

## Miss Gay Hispanidad '97 Crowned



Miss Gay Hispanidad 1997, Grecia

TUCSON - This past Saturday, Sept. 13, the Miss Gay Hispanidad Pageant was held at the Stonewall/Eagle.

The annual affair is hosted by the Latino Men's Health Project and was attended by a standing room only crowd who were treated to a pageant of eight contestants. The panel of judges had the usual difficult task of picking the winner. All participants were excellent and are to be congratulated.

The winner of the title Miss Gay Hispanidad 1997 was Grecia (pictured above). Carina Montenegro came in second and Liliana won third prize. Miss Simpatia (or congeniality) was Condessa. Sasha, Miss Gay Hispanidad 1996 assisted in the crowning of Grecia.

It was a full evening of song, dance and pageantry. Congratulations again to Grecia and all the contestants as well as Mistress of Ceremonies, Christina de Alexis and to the show's producer, Ernie Perez.

There are more pictures of the event on page nine as well as a complete review of the evening in Spanish by Dr. Eleazar Garcia.

## Arizona HIV/AIDS Update

by Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (ON) - The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and the Ryan White CARE Act are supposed to provide life sustaining care and medicines to people with HIV/AIDS who can not get insurance or qualify for Medicaid.

Come November, these programs won't be there for Arizonans living with HIV/AIDS.

With nearly \$1 billion of unspent money sitting around in state coffers, the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) has had to put a cap on enrollment for new clients living with HIV/AIDS due to a budget shortfall of nearly \$1 million.

As first reported in The Observer (685), the shortfall is attributed to the expanded number of people getting medical services, plus the costs of combination therapies of protease inhibitors. The costs can run as high as \$15,000 a year.

An ADHS spokesperson said the health agency instituted the enrollment cap effective at 11:00 A.M., Friday, September 12.

An enrollment cap is defined as a limit is set for the number of people who can obtain services from a government agency.

The ADHS spokesperson said that the state health agency set a cap of 445 clients monthly. When they hit the figure of 445, people will put on a "waiting list" for the first available slot that opens up. This will be the policy if the funding crisis is not dealt with.

As of press time, ADHS has 443 clients.

What about the life-saving medications ADHS provides? Chris Brown, program manager of ADHS HIV/STD services said, in a previous interview with The Observer, that the state will try to move as many clients into Compassionate Use Programs.

Compassionate Use Programs are where the state will go to the drug companies and ask them to provide medications, such as protease inhibitors, for clients for the remainder of the fiscal year or budget crisis.

Local AIDS activists question this since 35 other states are facing a funding crisis for HIV/AIDS programs and are going to the same drug companies for life-saving medication. "How much for how long," many activists have asked.

"If the shortfall is not dealt with, clients face hard times ahead," Anne Maley, executive director of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation commented. Maley said the ASO gets their medications from ADHS. . . .

State funding: David Hoover, Board President of the Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance (AZAPA) said the AIDS group has been lobbying legislators for a \$1 million stop-gap measure to get through the budget-crisis for this fiscal year.

Hoover added that people should call their legislators and urge them to support state funding for HIV/AIDS programs. The AIDS group faces an uphill battle, since the Republican-dominated Legislature has never approved any funding for HIV/AIDS programs in Arizona during the whole epidemic.

There is plenty of state money in the coffers to meet this budget crisis and provide funding for the sorely needed HIV/AIDS programs:

Arizona has a state surplus of \$594 million. \$240 million are in the rainy day fund, and \$60 million is set aside for indigent health care. A total of \$894 million dollars. The state can't cry poor.

In 1994 voters had approved a 40-cent-per-pack tax on cigarettes, of which the additional moneys were to be used for education about the dangers of tobacco use and to expand indigent health care. A total of \$60 million.

Lawmakers have never raised the income limits to qualify for indigent health care, and hasn't earmarked any additional funding for HIV/AIDS programs, despite the moneys in state coffers meant for the programs.

So what happens now? David Hoover of AZAPA said the lobbying efforts by the state policy group has made some inroads with key Republican legislators.

"People need to call their State Senators and Representatives and urge them to support additional funding for ADAP programs," Hoover said.

To reach the Arizona State Legislature, call (800) 352-8404.

A community forum is being held today, Wednesday, September 17, 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. in the Central Room in St. Mary's Hospital, 1601 West St. Mary's Road. The forum will discuss the issues surrounding the funding crisis of ADAP programs.

**Team  
Arizona/Tucson  
Meeting Sept. 20  
1:30 p.m.  
Wingspan  
Community Center  
See Story Page Two**

## Jerry Anderson And Alison Hughes Victorious In Tucson Primary Election

TUCSON (ON) - Tucsonans came, saw, and voted in rather underwhelming numbers.

Eligible voters, 11%, went to the polls on Tuesday to decide who their party's standard-bearers would be in the Tucson City Council elections.

Three Council seats in Wards 3, 5, and 6 were up for consideration this year. Of which, only Ward 6 is being contested in the general election. The Democratic primaries in Wards 3 and 5 decided who would sit on the Tucson City Council.

In Ward 3, Jerry Anderson, an aide to former Tucson Mayor Tom Volgy defeated incumbent Councilmember Michael Crawford.

Incumbent Ward 5 Councilmember Steve Leal did not have primary opposition or has opposition in the general election and is elected to another four-year term, his third.

In Ward 6, Alison Hughes, former executive director of the Tucson Women's Commission won the five-way Democratic primary. Hughes will now face Fred Ronstadt, the Republican candidate and, Dan Dougherty, the Libertarian party candidate to see who will succeed outgoing Democratic Councilmember Molly McKasson.

With 100% of the votes counted, here are the final results for the 1997

WARD 3 DEMOCRAT		
Jerry Anderson	1,421	43.00%
Michael Crawford*	1,160	35.10%
Demitri Downing	530	16.04%
Alex Kimmelman	149	4.51%
Over/Undervotes	45	1.36%
*Incumbent		
WARD 5 DEMOCRAT		
Steve Leal	587	96.39%
Over/Undervotes	22	3.61%
WARD 6 DEMOCRAT		
Alison Hughes	1,858	35.21%
Leo Pilachowski	1,323	25.07%
Carol Zimmerman	1,170	22.17%
Tres English	596	11.29%
Octavio Barcelo	260	4.93%
WARD 6 REPUBLICAN		
Fred Ronstadt	702	96.30%
Undervotes	27	3.70%
WARD 6 LIBERTARIAN		
Dan Dougherty	69	79.31%
Undervotes	18	20.69%

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# UPDATE

## AGRA Chili Verde Days This Weekend Sept. 19-21

That's right Tucson, it's that time of year again to join AGRA-Tucson at their biggest fund raiser of the year.

Chili Verde Days is this weekend, beginning Friday night and continuing through Sunday night. Join the food, fun, and entertainment all weekend! Help us raise money to put on the 1998 Saguaro Regional Rodeo.

A reminder . . . the rodeo we put on is for the benefit of the community! All profit AGRA-Tucson makes at the rodeo is donated back to the community non-profit organizations. Therefore we need your support!

AGRA-Tucson is truly a good cause for the community. A lot of great entertainers will be supporting AGRA-Tucson's efforts throughout the weekend.

See the Stonewall/Eagle advertisement in this issue for a schedule for Chili Verde Days.

Until next time! Keep your pride and play safe in the saddle!

[AGRA-Tucson, POB 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.]

## Panoramic Theater Opens With 'Baby Love'

TUCSON - Panoramic Productions, Tucson's newest non-profit theater company will present "Baby Love," by Paul S.

MacWhorter.

"Baby Love" is the story of Laura Denning who decides to have a baby through artificial insemination at the urging of her Lesbian room mate Veronica. After interviewing a lengthy list of unacceptable candidates, she gives up. Finally, a man named Aaron, shows up mistakenly to look at a room for rent. This stranger fits the bill perfectly. Thinking fast on her feet, Laura decides to rent him her attic and proceeds to seduce him for his "donation!"

Baby Love shows September 18-20, 25-27, and October 2-4 at 7:30 P.M. at the Tucson Center for the Performing Arts, 408 South Sixth Avenue. Tickets are \$10 general seating at the door or in advance at Antigone Books.

## SAAF Seeks Peer Counseling Coordinator

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) has a position opening for a Peer Counseling Coordinator.

Peer Counseling Coordinator: Experienced social worker/counselor sought to coordinate HIV + peer counseling program. Requires familiarity with HIV/AIDS issues and experience coordinating volunteers; HIV + strongly encouraged to apply. 10 hours/week, \$5,800/year, no benefits.

To apply, pick up job description and application instructions, M-F, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., 151 South Tucson Boulevard, Suite 211, or call 322-6226 to have them faxed to you. Open until filled. AA/EOE

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Many new successes to YOU ALL!

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## IN MEMORIAM



MARIO "ARNOLD" SALAZAR  
10/5/69 - 9/14/97

Arnold Salazar passed away on Sunday at Holy Family Hospice. He was loved by many friends in our community and was very active in our local softball league. We will never forget him and he will be greatly missed. He is in a better place where he can be at peace.

Deep appreciation and love goes out to Dr. Carmichael and his great staff; the staff at PACT for Life/Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation and the staff at St. Mary's and Holy Family. Many thanks to all his friends who gave him their love and support.

He is survived by his son, Travis, his mother, Maria, his godmother, Ramona, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held on Thursday, September 18, 1997, at 7 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills, 4625 East River Road. (Northwest corner of River and Swan.)

## Team Arizona Meeting Sept. 20

TUCSON - The Tucson Chapter of Team Arizona, a statewide Gay and Lesbian athletic organization, will be meeting September 20, to discuss participation in and fund raising for the 1998 Gay Games in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The meeting will be held Saturday, 1:30 P.M. at the new Wingspan Community Center, 300 East Sixth Street. For more information call Edna (520) 293-9356 or Kevin (602) 274-9729.

Team Arizona members will be participating in the Tenth Annual International Gay & Lesbian Aquatics Championship, October 17-19, in San Diego, California.

IGLA is expecting over 1,000 swimmers, divers, and water polo players to compete this fall.

Registration and entry fees will vary. Registration forms will be available at the Team Arizona meeting, Saturday, September 20. Late registration is still available. For more information contact Edna (520) 293-9356 or the IGLA Internet site: <http://www.qspec.com>.

The emphasis of the Gay Games is participation and personal achievement rather than competition. All persons who register will compete in the Gay Games, there are no pre-qualifications or trials required for participation. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to participate.

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## POLITICS 1997 by Mark R. Kerr

### "Don't Forget To Change The Letterhead"

With friends like these! The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) will cut off life-saving medications to 260 AIDS patients who can not afford the medication, because they don't qualify for indigent health care or can't afford medical insurance. HMO's? Forget it!

Kolbe, 881-3588, and Ed Pastor, 624-9986 and thank them for their support and urge them to continue to work for more funding for HIV/AIDS programs.

Call your Legislators and urge them to earmark funds for HIV/AIDS programs.

Can we turn to the federal government for help yet again? If the vote the House of Representatives took on a bill of concern to people living with HIV/AIDS, maybe not?

You can call the Tucson Legislative office, 628-6596 and leave a nice message urging their support for additional funding.

Voting 141 in favor, 282 against, the Republican controlled House refused to spend an additional \$35 million for the next fiscal year on a program that provides AIDS-fighting drugs to people living with HIV/AIDS who are poor and lack medical insurance for buying the medicine. Sound familiar?

If you don't know who your legislator is, don't fret. The Tucson Legislative office can direct your message to your State Representatives and State Senator.

The amendment was offered to the FY '98 Appropriations bill, HR 2264, for the Department of Health and Human Services.

Get involved in the upcoming AIDS Walk. The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation gets their medications from ADHS, and with the moneys running out, they need help! Call 322-6226 to sign up for AIDS Walk, or for more information.

The Arizona Congressional delegation voted:

Join the Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance (AZAPA) Send a donation to: AZAPA, 6929 North Hayden Road, Suite C4 #142, Scottsdale, Arizona, 85250.

Yes: Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Tucson, and Rep. Ed Pastor, D-Phoenix. Voting No: Rep. J.D. Hayworth, R-Phoenix; Rep. Matt Salmon, R-Phoenix; Rep. John Shadegg, R-Phoenix, and Rep. Bob Stump, R-Phoenix.

Medications such as protease inhibitors prolong the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS. They provide hope. The community must act to make sure people living with HIV/AIDS have the medications so they are around when a cure is found. . . .

The House was not through. By a vote 266-158, they toughened an existing ban on federal funding of needle exchanges for drug users. The amendment took away the secretary's discretion to allow exchanges on a case-by-case basis at drug treatment clinics.

A final item on former Arizona Governor and now convicted-felon, J. Fife Whitewash III, R-Mandatory Sentencing.

The Arizona Congressional delegation voted:

When he was removed from office after he was convicted on bank and wire-fraud, and perjury, all felonies, how he employees react? Cheers? Tears? Riots, perhaps?

NO: Kolbe and Pastor. YES: Hayworth, Salmon, Shadegg and Stump.

So what happens now? . . .

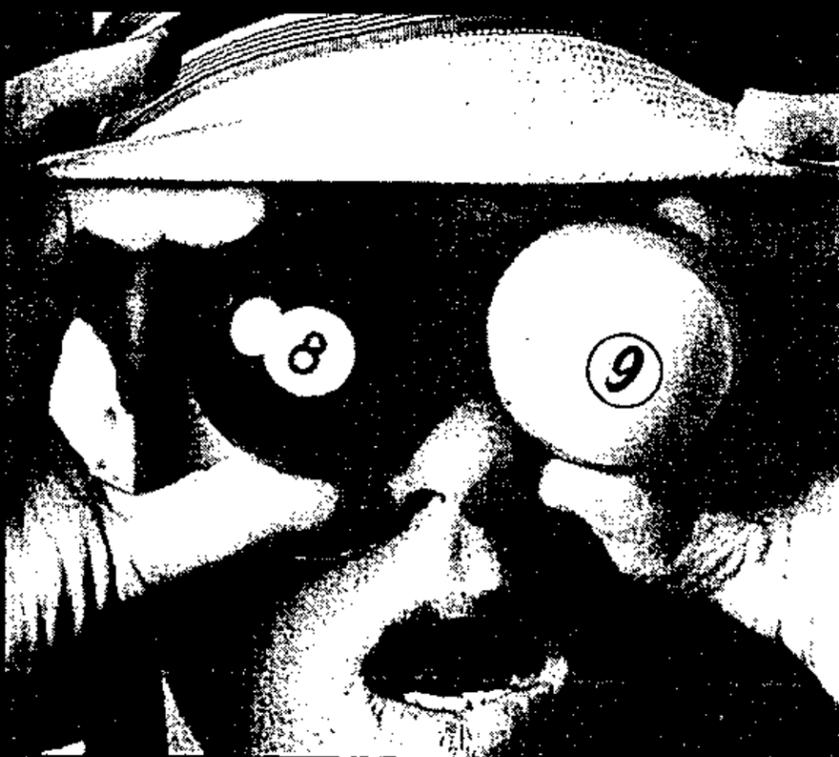
Not according to several state employees. They received a directive, via e-mail which reminded them to "Don't forget to change the letter-head." Cold, real cold! . . .

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So it goes for now kids!

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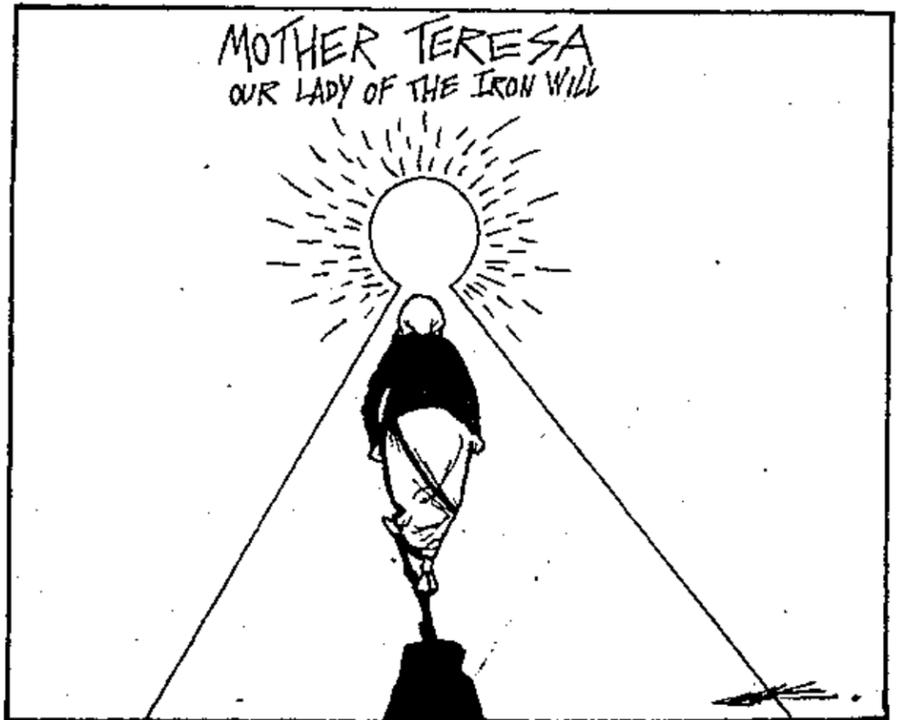
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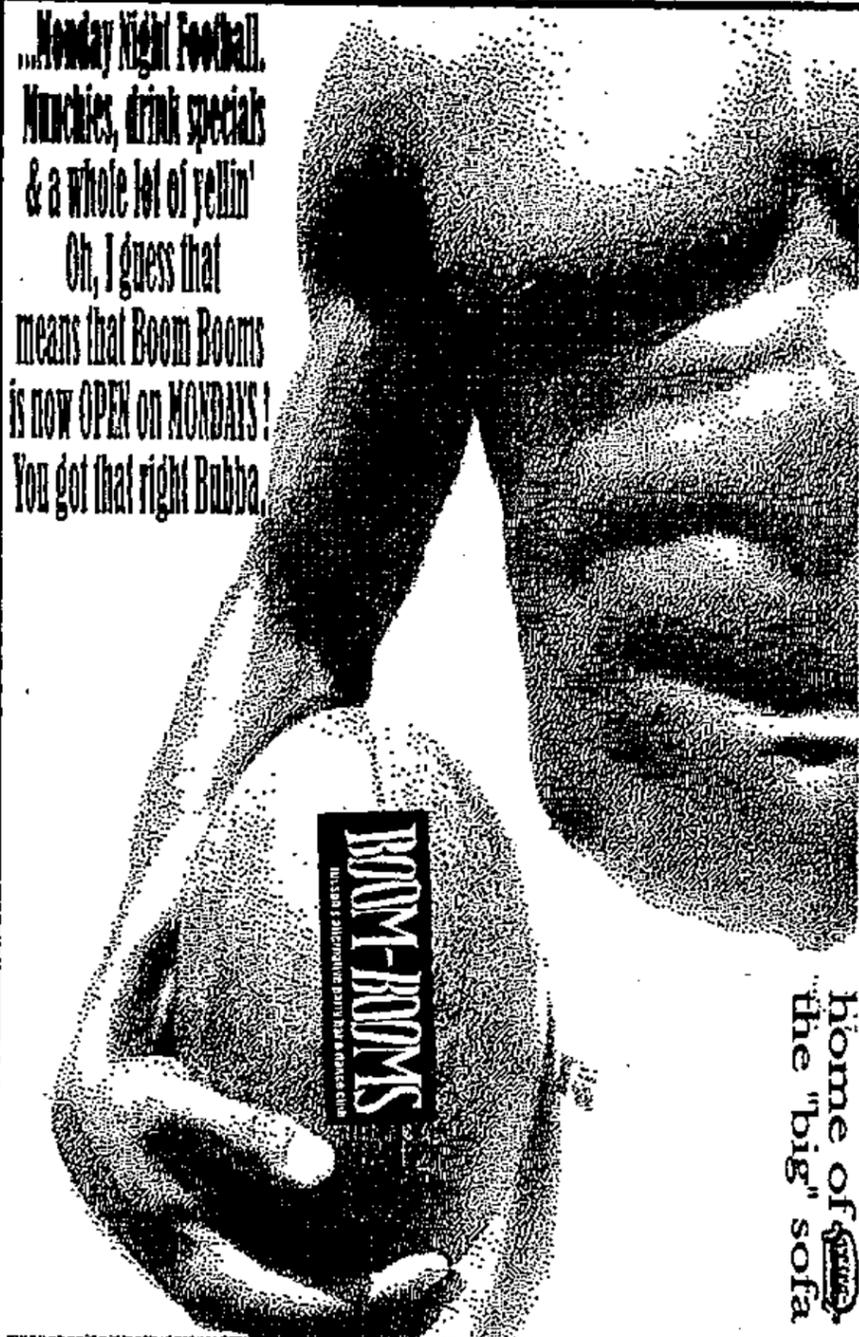
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## Prime Time Emmy's: No Gay Sweep

PASADENA, CA (NP) — The "Puppy" writers, an icon and a Gay-friendly "multiple personality" took home new hearth decorations, but "the honor of being nominated" will have to do for other LesBiGay-relevant television.

Were you expecting a standing ovation for Ellen DeGeneres when she came onstage at the 49th Annual Prime-time Emmy Awards of the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences? The "Washington Post's" TV critic Tom Shales was, and so were many of the reporters, but the crowd at the Pasadena Convention Center gave her pretty much their baseline level of applause — and that was fairly emblematic of the evening's awards.

One trophy each went to the multiply-nominated Ellen/"Ellen," to Gay icon Bette Midler and to Gay-friendly Tracey Ullman, while the Gay and AIDS-themed HBO made-for-TV movie "In the Gloaming" was shut out (although its director Christopher Reeve did receive a long standing ovation when he appeared as a presenter).

It was not the evening of Gay and Lesbian triumph that the year of "Serving in Silence: The Colonel Margarethe Cammermeyer Story" was.

But then the gala awards ritual was marked by the unexpected in other ways, too. "The Larry Sanders Show" took home nothing from its comedy-record 16 nominations — several of which came for the episode starring DeGeneres spoofing herself and her coming out — making a 15th consecutive bridesmaid appearance for its star Garry Shandling. Top-rated "ER" went in leading the field with 22 nominations and came away empty-handed as well.

In the usual pre-event hubbub, DeGeneres was accompanied by her partner Anne Heche, and the pair were presented no differently from more traditional couples (one source actually referred to Heche as DeGeneres' "wife"). After an opening turn by host Bryant Gumbel (who said he was as surprised as anyone else to see himself filling the role), DeGeneres was trotted out as the first presenter — maybe because CBS knew a lot of people were waiting to see her, or maybe because as a sought-after veteran awards show host in her own right, she seemed the most likely to pick up the pace.

The comedienne's less-than-brilliant routine may have been a little too close to the truth for Academy funny-bones. It was based on the premise that, although coming out as a Lesbian had not been a ratings grab, this season would feature a truly unabashed ratings ploy as her (rather modest) ABC sitcom character would be coming out as a nudist — and do it by wearing a little less each week (a play on the weeks of clues that preceded "Ellen Morgan's" coming out).

She emphasized how in this case people would be able to see and just know what was going on without explanation. The punch line, "Don't you think I'd wear clothes if I could?" unfortunately rang a little hollow.

The second presenter was comic Chris Rock (who'd ultimately take home two awards for his "Bring the Pain" HBO special), who referred to Gumbel, DeGeneres and himself in saying, "So far we've seen two black men and a Lesbian! Welcome home to CBS!" (echoing the network's current slogan).

It wasn't long before DeGeneres

was back on stage leading the team (Mark Driscoll, Dava Savel, Tracy Newman, and Jonathan Stark) who wrote the coming out "Puppy Episode" to receive the award for Best Writing in a Comedy Series. Talking fast to stay within the prescribed 30-second limit, after a "wow!" or two, she said, "I accept this on behalf of all the people — and the teenagers out there especially — out there who think there's something wrong with them because they're Gay. There's nothing wrong with you, and don't ever let anybody make you feel ashamed of who you are."

It was the most — and almost the only — political statement of the entire three-hour show.

The "Los Angeles Times" Brian Lowry was fully expecting DeGeneres to take an Emmy for her acting on "The Puppy" episode, but the Academy returned to last year's pick to give Helen Hunt of "Mad About You" Best Actress in a Comedy Series.

Hunt was apparently also expecting DeGeneres to take the award, and began her acceptance speech saying, "I was so blown away by Ellen DeGeneres' work in that episode, I just want to say I'm proud to be in the same list." (Hunt also triggered a number of fantasies with a closing thanks to "my friend watching at home.")

Backstage after the show, DeGeneres' remarks included, "It's [receiving the writing award] more emotional than I thought it would be. It's bigger than I thought it would be.... We had a lot of pressure to do something great." She also quipped about not really being television's first Lesbian, saying, "Actually, Rhoda and Mary Tyler Moore were lovers but didn't talk about it."

Midler accepted her Best Performance in a Variety or Music Program for her HBO special "Bette Midler: Diva Las Vegas" in her characteristically tongue-in-cheek, less than humble fashion, saying she'd been "pissed" the year before to have come in a new dress and won nothing (this year she wore an electric blue pantsuit). She went on, however, to emphasize that she felt "Diva Las Vegas" had been her best performance ever and expressed gratitude to the Academy for recognizing it.

Ullman revelled in topping late-nighters David Letterman, Jay Leno, Bill Maher ("Politically Incorrect"), and Dennis Miller for Best Variety, Music or Comedy Series with HBO's "Tracey Takes On..." exclaiming, "As the Spice Girls would say: Girl Power! I beat the boys."

"In the Gloaming" was lost in the tidal wave of approbation for HBO's made-for-TV movie "Miss Evers' Boys," a dramatic examination of the notorious Tuskegee syphilis "experiments" on black prison inmates (the survivors of which recently received President Clinton's apology on behalf of the nation) whose five awards tied for the top with the NBC comedy "3rd Rock from the Sun."

It was relegated to last week's crafts awards ceremony, but the seemingly ever-more-Gay "The Simpsons" took Outstanding Animated Program for the fourth time in the last five years.

Perhaps the most portentous aspect of the Emmys was the continued ascendance of HBO, which has been far and away the most Gay-friendly video

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When everything is finalized TLGA will provide more details on the entertainment and venues. TLGA knows at this point there will be three stages for your enjoyment: The TLGA entertainment stage, the AGRA World area for our country and western family, and the new HI NRG stage sponsored and produced by Boom Boom's.

Entrance will be free again as well as free soda. Beer will be a whole \$1 each this year, and TLGA plans on giving a portion of the beer proceeds (after costs are taken care of) back to the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community (similar to last year). The Cut-A-Thon will be back with the money raised going towards SAAF. So let your hair grow.

If you would like to be a vendor, sponsor or volunteer, call 622-3200. We'll call you back ASAP and we appreciate any and all help.

This year's Pride T-Shirts and caps are available at Girlfriend's, Antigones, and Tuff Stuff at the Venture-N, sporting this year's international theme, "Equality through Visibility."

TLGA's next fund raiser will be at IBT's, September 28 (formerly September 21). Come out and meet Shaundriana, our Miss Gay Pride contestant and support your picnic.

TLGA welcomes volunteers. Right now, there are about a dozen people committed to producing this event. If we get everybody to give just an hour or two, then nobody is overly burdened and we can all enjoy a great day. Volunteers are needed in the following categories: gate check, simple, just no glass in the park and no beer outside. Set up and breakdown, soda servers, security (the paid police will handle anything major).

If you can help, visit us on our monthly meeting, (second Tuesday monthly, next meeting October 14), at Wingspan, 600 East Sixth Street. Or you can just call TLGA's OUTline, 622-3200 and get involved.

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**Life Is A Drag . . . .**  
 By Elise Barbara Fox

I fret. The hour grows later . . . no sign of my friends. Getting to Boom Boom's party place on a stormy Saturday night isn't always easy. You have to picture this: three drag queens changing a blown-out auto tire downtown amidst the end-of-the-storm drizzle.

I hope the Miss Gay Hispanidad Pageant 1997 at Stonewall/Eagle went well. It was slated for 7:00 P.M., Saturday, and I would have like to have gone. You all know. At that hour, we got a torrential rainfall; lightning stabbing the sky, even delaying the U of A football game by half an hour. I would have looked like a drowned rat, so I waited it out.

Only at Brian's place, 2520 N. Oracle, do you get MTV Beach Party, drag girls in bikinis on the dance floor, but I'm ahead of myself. Here I am in "full face." Nowhere to go. The rain slashes my door, windows. My mascara is on; but even my shimmering silver "girl umbrella" won't help. So I pick up the daily newspaper. "Snoopy" amuses me; the front page doesn't. Headline on page 1, the Tucson Citizen: "State stops AIDS drugs for poor who work."

Some song lyrics from the clubs and the radio: "Come on Barbie . . . let's go party . . . I'm a Barbie girl in a Barbie world . . . Oh, I'm having so much fun!"

This is not fun, my friends. Oh, my! This is stupid. There's a funding shortfall. Well, we can change this. There is a \$550 million state surplus that carried over into this fiscal year. Let me repeat, one-half billion dollars. So let's tap it to keep ADHS on track with HIV/AIDS services. I'm sure Mark Kerr has told you. There is going to be some sort of special legislative session this fall. Let's tack this on as an amendment.

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## Columna Abierta.

by Dr. Edoar Gordo

¿Qué tal? saludandoles con el fervor (aún), de las Fiestas de Independencia de México, ya que de verdad que fué un fin de semana de fiestas, empezamos con el certamen de Miss Gay Hispanidad '97, el sábado 13 que de verdad fué todo un éxito, una sincera y muy merecida felicitaciones para Ernie Pérez coordinador de Salud es Poder, ya que se apuntaron otro 10 en organización, porque lo logístico estuvo bien, y como siempre, "hay prietitios en el arroz"; la puntualidad, que es responsabilidad de todos, pero hay ciertas personas, que "les vale gorro" y que no tienen sentido de puntualidad, pero aparte de ese detalle, creo que se les puede disculpar, nada más un poco porque la lluvia que refresco la noche, fué la razón de la tardanza de algunas personas, el caso que de verdad fué un programa mucho mejor que el año pasado, como era la meta de todos los voluntarios; y quedaron comprometidos que el año entrante será mucho mejor... Creemos que así será... El veredicto del jurado fué muy atinado, ya que no se ha escuchado ningún comentario en contra, y la elección de Grecia I como Miss Gay Hispanidad '97 fué la correcta, desde luego que cada quién tenía su favorita, pero así es en estos concursos; el segundo lugar correspondió a Karina Montenegro, con una puntuación muy cercana a Grecia, y el tercer lugar fué para Liliana, quién también contó con mucho apoyo del público, y desde su presentación en traje regional formó un "alboroto" ya que presentó el traje de las damas Seris y la presencia de muchos Sonorenses se hizo notable; la banda y reconocimiento de Miss Gay Simpatía correspondió a Condesa, ya que todos los participantes le dieron ese merecido título; los otros participantes, con no menos cualidades para haber sido ganadores fueron: Itzel, Virgen, Paloma Ferrari, y Victoria, quienes tienen muchas posibilidades de conseguir cualquier otro título, porque para ser sus primeras participaciones no lo hicieron nada malo, y todos y cada uno de ellos, tendrán una corona en un futuro no muy lejano; y desde luego que se les desea lo mejor para cada uno de ellos, y muchísimas gracias por sus participaciones y hay que seguir apoyando a Grecia I en los futuros eventos que ya tiene planeados para el año de reinado.. Muchos aplausos para cada uno de ustedes!!!. Se pudo apreciar la calidad artística de Mama Reyna, y de Touché, de Carolina quienes fueron las personas encargadas del entretenimiento;. Quién continúa con gran cariño y simpatía dentro la comunidad gay en general es Cristina de Alexis, la única persona hispana que ha obtenido el título de Miss Gay Tucson y lo fué en 1988, con exitosas presentaciones en diferentes ciudades de estos Estados Unidos y una magnífica de conducción como Maestra de Ceremonias, además de su originalidad al interpretar "La Bamba"; y la participación de Jorge Rascón como alternante de Cristina, no fué nada menos, ya que para ser sus primeras "puestas ante las luces" lo hizo muy bien; la ayuda de Brissa, quién andubo detrás del escenario para la ayuda general con los participantes también fué muy apreciada, y de mucha utilidad; Ruben se hizo cargo de la entrada, Manuel (güero) trabajó la luz muy bien, y que decir de los "chamberlains" oficiales, George, Valentín y Juan, quienes fueron los güapos durante el certamen... Los señores y señoras del jurado me comentarán lo difícil que fué para ellos la nominación, ya que desde la primera fase todos y cada uno de los participantes dieron cualidades para ser ganador; la pregunta que le tocó a Grecia fué formulada por la Señora Alma

Hernández de la Clínica Mariposa de Nogales, AZ., y la misma Sra. Hernández comentó después que fué una de las preguntas más difíciles y de mucho contenido personal, y fué esa parte lo que realmente contó sobre el puntaje final ya que había mucha indecisión por la participación del público sobre las actuaciones y las respuestas de cada participante... Mara Smith fué la encargada de ayudar a servir la deliciosa comida que preparó Ernie. Al momento de estar escribiendo estas notas, recibí llamada de Matus de Agua Prieta, Sonora para dar disculpas por no haber estado entre nosotros ese día, y la razón que es fácil de entender fué que no consiguió el permiso por las autoridades de Inmigración por el "montononán" de papeles que le pidieron al ver su equipaje y demás... y las personas de Nogales, no pudieron llegar por el "aguasero" que duró toda la noche... Así es que parece que se han aclarado detalles...

Queremos recordarles los objetivos del certamen Miss Gay Hispanidad '97: es una complementación de los objetivos y las metas del proyecto Salud es Poder; organizando eventos comunitarios para promover y explicar los riesgos del VIH, así como de la participación, cooperación y ayuda a personas en el sur de Arizona, y nuestras comunidades fronterizas con México; representando a los hispanos de la comunidad Gay y Bisexual en los esfuerzos de prevención y educación. Así mismo intervenciones a nivel comunitario y otros eventos sociales con otras agencias, organizaciones y negocios para crear una unidad estrecha que impactará en la prevención al VIH/SIDA local, nacional y de una forma mundial. Siendo esta la meta básica para reducir la morbilidad y mortalidad del VIH/SIDA entre los latinos... Queremos que todos ustedes apreciables lectores tengan esto en mente para apoyar a Grecia I de una forma u otra y sobre todo esperamos toda su comprensión y apoyo...

En realidad Salud es Poder es un proyecto de la colaboración en prevención al SIDA; junta a Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, Pima County Health Department, Wingspan; fundado principalmente por ADHS/CDC.

Hay mucho interés por obtener copia del video que se grabó durante el evento, y desde luego que estará disponible a las personas interesadas en obtenerlo; el domingo 14, se tomó la determinación por parte de los miembros del proyecto Salud es Poder, que eso será fácil si la persona interesada en obtener la copia, lleva a cabo alguna actividad dentro de los objetivos de Salud es Poder, ya sea una intervención social, charla, sesión de grupo, recaudación de fondos, horas de servicio comunitario, etc., eso será lo requerido para la obtención de la copia... Si necesita más información al respecto, por favor comunicarse con Ernie o Jorge al 322-6226 en horas hábiles...

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

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



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**The Good News:** Last week the national Center for Disease Control (CDC) announced that the number of overall AIDS deaths across the country dropped by 26 per cent from 1995 to 1996 marking a significant downturn in the epidemic that began in 1981. The decline is generally attributed to improved medical protocols including advanced drug treatments with drug "cocktails" that include protease inhibitors.

**The Bad News:** According to statistics from the Arizona Dept. of Health Services that were printed in the August 13th issue of *The Weekly Observer*, during the period from Sept. 1996 to June of 1997 the number of AIDS cases in Pima County (pop. 751,000) increased from 1022 cases to 1137. Worse yet, the number of cases of HIV increased from 592 to 822, an astounding rise in just 9 months.

**The Worse News:** These kinds of alarming statistics indicate that 1) we clearly are not doing enough to educate ALL county residents, regardless of their age, sexual orientation, or their cultural and socio-economic group, about HIV transmission and prevention; and 2) we need to provide high risk groups with free and easily available means (i.e. - condoms and a needle exchange program) to protect themselves from acquiring the HIV virus.

who will acquire HIV/AIDS without those preventive measures. Unfortunately, at the present time state and local health agencies, and private groups, are facing cuts in funding and an uncertain financial future.

Our new governor has gone on public record as being squarely in favor of returning some of the \$500 million surplus currently sitting in the state treasury to Arizona's communities. What better way to put some of that money to work in a way that would reap substantial long-term benefits and savings, both monetary and human, than to direct some of that cash surplus to those public and private groups who work to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS?

**How YOU Can Help:** If you want to see some of the cash surplus in the state treasury directed to public and private agencies that are working to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS then please take the time to contact Governor Jane Dee Hull to express your opinion and to urge her to put the weight of her office behind a move to earmark some of those funds for those groups. You can direct a letter to Gov. Hull to her local office at 400 W. Congress St., Suite 504, Tucson, AZ 85701, or you may also contact her by email at: [Jhull@mail.sosaz.com](mailto:Jhull@mail.sosaz.com).

And then it was now.....

All of that costs money, of course, but it's considerably cheaper to provide condoms and to operate a needle exchange program than it is to provide medical treatment to those same people

(Steve Risley's site on the World Wide Web can be accessed at <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Heights/7423>.)

TGSA will kick off its Fall-Ball League with an opening meeting, Tuesday, September 23, 6:00 P.M. at IBT's. New players as well as current TGSA members are urged to attend.

Fall-Ball is strictly recreational; no standings, no trophies, no banquet, just lots of fun playing ball. It is a great way to get in shape for the more competitive Spring League.

League play will begin on Sunday, October 5 and end on Sunday, November 23. All games will played on Sunday afternoons, beginning at 4:00 P.M. at Freedom Park (29th between Swan and Craycroft). Entry fee is \$120 per team.

Fall-Ball is designed for those people who have never played or who haven't played in a while. It is also a way for current league members to keep in shape through the Fall and Winter. TGSA has two divisions, Open (both men and women) and Women's (Women only), with all skill levels represented.

If you or a friend would like to participate in Fall-Ball, please contact league commissioner, Mary O., 770-9979, for more information.

**SPRING LEAGUE '98**

TGSA is always looking for new members. The open division is actively recruiting to field at least one new team, hopefully more, for the 1998 season. The

Best Choice Realty Team will be moving to the Women's Division next season (best of luck) and more teams will be needed to meet the minimum of four teams as set forth by the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA), which governs Gay softball in the U.S. and Canada. Please contact, Mary O., 770-9979 for more information.

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# UPDATE

## SMART Recovery Training Sessions In September

TUCSON - Three free, one-hour, community informational sessions about Self-Management And Recovery Training (SMART) recovery, the cognitive-behavioral self-help alternative to AA, will take place in September.

These sessions are free, open to public, and suitable both for professionals and lay people interested in learning more about this recovery option. The objectives of these sessions are to:

- Explain SMART's origins, aims, and methods; show how it differs from the largest self-help alternative, AA and; provide ideas about who might find SMART methods useful.

The one-hour informational sessions will be conducted at the following locations and times:

Monday, September 22, 5:30 P.M., La Frontera Center, 502 West 29th Street, in the "MUCC Room" (Conference Center).

Wednesday, September 24, 8:00 P.M., SAMHC, 1930 East Sixth Street. Ask at front desk for location of SMART meeting.

Thursday, September 25, 7:00 P.M., University Medical Center (Health Sciences Building), 1501 North Campbell Avenue. In the Pinal Room (2500D), on the South Wall of the Hospital Cafeteria.

For more information, call Wanda, 884-9920, ext. 382, or Emmett, 322-6057.

## Calif. Gay Rights Bill Goes To Governor's Desk

SACRAMENTO, CA (WS) - A California bill proposing sexual orientation be added to the list of classes protected from discrimination by the state's Fair Employment and Housing Act, was sent to Governor Pete Wilson by the Senate.

The bill, sponsored by Antonio Villaraigosa (D-Los Angeles) passed the California Assembly in June with the bare minimum of 41 votes needed to carry the motion in the 80-member body. The Senate vote was also close and split largely along party lines. The Senate approved the measure 22 to 18.

Governor Wilson is thought to oppose the bill and two of his executive departments have already renounced the legislation. Wilson's 1991 veto of a similar bill, AB101, led to widespread protests in Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Francisco.

It was a banner year for California in terms of the number of Gay-related civil rights measures put before state lawmakers. While most, such as a bill establishing a state-wide domestic partner registry, a bill to legalize Gay adoptions, and a bill banning anti-Gay bias in California public schools, were eventually voted down, supporters are unswayed.

"This is not an issue that is going to go away," Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl is quoted in a June address before the state legislature. "I don't care how much hatred there is in the world... how much bigotry... how much righteousness... because this is a community that's been invisible and it's not invisible anymore."

## Wingspan Seeking New Board Members

TUCSON - Wingspan is seeking new members for its Board of Directors.

Board members are responsible for maintaining the direction of Wingspan in its mission to provide support, education, and outreach related to Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual issues, and to promote the acceptance, well-being, and freedom of Lesbians, Gay men, and Bisexuals.

Wingspan is dedicated to serving the full diversity of the Tucson community, and is thus seeking increased representation of women, youth, people of color, and the differently abled on the board. Service on the board includes a commitment to attend board meeting and serve on a committee.

Also, potential members must have a willingness to volunteer for other activities. In particular, Wingspan is seeking board members willing to help expand our fund raising capabilities and efforts.

The slate of Board members for 1997-98 will be presented for elected at the annual meeting, October 12. If interested in serving, please send a letter of interest to Wingspan, c/o Rich Muszynski, 300 E. Sixth Street, Tucson, AZ 85705, or call him, 323-7503.

## Desert Voices Seeks Production Manager; Holding Auditions For 1997-98 Season

TUCSON - Desert Voices is seeking a Production Manager for the 1997-98 season.

This part-time position works closely with the Artistic Director on all artistic elements of production, concert planning and is responsible for all technical aspects of concert productions.

Previous experience in direct supervision of technical crews and managing concert or theatrical productions required. Please submit resume and references to Desert Voices, POB 270, Tucson, AZ 85702.

Desert Voices invites men to audition for the 1997-98 season, "Many Hearts, One Voice."

The chorus is currently 60 in total but the rich tones of additional male voices are needed to round out the chorus. By being a member of Desert Voices, you have the opportunity to sing, learn, and to play with other Gay members of the chorus.

For more information, call the Desert Voices office, 791-9662.

## Queer Thang Sept. 25

TUCSON - The University of Arizona Committee on Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Studies will be hosting a back-to-school reception/meeting in the lobby of the Hotel Congress, Thursday, September 25.

The reception will take place between 6:00 and 8:00 P.M. and will feature a cash bar. All interested members of the U of A and Tucson communities are welcome to attend.

For further information, contact Beverly Seckinger, 621-1239.

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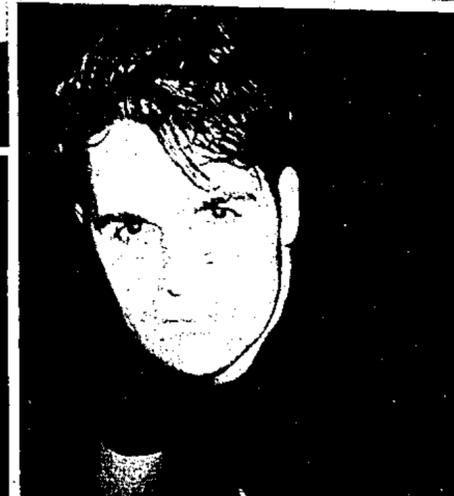
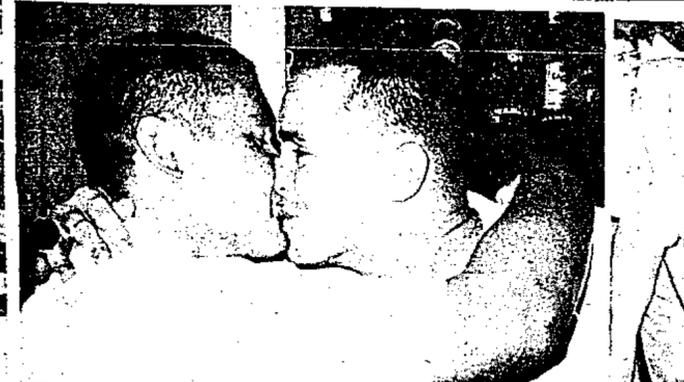
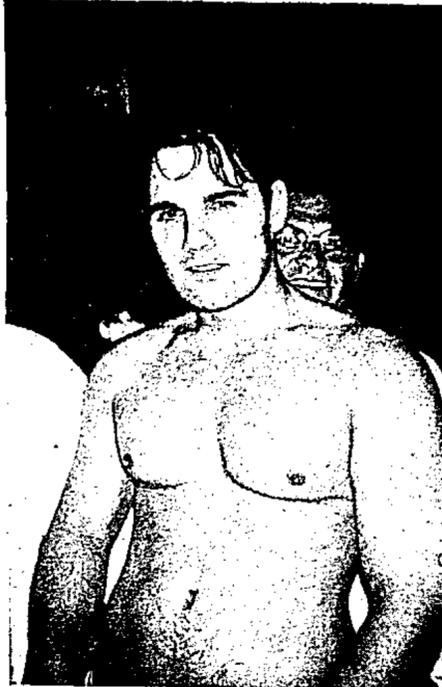
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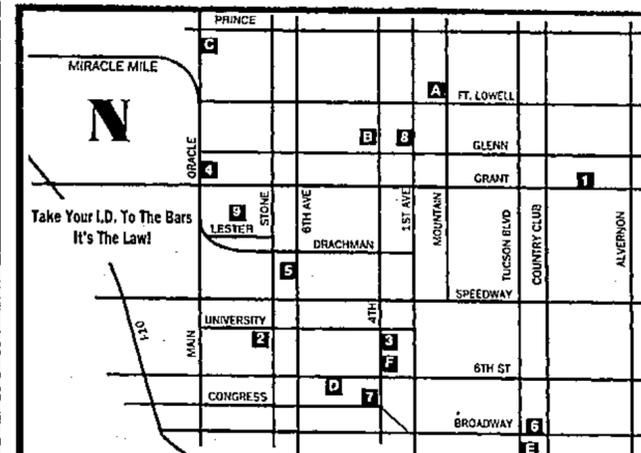
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**(520) 325-2053****Debating Dual AIDS Guidelines**

WASHINGTON, DC (JAMA) — Physicians seeking guidance on combination therapy for their HIV-infected patients may have felt a sense of déjà vu late last June.

New guidelines from the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation appeared for public comment June 19 in the Federal Register. Six days later, the American Medical Association (AMA) published an update of year-old recommendations from the International AIDS Society-USA.

Both recommend using a 3-drug combination that includes a protease inhibitor in the initial regimen. Both say that monotherapy constitutes substandard care. Both point out that if asymptomatic patients at low risk of disease progression can't comply with complex regimens, treatment probably should be delayed

instead of risking the development of drug resistance.

One of the few discrepancies surrounds the issue of when to start treatment. The IAS-USA update is more aggressive, recommending treatment when plasma HIV RNA levels are greater than 5000 to 10,000 copies/mL regardless of CD4+ cell counts. The federal guidelines advise treatment for patients with a CD4+ cell count of less than 0.50x10<sup>9</sup>/L or greater than 10,000 or 20,000 HIV RNA copies/mL.

**Are Both Necessary?**

Given the similarities and the fact that many of the same individuals were involved in the development of both documents, are 2 sets of guidelines really needed?

"I accepted it fully," said Charles Carpenter, MD, professor of medicine at the Brown University School of Medicine in Providence, RI. Carpenter wore 2 hats in the guidelines development 1 as chair of the IAS panel and the other as chair of a National Institutes of Health panel that developed a document on HIV therapy principles that complements the federal guidelines.

He said the 13-member IAS panel started work on its update last September with conference calls and meetings. A short time later, he noted, DHHS Secretary Donna Shalala, PhD, determined it was important to develop new federal guidelines.

The federal group was convened last December for a 3-year period not only to produce guidelines but also to develop updates and additional documents that cover treatment areas not adequately addressed.

"The thing that persuaded me to serve on both panels is that this approach will have a more profound effect," Carpenter said. Even though the IAS update came from the group's US branch, Carpenter said the therapy guidelines panel included physicians from Italy, France, and Canada. "The IAS is international," he noted.

And while the IAS panel comprises only physicians, Carpenter said the federal panel included physicians, professionals from the pharmaceutical industry, managed care representatives, and people living with HIV and AIDS.

"Those 2 different groups came out with virtually the same recommendations," Carpenter said. "I find that reassuring."

"It's positive that both groups evaluated the current information and came out with nearly the same guidelines," agreed John Mellors, MD, director of HIV/AIDS programs at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pittsburgh, PA, and a member of the federal panel. Mellors' data on the value of viral load testing in HIV disease management from the Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study is part of the foundation for both sets of guidelines.

But other experts aren't quite as upbeat. "It's ridiculous and redundant to have 2 sets of guidelines. This is obvious to everyone," said Joep Lange, MD, PhD, professor of internal medicine at the Academic Medical Centre, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Lange is prominent in the AIDS care field and has addressed combination therapy issues at a number of conferences.

Even so, he and others recited the litany of shortcomings that exist in the development of guidelines not just for HIV but for just about any disease.

Lange said both sets of the new HIV guidelines will be considered "American" because their creators are US based. "It would be better to have international guidelines," he said. But in nearly the same breath he noted that internationally generated guidelines "might lead to a watering down of the [scientific] principles" that support a 3-drug regimen, reflecting the economic difficulties of providing expensive therapy in poor nations.

In the future, perhaps DHHS would entrust guidelines development to IAS Worldwide, Lange suggested. However, he also conceded that IAS Worldwide is not as active as the USA branch and as a result might produce conservative guidelines that insurance companies could hold up as a shield against reimbursement for aggressive therapy.

**Compelling Care**

Carpenter said it's likely that at some time in the future DHHS and IAS-USA will consolidate their efforts to come up with a single set of guidelines. But he explained that a primary reason he accepted the dual guidelines was the possibility of exerting a "more compelling effect" on reimbursement from the Medicare and Medicaid programs. "Medicaid takes care of more than half of the people with AIDS," he noted.

The advocacy group AIDS Action in Washington, DC, was heartened by his remark. "These guidelines will be further impetus to bring the Medicaid program up

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TUCSON -- The Reverend Delores P. Berry will be featured in Concert at Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), Saturday, September 20, 7:30 P.M.

Rev. Berry's musical repertoire ranges from the traditional and African-American spirituals to contemporary and exuberant music. Her music has been described as "high energy," "soul-stirring," "radical," "liberating" and as "music for healing."

Rev. Berry will also be featured in worship services Friday, September 19, 7:30 P.M., and the congregation's regular Sunday morning worship service, September 21, 10:45 A.M.

Rev. Berry has earned awards for church office, 520-292-9151.

excellence in music. Rev. Berry was one of the co-founders of the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays, and assisted in organizing the first Gay and Lesbian "March on Washington," and assisted in organizing the first People of Color Gay and Lesbian White House Conference.

Initially ordained in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME), Rev. Berry transferred her Clergy Credentials to the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) in 1976. She first traveled with the UFMCC New Freedom Team, presenting concerts in MCC congregations throughout the U.S.

Rev. Berry pastored MCC congregations in Norfolk, Virginia, and Portland, Oregon, and served as District Coordinator of the Mid Atlantic District of the UFMCC. Rev. Berry has been working as full-time concert soloist and evangelist since 1987 under the banner of the Rev. Delores P. Berry Evangelistic Ministries, traveling extensively throughout the North American continent and Europe.

All church activities are open to the public, and the congregation of Water of Life MCC invites everyone to come and hear this dynamic soloist in concert and in worship during the weekend of September 19-21. Admission is free. A love offering for Rev. Berry's ministry will be received.

The Delores P. Berry Evangelistic Ministries will have tapes and CD's available for sale throughout the weekend.

**A View From The Rock**

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Within the space of a very few days, the world has lost two prominent women, Princess Diana and Mother Teresa.

Both women were noted for their dedication to helping those less fortunate than themselves. Princess Diana was very involved with helping those with AIDS as well as other terminal illnesses and had recently become interested in abolishing land mines, since they are so destructive to many innocent victims.

Because she was so young, only 36 when she was tragically killed, her death was a shock to everyone. Even though I have never been a Diana watcher, I was still strangely saddened by her death. I read numerous articles about her the week between her death and her funeral and bought several magazines which featured lengthy stories about her. I did not get up in the middle of the night to watch her funeral, but I did tape it, and replayed the tape at intervals over that weekend.

Mother Teresa died of a heart attack at the age of 87. It might be said that she lived to a good old age, but there was still a sense of sadness at her passing. She had done so much good for so many unfortunate people, not only in India, her adopted country, but around the world as well. Even so, there is still so much work to be done!

In the many words written about

the deaths of these two women there has been the mention of them as "saints." I believe that it was Diana's brother who said that she should not be thought of as a saint, because she was no different from the rest of us. Certainly looking at her lifestyle, many would say that there was no reason to worry anyone would think of her as a saint-after all, she had been "living in sin" with her boyfriend, Dodi!

In the case of Mother Teresa, however, there seems to be a groundswell of emotion to have the Roman Catholic Church immediately proclaim her a saint. I heard a broadcast which indicated that the Catholic Church had recognized something over 3,000 people as "official" saints, a process which takes many years. The beginning of this process usually does not start at least five years, although indication seemed to be that this time period might be waived in Mother Teresa's case.

Just what is a saint, anyway? Is it someone that "the people" proclaim, for whatever reason, to be one? Is it someone "officially" recognized by the Catholic Church, or some other church?

Several of the letters (we call them epistles) of the New Testament were addressed "... to the church of God in Corinth, together will all the saints ... To the saints in Ephesus ... To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi ... (II Corinthians 1:2; Ephesians 1:1; Philippians 1:1) Who were these letters written



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to? If you read the entire letters you will discover that they were written to those who believe in Jesus Christ as the son of God and their savior. They were people just like you and me; people who we call today, Christians.

From these examples in the Bible, it is clear that the only way to become a saint is to receive Jesus as your personal savior. There is no need to do a certain number of "good deeds" or wait until a certain denomination recognized your goodness and makes a public proclamation

of your sainthood. In fact, it is impossible to become a saint in this manner!

Both Princess Di and Mother Teresa have left this life and we have no way to determine if either or both were saints in the Biblical meaning of the word. But what about you? If I were to write a letter to you could I address it to "Saint Stan" or "Saint Jo" or "Saint Lydia?" If you are not yet a saint (because you have not yet accepted Jesus as your savior) you have this moment in which to make your decision. What will it be?

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TUCSON - Woody Duffy, Tucson's own MPS Poster Boy, was lucky enough to be able to attend summer camp in Hartford, Connecticut. The camp is a project headed by actor Paul Newman and is run for children who have life-threatening illnesses.

live in Connecticut and surrounding area, and raised over \$1 million dollars for the camp and the cause.

The camp is based on the movie "Sundance Kid" which starred Newman and Robert Redford. Those lucky enough to be able to attend are known as "The Hole In The Wall Gang".

Of over 900 campers who attended during the summer months, only 18 are chosen to come back to the camp and appear in the post season show with the stars.

At the end of the camp season, Newman produces a benefit show that many Hollywood and Broadway stars appear in, and draws many who don't appear in the show but love to attend the yearly benefit show. This year's event starred Nathan Lane, Tony Randall, Matthew Broderick and Julia Roberts among others.

Woody Duffy was one of those lucky ones (and those who have seen some of Woody's 'stage work' know the reason for the invitation). Woody is shown above with Nathan Lane and Julia Roberts.

Beth, Woody's mother and her partner Natalie and Woody would like to acknowledge and thank Mr. John Weller who came forward with the airline ticket that allowed Woody to make the trip to Hartford and go on stage with some of the nation's top talents.

This year's show was attended by the public and many, stars and personalities who

Woody says that Nathan Lane thought he has "star qualities". Way to go Woody!

Religious TV Show Found Unfair

CAPETOWN, South Africa (NP) -- A South African TV panel condemning the sinfulness of homosexuality was ruled unbalanced, but the wages of the sin of non-objectivity didn't amount to much.

Because none of the guests appeared to be advocating hatred, the BCCSA determined not to impose sanctions on SABC. The BCCSA also agreed with SABC that it would be unconstitutional "to expect religions to change just because of a public platform."

The Broadcasting Complaints Commission of South Africa (BCCSA), without issuing any punishment, ruled on September 3 that a Christian-oriented television show portraying homosexuality as a sin was unfair in failing to present balancing points of view. This contrasts with U.S. media activists' familiar frustrations at the still-common practice of giving airplay to rabid homophobes in an effort to "balance" more objective discourse on Gay and Lesbian issues.

However, the BCCSA upheld the complaint filed by A. Eilers and G. Grundling, ruling that "when it comes to a subject with public dimensions, some balance should be built in, unless societal interest or religious interest demands otherwise." While the BCCSA saw host Manley as attempting to provide some balance, they believed that either the show should have included a more tolerant guest with the others, or else SABC should have presented another, related program with a more Gay-friendly point of view.

At issue before the BCCSA was the South Africa Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) "Quest" show of June 29. (It was probably no coincidence that the broadcast aired around the anniversary of the 1969 New York City Stonewall uprising that's observed with pride celebrations around the world as the beginning of the modern Gay and Lesbian civil rights movement.)

Kevan Botha, legal representative for the complainants, had told the BCCSA panel at a hearing that the program was biased and one-sided. He charged that it did not represent the diversity of religious opinions regarding homosexuality and did not give Gays and Lesbians an opportunity to respond.

The body of the program was a discussion, moderated by host Mark Manley, involving three guests, all of whom believed that homosexuality is a sin. The panel was preceded by a taped segment including interviews with a theologian, a clergyman with a Gay ministry, a Lesbian minister, and another Lesbian. The tape showed peaceful protests by Gays and Lesbians and concluded with three Biblical quotations often interpreted as condemning the sinfulness of homosexuality.

SABC's representative, Malan Otto, countered that the panelists were exercising their constitutional freedom of religion and representing a Biblical view in equating Gays and Lesbians with adulterers, alcoholics and criminals.



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to date," said Daniel Zingale, executive director of AIDS Action. The group is trying to convince the federal government to expand the traditionally cash-strapped Medicaid program to cover people in the early stages of HIV infection.

Many low-income people with HIV don't qualify for Medicaid until they are declared disabled. By then, they usually have been diagnosed with AIDS and the potential benefit of early, aggressive treatment is compromised or lost. "If we can preserve the life and well-being of more people, it could also be cost-effective in the long run," Zingale noted.

For clinicians, the guidelines denote what Gordon Nary, president of the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care (IAPAC), Chicago, Ill, called a puzzle. "People who have this degree of specialty don't need the guidelines," Nary said. "But if you need them, you're not keeping up with the literature. And if that's so, then I'd have to question how you're treating patients in the first place."

Nary has raised a critical question for the AIDS treatment community: Should some form of certification be required for physicians who treat HIV-infected patients? During last summer's XI International Conference on AIDS in Vancouver, British Columbia, Paul Volberding, MD, director of the Center for AIDS Research, University of California San Francisco, suggested the creation of an AIDS care curriculum and credentialing for those who complete it, in addition to a board specialty.

"The field is grappling with this question," said Calvin J. Cohen, MD, MSc, research director of the Community Research Initiative of New England in Brookline, Mass. "The guidelines are useful, but only those practitioners who read them and are comfortable with using them should be able to treat patients.

"This captures the fact that in the treatment of HIV, it is now more important than ever to do it right. With the number of drugs and possibilities of cross resistance, the implications of doing it

wrong are more severe than in any other disease," Cohen said.

**Real World Approach**

Nary said guidelines are created by consensus and, as a result, reflect a somewhat moderate approach to treatment. Despite the paradox of needing guidelines vs ability to treat patients, Nary said real-world scenarios create a place for guidelines in rural areas or other places where access to specialists may be a problem.

In that real-world scenario, dissemination of guidelines becomes critical. "It's remarkable that with all the time and money put into the development of guidelines, little attention has been paid to distribution and dissemination to physicians," Nary said.

Carpenter said he expects the completed federal guidelines to be published in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. The IAPAC will distribute them to the 18,000 physicians on its mailing list.

But as both sets of guidelines make their way into the hands of clinicians throughout the country and around the world, the president of the American Foundation for AIDS Research highlighted a glaring omission: information on treating HIV-infected infants and children.

Arthur Ammann, MD, said he took advantage of the comment period for the federal guidelines to raise that point. "I wrote that you cannot come out with a standard of care document without including infants and children," he said. "I urged them to put together a brief consensus document that would be a standard of care document" for children.

"If there's a population that's getting substandard care, it's infants and kids," Ammann noted. "The standard of care is that children have equal access to the therapies that are available for adults."

**U.S. AIDS Deaths Fall**

NEW YORK, NY (RNS) — A 26% decline in the AIDS death rate in the U.S. and a decline in teen births for a fifth straight year are among statistics indicating broad gains in the nation's health, according to a government report released last week.

The new report, "Births and Deaths, United States: 1996" is prepared each year by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) in Hyattsville, Maryland.

"This report contains good news for 1996, and more important, it shows positive trends continuing over an extended period of time," says CDC director Dr. David Satcher in Atlanta, Georgia.

The new report shows the national age-adjusted death rate from HIV/AIDS dropped an estimated 26% between 1995 and 1996, from 15.6 deaths per 100,000 people in 1995 to 11.6 in 1996.

Once the leading cause of death for those aged 25 to 44, HIV infection now ranks second behind accidents and just ahead of cancer.

"There is a wealth of good news in this report, and I'm particularly encouraged by the progress we are making against AIDS," says Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Donna E. Shalala.



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DURHAM, NC (NP) — "North Carolina has no public policy denying parental status to an individual based upon that person's sexual preferences," a North Carolina judge has ruled.

District Court Judge Elaine O'Neal agreed to determine custody in the case of a Lesbian couple with an out-of-state co-adoption, rejecting the biological mother's claim that recognizing the adoption would violate public policy expressed in North Carolina's law against recognizing same-gender marriages.

Sheryl Rose Erez gave birth to a daughter by artificial insemination in 1993, with the donor/father waiving all rights. She was then living in Washington with her partner Aviva Shira Starr, who completed adoption proceedings a year later. In 1994, the family moved to North Carolina, but split up in 1995.

When Erez took a new job in Georgia, the child remained with Starr in Durham, and Starr sought full custody. Under an agreement in March of this year, both women retain temporary legal custody, Starr retains physical custody, and Erez pays Starr child support, while the

case is under review.

In April, Erez' attorney claimed that Starr's standing should not be recognized by the court, based largely on North Carolina's 1996 law denying legal recognition to same-gender marriages another state might someday perform. Such a move to void a legal adoption is apparently very rare even among more traditional couples.

Erez' counsel also maintained that she would never have agreed to the co-adoption had she understood that it would deny her "paramount interest" in the child as biological mother. In fact, she may have seriously undermined her "paramount interest" by leaving the child with Starr while she moved out of state.

Judge O'Neal ruled that, "Enforcing the adoption decree does not require North Carolina to recognize same-sex marriages. Enforcing the decree simply allows the court to determine custody of the child, as between two individual adults, based on the interests of the child." She noted that resolving custody based on the best interests of the child is the state's explicit public policy.

## Gay & Lesbian Journalists Meet

CHICAGO, IL (NP) — Members of the NLGJA didn't just sit around editing each others' copy all weekend — they shared skills, discussed Andrew Cunanan, and, on orders from Molly Ivins, loved each other

The sixth annual convention of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA) was held in Chicago

August 28 - 31, with more than 400 participants. Along with networking, job-hunting (with a number of mainstream media offering booths for the purpose), and general schmoozing, there were panels and workshops on issues including closeted subjects, class, youth, AIDS, the arts, and coverage of the late openly Gay alleged multiple murderer Andrew Cunanan.

President Bill Clinton sent a message of greeting, which was read by his liaison to the Gay and Lesbian community, Richard Socarides.

Columnist Molly Ivins urged the journalists to "get furious" about injustices, while adding that to achieve her personal journalistic goals of doing good, having fun and learning also required reporters to "drink beer, talk to each other and, above all, love each other."

The array of speakers and panelists also included Dorothy Hajdys (the mother of Allen Schindler, beaten to death by two of his Navy shipmates for being Gay, and the subject of the recent LIFE-TIME made-for-TV movie "Any Mother's Son"), young Gay activists Jamie Nabozny (of the \$900,000 legal victory against Wisconsin schools that failed to protect him from abuse) and Miguel Ayala (of the Chicago School Reform Board of Trustees), Gay historian Alan Berube, ABC's Farai Chideya, CNN's Bernard Shaw, and NPR's Scott Simon.

The Cunanan discussion attracted the most attention. Judy Gerber, director of the media watchdog group Newswatch, presented a ten-minute video of Cunanan coverage clips, noting that "almost all the reporting [shown] relies on single-source rumors, hearsay and speculation," and charging that "The lines between [tabloid TV show] 'Hard Copy' and the evening news have disappeared."

Liz Tracey, communications director for the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), noted that alleged Cunanan victim Gianni Versace's long-time life partner Antonio D'Amico was erroneously identified at times as a security guard and a personal trainer, as well as sometimes acknowledged as his

grieving widower. Tracey attributed many errors in Cunanan coverage less to prejudice than to "homo-ignorance."

Mainstreamers Lydia Martin of the "Miami Herald" (the leading source of Cunanan coverage after Versace's death) and Juju Chang of ABC defended the relevance of Cunanan's HIV status and sexual orientation in reporting the story.

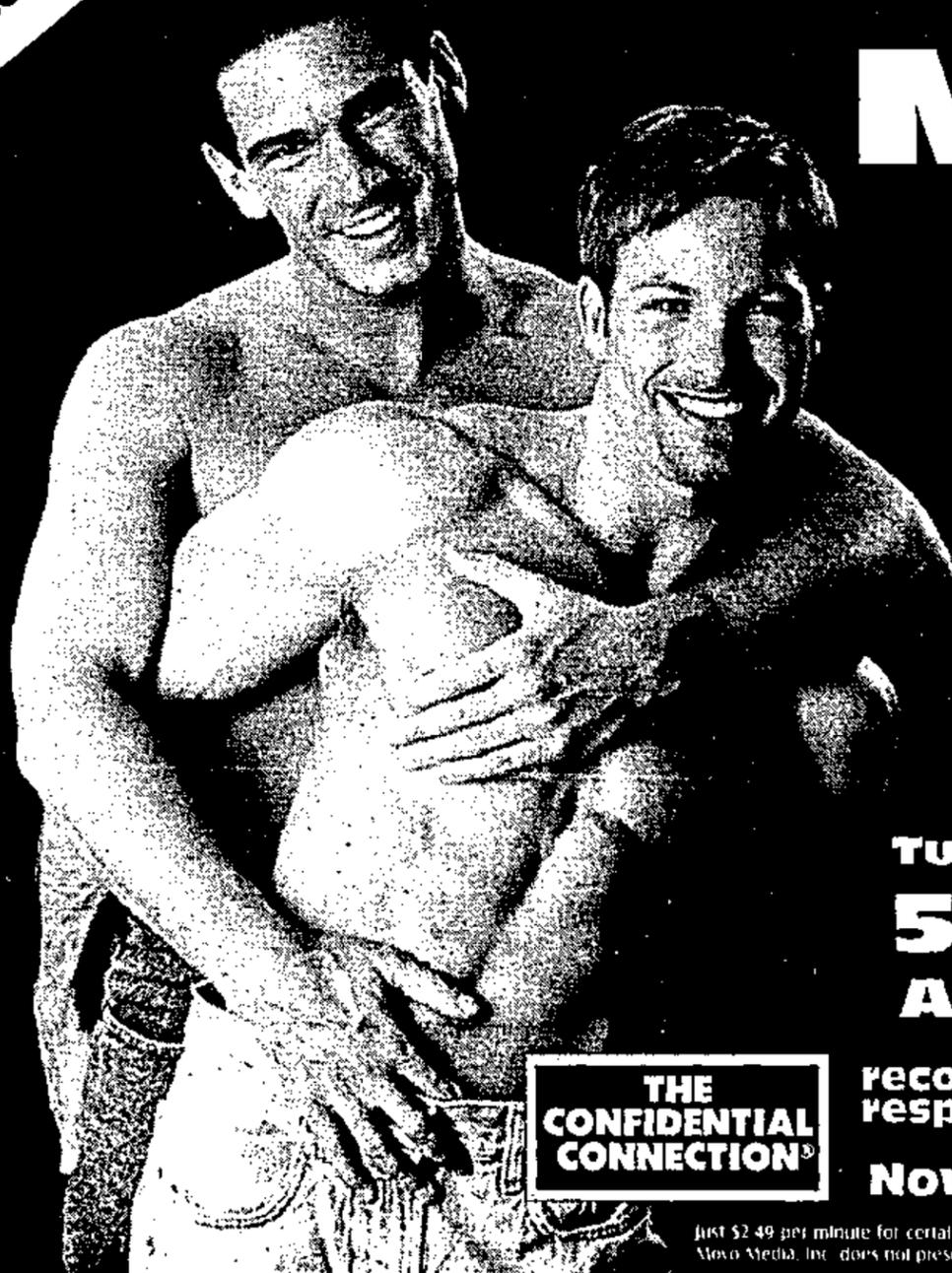
The national meeting is also the occasion for NLGJA's annual awards ceremony honoring excellence in reporting. NLGJA founder Leroy Aaronson was honored as he retired from the group's presidency.

The "Philadelphia Inquirer's" Gail Shister received a Distinguished Service Award and was jokingly crowned "NLGJA Goddess," while similar awards also went to Dorothy Atcheson of Miami and the "New York Times" Alan Flippen. The Crossroads Market Print Award was won by Alice Crann of the Pensacola, FL "News Journal" for a special "Religion and Homosexuality" section. Two Seigenthaler Electronic Media Awards, one for radio and one for television, were presented to Cary "Harrison" Sudler of WMAQ (CBS Radio-Chicago) and Robert Byrd for his video documentary on Gay and Lesbian youth, "Generation Q."

The first-ever Outbox new media award went to Steve Silberman of "Hot-wired."

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Buddies	2.0	2.0
Tres Amigos	1.5	2.5
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# Illinois HIV+ Prisoner Loses Case

CHICAGO, IL (NP) - He couldn't legally pin the blame for sexual abuse and HIV infection on prison personnel, but an Illinois ex-convict's lawsuit gave the governor additional incentive to give inmate testing a try.

A U.S. District Court jury handed a loss to the Illinois prison inmate who'd sought \$1.5-million in damages from Department of Corrections officials he charged had failed to protect him from forced sex that infected him with HIV. Five of the Corrections personnel named in the suit were cleared outright, while the jury was unable to reach a verdict regarding the other two.

Former inmate Michael Blucker says he'll seek a further trial against those two, psychiatrist Dr. Nageswararao Vallabhaneni and Lt. Carl Caraway, who was the officer in charge of internal affairs at the Menard prison during Blucker's incarceration. While Blucker claimed that a

prison gang had pimped him to other inmates, the Department of Corrections - and Caraway in particular - claimed he'd voluntarily engaged in the sex acts he claimed were forced.

Blucker had hoped that the case would stimulate public interest in increasing protection for inmates from sexual assaults, but at least it's advanced the state's response to HIV and AIDS in its prisons.

A pilot HIV-testing program Governor Jim Edgar had previously authorized has begun with the anonymous testing of a sample of 1,000 women at Dwight Correctional-Center, to be followed in October with a similar test of 1,000 men at Joliet Correctional Center and of 250 inmates from the 1970's.

No such coordinated plan has been pursued in Illinois prisons since 1991, and Edgar wants this pilot project completed before any other options are considered.

Currently, prisoners are tested only a voluntary basis, which in 1996 turned up positive diagnoses in 2.4 percent of 11,000 inmates who participated. Although AIDS is only number twelve on the list of leading causes of death for the state in general, it's number one in Illinois prisons, where it accounts for about 1/3 of inmate deaths each year.



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## Prime Time Emmy's

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locale on the North American continent. For one brief moment, the cable channel had more nominations than NBC, although later accounting in technical areas managed to put NBC barely ahead, and something very similar happened with the actual awards.

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If there was ever a week to contemplate washing one's mouth out with soap, this would be the time. Marauding retrograde Mercury changes direction this week only to square volcanic Pluto. This means that foul ups in communication from the past weeks gives us one last enormous bite on the butt. (Some people like it that way, but most don't.)

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Miscommunications at work plagued you over the past three weeks causing delays and wasted effort. Now, just when you thought it was safe, ratty retro Mercury plows directly into Pluto. Proud Rams get a final zetz that could impact any legal endeavor. Pluto upends the landscape, changing your personal outlook. Like it or not, you'll look at things quite differently.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

If you've been working hard at being creative over the past three weeks, relief is in sight. Sweat no more queer Bull; Wild retro Mercury squares maniacal Pluto. This unleashes a belching inferno of long buried hopes, dreams and desires that provide gist for your muse mill. If you're tired of that starving artist gig, use the sexy plutoneon power for zestier purposes.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

It's been a real trial trying to sift through the what's and wherefore's of family demands and/or home issues. Thankfully, retro Mercury goes direct but not before it squares volcanic Pluto. The family dirt that you've been sweeping under the rug blows out and soils partnerships. Pluto demands that you come clean with all involved. Rub a dub, dub.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Gay Crabs have been fairly mouthy during retro Mercury. Unfortunately, your best barbs have either fallen on deaf ears or caught you in the craw. Well, kids, Mercury direct now squares transforming Pluto. Words come back to haunt you one last time in a manner that you will not soon forget. Sticks and stones may break bones but words detonate a nuclear explosion.

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Money streams flow into unexpected caves during the Mercury retrograde as proud Lions race around frantically with their empty thermos. Relief is in sight as Mercury goes direct, but not before one last monetary zetz with Pluto. We live in interesting times, friend; you may splurge on a glorious romantic fling that can transform your life. When in doubt, wear something tight.

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

If your public debut has been less than fantastic, blame retro Mercury for screwing up the names, faces and places on your dance card. Relief is in sight darling, but not before Pluto gets into the act and brings family into the mix. That is of course what the planets have been waiting for; a successful coming out party requires full attendance.

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Gay Libras have had an urge to relate all their innermost private, paranoid thoughts to the immediate world. Hopefully you've shown some discretion over the past three weeks when retro Mercury could make you sound like a woolly eyed kook. Now, with Mercury square Pluto, you've one last impressive chance to demonstrate that

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you're one drop short of a pint. Will you?

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

The path to true friendship might have been rockier than usual during the retro Mercury. Please be patient and forgiving (look who I am talking to . . .). Now, when Mercury squares Pluto, miscommunications with pals turn out to be costlier than usual. Queer Scorps will reevaluate how they regard certain social commitments. Good; a new broom sweeps clean.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

If your professional path has had more than it's share of small pebbles and potholes, blame retro Mercury and get on with your life. Gay Archers eventually make their own personal success but should prepare for agony before the ecsta-

sy when Pluto squares Mercury. You will eventually emerge from your travails metamorphosized. Strut it proudly and avoid Franz Kafka.

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Travel may have been more trouble than it's worth when retro Mercury ran amok. Now, just when life appears to be settling down again, Mercury squares Pluto and Gay Caps have one last gasp at trouble in paradise. Don't panic cousin; there are lessons to be learned in every corner of the world. Grab the psychic significance of every wrong turn and store it for future use.

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Aqueerians run hot and cold when it comes to sex. Wild retro Mercury, may have provided more than it's share of

miscommunications and inconvenient cramps. Now with Mercury direct squaring Pluto, friends can get into the balancing act and tip the scales over. The path of true lust may not be running smoothly, but you'll happily gorge once the dust settles.

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Poor pink Fish pine for connection with a significant other and retro Mercury has not been making it easy. Now, Mercury turns direct and squares Pluto. Communications clear for partnerships but volcanic changes occur in your career. You cannot expect every aspect of your life to be in balance all of the time so make your trade-offs and work with them. I'd choose the relationship.

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# CALENDAR

*of upcoming events*

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

IBT'S - "The Girlie Show" hosted by Larry Moore featuring Celia Putty, Trudy Fabu, Live vocals by Jay Colner, Virginia Sacrifice, Regina Reed with special guest, Brisa.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

IBT'S - "Cruise in your Underwear" Nite. Sign up to win a cruise on RSVP's March '98 cruise on the Mexican Riviera. The fun starts at 9:00 p.m. Special drink prices for those in their underwear.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Kick-off for Chill Verde Day hosted by AGRA.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

BOOM BOOMS - Undulating undies you ask? Well Boom Booms thinks it's a good excuse to parade around in your underwear. Shot specials for everyone in their skivvies. Clothes check available. John Green and Julie McCoy will be available for personalized "fluffing".

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

IBT'S - 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Sunday brunch - All-you-can-eat Bar-B-Que featuring hamburgers, chicken and veggie burgers proceeds to Reveille Gay Men's Chorus. Then at 9:00 p.m. it's IBT's First Annual "Yumabout Fundraiser Show! Proceeds to go to SAAF for medications for PWAs. Hosted by Miss Góda Falál. Starting David Z. As Angelica West; Brian as Helen Bed; Pete as Coco Lopez; Roland as Twyla Park; Frank as Trixie with live vocals by Jay Colner and special guest star David Burrill as Pat Pending (his 1st and last appearance in drag!) PLUS special surprise guests.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. Sissy Bingo meets IBT's Male Box Night for the best party in Tucson. Prizes, fun and meet a new friend. Drink specials for those wearing their Male Box numbers!

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Yumabout! Come see your favorite bartenders explore their feminine side. All proceeds to benefit TIHAN. Show starts at 9:00 p.m. sharp!

## FRI-SAT-SUN, OCTOBER 10-11-12

HOURS - It's the 7th Anniversary for HOURS Make it on over and join in on the celebration.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

HOURS - 6:00 p.m. "Promo Night" with all of HOUR's vendors participating all night long. Drink specials, give-aways, etc.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

HOURS - The anniversary party continues. Come dance the night away at the big party.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

HOURS - Finishing off the big anniversary weekend with some country dance instructions, dancing, pool tournaments and fun.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

BOOM BOOMS - 1st annual "Hi N-R-G" Dance Pavilion during the Gay Pride Picnic "OUTOBERFEST '97". The latest club mixes by DJ Raymond, entertainment by The Playgirlz and free give-aways. See you there.

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# Non-Bar CALENDAR

## NOW PLAYING

Panoramic Productions, Tucson's newest non-profit theater company presents "Baby Love" by Paul S. MacWhorter. It's a story of Laura Denning who decides to have a baby through artificial insemination at the urging of her lesbian roommate Veronica. After several "interviews" Aaron shows up and Laura rents her attic room and proceeds to seduce him for his "donation". Sept. 18-20, 25-27, Oct. 22-4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Tucson Center for Performing Arts, 408 S. 6th Ave. Tickets are \$10 general seating at the door or in advance at Antigone Books.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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 Ye Olde Lantern this month. If you'd like to join your gay family for a nice dinner out, please call Bill at 615-0979 by Monday, September 15, to reserve your place at the table.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Cronies Social Club mid-month dinner at Marie Callenders, 220 W. Wetmore, 6:30 p.m. Please call Ron at 648-2775 so he will have a head count.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Rainbow Families, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents network, holds a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis in the foothills church, at River and Swan, Room 31. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are welcome. Call Craig at 318-9348 for more information.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Can't get that summer heat off you mind? How about joining us for a morning expedition to Colossal Cave. A specially guided tour for a group of gay men has been arranged just for us. For details, directions, and reservations, please call Steve at 887-1771.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Tucson Prime Timers (Gay and Bi-Sexual men over 30) will have their regular monthly meeting from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. Following the meeting, members will go to a social dinner. Members of At-Ease-Again and Cronies Social Club are welcome as are all mature Gay men. Become a part of Prime Timers, the largest Gay Social Club in the world.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Join your gay family for a Sunday Brunch as one of our members hosts a potluck brunch at his downtown apartment. For details, directions and reservation, please call Steve at 388-4849.

2. 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.

The next Mens Massage Group meets at 6:00 p.m. This is a good place to meet men in a safe and nurturing environment. Call Marc at 881-4502 to sign up at least 3 days in advance, or for more information.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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. For reservations and directions, please call Terry at 577-3345.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Our monthly Lunch Out takes us to the Blue Willow. This popular spot is gay friendly and has good food. For reservations and directions, please call John at 615-1368 by Monday, September 22.

2. 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, SEPTEMBER 25

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Movie Out for the month will (hopefully) be "In and Out." This movie stars Kevin Kline and is about a teacher who is outed by a former student while receiving an award. If this movie is not in Tucson yet, we will choose a different one. For movie time and theater location, please call Lee at 690-9565 after September 19.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Book reading at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave by Tucson author Patricia Lucas from her new book "Desperada-Desperada". This humorous tale is set in fictional twin cities on the Mexican/U.S. border where a group of eccentric women wrestle with corrupt politicians to take back control of their tricultural area. A brief question and answer period will follow and refreshments will be served.

Cronies Social Club Movie Night. This classic oldie is "Roxie Hart" a 1942 Ginger Rogers spoof of 1920s Chicago journalism. Call Leo at 624-6768 for RSVP and directions.

# 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.  
 BOOM-BOOMS - Open at 4pm. \$1.25 small pitchers of Bud or Miller. Happy Hour 4-8. Karaoke with Nancy 7-11pm. Bump & grind dance music 11-1 with \$1.75 pints of Fasters.  
 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 Saus \$1.50 til 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 8-9-0 and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.  
 STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Beer Bust 2-7pm \$1 Pitchers, 50¢ a glass. Free hamburgers 4-7 Pool Tourny with Zipperman. Karaoke Night, drink specials to singers.  
 VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Bart 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 white well 8pm to close.  
 BOOM-BOOMS - You asked for it, you got it. Now open on Mondays 4pm. Happy Hour 4-8pm.  
 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. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s Dance 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.  
 STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. 2-4-1 Well & Domestic 2-6pm. 50¢ draft 6-9pm. Service Industry Nite: 1/2 price drinks for those in service industry. Monday Night Football and Doc's Dart's at 8:30. Free pool all day.  
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 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.  
 BOOM-BOOMS - Happy Hour 4-8 daily. Dart Tourny 9:30. Special prices for all tourny players. \$1.50 domestics \$1 Cocksucker 9-close. DJ at 9.  
 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 8pm.  
 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 - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. 2-4-1 Well & Domestic 2-6pm. 50¢ draft 6-9. Salsa Nite: \$1.75 Corona, \$1.75 Tequila Gold.  
 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-1.  
 BOOM-BOOMS - Happy Hour 4-8pm. Karaoke with Christopher 9pm-1am. \$1.50 White Well 9pm to close.  
 GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50; Domestic \$1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tourny. 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 - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. 2-4-1 Well & Domestic 2-6pm. 50¢ Draft 6-9pm. Karaoke Nite: Drink Specials to singers.  
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuevo Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

## Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.  
 BOOM-BOOMS - Playgirlz Cabaret Show at 9:30 in the "Other" Room \$1.50 Dark Well 9pm to close. Hi NRG Dance Music at 9 with Raymond.  
 GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75. 501 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 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.  
 IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8 pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 Well and \$1.75 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.  
 STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. 2-4-1 Well & Domestic 2-6pm. 50¢ draft 6-9pm. Naughty Ladies Male Dance Revue 10:30pm.  
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm

## Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres. Michael spins hi energy dance music 8:30 to close. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.  
 BOOM-BOOMS - Happy Hour 4-8pm. Latin Dance Party in the "Other" Room at 9pm. Dance Party with Raymond in the main bar at 9.  
 GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.50 domestic \$1.75. 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 Loosey 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.  
 STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. 2-4-1 Domestic and Well 2-6pm. Hors d'oeuvres 5pm. Beer Bust 6-9pm \$1 pitchers 50¢ glass. 2-4-1 Well & Domestic 8-11pm. Wear a Stonewall/Eagle T-shirt and drink half price all night long.  
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

## Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%. Michael spins hi energy dance music from 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.  
 BOOM-BOOMS - Happy Hour 4-8pm. Country/Western Dance in the "Other" room at 9:30 with lessons starting at 8pm. Dance to the latest club mixes in the main bar 9pm to close.  
 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 - Open noon. Happy Hour til 8pm. Hors d'oeuvres 4pm. Free Pool all day. Student nite: Students drink 1/2 price all nite long.  
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Bitches & Bagels w/ \$1 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.

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NOTICES

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmeor 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 Himmelpark 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 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. 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 youth 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 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 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 at 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.

WINGSPIRIT - 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 8:30 pm at St. Francis in the Footfalls Church, Swan and River Road, Room 32. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 4:00 pm at St. Francis in The Footfalls for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1208 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.

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

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

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

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GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. BB or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmelpark 10:00 a.m. Check it out!

THE MEN'S MESSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 681-4582 for more information or sign up.

THE JOHN HANTEN MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1948 E. Lee St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-6015 or Jane Parri at 326-8377.

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

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

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

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

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

LESBIAN/GAY/BI OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm in UMC Dining Room "F". 325-0676 or 670-1954.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson. Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 781-7676.

NOTICES

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Decimo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie 721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3575.

COCAINE ANONYMOUS

"The Fruits Of Sobriety" particularly for Gays and Lesbians (but everyone is welcome) meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Hotline: (520)326-2211

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Dabita's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 297-9602 or Sr. Joan 742-8900.

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

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 895, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

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

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

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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, 3661 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 690-9585 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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

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

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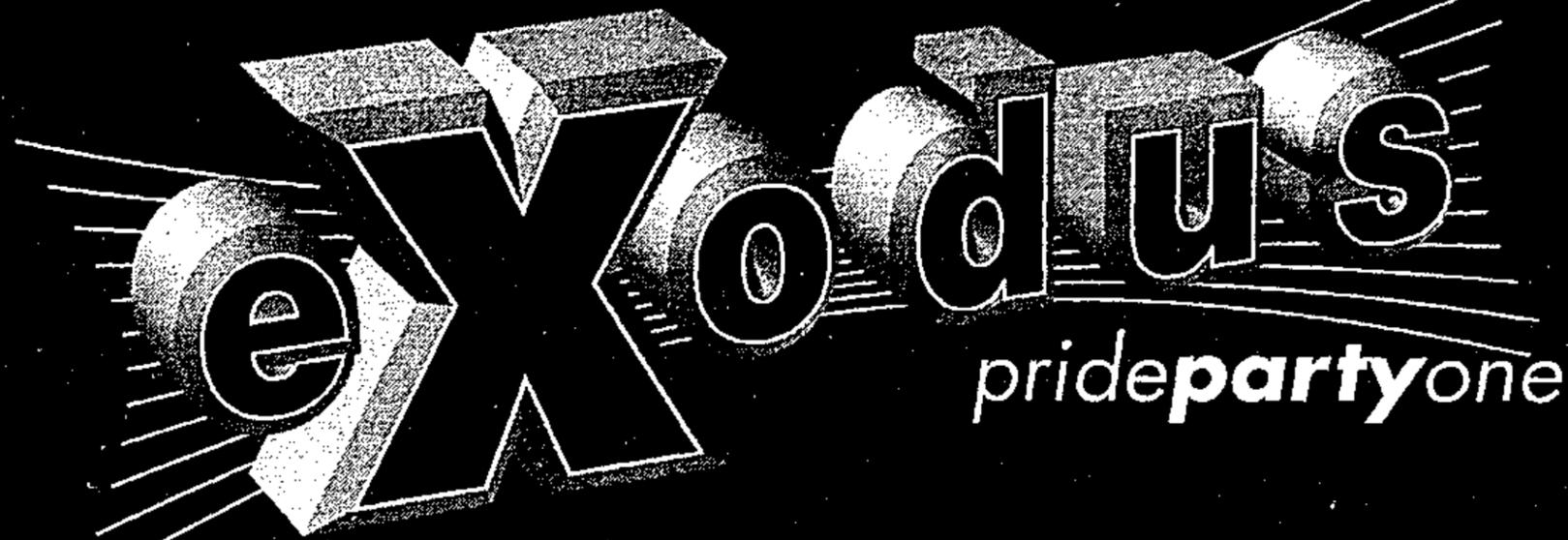
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