those numbers are expected to increase.

SAAF receives food from the Food Bank in exchange for completing paperwork providing proof of the eligibility of our recipients. The Food Bank allows each eligible person to receive four bags of food in a six month period. That means that SAAF must provide at least two bags of food for each client every six months, more if the client has also received food from the Food Bank or another cooperating agency.

To cover the cost of the addition-

al food, the Board budgeted \$2,500 for this fiscal year. We are happy to announce that Broadway Cares - Equity Fights AIDS has given us a \$2,500 grant to completely cover the budgeted costs of the Food Pantry.

Even with this generous grant there is still a need for additional food, cleaning supplies, and toiletries. What can you do to help? Organize a food drive at your work place, club, or place of worship. Make a cash donation for either Food for Life or the Food Pantry. Volunteer to assist in food preparation or delivery. Recruit walkers for AIDS Walk '97 and encourage them to raise money. Sign up to walk yourself. (Call 322-9191 to register for AIDS Walk.) Donate food or cleaning supplies.

We need easy to prepare, high fat, high protein, high carbohydrate foods. We are currently receiving adequate supplies of bread, bagels, dried beans and rice. Canned beans, packaged noodle and sauce mixes, complete pancake mix, jams or jellies, spaghetti sauce, cereal, fruit juice, All Sport or GatorAide type drinks (especially in quart bottles) are all needed. There is always a need for Ensure or other liquid supplements, gelatin, instant pudding or pudding cups.

Laundry detergent, dish soap, sponges, paper towels, toilet paper, all purpose cleaner, disposable razors, shaving cream, deodorant, toothpaste, bath soap and shampoo are also needed.

Bring in the samples you received at the store or in the mail. (Make sure all packaging is intact. A leaking bottle makes a mess!) How about that new toothbrush your dentist gave you that isn't the brand you prefer?

Do you know someone with a freezer in good working condition that she/he could donate to SAAF?

Anything you can do to help us provide food for our clients will be gratefully appreciated.

**A View From The Rock**  
 A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Several weeks ago I almost burned up our kitchen! At that time we had a cutting-board type burner cover for our electric burners. Rather than take the cover completely off, as I had in the past, I decided to just move it off the front burners, since I was not going to be using more than one. I was going to make pasta, so I turned on the front burner so it would begin to get hot, then ran the hot water until it was quite hot, filled a pan half-full of hot water and placed it on the burner. Soon there were wisps of smoke, which I ignored because I thought they meant that the burner had grease on it. The smoke became heavier, but I just thought there was a lot of grease on the burner! I didn't get really concerned until I saw flames shooting up from under the burner cover! I immediately yelled to my spouse and threw a pan of water on the flames! You guessed it! I had mistakenly turned on a back burner, so all the heat from that burner went into the burner cover (which I think was made of pressed board) and some papers stacked nearby, instead of heating up the water for our pasta! Even though I tried to scrape the scorched part of the burner cover away, the fire smell still permeated it and so we

had to discard it. As of now we have nothing covering the burners. That makes for much less counter space, but at least I don't have to worry about starting another fire!

Even though I thought I had the right burner turned on, my mistaken belief could have led to disaster if I had not been in the room.

And even though many people think they are on the right path to God, their mistaken beliefs may lead them to eternal disaster! No matter how firmly a belief is held, if a belief is wrong, it is wrong! Scripture says, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." (Proverbs 14:12) It doesn't really matter what wrong way you are on. You may think that the way to God is through meditation. Maybe you have faith in your crystals. Perhaps your belief is in your church upbringing. Or you may believe that as long as you lead a "good" life (however you interpret that), that somehow in the end your good deeds will outweigh your bad deeds and God will welcome you into his eternal Heaven.

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## Making The Most Of Your Anti-Viral Therapy Continued From Page Nine

the fewer viruses that reproduce, the less likely it is for them to mutate and become resistant to your current antiviral combination.

8. Do not add an antiviral to an existing drug regimen that is failing or may have already lost some of its benefit. Although this is true of any antiviral, it is especially important in regard to protease inhibitors.

**Reason:** If you add a protease inhibitor to a combination that isn't working at its full potential, it is similar to using the protease inhibitor all by itself. This makes it much easier for the virus to become resistant to it, and makes that drug useless to you in the future. It is best to start out with antivirals that you've never used before when beginning an antiviral combination that includes a protease inhibitor. If there are no antivirals (nukes) that you have not used before, consider using a double protease inhibitor combination like zalcitabine + saquinavir or a combination including both a protease inhibitor and a non-nuke.

9. The use and dosages of experimental combinations of drugs should be carefully considered by both you and your doctor. This is especially true of combinations including protease inhibitors and non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (nonnukes) -- nevirapine (Viramune) or delavirdine (Rescriptor).

**Reason:** Experimental therapies are just that, experimental, and as such involve risks. While some new combinations (including the ones mentioned above) show great promise, they may also involve serious pitfalls such as an increase in side effects and unforeseen changes in the effectiveness of the drugs. For people who have failed a standard triple combination, or who have already used up most of the nukes now available, these combinations may be the answer, but it is important that your doctor understands and explains how these drugs interact with each other.

10. Don't panic if you make a mistake.

**Reason:** While it is important not to miss many doses of your medication, it is unlikely (though not impossible) for one missed dose to lead to drug failure. Don't let one mistake unnerve you to the point that you make more mistakes, or stop the therapy. Of course if you find that you are often missing doses, or that you avoid taking one or two of the drugs in your combination, you should consult with their doctor about whether or not you should continue to use this combination given the increased possibility of the drugs failing.

### BUMPS IN THE ROAD

Of course, these guidelines are for people who are regularly taking a combination. For others there is a more basic problem that they cannot tolerate a drug because of its side effects. This is not to be taken lightly, some side effects can be very serious, and some (such as vomiting or diarrhea) can prevent the drugs from working effectively. If you cannot tolerate the combination you are on, consider the following.

Bad side effects may be temporary. For example, many people who take zalcitabine report that after one month or so, many of their bad symptoms get better or go away.

Change the drug causing the

problem to another drug of a similar type. Many people have used this route successfully and there are not any obvious dangers in switching as long as an extremely low viral load is maintained. However, it is possible that some methods of reducing the impact of side effects is wiser than trying to change therapies. Additional drugs, including some over the counter drugs can alleviate side effects, and changes in diet have reportedly helped many people deal with nausea. Just because you can't tolerate a given combination doesn't mean you can't find one that you can tolerate.

Finally, if two viral load tests in a row show that your combination is failing, you should consider changing to an entirely new regime if at all possible. As more drugs become available, this will be an option for increasing numbers of people and it is truly the best way to ensure that your therapy will work for you.

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### Gay Designer Couple Indicted On Money Laundering

BROOKLYN, NY (SFC) - Two interior designers accused of laundering more than

\$30 million for one of Columbia's most powerful drug kingpins were arraigned in US District Court in Brooklyn. Judge Jack Weinstein set bail at an astronomical \$8.5 million.

The two men, Anthony Alexander Blarek II, 56, and Frank V. Pellicchia, 48, allegedly funneled tens of millions of dollars into artwork, furniture, and other home furnishings for the Cali drug cartel's number three leader, Jose Santacruz Londono. Santacruz was killed in a gun battle with the Colombian army in March 1996.

Government prosecutors say the Gay couple's sole client since 1979 was Santacruz and that both knew the illicit source of the money upon which they lived so extravagantly. The couple was well known in the upper echelons of San Francisco's Gay community.

If they are able to post bail, Judge Weinstein has ruled they can return to San Francisco and fly to New York periodically until their November trial begins. The judge ruled that the couple's \$7 million in assets, seized by federal authorities, can be used towards bail. The defendants are trying to raise the additional \$1.5 million to win their release.

Mark Lerner, an assistant US attorney, was quoted as saying the government has an "overwhelming" case against the two men.

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## New Mexico Hate Crime Faked!

PORTALES, NM (NP) - Investigators say the trail of a homophobic harasser in New Mexico, who posted vile signs and made death threats on a hit list of Gays and Lesbians, led back to the first person that claimed to be assaulted.

The masked assailant who leaped out of the closet to cut Miranda Prather on the face and leg as part of a hate campaign against Lesbians and Gays in Portales, New Mexico was none other than Prather herself, according to Portales police who arrested her July 23.

She was charged with on one count of filing a false report and seven counts of harassment, worth a total of eight years in prison if she's convicted. Prather's name had led a hit list of eight names which appeared on some posters purportedly from an anti-Gay hate group called "The Fist of God," posters which promised to kill one named person each week. Although the other names are being kept out of the media, all eight are graduate students and faculty in the English Department of Eastern New Mexico University.

Prather described her assailant to police as being her own size and build, dressing like her, and looking like her, save for her hairstyle, according to Police Captain Lonnie Berry; at least the composite sketch developed by police from her description looked just like her to them. Detectives also recognized her in surveillance videos from an off-campus laundromat where the flyers had appeared, posting them after making sure no one was watching. As arresting officers led her off to jail, she called out to reporters, "I know the main suspect. I got coerced into doing some things I shouldn't have done."

Prather had reported to police being grabbed inside her own home by two masked assailants who wrapped a rope

around her neck. Although the rope burns and cuts she said resulted from the attack were described as "superficial," the slash on her cheek was three inches long. Later the two assailants in her story became one, a woman she said she knew. But when police investigated neighbors and others around her apartment at the time of the alleged attack, none of them were aware of anyone being there.

"Fist of God" flyers were first found posted in the campus' liberal arts building. A total of a dozen people were named in the various items, including the eight specified on the "hit list" and groups of six men and six women appearing on posters reading "Dike [sic] Couples Polluting Our World" and "Queer Couples Polluting Our World." A number of people associated with the University had received letters containing death threats. The flyers and posters, containing numerous misspellings, made statements such as, "The Fist of God - A Group Dedicated to Killing the Queer Threat," and "In Florida They Kill Each Other. We're Not So Lucky. But We Can Do Something." The one with the hit list said, "The Fist of God - Take Us Seriously Or We'll Begin Executing One Queer A Week Following This List...that's only the FIRST 2 Months...CHANGE or DIE!"

The letters, flyers and posters had succeeded in creating terror among those named. Before police decided that Prather had been responsible for her own attack, they had attempted to enlist the assistance of the FBI. The FBI declined to engage the case because, although the Department of Justice is mandated to intervene in hate situations involving race and religion, there is no such mandate for intervening to stop homophobic threats. The first time the Department had ever investigated homophobic terrorism was that against the founders of Camp Sisterspirit in Overt, Mississippi.

## No Rehearing For Shahar

ATLANTA, GA (NP) - A Georgia appeals court won't consider the contention of a Lesbian lawyer that self-avowed adulterer "Mr. Bowers vs. Hardwick" held her to an illegal double standard.

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals announced that openly Lesbian attorney Robin Shahar will not get a second chance to plead her job discrimination lawsuit against former Georgia state Attorney General (now Republican gubernatorial candidate) Michael Bowers, despite his June admission of a decade-long adulterous affair. In 1991, Bowers had withdrawn from Shahar a job offer in his office, after learning of her then-impending private religious wedding to another woman.

Then Bowers claimed that Shahar's flouting of the state's sodomy statute would damage the credibility of the state's Law Department -- but since adultery is also illegal in Georgia, Shahar had hoped to demonstrate now that an illegal "double standard" for employment had existed there.

The appeals court decided 9 - 3 that it was too late to introduce the new evidence, given their doubts that it was either relevant or strong enough to change their May ruling in Bowers' favor. That 8 - 4 ruling was a peculiarly cagey one, going out of its way to avoid endorsing Bowers' action in withdrawing the job offer, while fully supporting his authority to have done so. Shahar, whose lawsuit has been supported by the American Civil Liberties Union, can still file for an appeal

to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In December 1995, Shahar had actually scored a victory before a three judge panel of the same Court of Appeals. Most of the work of the court is done by such panels, whose make-up is chosen by lot. By the luck of the draw, Shahar came up with the three most liberal members of the court for her hearing. They agreed unanimously that Shahar had a "right to intimate association" which had been infringed, the first time any federal court had recognized such a right for Gays and Lesbians.

However, the full court vacated that ruling and determined to rehear the case "en banc" with all twelve judges, finally issuing a decision in which only one more judge joined the opinion of the original three who were in Shahar's favor. The majority in the May 1996 ruling believed that the needs of the state for an effective Law Department outweighed whatever individual rights of Shahar's may have been infringed.

Bowers is best-known for having successfully defended Georgia's sodomy law -- and more generally the right of the states to criminalize private sexual behavior between consenting adults -- before the U.S. Supreme Court in the 1986 "Bowers v. Hardwick" case, perhaps the most damaging legal ruling affecting Gays and Lesbians in the nation's history. Bowers also intervened to strike down an attempt by the city of Atlanta to extend spousal

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# Go In Good Health

by Rev. Andrew Brooks

I would like to dedicate this week's column to the memory of my dear friend Kenny Lee Wright, Jr., who died August 11, 1987. He was a wonderful friend, and though he died ten years ago, I miss him. He was struggling with his own emerging Bisexuality, and could not come to terms with it. Being raised in a homophobic, religious environment, he, sadly could not cope. I hope we as a community continue to reach out to those in the teen community who are discovering their own Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender identities.

Which brings me to this week's column topic, making peace with your sexuality. This means much more than having same-sex relations. Many Gays are happy with being what we are, but due to societal narrow-mindedness, repressive, homophobic religious doctrines, and all-too-common family intolerance, some of us have internalized this homophobia. Although we are having Gay sex, some of us are still fighting with our sexual identity. Being Gay is much more than the act of Gay sex, it is a mindset, and an aspect of our being. We must learn to love ourselves, and truly accept our sexuality, without guilt, fear, or self-condemnation.

I am sure all of us have met Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals who are not yet happy with their sexuality. We must understand that coming to terms with our sexuality is much more than giving in to our sexual urges. It is accepting ourselves, and our sexuality, as an expression of ourselves. We can learn to express our sexuality in beautiful, loving, ways, and not use "sex as a weapon." (as the Old Pat Benatar song goes!)

Once we accept the fact that we are Gay, and let go of any lingering low self-esteem, or allow the negative ideas of others to cloud our joy, then we can begin to move forward in our lives. So, if any of you are still fighting your sexuality, or repressing guilt over it, it is time to find some peace. It serves no constructive purpose. You are a wonderful person, and deserve love and to be loved! Accept yourself. Don't allow yourself to feel second-best, you are a wonderful, unique, special person, a child of the Creator, and as an old saying goes "God don't make no junk!" So love yourself for who and what you are!

My life is getting very busy these days, as I am working on my third book. I want to leave you with some wonderful words from the song "Anywhere Is" by Enya, from her latest album, "The Memory of Trees." This is my last weekly column, but I will still write them from time to time, just not as often! So, I hope I have been able to help at least a little with some self-healing advice. To my queer family, I wish all the best. May the Mother Earth heal us all! Anyway, till the next time I write, I say, "Go In Good Health," as I close with these words by Enya: "I walk the maze of moments, but everywhere I turn to, begins a new beginning, but never finds a finish. I walk to the horizon and there I find another. It all seems so surprising, and then I find that I know." Take care of yourselves, and as we say, "Goddess Bless!"

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

## GLMA 15th Annual Symposium Aug. 21

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Hundreds of Gay and Lesbian physicians and medical students from across the U.S. and Canada will arrive in San Francisco for the 15th Annual Symposium of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, starting August 21.

This historic meeting is expected to be the largest conference of Gay and Lesbian physicians ever to take place.

The three-day Symposium, "Building Healthy Families," will feature a wide range of plenaries and workshops. Topics that will be addressed include: mental health among families with children conceived by donor insemination, abuse in Lesbian relationships, physician-assisted suicide, and gender identity disorder in children.

The second day of the conference will be devoted to current issues in HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and research, and will include presentations on medical marijuana, traditional Chinese medicine, and post-exposure prophylaxis.

The Symposium also demonstrates GLMA's commitment to empowering physicians to be activist leaders who will advocate in their local communities for the needs of Lesbian and Gay patients.

The Symposium, which will be held at the Parc Fifty Five Hotel, is intended for physicians, medical students, and health policy makers, regardless of sexual orientation.

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### Compuserve

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Australia is also taking an industry-self-regulation approach. The federal government announced that Internet operators and ISP's are being asked to develop and voluntarily adopt a code of practice and a complaints process to handle violations. Online materials will be granted the same protections as books, videos, films, and computer games in the physical world -- which still means that materials denied classification will be illegal to publish and those rated "X" and "R" are not to be accessible to children. Federal and state governments are to cooperate to develop uniform laws, although they're having considerable difficulty at the moment in reaching agreement on amending film and video ratings.

GLAAD, the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, has been carrying out a continuing dialog with producers of filtering software about the questionable ethics of treating everything "Gay" as a suitable target for censorship or restriction. In a dialog between GLAAD's interactive media director Loren Javier and Ken Soohoo of PlanetWeb (producer of the browser included with Sega Saturn) reported earlier this month by C= NET Soohoo was quick to say that he would never filter out a given racial or

ethnic group because, "We're not in the business of selling prejudice here" -- but slower to understand Javier's point that Gays and Lesbians are just as much of a community, and not just a "topic," an ideology or a sexual activity.

Javier was particularly concerned that PlanetWeb even offered such a category for filtering as, "Information regarding Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender subjects presented in an impartial, informative manner." He said the option sent "a message that there's something implicitly wrong with homosexuality." He felt protest action against any such approaches was warranted, warning that otherwise, "we could become even more invisible than we are on other media."

Meanwhile, there's growing awareness of the limitations of the kind of screening software on which the U.S. Democrats based their hopes for an uncensored Internet. Blocking "sex" is likely to block a site for Essex County; blocking "personal" is likely to block information on personality disorders; and the line between children's toys and sex toys is not always easy to program, while many sites parents may find objectionable for their children still slip through. CyberPatrol told reporters in that they were adding fully 500 new sites per week to their then-20,000 "CyberNOT" censored list.

### Politics

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campaign disclosure laws. Danny wouldn't turn over any checks or receipts, according to Mary. Copeland said the allegations "are politically motivated." Motivation no, violations yes!

Copeland maintains that the campaign is not collecting money. "People are sending donations to us." Love offerings? Danny declared two checks from two Republican Party officials were "seed money up front before the campaign got started." A loan? Yea, just like the Fifer's!

The two Republican officials stated the checks were cashed? Okay, were they repaid for their "seed money?" Copeland said the "check's are in the mail." A campaign check? It would be interesting since the campaign doesn't have a checking account!

With all that, the elephants are jumping ship. Copeland's "alleged campaign" chair, Vernon Lewis, resigned last week from the campaign. The City Clerk reported receiving Vernon's resignation letter last week.

Copeland was unavailable for comment. According to news reports Danny was away on business. Conversing with Jim Bakker perhaps? Rumors are flying that Copeland will drop out this week. I bet Fred Ronstadt will be one lonely elephant! . . .

So it goes for now kids!

### Rehearing

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benefits to the same-gender partners of its Gay and Lesbian employees, a struggle which is currently in progress once again with the city having passed a new ordinance designed to overcome the objections to its predecessor.

### Discover Card Bans Gay Purchases

MIAMI, FL (WS) - Try to use your credit card for Gay and Lesbian material, and you'll find out that sometimes "It Cheats to Discover."

Novus Services, the unit of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Discover & Co. which handles the popular (48 million issued) Discover Card, turns out to have had a policy of disqualifying merchants who are "sellers of 'adult' products or services" -- including Gay and Lesbian material -- for over a decade, a spokesperson told reporters.

The policy came to light in late June when the Badpuppy Gay website was disqualified, and even then its actual notice of termination cited only "security concerns or irregular card transactions." Only on a follow-up call was the exclusionary policy actually stated. Apparently Badpuppy was one of those companies of which Discover's director of media relations Beth Metzler said, "If we inadvertently sign on a company, and we later find out the nature of their material, we will close [their accounts]."

According to several newspaper reports that a number of obviously so-called "adult" online services prominently display the Discover card logo: Playboy.com, PornoPictures.com, Newd.com, and the renowned Good Vibrations sex shop. Badpuppy's legal counsel is researching the basis for a possible discrimination lawsuit. Information about a boycott of Discover is available at <http://www.discoversux.com/>.

American Express, MasterCard and VISA have confirmed that they do not have such policies. One financial industry worker called it "stupid" business to rule out a substantial market share in this time of heavy competition for the consumer credit dollar.

Novus is currently in the process of expanding its Net-based banking service under the Discover brand name.

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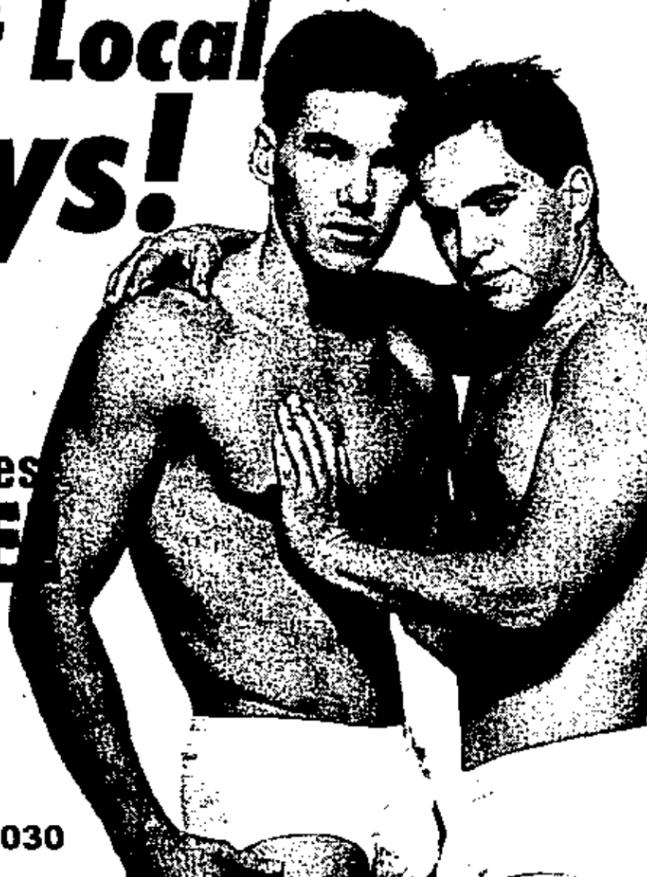
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Let's welcome a robust August energized by the antics of Mars. This surly little fellow goes on a rampage until it changes signs mid-month but by then, the damage is done. Rash actions have repercussions friends so plan your attack carefully. You can take it to the streets but be careful that it's not towed away.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rams may trod into messy little piles in both their career and relationships early this month. Don't let that indomitable spirit waver though cousin; this is just a passing storm. Dust yourself off and try it again later but be sure that you have learned your lessons well. It would be a shame to go through suffering without reaching salvation.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Work gets in the way of life in early August. Gay Bulls are so busy putting out the flames that they are unable to bask in the warm glow of achievement. Thinking of escaping this madness and going on vacation? I don't think so. Plans never materialize or you may find yourself in a scene out of Marat Sade. Stay put, fight the demons and emerge victorious by the end of the month.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Proud party Twins may get their ball gowns in a twist this August when fun can get totally out of hand. Resist the temptation to party hearty, at least until August 15; because the fallout can be nuclear among both friends and lovers. Why rely on the kindness of strangers when, with a little foresight and restraint, you can maintain your role as Miss Popularity?

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Pink Crabs may yearn to crawl inside their shells and remain there for most of August, but don't fall into that trap! Nurse the summertime blahs some other time, cousin; you have too much to do in your career. While others while away the time, use this opportunity to tame the corporate sharks. Crabmeat will not be on the menu in the executive dining room!

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Think twice before you open up that big mouth of yours to let out a raucous roar. This August you are bound to stick your paw in your craw if you allow your emotions to get the better of your common sense. Accept the fact that sometimes life just ain't fair, proud Lion. Let the bastards have their day today; you will have the entire rest of the year to rule.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

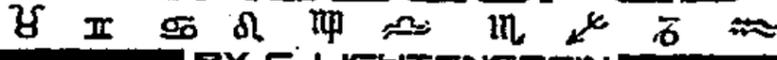
Can you put a price tag on love? Probably not, but this August you may be tempted to try. Mars encourages you to throw fiscal prudence to the far winds. I suggest that you maintain that au naturel careful (read: cheap) outlook before you cash in the farm for a hot time. Fleeting moments of lust have their advantages, but will not keep you warm and cozy in your ripe old age.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

You may yearn to be queen for a day this August but are you prepared to share the spotlight with others? Gay Libras are known for their diplomacy and balance. Now it is time to heed the call and balance your own needs with those of partners. Compromise is the keyword. Give up something today to get something better tomorrow.

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OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Mars pushes you out of the closet and into our community head first. Thank the planets for the glorious liberation and make the most of the energy that Mars gives you through mid-month. The only hitch in this freedom is the ball and chain of work. No matter how much you want to be queen bee, Gay Scorps will have to deal with the day to day drone.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Friends may get in the way of a good time this August, but don't be too hard on them. Proud Archers are better off nurturing friendships and letting the good times roll on by for now. Although you are by nature a lucky soul, there may be some hitches in early on. This too shall pass, but in the meantime, don't go overboard in the gambling department.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Your career takes off thanks to aggressive Mars, but there is a compromise hovering on the horizon. (Ain't it always the case, cousin . . .) The harder you work to construct of corporate identity for yourself, the less time you will have to spend on home and family issues. Gay Caps may have a few home fires to extinguish at this time. Grab a hose and get wet.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Self improvement should be a priority for all Aqueerians this August. Take a class, learn something new, experience something (or someone) completely different. Think of yourself as a sponge, soaking up knowledge, experience and expertise. Sponges don't say much and good thing too; Saturn creates static in your communication. The less said the better, dear.

**PISCES**  
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20  
Pink Fish are ready for a fish fry when Mars turns up the sexual heat. If you are feeling a bit feisty, thank merry Mars for the oomph and enjoy yourself. Just don't spend more on the merry making than you can easily afford. Psychological road-blocks can be plowed over this month, if you are willing to spend the time, energy and money. Nirvana can be an expensive trip.

For entertainment purposes only. For best results, read both your Sun sign and Ascendant. For a free calculation of your ascendant, send birth date, time, place, name of this publication and s.a.s.c. to: Lichtenstein, POB 1726, Old Chelsea Station, NY 10011.



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# CALENDAR of upcoming events

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

**IBT'S** - A Very Special 'Gilda Show' starring Celia Putty (Miss Gay Enchantment America 1997); Virginia Sacrifice (Miss Gay Arizona America 1997); Mr. Kenneth Blake (Miss Gay Tucson 1997) and Lucinda Holliday (Miss Gay Arizona America 1994).

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

**GRADUATE** - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) Beer Bust 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

**VENTURE-N** - Bears of the Old Pueblo Beer Bust on the Patio from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

**IBT'S** - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., it's meet the candidate evening. Carol Zimmerman, candidate for Tucson City Council, Ward 6, will answer questions and address Gay and Lesbian issues that affect you. N The benefit Bar-B-Que that runs at the same time will benefit Revelille Men's Chorus and will feature special southwest burgers and more. Then, at 9:00 p.m. the Love company presents "Puttin' On The Lips" hosted by Kirk and featuring Felice Renard and Victoria Du Puis with returning camp Mary.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

**IBT'S** - Special Benefit Show for Celia Putty's Miss Gay America campaign. Hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Alja Simone, Felice Renard, Shandrianna, Victoria Du Puis, Lani, Kenneth Blake and Raven.

**STONEWALL / EAGLE** - The return of Hollywood Creations - an all-male dance revue. 10:00 p.m. \$1.00 Cover.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

**IBT'S** - Cruise Night 9:00 p.m. to closing, with drink specials for those who cruise in their underwear. Prizes, tool Register to win a free Cruise for two with IBT's and Arizona Travel on RSVP Lines to the Mexican Riviera. Crew members on board to sign you up.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

**BOOM BOOMS** - It's Scooby's Torn and Tattered Party. Wear your sleaziest form outfit and qualify to win the grand prize! Check next week's ad for more info.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

**VENTURE-N** - Village People Party celebrating the 20th anniversary - all night!!!

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

**BOOM BOOMS** - End of Summer Beach Party and Luau. If you didn't make it to Hawaii this summer, here's your chance. Check upcoming ads for more information.

**VENTURE-N** - Mr. Venture-N Contest. Watch for more details.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

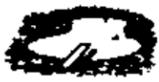
**BOOM BOOMS** - Black Out Party. DJ Raymond controls the lights for this event and be assured he likes it dark. Free give-aways and door prizes.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

**STONEWALL / EAGLE** - Miss Carousel Pageant will be held here beginning at 7:00 p.m. Call Misti Malone for more information and an entry form. Digital Pager (520)566-5185.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

**STONEWALL / EAGLE** - Miss Gay Hispanidad '97 Pageant at 7:00 p.m.



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# Non-Bar CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

**Tucson Prime Timers** invites Gay men over 30 to their monthly Wednesday dinner at Chad's Steak House on Ft. Lowell near the corner of Swan at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP 867-7493.

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A Discussion Group will read a section from the recent bestseller "Conversations With God", then discuss the reading. For reservations and directions, please call Justin or Gary at 792-4224.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join some of the guys of MSN for a "Favorite Film" night as we present a showing of "Fried Green Tomatoes." This fun and thought-provoking film stars Kathy Bates, Mary Stuart Masterson, Mary Louise Parker, and Jessica Tandy. Please call Les at 690-9565 for reservation and directions.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing "Sex Between Men" by Douglas Sadowick. Even if you don't read the book, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, call Jerry at 690-9565.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Get out your mood rings, slip on a groovy, white belt, spray on some bell bottoms and join us as we trip back in time for a showing of "A Very Brady Sequel." For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

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

## MONDAY, AUGUST 11

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The second "Favorite Film" of the month is another Kathy Bates movie: "Delores Claiborn." Did Delores kill two people or not? This stylishly filmed movie features a powerhouse performance from the star. For reservation and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565 after August 11.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. Due to popular request, Jack is having a second class on Stained Glass. This class meets every Tuesday for the next six weeks. By the time it is over, you will have completed your very own piece of Stained Glass Artwork. Keep in mind that you must attend this class from the very first session. For details and reservations, please call Jack at 745-8844.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

1. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A Discussion Group will read a section from the recent bestseller "Conversations With God", then discuss the reading. For reservations and directions, please call Justin or Gary at 792-4224.

2. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Dinner Out will be held at the Kingfisher this month. If you'd like to join your gay family for a nice dinner out, please call Bill at 615-0979 by Monday, August 11, to reserve your place at the table.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:30 p.m. Have an evening meal and a night of lively conversation as Bill & Stephen host Dinner & Conversation Night. The evening will be limited to 10 participants, so call early if you would like to attend. For reservations and directions, please call Bill or Stephen at 647-3436.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

**Rainbow Families, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network**, holds a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. The group meets at 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis in the foothills Church at River and Swan, in room 31. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are welcome. Call Craig at 318-8348 for more information.

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:30 p.m. Feeling hot tonight—and it's not because of all the men in your apartment complex? Join the MSN men as they head off for a cool evening of ice skating at the Iceplex. For details, please call Dana at 325-4257, or C.W. at 326-5439.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

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

## MONDAY, AUGUST 18

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who may want to refresh their bridge skills; table talk playing. We're at a new location for this month only. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 790-8735.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. Due to popular request, Jack is having a second class on Stained Glass. This class meets every Tuesday for the next six weeks. By the time it is over, you will have completed your very own piece of Stained Glass Artwork. Keep in mind that you must attend this class from the very first session, but if you're interested in another class in the future, please call to let Jack know. For details and reservations, please call Jack at 745-8844.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A Discussion Group will read a section from the recent bestseller "Conversations With God", then discuss the reading. For reservations and directions, please call Justin or Gary at 792-4224.

# Tucson CALENDAR

## Sunday

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

**ROOM-BOOMS** - Open at 4pm. Karaoke with Nancy 7-11pm. Blues and Jazz music 11-12pm.

**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 Screw \$1.50 @ 7 pm. Pool Tournament 4pm. 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 8-8-Q 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** - Pool Tournament at 2pm. Beer Bust \$1 Pitchers, 50¢ a glass. Free hamburgers 2-7pm.

**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. \$1.75 well 8pm to close.

**ROOM-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 \$1.50. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.

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

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour 12-8pm \$1.50 well & domestic. Free pool all day. Dart tournament 8:30 pm.

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

## Tuesday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS** - Happy Hour 2-7 pm 2for1 well and domestic long necks. 2-7 p.m. Boys Night Out 9pm to closing. \$1.00 longneck Hot dance music.

**ROOM-BOOMS** - Happy Hour 4-8 daily. Dart Tournament 8:30. Special prices for all tournament players. \$1.50 domestic bottle beer & \$1 Cocktails 8-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 \$1.50. 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 8pm. \$1.50 well and domestic. Karaoke 9pm.

**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. \$1.25 pitchers from 9 to midnight. Alternative music w/Stephanie 9pm to close.

**ROOM-BOOMS** - Happy Hour 4-8pm. Karaoke with Christopher 8pm - 1am \$1.50 Well & \$2.25 Call 8pm to close.

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

**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.50. 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 8pm. \$1.50 well and domestic. Karaoke 9pm.

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

## Thursday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS** - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.

**ROOM-BOOMS** - \$1.50 well & \$2.25 call 8pm to close. HINRG Dance Music at 9 with Raymond. Pool Tournament at 7pm with Dee. Pot matched.

**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 \$1.50. Corona \$2.00 8pm 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 (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour noon-8pm. \$1.50 well and domestic. Naughty Bodies Male Revue. 10pm.

**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.

**ROOM-BOOMS** - Happy Hour 4-8pm. Latino Dance Music in the "Other Room" at 9pm. Dance Party with Raymond in the main bar at 9. Country/Western dance music in the "Other" Room.

**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 \$1.50. 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-8pm. \$1.50 well and domestic. Beer Bust 8-9pm \$1 pitchers 50¢ glass.

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

## Saturday

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

**ROOM-BOOMS** - Happy Hour 4-8pm. Dance to the latest club mixes in the main bar

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

**HOURS** - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Piña Coladas \$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 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm Beer Bust 8-9pm \$1 pitchers, 50¢ glass. Hors d'oeuvres 4pm.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Biches & 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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COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS, P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (520)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

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

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

TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE Men and women welcome, Page 388-6843.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call 290-9454.

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 6:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Elsie 581-8850 or Ronn 868-2384.

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

CRONES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Marie at 858-7264.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to ALL. Call Jeff or Art (520)762-9135.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 858-7298.

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

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

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

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #182. For information call 791-9662.

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

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

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

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

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Infaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-9063.

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmoor Building). Office Hours 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmel Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555

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 573-9660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 50 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

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 681-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

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

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 32. Call the church at 298-8863 for information.

NOTICES

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

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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 624-1779.

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

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYSBALL every Sunday at 4:00 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 858-1208 for more info.

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

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## Southern Methodists & CWA Join Disney Boycott

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) - The Southern Methodists and Concerned Women for America are climbing on board the Disney boycott wagon, but the Mouse-masters say the anti-toon contingent is essentially drawing a blank.

As pressure from southern-based Christian denominations and right-wing religiously oriented political organizations continues to build, profits for the Walt Disney Company have yet to show a dent.

Earlier this month, the Carolinas Conference of the Southern Methodist Church resolved to boycott all Disney parks and products, and shortly thereafter, a group led by representatives of Concerned Women for America (CWA) delivered an ultimatum to Disney executives to change their LesBiGay-friendly policies — deemed "anti-Christian/anti-family" by conservative critics — or else.

However, a report on income by Disney last week indicated that the "or else," as demonstrated by the Southern Baptist Convention boycott already in progress, may have a hollow ring. With fewer than 8,000 members nationwide, the Southern Methodists aren't the potential powerhouse represented by the Southern Baptists, but they have similar concerns about Disney's "moral philosophy" and what their resolution called "the present endorsement being given to the Gay rights movement" by the company. Although spokespeople said the action was not in response to the Baptist boycott, they also called for a letter-writing campaign and urged clergy and laity to withhold their support of Disney enterprises until the entertainment megaglomerate altered its direction.

Days later, CWA held an angry press conference in the wake of their "do or die" meeting with Disney brass, declaring their own boycott. They were particu-

larly miffed by the fact that executive vice president John Cooke cancelled his appearance with them at the last minute, giving the excuse that he was to introduce Secretary of State Madeline Albright at another affair. The confab went forward with governmental affairs director Richard Bates on the Disney side and included leaders from the Southern Baptist Convention, the American Family Association, the Family Research Council, Catholics for the Faith, Coral Ridge Ministries, King for America and the Presbyterian Church of America joining CWA.

In addition to complaints about the company's domestic partner benefit provisions, its acceptance of Gay and Lesbian special events at its theme parks (which are in no way Disney-sponsored), and its ownership of the "Ellen" network, ABC, CWA demanded an end to "anti-Christian" themes and the sexualization of animated heroines. A subsequent press release noted the omission of Pocahontas' Christian conversion in last year's hit and Mickey Mouse's delving into the occult in *Fantasia* (1940) as examples of how Disney has lost its traditional way.

Despite the opposition, the company's July 22 third-quarter earnings report showed an increase of 18 percent, including record attendance at Walt Disney World, the Orlando, Florida theme park. Business was also up for The Disney Channel and for home video sales, which were boosted by the release of "101 Dalmatians."

## 'First Hippie' Burroughs Dies

LAWRENCE, KS (NP) - He put the "generate" into the Beat Generation, but insisted, "I don't justify nothing to nobody."

Openly Gay author and visual artist William S. Burroughs, best known for his novel "Naked Lunch" and widely recognized as the original hippie, died suddenly of a heart attack on 2 in Lawrence, Kansas at the age of 83.

He was a key influence on "Beat Generation" founders writer Jack Kerouac and the recently deceased openly Gay poet Allen Ginsberg, but also on later generations of artists including David Bowie, Deborah Harry (formerly of Blondie), Lou Reed, Patti Smith, and Michael Stipe of R.E.M. He broke new literary ground with his cut-up, stream-of-consciousness style and his work was much admired by Norman Mailer.

Burroughs was a heroin addict from 1944 to 1959. Since he had the money to obtain the drug and often lived where it was not strictly controlled at the time, his experiences were generally quite different from the disastrous stereotype that brings to mind, although he did sink low enough at one point to pawn his typewriter.

The course of his life changed one night in Mexico in 1951 when, loaded on drugs and alcohol, he shot dead the only woman he ever really related to sexually, his common-law partner of five years Joan Vollmer, while attempting a

recreation of the William Tell legend in which he meant to shoot a glass off the top of her head. Burroughs attributed his writing to the need to work through his feelings about that tragedy.

"Naked Lunch" was chock-full of drugs, explicit sex (including a kind of obsession with strangulation-induced erections), violence, manipulative people of every stripe, and an anti-technology theme. First published in Paris in 1959, it sparked obscenity trials that delayed its U.S. publication to 1962. It was realized as an undistinguished film in 1991.

Burroughs' other writing included "Junkie" (an autobiography published under the name William Lee in 1953), "Exterminator!" (more autobiography about working as a bug killer), "My Education: A Book of Dreams," "The Soft Machine," "The Ticket That Exploded," "Nova Express," "The Wild Boys," "Cities of the Red Night," "Tornado Alley," "Queer!," "Place of the Dead Roads," and "The Western Lands." Grove Press had already been in the process of producing a collection of his writings, which will appear in 1998.

In later years, he worked on several screenplays and wrote the libretto as well as the book for the opera "The Black Rider," based on "Der Frischutz"; made appearances in the films "Drugstore Cowboy" and "Twister," the U2 rock video "Last Night on Earth" and a Nike TV ad; and focused primarily on his photography and painting. A retrospective of his art was held last year at the Spencer Museum of Art.

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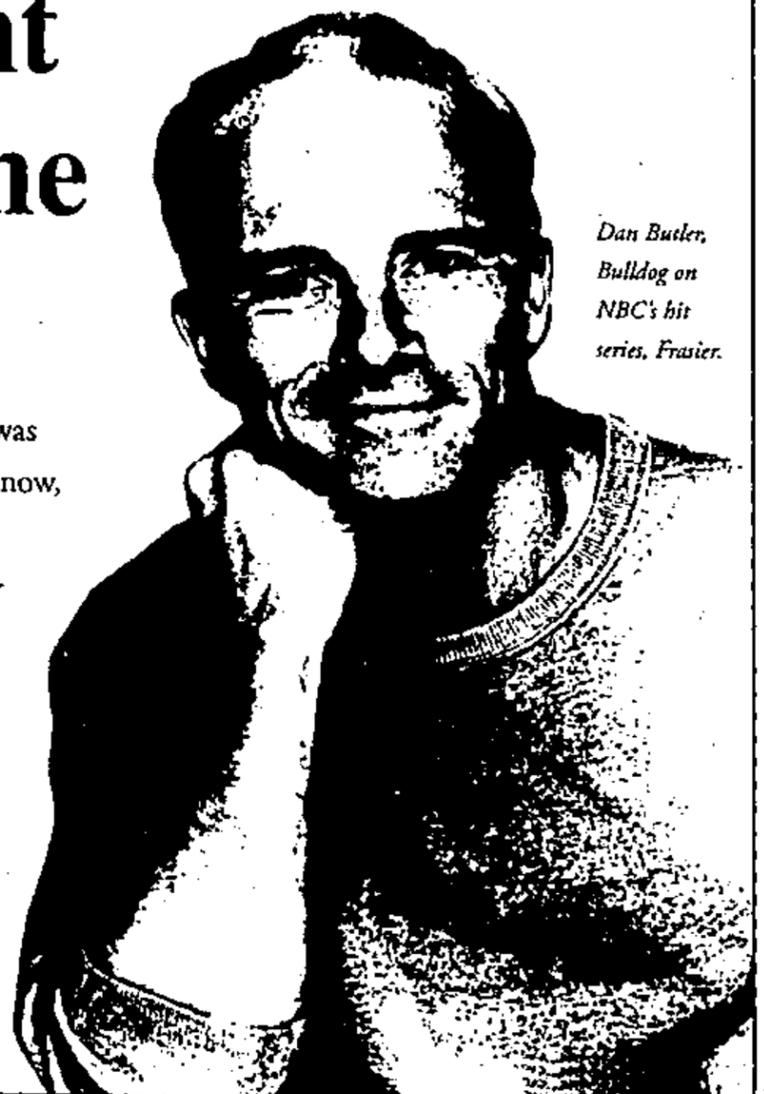
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