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Hollywood Gay And Lesbian Double Standard

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) -- Hollywood, the "motion picture capital of the world" where "dreams" are created.

Those "dreams," turned into nightmares for Tucsonans Michael Shoel and Donald Zelkowski.

Shoel and Zelkowski, owners of Phoenix Video Distributors, wanted to distribute a film, entitled "Different Strokes: A Story of Jack, Jill & Jill," a Lesbian coming-out story. The video stars Dana Plato, of Different Strokes, Landon Hall and Bentley Mitchum of the Wonder Years.

The plot: Jack (Bentley Mitchum) a successful photographer is dating Jill (Landon Hall), a woman whose beauty rivals any of his models. Jill (Dana Plato), a very attractive New York art director enters their lives and awakens feelings and opens up new possibilities for Jill (Hall) that will turn Jack's idyllic life upside down and inside out.

To successfully market a video to franchise chains, according to Shoel, requires a Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) rating on the box. He said to get the rating, a distributor must submit artwork for the video box to the MPAA for approval.

Shoel and Zelkowski submitted their artwork for "Different Strokes..." to the MPAA, expecting to get approval and an "R" rating, but problems arose.

According to Shoel, Denise Galoti of MPAA rejected a picture of the two lead female characters walking down a hill holding a picnic basket. He said that Galoti stated "the picture implied that kind of relationship, 'a Lesbian one.'"

Shoel said Galoti declared that "they had received a lot of complaints from parents about these images which are confusing to young people, and could lead to Gay and Lesbian teen suicide." He added that Galoti reiterated in the conversation that she was not "injecting her personal opinion."

Zelkowski said that Galoti approved two pictures of the lead female and male characters, Landon Hall and Bentley Mitchum, in various stages of undress in the beginnings of foreplay.

Denise Galoti, and Bethlyn Hand, Senior Vice President -Administration, Director of Advertising Ratings, did not return numerous phone calls seeking comment.

But according to the 1997 MPAA Advertising Handbook, under Advertising Administration Regulations, one of the factors considered for approval is whether the advertising material depicts nudity or sexual activity.

The MPAA has been in existence since 1922. At that time Hollywood was rocked by murder, drug and sex scandals enveloping the movie industry. Motion picture studio-bosses formed the MPAA to restore a more favorable public image for the motion picture business.

MPAA's first "Czar of the Rushes," was Will Hays, former Postmaster General in the Harding Administration. In 1933, Hays instituted the Production Code, which lasted until 1968.

The Code wouldn't allow such topics as: kisses lasting longer than three seconds; single beds for married couples and; homosexuality in any form.

From the 1930's until the mid 1960's, films that passed muster from the MPAA or one of the many local city and state censorship boards, received a "Seal of Approval."

In 1966, Jack Valenti became president of MPAA and still leads the organization to this day.

According to a written statement by Valenti, from the MPAA website, "the slippage of Hollywood studio authority over the content of films collided with an avalanching revision of American mores and customs."

Two movies, according to Valenti, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf," and "Blow-Up," with controversies over language, such as "screw," and nudity respectively caused the formation of the "Voluntary Movie Rating" System.

The "Voluntary Movie Rating" system went into effect on November 1, 1968, with four initial rating categories: G (General Audiences), M (Mature Audiences), R (Restricted), X (No One under 17 admitted). PG (Parental Guidance) and PG-13 were later added.

Donald Zelkowski said he called the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) in Los Angeles and spoke with Samantha Whitaker to see what could be done in this case.

Zelkowski stated that within a period of two-days, they had received phone calls from GLAAD and Marilyn Gordon of MPAA stating their artwork

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Supreme Court To Deal With Same-Sex Harassment

WASHINGTON, DC (RNS) -- The U.S. Supreme Court debated whether unlawful sexual harassment at work covers employees of the same sex, discussing instances of grabbing genitals and patting workers on the behind.

The justices during arguments appeared troubled by a U.S. appeals court ruling that a 1964 federal civil rights law barring discrimination based on sex never may be applied to same-sex harassment cases.

But the justices questioned whether the law requires that workers of one sex be treated differently than employees of another sex, and grappled with what constitutes illegal sexual harassment, as opposed to offensive hazing.

The case has become one of the most closely watched of the high court's 1997-98 term and has important implications for workplace discrimination, legal experts say.

Harassment involving the opposite sex has long been covered by the law. The number of lawsuits alleging same-sex harassment in the workplace has been increasing nationwide.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor cited an employer who "had the unfortunate habit of patting every employee -- both male and female -- on the fanny every day." She asked how that case would involve discrimination.

In a similar example, Justice Anthony Kennedy asked about "an uncouth supervisor who makes offensive jokes to both sexes."

Nicholas Canaday, a lawyer representing a male employee who alleges he was sexually harassed by his supervisors, said the law applies if the sexual conduct had been pervasive, creating a hostile work environment.

Justice Antonin Scalia asked Canaday if he would have a case if the worker, Joseph Oncale, had been subjected to "obnoxious hazing" but it "had nothing to do" with alleged sexual conduct, including the "grabbing" of Oncale's genitals.

Canaday admitted such conduct would not be illegal under the law.

If there had been sexual hazing,

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No Medicaid For HIV

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) -- Clinton's own AIDS council was already rating the administration's performance at near toilet level, but DHHS's denial of Medicaid coverage for early intervention drugs has led even the most polite observers to cry, "Flush!"

For its inaction on AIDS issues, the Clinton administration is under fire from several quarters, including its own hand-picked Presidential Council on HIV/-AIDS. The last straw for many was the administration's announcement that federal Medicaid assistance will not be extended to people with HIV to prevent the onset of AIDS.

This initiative Vice President Al Gore had announced in April, which he called for a report on in 30 days.

Although since June the federal government's own recommendation for treatment of HIV is early intervention with several drugs that will attack the virus at different stages in its life cycle to stop its replication, that treatment will not be available soon in the U.S. for those who cannot come up with some $12 - 15,000 per year to pay for it -- and currently the recommendation is to continue the treatment indefinitely.

Ironically, those who already have an AIDS diagnosis do currently qualify to receive the drugs under Medicaid.

Department of Health and Human Services spokesperson Victor Zonana announced that Medicaid coverage cannot be extended to those with asymptomatic HIV infections without a major increase in costs -- hundreds of millions within a five-year period. It had been hoped that the cost of preventive drugs would be counterbalanced by a decreased future need for hospital care.

Apparently that future cost-saving doesn't show up in the five-year budget window in which Medicaid policy changes can be made if they do not involve additional costs; or as Zonana put it, "We have not been able to find a revenue-neutral way to do it." Zonana said that a series of projections had been considered by government actuaries.

While he did not release details of their analysis to the public, he indicated that several different multipliers of the current income ceiling to qualify for Medicaid had been considered for expanding care for people with HIV.

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UPDATE

Community Of Hope Church To Host Marsha Stevens

PHOENIX -- It's time for golfers to clean their clubs and spikes to get ready for the Community Church of Hope's First Annual Golf Classic.

The tournament will be played, December 13, at the Marriott's Mountain Shadows Golf Course in Scottsdale. The format is a four person scramble with consecutive tee times starting at 8:30 A.M. The $65 entry fee, per player, includes greens fee, cart, practice balls, lunch, prizes, and lots of fun!

Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams in four divisions: Men's, Women's, Mixed, and Church. Prizes will also be awarded for the longest drive, closet to the pin, straightest drive, longest putt, plus many other events.

The proceeds go to complete building renovations at Community Church of Hope (CCH). This will allow CCH to provide a better facility for a greater number of people in the community. A donation will also be given to the Marsha Stevens' Ministry.

"I'm really excited about this event. It's a way to reach out to the community to have a great time playing golf at a beautiful course, plus a silent auction with some wonderful gifts for yourself or Christmas presents at bargain prices; all for a good cause and it's tax deductible!" says Tournament Chair, Sharon.

Marsha Stevens is a Christian singer and songwriter for the Gay/Lesbian/Bi community. She will perform live in concert in Phoenix, 7:00 P.M., December 14, at CCH.

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Advocate Promotes Desert Voices

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Desert Voices is one of 163 members of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA), totalling 8,000 singers, Gay and Lesbian choruses sell 600,000 tickets annually.

San Diego's Men's Chorus (who joined Desert Voices for last year's Pride concert) is singing at the Super Bowl game this January.

Ken Cole, executive director of GALA, stated in the article, "The power of that really can't be underestimated. We're not taking about Madonna or Elton John. The people who are up there onstage are not superstars. They're you average person -- an AT&T employee, a grocery store clerk, a waiter -- performing as an openly Gay man or woman."

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For reservations call 791-9662. VISA or MasterCard preferred.

Married Lesbians On 20/20

NEW YORK, NY (NP) -- A recent edition of ABC's "20/20" (10 PM ET, check local listings) featured a segment by John Stossel with women who were already in heterosexual marriages when they discovered that they were Lesbians.

Deb Abbott, co-author of "From Married Wife to Lesbian Life," consulted in the show's development, although a taped interview with her has been cut. Women from Boston, Cincinnati and Colorado Springs appeared with their husbands and children describing the painful process of breaking up marriages of as much as 20 years' duration.

Although some psychologists have suggested that the societal homophobia that made Lesbianism unthinkable at the time some of the women were married is the key to their story, Stossel told reporters that, "I never got a good answer for how some of them say they had great sex with their husbands, and still felt the need to break up over sexual orientation."

IN MEMORIAM

JEAN RENEE CICCI

Jean Renee Cicci died December 8. Jean is survived by her children, Jerica and Joshua (Sunshine); her parents Darrol and Marlene Angle; sister Kim Everlith; brother Jerry Angle; spouse Kenny Piscotanno; and loving friends too numerous to mention.

Jean was a hero to many people. She advocated with words and by example always with gentle strength, for anyone living with HIV/AIDS; for young people; for Gay people; for addicts; and the mentally ill.

Jean worked tirelessly as a volunteer for PACT for Life over the years, primarily as a peer counselor who taught with love and by example how to live well with AIDS. Her kindness, compassion, and courage will live within us all as a model and as a challenge.

A memorial service will be held at St. Francis of the Foothills, December 11 at 3:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to client services at the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, 151 South Tucson Boulevard, Tucson, AZ 85716.

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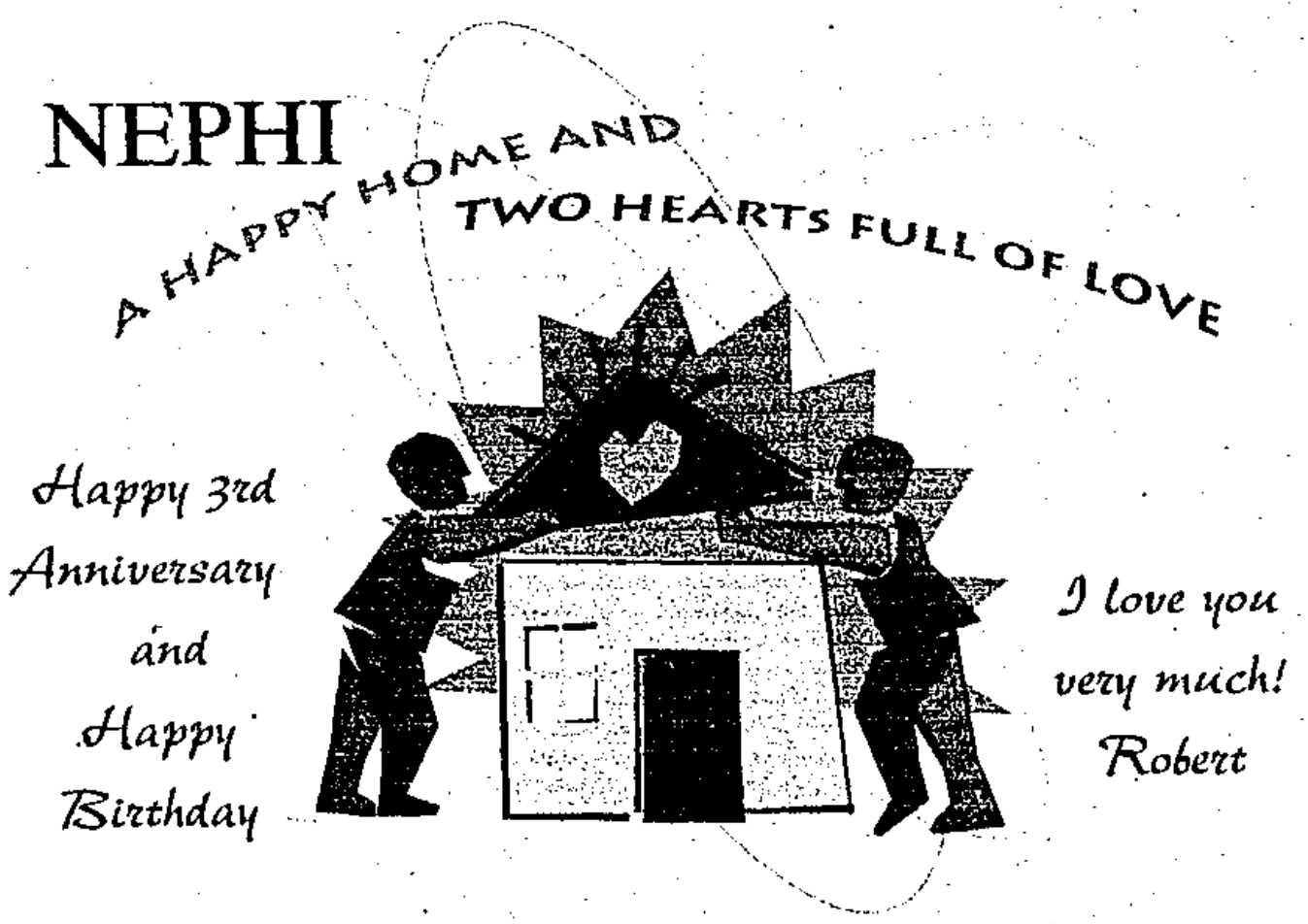

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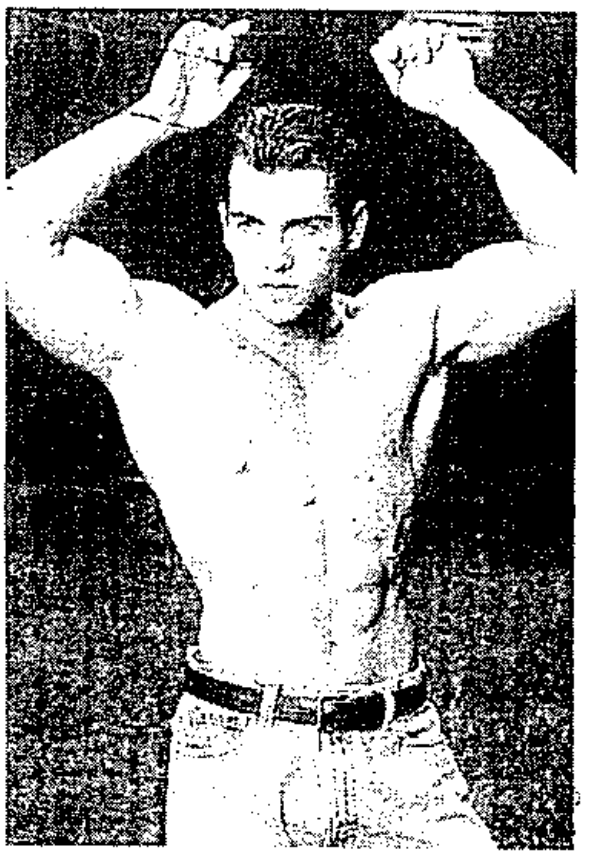

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Clinton Advisory Panel Faults AIDS Leadership

WASHINGTON, DC (RNS) -- A White House advisory panel charged the federal fight against AIDS had stalled in recent months in the absence of bold leadership by President Clinton's administration.

The 32-member panel in its second "progress report" faulted the administration, like its predecessors, for failing "to lay out a coherent plan of action" to prevent transmission of the AIDS virus, HIV.

"Funding for HIV prevention remains inadequate, particularly when compared with the monumental American bill for medical expenses," it said. In addition, "far too many Americans lack access to effective medications," it added.

"Although powerful evidence of the effectiveness of HIV prevention demands a robust and energetic response, the administration has failed to provide such bold leadership," the report said.

Overall, it said Clinton had "dramatically" improved the national response to AIDS since he took office in 1993. Funding for AIDS research at the National Institutes of Health had grown 50 percent since the start of the administration and funds were being spent "more efficiently and strategically," it said.

"However, most of these important strides occurred during the president's first term," which ended in January, it added.

"Despite substantial and diligent efforts...progress in the federal response to AIDS has stalled in recent months, contributing to a sense of diminished priority for AIDS issues during the president's second term," the report said.

Specifically, it criticized the administration's failure to find ways to expand Medicaid, the combined federal and state health program for the poor, to cover all low-income people with HIV early in the course of the disease.

It called on the administration to push for the removal of a congressionally mandated ban on federal funding for needle exchange programs.

"Perhaps most disturbing is the continued prohibition on federal funding for needle exchange programs despite clear scientific evidence of the efficacy of such programs in preventing new HIV infections without increasing substance use," the panel wrote.

Sandra Thurman, director of the White House office of National AIDS policy, said she shared the advisory panel's "sense of urgency and frustration" but rejected the notion that progress had stalled.

"There is no absence of will to meet this challenge," she said in a statement. "There is, however, a different sense of what can be accomplished in an often polarized political environment in which ideology can overwhelm science."

"The struggle to get the best quality of care and the best medications to all HIV-positive Americans is a very difficult fight and one I know the president is committed to winning," Thurman added.

South Carolina Pride Fight In Myrtle Beach

MYRTLE BEACH, SC (NP) -- South Carolina activists take their pride where the heat is, but one venue landlord is exerting pressure to defend its beachhead against an invasion by Village People.

When a Myrtle Beach City Councilmember objected in March to a Gay bar near an amusement park, instead of boycotting, the South Carolina Gay & Lesbian Pride Movement determined to transport their 1998 Pride Festival there to show the town what it might be missing.

This year, they'd moved the pride event from its traditional home in Columbia to the city of Greenville, the heart of a county that had passed a resolution against the so-called "homosexual lifestyle" (although the city governs itself independent of Greenville County and has not shared in the county's homophobic politics).

There was still more motivation to go to Myrtle Beach when the same Councilmember, Mark McBride, was elected Mayor of Myrtle Beach last month, unseating a Gay-friendly incumbent in a run-off, and another Gay-friendly Councilmember was also unseated by an anti-Gay candidate.

But while the ninth annual festival initially found a warm welcome from some local merchants, a major local property developer has been resisting the festival's use of its venues, this week putting the kibosh on a Village People concert.

Local clubowners had put down a deposit and were negotiating for the 1970's-era band to appear March 2 as a climax of the festival. But Celebrity Square, the entertainment complex near the beach where the concert would have been held, is owned by Burroughs & Chapin Co., Inc., which announced that it was stopping the concert to avoid being linked with the festival.

Last week, Burroughs & Chapin had approached its tenants, the Hard Rock Cafe and the All Star Cafe, to cancel their plans for participation in the festival as well. The All Star Cafe confirmed that it will remain a festival sponsor and registration site, but the Hard Rock Cafe, which had agreed to hold a silent auction as part of the festival, has not reconfirmed.

Another venue not connected with Burroughs & Chapin, the House of Blues, has also reconfirmed that it will hold a social and concert. A Burroughs & Chapin spokesperson said last week that, "We have nothing against these people as individuals, but this is a family-oriented environment, and we do not believe that bringing in that type of activity is in keeping with our wholesome family goals."

Festival organizers believe the controversy will only increase attendance at the pride events, but are concerned that it may also serve to drive local Gays and Lesbians deeper into the closet.

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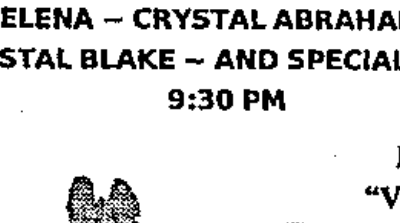

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by Scott Weidamoyer

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Speaking of what is to come and also of the holiday season, AGRA is selling tickets for their annual Hayride through Winterhaven, Saturday, December 20. This annual event is really a great time for all. We will be meeting at the Stonewall/Eagle for pre-cocktails and added heat retention fluid and then caravan down to Winterhaven and board AGRA-Tucson's very own sponsored wagon as we tour the streets and sing Christmas carols. Last year was a real blast and we look forward to having even more fun this year. Contact the AGRA office for more information on tickets. There are a limited amount of tickets so they will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Tickets are $10 per person.

After the Hayride, we will be heading back to the Stonewall/Eagle for a benefit show for Mr. Eryk Benjamin, contestant for Mr. AGRA. Come join AGRA-Tucson for the live vocals of Eryk and the illusions of Miss Victoria DuPuis, Ivanna Goodwyn and plenty of other guests. If anyone is interested in performing, or has ever wanted to perform at an AGRA function, here is your chance! Contact Scott Weidamoyer, 516-9003 (digital pager) and I will get back to you as soon as possible. AGRA-Tucson looks forward to this being a great show and need you to make it happen.

The Steering Committee has recently sent out a questionnaire to old members who have not renewed their membership for 1997 to see if there are ways that we can improve the association. This should be interesting and very constructive feedback and will be acted on. So, if you receive one of these questionnaires, please take the time to fill it out. This is also a reminder that renewals for 1998 are due by December 31, 1997. The renewal is $20 for current members and $40 for new members. This is a great time for you as members to recruit friends to join AGRA. The $40 for new members gets the member a name badge, a monthly newsletter and also the membership privileges and discounts offered to AGRA members.

AGRA-Tucson is looking forward to a great 1998 with the return of the Saguaro Regional Rodeo to Old Tucson Studios and the total flooding of the IGRA circuit with posters and promotions for the rodeo. AGRA-Tucson is looking to have the best rodeo that Tucson has ever seen.

Reminder that the next Board and General Membership meeting will be held Sunday, December 21, at the Stonewall/Eagle. The Board meeting will be at 2:00 P.M. and the General Membership will be at 5:00 P.M.

That's all for now. Have a great week and talk to you all next week!

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BOOK REVIEW

"Loving Someone Gay"

Twentieth Anniversary Edition

"Loving Someone Gay" is to the Gay community what Dr. Spock's "Baby & Child" has been to parents. It is the classic. Well-known and now international in scope, it answers the questions that family, friends and colleagues are uncomfortable asking.

For nearly three decades, Don Clark, Ph.D. has offered compassionate and perceptive guidance to Gay men and Lesbians and the people who love them. His sensitive approach and humorous wisdom have helped families, friends, and community members build solid, loving relationships. In his commitment to offer honest, accurate, and complete information, Dr. Clark presents "Loving Someone Gay" in four comprehensive parts:

Part One: Being Gay. What's it like to be Gay? Includes information on the possible consequences of the all too familiar oppression and pressures to conform, and closes with a chapter entitled Gay Rewards.

Part Two: Gay & Growing. How to grow and be a better Gay person. Much of this valuable section pertains to unlearning and relearning in the areas of uncovering emotions, finding support, relationship tending, as well as pride, prejudice and changing over time.

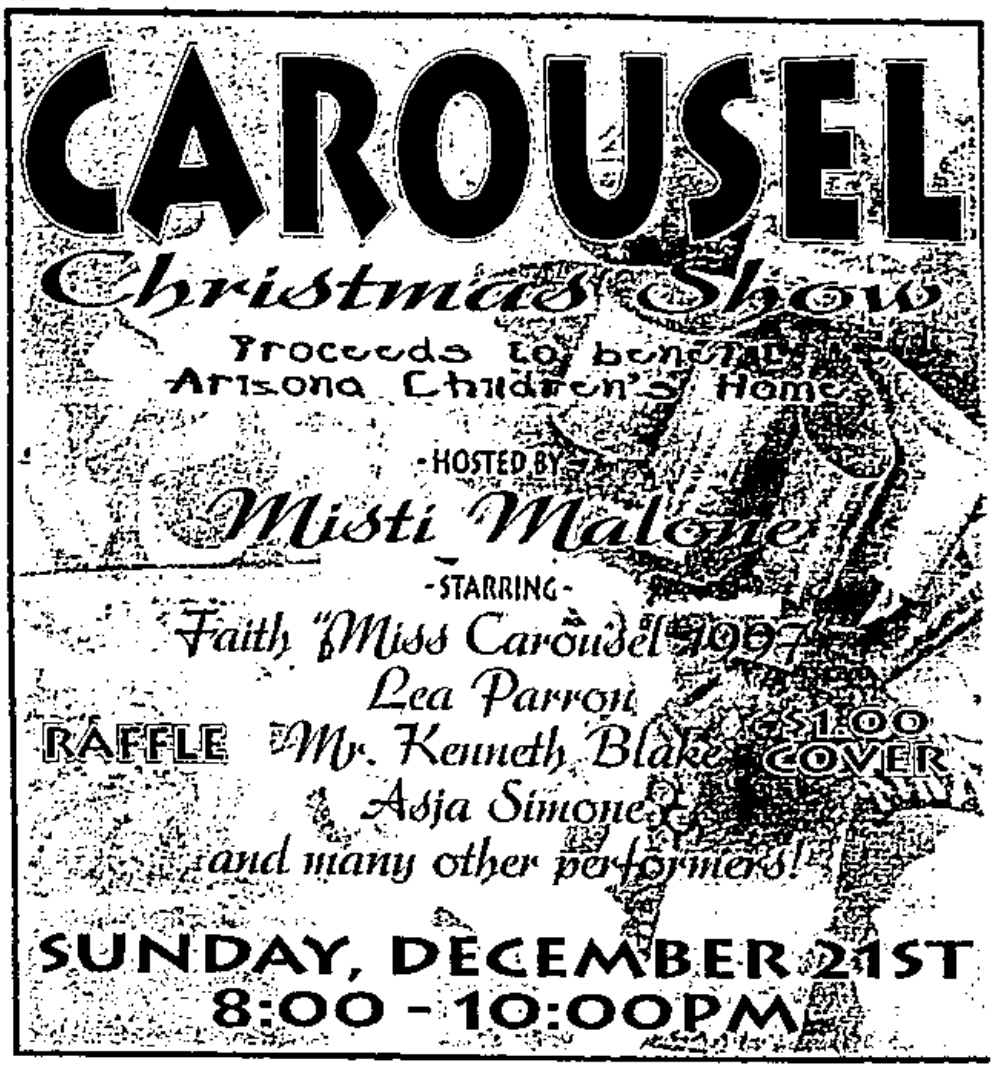
Part Three: Loving Someone Gay.. Wise advice to parents, family, and friends of Gay men and Lesbians. Speaking to every possible relationship combination, it includes the topics of truth, acceptance, communication, and appreciation.

Part Four: Professional Help. Advice to a wide variety of professionals who come in contact with Gay clients. In addition to identifying professionals, this section includes illuminating chapters on the psychology of Gay identity, basic ground rules, helping, and being professional.

Clark wrote the first edition of "Loving Someone Gay" thirty years ago, "because there were no positive authoritative books for and about Gay people by credentialed Gay professionals."

The 1990's call for a completely rewritten edition of "Loving Someone Gay" to usher in the new millennium and Clark has delivered. This new, 20th anniversary edition (third revision) speaks clearly and directly to the individual, as well as the global community, calling for the practical and spiritual, as well as political awareness.

"Loving Someone Gay" is a tried and true voice, representing several decades of experience and authority. No other book covers as much territory and provides consistent loving support for the Gay community and the people they love.



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TUCSON -- The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) has announced that Harold Lackey has accepted the position of Consumer Advocate at SAAF.

The position, which began December 1, serves as an advocate for comprehensive services and funding for people with AIDS.

As Consumer Advocate, Lackey will serve as liaison to national and state organizations serving people with AIDS, as well as address interagency and intra-agency service delivery. He will oversee evaluation of client services at SAAF.

The Consumer Advocate position was conceptualized last spring during plans to merge, Tucson's three existing AIDS service organization--PACT for Life, Shanti Foundation, and Tucson AIDS Project. Filing the position became possible through a combination of grants for $10,000 from the Stocker Foundation and $11,000 from the Lloyd Foundation.

As Consumer Advocate, Lackey will report directly to SAAF's executive director, Anne Maley.

Of the position, Maley states, "We are thrilled to have support from both the Stocker Foundation and Lloyd Foundation to begin this full-time position to further focus our advocacy efforts. Before the merger, such a position simply wasn't feasible. Now, with one AIDS service organization, and the changing needs of people who are HIV+, this position is critical. As Consumer Advocate, Harold will help us fine-tune service delivery and extend our connections with AIDS advocacy groups nationally and locally."

SAAF continues to pursue grant funding to maintain this position beyond the current fiscal year.

Harold is quite pleased to be joining SAAF as a staff member and has been HIV+ for twelve years. He has previously worked for PACT and brings extensive experience with AIDS advocacy in Tucson.

"As someone living with AIDS, I have a deep commitment to ensuring the best care possible for all those who are HIV+. I am heartened by the creation of this position. It signifies a dedication to hearing the perspective of clients at all levels of interaction," Lackey stated.

Lackey can be reached at SAAF's offices, (520) 322-6226.

Britain May Lift Gay Military Ban In 1998

LONDON, UK (LO) -- Britain's ban on Gay men and Lesbians in its armed forces could be rescinded as early as next year by a Labour government seeking to avoid potential $1.6 billion judgement against it in the European courts.

Tony Blair's government has concluded a judgement against it by the European Court of Justice would be both politically damaging and hugely expensive. The cabinet is reportedly been thrown into a "panic" over how to sell the policy change to both the public and some leaders of the armed forces.

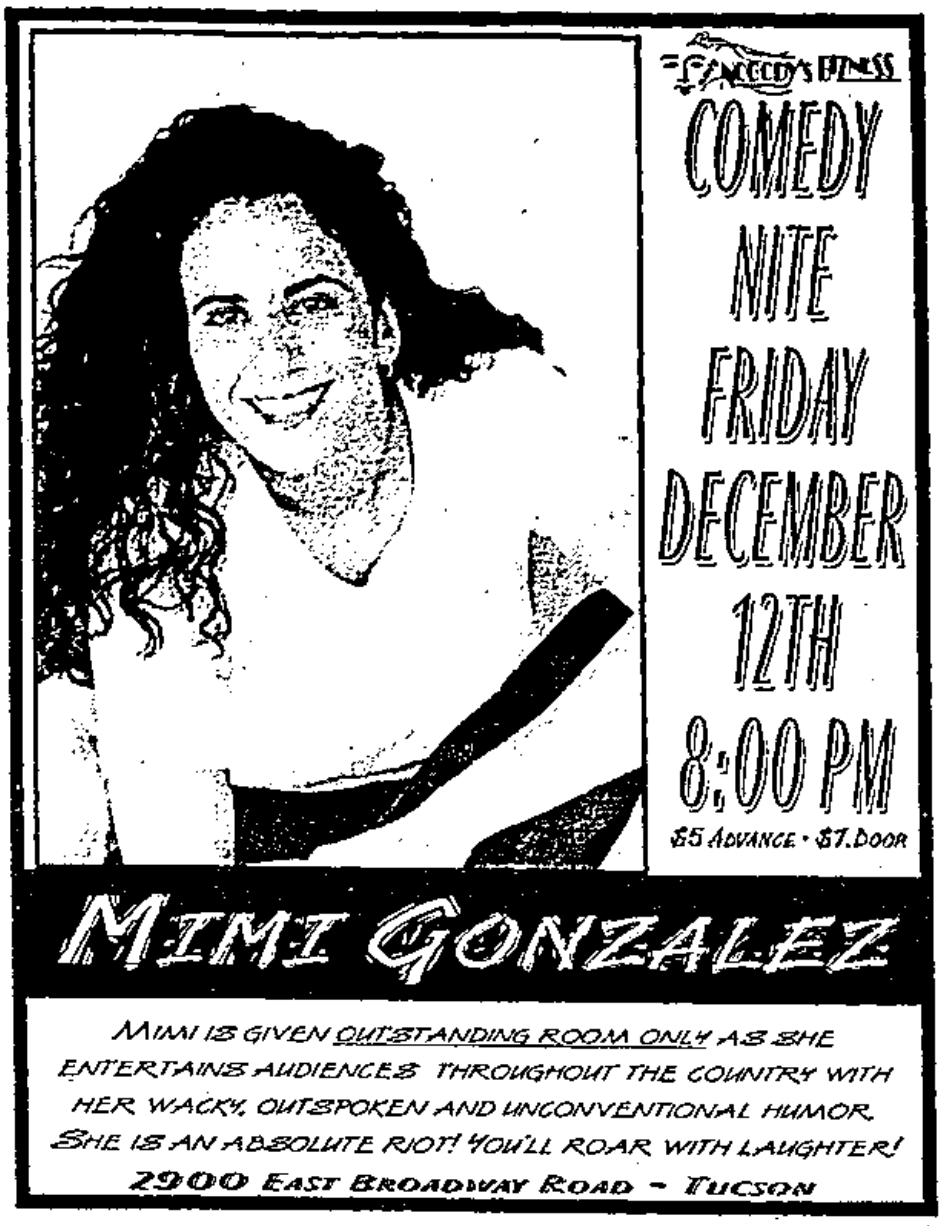
It is feared that a case brought by Terry Perkins, discharged from the Royal Navy in 1995 for being Gay, could subject the government to damages claims stretching as far back as 1978 from thousands of Gay servicemen and women alleging anti-Gay discrimination. The cost of such claims has been estimated to be between $680 million and $1.7 million.

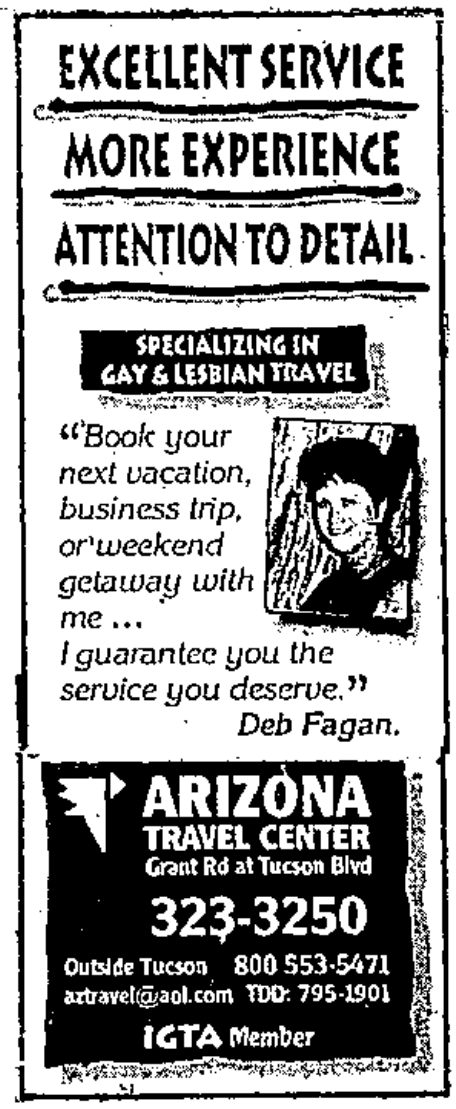
Government sources are quoted as saying that despite being urged on by the Defense Secretary, the Home Secretary, the Armed Forces Minister, and senior army and air force officers, PM Tony Blair is reluctant to introduce sweeping equality legislation.

One source said, "The Prime Minister is worried about the Clinton effect, where lifting the ban became a political liability. But there are no real parallels," the source said. "Clinton made it a major point of policy and had an unsympathetic Congress...Blair barely mentioned it and has support in the cabinet and the party."

Sources in the Defence Ministry said that up until last October, they had been confident that the European Union's equal treatment directive would not be applied to cases involving sexual orientation. Those hopes were dashed last October when the court sided with a Lesbian couple denied travel benefits routinely given to unmarried straight partners.

A member of the Gay rights advocacy group OutRage! told the Observer personal damages were only the beginning. "As well as compensation for loss of pay and pensions, sacked Gay personnel will get massive punitive damages for being put under surveillance, arrested, interrogated, imprisoned, humiliated...For every week the government continues to defy the equal treatment directive, the bill grows bigger.





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Mecklenburg County N.C. Upheaval

CHARLOTTE, NC (NP) -- A Board of Commissioners coup is the latest development (...or should that be "devolution?") in the embattled North Carolina county's homophobic "morality war."

Because the Democratic Chair of the Mecklenburg County (North Carolina) Commission lent his support to an openly Gay man's candidacy, a homophobic Democrat joined the Commission's Republican minority to deny him another term as Chair.

Mecklenburg County, where the city of Charlotte is located, has been mired in continuing controversy for more than a year as homophobia has become a key force in local politics. Although the County Commission has five Democrats and four Republicans, one of the Democrats is Hoyle Martin, whose anti-Gay convictions had previously led him to join the Commission's Republicans on issues of arts funding, counseling for Gay and Lesbian youth, and sex education, as he seeks to deny any public support to whatever might be construed as supporting Gays and Lesbians.

In what is being described as a coup in the local press, Martin joined the Republican minority to elect Republican Tom Bush to chair the Commission instead of incumbent Democrat Parks Helms, largely as a result of Helms' support for open Gay Andrew Reyes' campaign to win an at-large Commission seat in the next election.

The position of chair itself isn't really any more powerful than other Commissioners, but Martin's blatant break from his party and widely-circulated letter of explanation caused a considerable stir in the community. Martin himself was elected vice-chair.

Reyes is a successful Latino businessman who was first moved to seek an at-large Commission seat when a production of Tony Kushner's prize-winning "Angels in America" sparked a lengthy political battle over the use of public funds to support Gay-themed arts. Martin's letter to Helms speaks scathingly of Reyes as Helms' "hand-picked Gay, rich golden boy" and suggests that Helms has been discouraging other candidates and maneuvering to divide the African-American vote in order to elect him.

In Martin's mind, "The election of Andrew Reyes to the Board of County Commissioners will further motivate radical Gays and Lesbians to seek public office to institute immoral policy changes especially related to children."

Astonished by Martin's attack, Reyes denied that he is running on a "Gay agenda" and told local reporters that, "Mr. Martin doesn't know me to say that I don't have moral values [as Martin did in the letter to Helms]. I am a religious person and I do believe in God. The fact that I am Gay does not mean that I don't have family values or moral standards...This is just an example of bigotry and hate, and I don't believe that's truly what God wants. But it's going to be like this until Mecklenburg county can be free for people to express their views without being persecuted. I feel we are going back in time."

Helms is a white liberal Democrat who has considerable support among the more liberal segments of the County's substantial African-American community, as well as ties to the kinds of big-money business interests that are making Charlotte one of the showpieces of "The New South."

Martin is an African-American Democrat who thinks of himself as an independent, but he seems to resemble many of the politicians who were once Southern Democrats but who since the Reagan administration have increasingly found themselves more at home in the Republican Party with its conservative positions on social issues; he's committed to defending Charlotte and the County against the "immorality" he perceives in the cities of the North.

The local Democratic Party apparently has been able to include both of them because it is neither very powerful nor very organized in selecting and supporting candidates, a role that Martin resentfully perceives Helms as now taking on himself.

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University of Washington Regents Okay Domestic Partners Housing

SEATTLE, WA (NP) – Home for same-gender couples at the University of Washington is where the married student housing is, as the result of a unanimous Regents' vote...but state Republicans are planning a counter-offensive.

Despite the opposition of conservative legislators, the Board of Regents of the University of Washington agreed unanimously to open married student housing to registered same-gender couples.

The current action was needed in addition to a unanimous vote of the Board in May, at the same time the Regents approved opening the university's group health insurance coverage to its employees' same-gender partners (for which only five employees have enrolled to date), because the housing change required changes in the state Administrative Code, which had limited family housing to married couples (with or without children) and to single parents.

That meant that a period for public comment had to pass before the measure could go into effect, as it will beginning December 27. Married student housing, available to those who pass a financial need test, is both 23 - 35% cheaper (although rents still meet the costs to the university in most cases) and closer to the campus.

Other major state universities allowing equal access to married student housing for same-gender couples include Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

Although a poll of UW students found three-quarters supported equal housing for Gay and Lesbian couples, at least 18 Republican state legislators opposed them.

The leader of that group has been Mike Sherstad (R-Kenmore). He said that the Regents "shouldn't be setting policy in the face of the values of the people of the state of Washington. The people of the state of Washington don't accept homosexual marriage, either legally or morally." In fact, the state legislature passed a bill specifically rejecting same-gender marriages which was vetoed by Democratic Governor Gary Locke.

Sherstad is hoping to get a ruling from the legislature's Joint Administrative Rules Committee that the Regents exceeded their authority with the decision, but the Regents already have a decision in their favor from the state attorney general.

The campus Coalition for Domestic Partnership Equality, which led the lobbying effort to win both insurance and housing for same-gender couples, has promised it will next seek the same benefits for unmarried heterosexual couples. The Regents had previously rejected a proposal to that effect.

Domestic Partner Benefits Fight In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, PA (WS) – City Councilman Angel Ortiz last week took another shot at extending health care benefits to the Gay and Lesbian partners of city employees. Unlike attempts he has made since 1991 the measures stand a good chance of passage this time around.

Ortiz has enlisted the help of two Democratic colleagues in a tactical maneuver designed to catch the opposition off guard. Rather than introduce a single sweeping bill, as he has in the past, Ortiz divided the elements of the domestic partnership proposal into three separate items.

Councilman James Kenney took the first item, proposing the city amend its funded retirement benefits so that a retiree could designate anyone as a survivor benefits beneficiary, not just a blood relative or spouse.

Council member Marian Tasco moved next proposing the city broaden tax exemptions granted under the Philadelphia's real estate transfer law which allows property to be passed among members of the same family without a tax levy. Tasco's bill would extend the exemption to same-sex couples.

Ortiz was last, proposing a bill which would change the city's Fair Practices Act, which prohibits discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation based on marital status. At no time did any member of the council say the three measures were related.

"These were all parts of one bill that I introduced six years ago," Ortiz

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The quote is the preamble to the U.S. Constitution. That dandy-little document was adopted and went into effect in 1789. Every state in the Union, 50 to this point, abides by this document. The Constitution, Article III for those playing the home game, states that the Supreme Court of the United States is the highest court in the land.

Tell that to the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court and the city of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Cincinnati, with the appropriate nickname, "the Queen City," approve a referendum, Issue 3, which denied Gays and Lesbians rights and protections afforded residents and the right to petition for such rights. The wording of Issue 3 was virtually identical to Colorado's Amendment 2, which was approved by voters in 1992.

Cincinnati's Issue 3 was approved by a two-thirds majority by city residents in 1993. Let the court battles begin...and they did!

Amendment 2 and Issue 3 made their way through the court system with Colorado's Amendment 2 going before the U.S. Supreme Court. Colorado's State Amendment, which never went into effect, was thrown out by the Supreme Court in May 1996. The justices, by a 6-3 vote, ruled Amendment 2 lacked proper legislative purpose and was motivated by animosity toward Gay men, Lesbians, and Bisexual "to make the unequal to everyone else."

POLITICS 1997

by Mark R. Kerr

"Void Where Prohibited!"

So Issue 3 was dead as well? Not quite. Issue 3 was before the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and was upheld. Whoops. The Supreme Court threw out the Sixth Circuit's appellate decision and ordered the panel to reconsider in light on the high court's decision on Amendment 2. Remember, the wording of both was virtually identical. Common sense will prevail?

Common sense didn't. The Sixth Circuit, three of the eight judge panel, "thumbed its nose" at the U.S Supreme Court, by ruling that since Issue 3 was a citywide measure, the Supreme Court's ruling on a state measure, "did not apply."

Ludicrous? Out of step with legal and social realities? Cities, states must follow the Constitution? Can we say yes!

The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced that it has filed a new challenge to Issue 3. Lambda petitioned to have a full hearing by all 8 members of the Sixth Circuit Court of the "Republic of Cincinnati," in the hopes of overturning the panel's decision. Hopes? Common sense?

According to Patricia Logue of Lambda, "Cincinnati has to play by the same constitutional rules as Colorado, Issue 3 is cut from the same despicable cloth as Colorado's Amendment 2." Rules, we don't need no stinking rules! This is America. . . .

"Jessica Fletcher" is not going to like this! Supporters of a recently enacted statewide protections for Gays and Lesbians in Maine stated they would not appeal a trial court's ruling that an initiative to repeal the law had qualified for a referendum.

The law, not in effect, would prohibit discrimination in employment, housing, credit, and public accommodations.

Maine's Independent Governor, Angus King, a supporter of Gay and Lesbian rights, acted quickly and selected February 20, 1998 as the date for the election. "I have decided to call the election as soon as possible to give Main people the opportunity to settle this issue."

The players in this contest are: Maine Won't Discriminate, which was organized in 1995 and successful defeated an anti-Gay ballot initiative by the same people, a.k.a. "Radical Religious Right," leading this 1997 effort.

Speaking of which, the group leading the repeal is called, "Yes for Equal Rights." Yes for Equal Rights is lead by the Christian Coalition of Maine, and the Christian Civic League of Maine. Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition!

Yes for Equal Rights has promised and "kindler, gentler campaign." Right, like when they got their asses kicked in 1995! Yes, faggots and dykes be on the watch when Yes for Equal Rights is losing again this time.

The challenge for both sides is to motivate citizens to trek to the polls and vote, as few do in special elections, also considering a type Maine winter tends to limit actual voters to just those with a stake in the repeal. . . .

In January, you may "Call Hormel Madam!" Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, gave a surprise boost to the stalled ambassadorial nomination of James Hormel for the post in Luxembourg.

On a national political talk-show, Hatch was quoted on the Senate conservatives efforts to "can" the openly Gay candidate's nomination. "I get tired of that kind of stuff," he said.

Hatch went on, "We ought to vote on him. And I personally believe he would pass and he'd become the next ambassador to Luxembourg. I just don't believe in prejudice against any individual, regardless. And frankly, we have far too much of that."

Does this mean Hatch supports the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 1997? Why is then Senator Hatch holding up the nomination of Bill Lann Lee to lead the Justice Department's civil rights division because Lann Lee supports affirmative action, equal treatment for all? Well? . . .

So it goes for now kids!

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Life Is A Drag . . . .

By Elise Barbara Fox

Your generosity is legendary. It's a special Sunday night: there's sweat dripping from the brow of Christina De Alexis. It's a marathon fund raiser for Rudy's Kids. The Graduate is packed; standing room only.

The audience is a "Who's Who" of our community. But this isn't about us.

Sooner or later, it seems everybody drifts in. There's Dave and Frank who own this neighborhood bar, IBT's DJ David Z. My friends Beth, Susan, Amber, Sabrina and Michelle (you'll have to guess who are real girls; who are queens).

This is not about gowns or glitter.

It's about Kris Kringle. It's imagination; it's humanity at its best.

Christina has outdone herself; there are too many queens to enumerate. They're raising funds to buy toys for the orphaned or castaway kids at Arizona Children's Home. Why are toys important? They allow the next generation to play and think; expand their horizons. They're a precursor of adulthood.

El Nino has just swept through Tucson. It doesn't dampen spirits. There are enthralling lip-sync imitations of our favorite stars, raffle drawings and auctions. We need to do this for kids; some of them will be us someday.

Oh my. Kris Kringle and his reindeer are on the runway at the North Pole. Now they're landing. I only can presume the reindeer were watered somewhere behind The Graduate. I'm a bit sorry looking: in "boy drag" with steno pad and spectacles. The Graduate is so crowded I fear poking someone with my ink pen. Kris hands me a miniature candy cane anyway.

The unofficial total raised: $1,-432.

Performers did their best. Some acts were hard to follow: Maya Erection: a medley of 1980's British singer Samantha Fox's tunes. Her costume was worthy of the MTV videos: the scandalous ripped jeans. "Take it off," said some in the audience. And Ms. JODY, proving that a faux far can be a real high. I'm sorry she and her husband Garry are moving to Phoenix. I will miss their spirit and energy.

Your editor-publisher Bob Ellis is a good sport. He kept bidding on what I later determined was a huge and spectacular lighted Christmas wreath. We both stood in the billiards side of The Graduate and couldn't see what was up for auction.

"What did I win?" he asks me after his successful $85 bid. I couldn't tell him.

The most prized thing of the evening: T-shirts bearing the logo of the long defunct Joshua Tree-Back Pocket. David Z., bid $30 and won on a medium size of history: supposedly the last ever. David is gracious. He bestowed it on Dave Huff who was intrigued by this bit of Tucson's Gay memorabilia.

I hope you all understand: why this was important. Thirty million people worldwide have AIDS; many of them are children and heterosexual mothers. I promised myself to be nice for the holiday season. I'm afraid I can't. You know Charles Dickens' ghost of Christmas past. How does TV personality Kathie Lee Gifford manage to live with herself, knowing she's accused of profiteering from New York sweatshops?

Crystal Abrams performed in Christina's show. She promises me her best friend, whom she calls the ultimate diva -- Paris St. Clair -- will be back in our town before the end of the year.

Again, I'm feeling shabby in a "boy" corduroy jacket splotched with spaghetti sauce. I just don't know how to wear a napkin. Since the day before Pearl Harbor marked my 56th birthday, I guess I'll never learn.

Mama Reyna was there. She never performed. Not that this accomplished showgirl didn't have her own fan club. They hooted for her to be on stage. Well, I'm supposed to be a reporter. The only downside. More slow country than I care for. I like uptempo stuff.

The other spectacular number was four queens doing shouting and hand clapping gospel. It was an unbelievable performance: worth my time and yours.

Crystal Abrams is right: her fans asked her back on stage. Crystal said she "died" nine months ago. For a "ghost" her outfits are spectacular.

An aside: this next weekend is the Fourth Avenue Winter Street Fair. While you're shopping for unique gifts, check out IBT's drag shows. Three of them Saturday and Sunday! They'll include the return of Gilda Fatale.

I can't resist quoting Misti Malone, "Christina De Alexis, auction your crown!"

After all, so Misti says on a curtain call, you are "Miss Gay Tucson of 1922!" Great work, Christina.

You didn't do it Sunday. But you're the only drag girl I know who can dance in high-heeled stilettoes atop a bar. However, the bodysuit with cutouts was truly cute. Overheard when you walked out with high-collar Oriental floor-length gown: "She finally put her clothes back on!"

Again, I apologize to those performers I didn't mention. Christina lined up so many of you. My reporter's notebook is too full of your names: make no mistake: you were all good. The best part: we believe in Kris Kringle. He gives us something that's easy to comprehend: our future.

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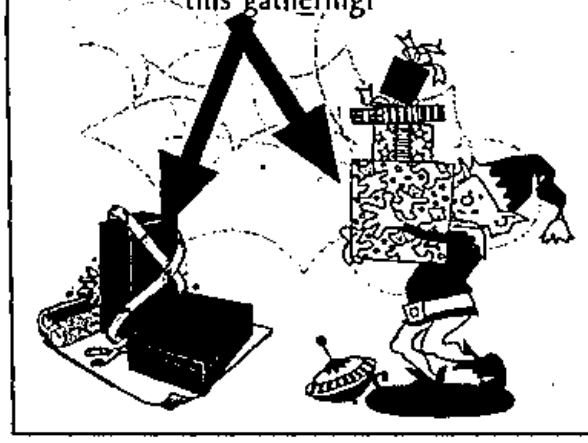

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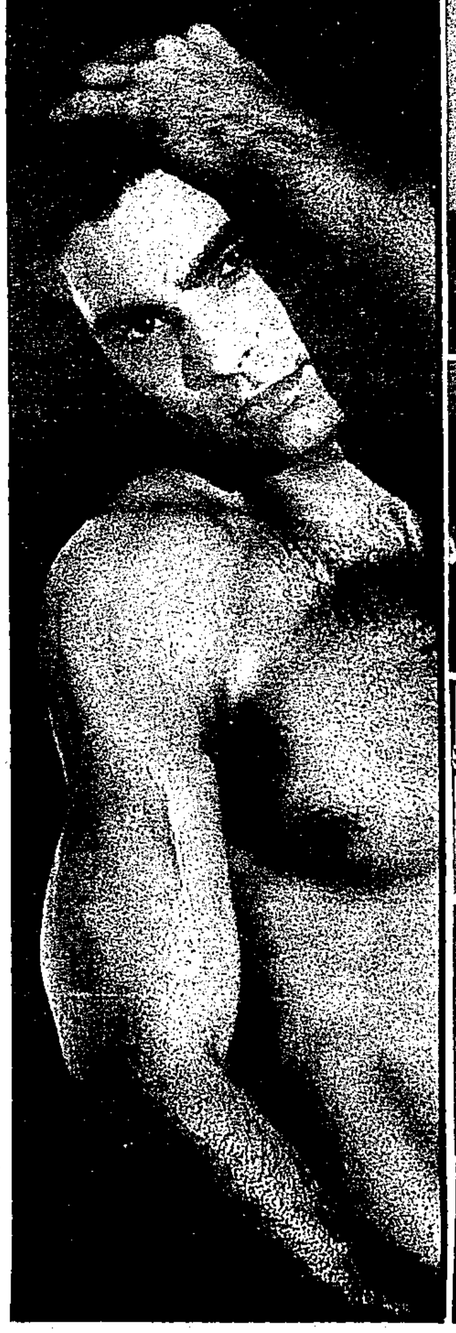

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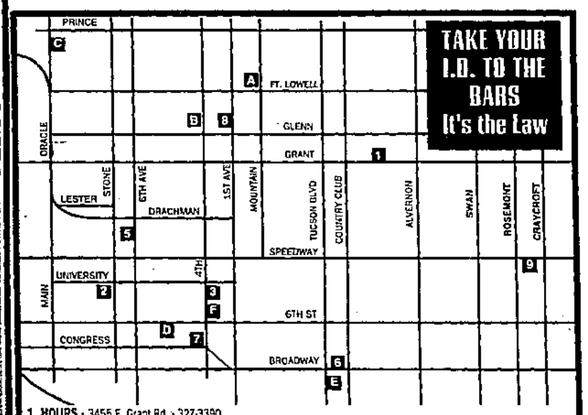

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Outrage Members Picket Nazi Gold Meet

LONDON, UK (NP) -- Lesbians and Gays were among the first to be included in the Holocaust, but are the only ones excluded at a London conference to discuss compensation for the victims.

As 15 nations confer in London as to the disposition of tons of gold the Nazis stole both from the countries they conquered and the individuals they incarcerated and killed, the Gay and Lesbian direct action group OutRage! picketed the opening of the three-day event, demanding compensation for Gay victims of the Holocaust.

According to OutRage! spokesperson Peter Tatchell, while Gypsy and Jewish groups were encouraged to participate in the conference, both the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations and the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) were denied invitations.

Tatchell said, "We are angry that Gay organizations have been excluded. Any decisions taken by this conference should reflect the just claims of everyone persecuted by the Nazis, including Gay people. Where the owners of looted gold cannot be traced, it should be used to compensate Holocaust victims who have been refused reparations by the German government, including East European Jews, slave laborers, and Gay people."

At the end of the war, Gay Holocaust survivors were still criminals under the strict Nazi-era sodomy laws that remained on the books for more than 20 years, and were treated as such.

At the time of liberation, most were quick to disguise the reason for their incarceration in the camps lest they be freed only to be put back into prison. The Gay victims of the Holocaust are believed to have had harsher treatment and a lower survival rate in the camps than other groups.

As a group, they have not only never received compensation, they have yet to receive an apology from the German government despite repeated demands. However, the new Swiss compensation fund established this year has included a representative of the Swiss Gay and Lesbian group Pink Cross in its deliberations, and at last report Pink Cross had identified two Gay Holocaust survivors they believed might qualify for those funds.

Given the paucity of known Gay Holocaust survivors, OutRage! had an additional compensation plan. Tatchell said, "Some of the gold should be set aside to finance memorials, educational programs and museums in honor of forgotten victims of Nazism, such as Gypsies, the disabled, homosexuals, and black people."

OutRage! proposes that Gay community groups should receive a share of the money to be used not only to support Gay survivors, but also to establish a Gay Holocaust memorial and museum in Berlin (a topic of continuing controversy there) and to prepare films about the Nazi persecution of Gays for use in schools.

The OutRage! demonstration apparently received no press coverage, but the protestors did win a cheery wave from Britain's Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, the central figure of the meeting so far, as he entered the building.

Ultimately more than 40 countries will participate in the conference. Some of the gold at issue is so-called "non-monetary" gold melted down from victims' jewelry and dental fillings, while some of it is bullion the Nazis took from the central banks of countries they conquered.

Historians and historical documents are playing a key role in the process of trying to determine where the gold came from and where it went, at the same time as politicians consider what to do about it now. Both Britain and the U.S. have made pledges to a compensation fund for victims and are trying to convince other countries at the meeting to contribute as well.

Radical Right Tries Again To Kill Benefits

ARLINGTON, VA (WP) -- Conservative opponents of Arlington County's decision to extend health benefits to the spouses of Gay and Lesbian city employees have launched a new, all-out effort to overturn the law just when county officials have proof of its success.

The Arlington County Taxpayers Association has formally requested the County Board rescind the health benefits extension in light of an October opinion issued by state Attorney General Richard Cullen.

Cullen said the county board's decision to give unmarried couples municipal health coverage was illegal in a non-binding decision issued in October. Cullen, who was appointed last June by conservative Republican Gov. George Allen, said that regardless of the proposal's merits, the Virginia constitution bars local governments from extending their reach into areas considered matters for the state's General Assembly.

Cullen's move was denounced by the all-Democrat county board whose members derided the opinion as a politically motivated slap at Gay Virginians. Board member Albert Eisenberg called the attorney general's opinion part of a "pattern of abuse" Gov. Allen's administration has waged on human rights.

County officials say despite private requests and those issued by the taxpayer's association, they have no plans to withdraw the program. "The policy has brought a measure of security and improved access to health care," Eisenberg told reporters, adding Arlington has followed a path taken by most Fortune 500 companies.

Most of those critical of the benefits plan have been Republicans angered over the county's circumvention of the "Dillon rule." The rule requires changes in the scope or interpretation of government laws to be approved by state legislators in Richmond.

Conservatives have long used the "Dillon rule" to torpedo attempts by local governments to broaden the application of civil rights laws and expand workplace benefits for Gay men and women in Virginia.

Columna Abierta. . . . .

by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

Se les saluda con muchísimo gusto, y ya que estan cerca los días de Navidad y de la celebración del Año Nuevo, no esta por demás recordarles que, si celebra, hagalo con moderación y responsabilidad, recuerden que los excesos son los malos y que a veces "esos" excesos son los que traen unas situaciones para lamentarse... Y desde hoy se les desea una Navidad llena de alegría, y sobre todo paz en el corazón y que el Año Nuevo que está por llegar; les conseda todos sus deseos y que logren las metas que hayan planeado y mucho positivismo ante todo...

Se les recuerda que Salud es Poder estará celebrando la posada de este año el día 21 desde las 4:00pm a las 6:00 pm para los miembros y voluntarios del proyecto especialmente, para seguir con la tardeada como todos los domingos con la musica de Edoardo... y en el Stonewall desde luego... y Fuerza Latina, ofrecerá otra gran variedad con interpretaciones nuevas y aseguran puntualidad para esta ocación y empezarán a las 10:00 pm el día jueves 11 en el mismo lugar.. el Stonewall... Por alla nos veremos....

En lo respecta sobre la información sobre el SIDA: Científicos y autoridades de NIH (Institutos Nacionales de Salud), consideran prematura la realización de un ensayo en vpoluntarios sanos para probar la efectividad de una vacuna contra el SIDA a base de virus vivos atenuados. Gordon Nary, director de la Asociación Internacional de Médicos Dedicados al SIDA (IAPAC), promotora del enseayo, manifestó que todavía existen grandes diferencias de opinión entre la IAPAC y los NIH acerca de cuánto trabajo queda por hacer en animales de experimentación antes de pasar a las pruebas en humanos. Por su parte, Anthony Fauci, director del Instituto Nacional de Alergología y Enfermedades infecciosas (NIAID), declaró que aunque siente gran admiración por las personas que se han prestado voluntarias, todavía existen obtáculos importantes relacionados con la seguridad de las pruebas. Entre los riesgos de esta vacuna a base de virus atenuados se señala la posibilidad de que en los receptores se conviertan en una forma planamente virulenta y que el organismo a niveles bajos pueda provocar la enfermedad mucho tiempo despúes de la vacunación. A pesar de ello, lbs voluntarios han declarado que consideran que los beneficios los sobrepasan.

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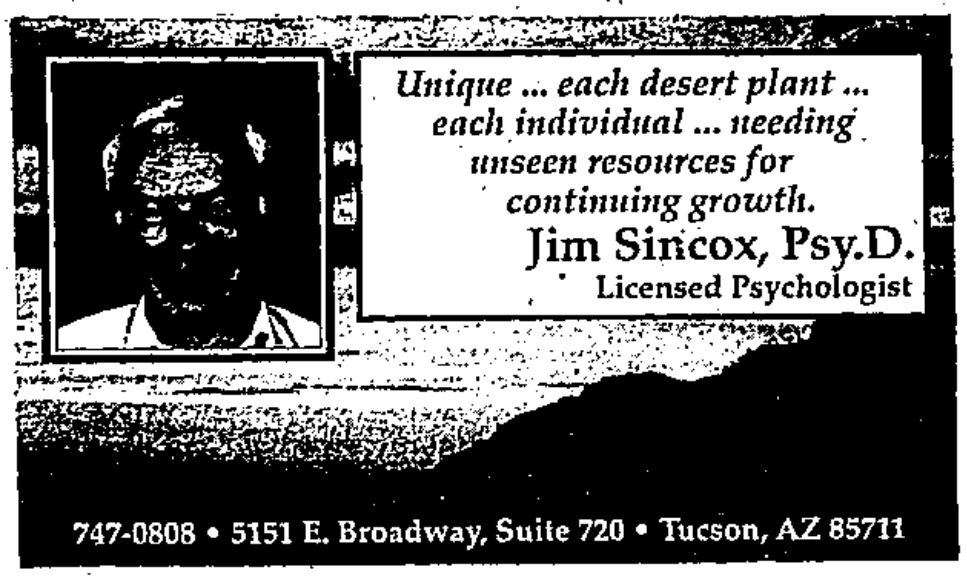

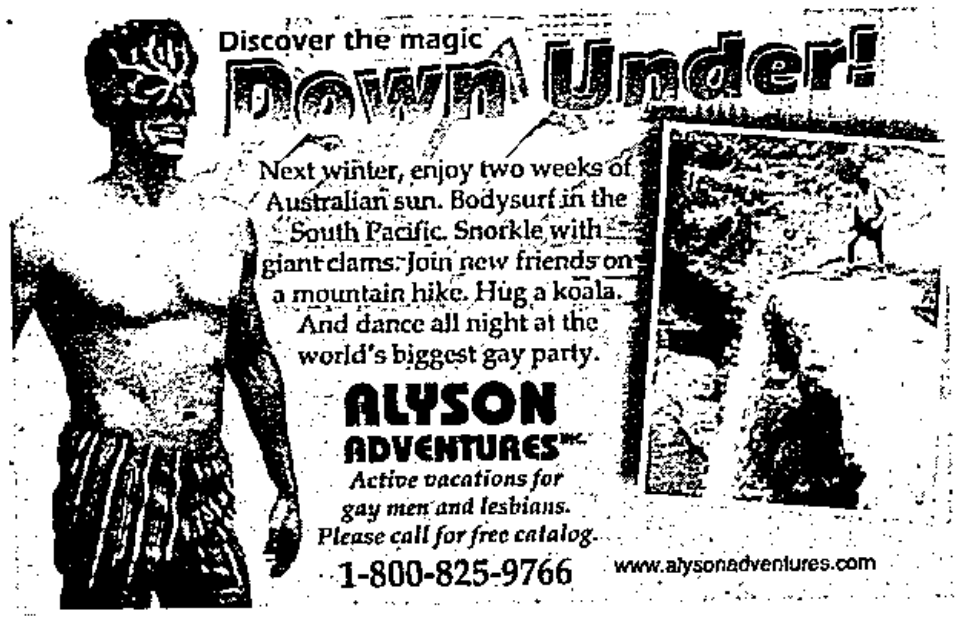

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Gay Doctors Warn Against HIV Names Reporting

SAN FRANCISCO, CA -- The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) has announced its strong opposition to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) plan to urge states to begin requiring physicians to report the names of people infected with HIV.

GLMA cities reasons as that named HIV reporting is a dangerous medical path that would be detrimental to testing and treatment efforts.

"HIV discrimination is, unfortunately, still quite common, and the CDC's proposal could result in fewer at-risk persons coming forward for HIV screening," said GLMA board member Ken Mayer, MD, director of the Brown University AIDS Program. "We are concerned that the CDC is encouraging the creation of this type of surveillance system at a time when medical advances have made it even more critical for people to feel comfortable being tested and coming in for treatment as early as possible."

GLMA's warning is prompted by a resolution adopted by the association's Board of Directors calling for caution in the implementation of any HIV surveillance system and urging the CDC to more aggressively study methods of protecting patient confidentiality.

GLMA agrees that improving the CDC's HIV surveillance methods is necessary to more accurately track the HIV/AIDS epidemic and more effectively target prevention services.

If these changes though, include named HIV reporting, GLMA warns, the CDC's decision could be detrimental to the health of many women and men and could severely compromise the doctor-patient relationship. The resolution also calls on the CDC to expand its use of anonymous population-based studies, to require all states to offer anonymous testing programs (10 states currently prohibit anonymous testing), and underscores GLMA's strenuous rejection of any plan to link HIV surveillance with any other public health effort of disease control, such as partner notification.

To emphasize GLMA's concerns, GLMA Director of Public Policy Marj Plumb recently met with John Ward, MD, Chief of the HIV/AIDS Surveillance Branch of the CDC's Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, to explain the association's position and to encourage the CDC to pursue other surveillance methods.

"The CDC is in the business of health, but this plan could cause harm by driving the epidemic further underground, denying patients the benefits of early therapy," said GLMA Board President Michael Horberg, MD. "We will continue to meet with the CDC and others to emphasize the public health dangers of promoting named HIV reporting and to highlight alternative solutions that will help communities get the types of prevention services they need."

[The Gay and Lesbian Medication Association is an organization of nearly 2,000 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered physicians, medical students, and their supporters in all 50 states and 12 countries. Founded in 1981, it works to combat homophobia within the medical profession and in society at large and to promote quality health care for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered patients.]

Domestic Partner Benefits Fight In Philadelphia

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said. "These bills can accomplish what the main bill can. They are to create an even playing field so that Gays and Lesbians are treated like all others."

The Council's action posed a challenge to Council President John F. Street, who has fought domestic-partner benefits in the past and who has repeatedly argued there was not sufficient support on Council to warrant hearings. Each of the three bills has 11 co-sponsors among the 17 Council members.

Councilman David Cohen said the pressure was on Street to hold hearings. "He has to realize that it's no good for any Council president to stymie the efforts of a Council member," said Cohen. "Here, there is clearly an effort by the majority."

Despite that, City Council President John Street is defying the Council majority on domestic partner benefits by insisting hearings on the issue be pushed back to early spring.

Street has so far resisted efforts by the Council to conduct hearings and vote by December 11, hoping instead to delay consideration until sometime between April and June of next year.

"It's just not appropriate to fast-track these kinds of bills," Street said. "Some people are going to want to organize on this issue, bring buses down here. So it's not a good idea to run something through."

Ortiz dismisses such objections. "This is an unprecedented situation where nine members sided a letter for an immediate hearing. You should prevent a hearing on a bill that is endorsed by such an overwhelming majority."

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HIV: Many Worry, Few Prevent

LONDON, UK (NP) -- British-based condom manufacturer Durex -- which clearly has a vested interest in the question -- released a survey showing "97% of the global population are aware of HIV/AIDS and 2/3 of respondents worry about becoming infected ... but almost half (49%) of those surveyed have not changed their sexual behavior to protect themselves against the virus."

Most who have changed their sexual behavior are simply "more careful" in their choice of partners, while only 14% of respondents actually report using a condom every time. The survey results did not discuss sexual orientation.

The sexual behavior survey was filled out under supervision by a total of almost 10,000 adults of both genders, ages 16 - 45, in Australia, Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, Poland, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Thailand, and the U.S

Seventeen percent of respondents expressed no concern about HIV infection at all. The largest number of respondents expressing some concern about HIV were found in France (81%) and Mexico (79-%). The French led in condom use with 26% using a condom every time, but only 11% of Mexican respondents said they use a condom every time.

In the U.S., 65% of some 900 respondents expressed some concern about HIV infection, 40% saying they were very concerned. Yet 44% have made no behavior modification whatever, and of the remaining 56%, two-thirds have simply changed their partner selection process. Only 13% of U.S. respondents said they use a condom every time.

Worldwide, the rate of prevention was higher among younger respondents than older. Seventy-seven percent of the 16 - 19-year-old group expressed concern about infection, and 65% said they had modified their behavior to avoid it. But of those over 40, 59% have not modified their behavior. In the U.S., the over-40 group includes a large number of unmarried individuals.

The overall average number of sexual encounters was 119 times per year -- a little more than twice per week -- with France leading at 151 times per year, followed by the U.S. at 148, Russia at 135, Germany at 129, Singapore at 89, Hong Kong at 77, Mexico at Malaysia at 67, and Thailand at 62 times per year.

Malaysian men were dubbed "most selfish" because 66% chose "my own personal sexual satisfaction" as their top priority in a sexual encounter, while Australian and Russian men were dubbed "most considerate" because 55% and 54% respectively put "satisfying my sexual partner" first.

Jazz Violinist Grappelli Dies

PARIS, France (NP) -- The damper of death has silenced the strings of the flamboyantly Gay French jazz great.

French jazz pioneer Stephane Grappelli, widely known among his Parisian contemporaries as not only Gay but flamboyant, died at the age of 89 following hernia surgery.

Over his career of more than six decades, Grappelli made literally hundreds of recordings with some of the greatest names in music. He's best-known for his collaboration with the late jazz guitar legend Django Reinhardt and particularly for their pre-World War II performances as the Quintet of the Hot Club of France.

However, Grappelli continued to perform right up until the end, overcoming a stroke and other health challenges, and in the minds of many he actually continued to grow and improve musically as he aged.

Grappelli grew up desperately poor, even living in an orphanage for awhile until his father was able to reclaim him, and at 15 he was already accompanying silent movies on the piano to help with the bills. He received his first violin and a few basic lessons when he was 12.

Although he attended the Paris Conservatory, the jazz of the era of Louis Armstrong and Bix Beiderbecke soon pulled him away from classical pursuits. One night in the early 1930's, Grappelli met Reinhardt when both their bands were booked at the same hotel, and the pair started jamming together on their breaks. They went on to form a string quintet of Grappelli's violin, three guitars (Reinhardt, his brother Joseph Reinhardt, and Roger Chaput) and a double bass (Louis Vola), at a time when the lack of good microphones made a violin hard to hear over traditional jazz wind groupings.

Very quickly their quintet went on to play its first concert, make its first recording, and soon after they were recognized as having claimed a piece of the formerly all-American jazz genre for France. They continued to gain popularity and respect until World War II broke them up except for the occasional reunion.

Grappelli spent the war in Britain, performing with a band of those too disabled to serve in the military, including blind pianist George Shearing.

After the war, Grappelli maintained a heavy world touring schedule right up to the end of his life. He made his first U.S. appearance in 1969 and a notable televised appearance with Yehudi Menuhin in Britain in 1972.

He appeared at New York's Carnegie Hall in 1974 and 1988, the latter a tribute to Grappelli that featured not only a roster of jazz greats but the Julliard String Quartet and cellist Yo-Yo Ma.

In 1995, France awarded him its highest civilian award, the Legion of Honor. An often-quoted remark Menuhin made about Grappelli's brilliance at improvisation was that, "Stephane is like one of those jugglers who send 10 plates into the air and recovers them all."

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Last night I spent an hour on the phone talking with an aunt with whom I have had no contact for the last 35 years. My parents were divorced when I was young, and although my mother tried to keep in contact with my father's side of the family, she had only limited success. After I became an adult I made a few attempts to talk with them, but it seemed to me that no one from that side of the family was too interested, and anyway I was busy living my own life, so I completely lost contact with them. Then, a few months ago through the magic of the Internet I was able to get my aunt's phone number and address. I couldn't decide if I really wanted to contact her, and before I had made a decision, my niece made it for me! She talked with my aunt, and then she and her parents visited my aunt in person. My brother reported to me that my aunt was a very nice person, only 11 years older than I, and advised me to call her-which I finally did.

What a time we had, reminiscing on the phone! Of course, there was no way to cover 35 years in just one short hour. I can't even say we tried--we just skipped from subject to subject, trying to get to know each other a little bit. I intend to send her some pictures of my family and have encouraged her to come to Tucson to visit. I imagine we'll spend many enjoyable hours talking with each other.

This past year each one of us has lost loved ones, close friends. Perhaps some have died of old age, others as a result of an accident, while others were taken by disease. We miss those we have lost, even though we know that if they had accepted Jesus as their savior they are in a far better place.

But the good news is that if we have also accepted Jesus as our savior, the day is coming when we will be with them once again! What a good time we will have, talking about things we have done together here on earth! And we won't have to worry about a long-distance phone bill, either!

Even better than visiting with our friends who have gone before will be the opportunity to chat with Peter-and Moses-and Mary-and all those we read about in the Bible. This will be the time to ask Peter just how he caught a fish with a coin in its mouth, or ask Mary how she knew her son would take care of the wine problem at the wedding in Cana!

The "visiting" I am looking forward to the most, however, is that which I am going to do with Jesus! When I see him I know that there won't be anything on my mind but worshipping him! Just to see him face to face, the one who loved me even before I was born and was willing to die for me before I could do anything for him! I just can't imagine the joy that will be!

Are you looking forward to being reunited with your loved ones in Heaven? This very moment, Jesus is saying to you, "'Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.'" (Revelation 3:20) Welcome Jesus into your life, and you can be guaranteed of a wonderful reunion some day soon, not just with your loved ones, but also with the lover of your soul, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Desert Voices 'One December Night' Dec.13-14

TUCSON – Desert Voices (DVs), Tucson's Premier Gay and Lesbian will be presenting their winter program, "One December Night," December 13-14, at the Pima Community College Proscenium Theatre.

The chorus will be joined by the ORTS Theater of Dance as well as handbells, marimba and strings as they sing various selections celebrating the season.

Much of the music will be far from the average holiday season. Keith Koster, DVs Artistic Director stated:

"As the Music Committee and I researched repertoire for the season we wanted to create a program that was entirely different from the season before. Last year, with The Child Within, we presented a mostly secular concert based on holiday songs we learned as children watching television. We recognized it was time to select music more challenging and of higher quality.

"I was intrigued with the idea of performing some music with string accompaniment. While we contemplated several works, including Vivaldi's 'Gloria,' we chose Libby Larsen's Ringletanze. This set of six carols comes most from English and French traditions, from the eleventh to the eighteenth centuries. The melodies of each dance tune originate from secular sources. The sacred came much later. My two favorite musical eras are the Renaissance and twentieth century music. I like the idea of combining music of bygone eras and updating them with twentieth century harmonies!"

Snow, a suite by Tom Fettke, includes five quick movements, which will be interpreted by Orts Theatre of Dance exhilarating trapeze work.

The women of Desert Voices will also perform Songs of the Light, by Imant Ramish, Canada's finest choral composer. This work describes constellations as defined by first nation peoples.

The curtain will rise for "One December Night," Saturday, December 13, 8:00 P.M. On Sunday, December 14, the curtain will rise at 3:00 P.M.

Tickets for this inspirational performance are $12 for adults and $10 for seniors, students and children. Tickets are available at: Antigone Books, Tucson Trunk and The Allergy and Vacuum Store.

You may order tickets using your Visa/MasterCard by called the Desert Voices offices, 791-9662.

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No Medicaid

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The announcement has drawn strong language from organizations which typically use more modulated tones.

The national Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Campaign's political director Winnie Stachelberg said, "For administration officials to acknowledge that new treatments administered early in the course of HIV disease save lives, and then fail to develop programs to make those treatments available is a moral outrage."

Los Angeles-based AIDS Healthcare Foundation President Michael Weinstein called the Administration's abandonment of care for poor people with HIV "an unacceptable abdication of leadership" and concluded that, "Obviously, the president is not feeling our pain this week."

The Medicaid announcement came as the Presidential Council on HIV/AIDS was putting the final touches on its "report card" for the administration's AIDS efforts this year, and the report had already been a highly critical one.

The current political environment could be at work on the Medicaid issue: an anonymous official who spoke with reporters cited "ethical" and "equity" issues in addition to questions of cost, as advocates for response to other diseases have been increasingly complaining about the amount of resources and attention received by AIDS. (This argument echoes homophobic Senator Jesse Helms' remarks about AIDS getting more per capita funding than heart disease, which not coincidentally is one of his own problems.)

Said competing political pressures may be one possible explanation as to why New York City-based Gay Men's Health Crisis director of health-care access Susan Dooha walked away from a meeting with DHHS two weeks before Zonana's announcement with the impression that the Medicaid cost analysis had only just begun, and has still received no response to her specific questions about what she understood to be the unfinished analysis.

Stunned by Zonana's announcement, she said, "I think there must be some error here."

Same-Sex Harassment

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Chief Justice William Rehnquist questioned whether Oncale would have to prove there had been different treatment of men versus women.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said it would be difficult to show because Oncale worked in an all-male environment on a Louisiana oil rig.

"There was no other sex involved in this case," she said. "How do we know how these gross people would have treated women or how the employer would have reacted?"

Canaday said there would be evidence of how the employer treated women in other circumstances, such as in other offices.

Justice Department lawyer Edwin Kneedler also argued that the law covers same-sex harassment.

In response to O'Connor's example about the fanny-patting boss, Kneedler called him a "hypothetical equal opportunity harasser."

Harry Reasoner, a Houston attorney, argued in favor of the company, Sundowner Offshore Services Inc., and took the position that same-sex harassment never would be covered by the law.

Ginsburg asked him about a "male boss who takes good care of women, but treats men miserably."

Reasoner answered that such a boss may be "foolish," but said the law does not reach same-sex harassment.

He said Congress in adopting the anti-discrimination law "sought to level the playing field" for men and women in the workplace, and "was not trying to reach conduct between men."

Rehnquist said, "I don't see how we could possibly sustain the ruling (of the appeals court that the law) never could be" applied to same-sex harassment.

The Supreme Court took the case under advisement, with a ruling due by June.

Double Standard

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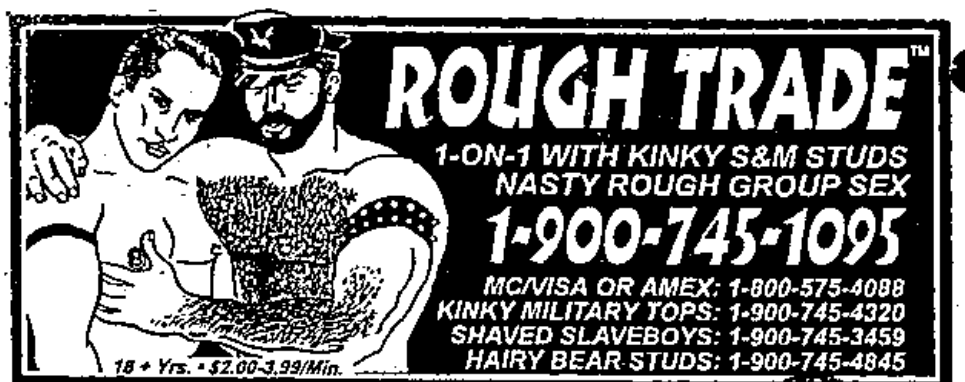
and their request for an MPAA rating had received approval.

Zelkowski alleged that Gordon of the MPAA said the approval was "for this time." Gordon didn't return phone calls seeking comment.



HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Every year, dynamic Pluto "conjunct" the Sun and wreaks havoc with our little lives. This week, the old sod plays cosmic bumper cars with Sun in Sag so Gay Archers in particular feel the brunt of Pluto's charge. Don't feel lonely dear, queer Sag; all signs will feel a little zetz or two when all is said and done. Read ahead to find out how electric is your circus.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Just when you thought that the wheels of justice had ground to a halt, Pluto conjunct the Sun and floods the courts with sweaty, ill dressed masses craving attention. Gay Rams get more than they bargained for in the action department. Play Madam DeFarge if you like and shriek for revolution but remember that blood stains are a bitch to remove.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

The path to true lust was just paved over and turned into a four lane tractor trailer highway thanks to the Pluto/Sun aspect. As you fumble for change for the toll ask yourself if there may be a better route to haul your rocks. Proud Bulls deserve a sensuous, slow, romantic winding cul de sac for their loving. Pull over a rest stop and wait until next week, dear.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Jet setting Gay Twins may find that the bonds of relationships may be getting a little frayed right now. Before the connection totally snaps, opt out of the rat race and give your partner a little TLC. The Sun conjunct Pluto can turn martial bliss into a living hell if you are not careful. Frankly, it's getting too close to New Year's Eve to even think of changing your dance card.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Don't even try to get your workspace in order; it's a lost cause. The Sun conjunct Pluto is guaranteed to upend any well planned endeavor or detailed project so it is best to batten down the hatches and prepare for a monsoon. Pink Crabs are also advised to conserve their energy this week lest Pluto decides to put you through a few extra stressful paces. This too shall pass.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Fun has a tendency to get way out of hand when Pluto conjunct the Sun so tread lightly in any party situation. Proud Lions get much more than they bargained for with any petty display of petulance so hold off on any artistic outbursts until next week. Those that strut and fret their hour upon the stage are then heard no more and that is a true Leo punishment!

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

The Pluto/Sun aspect can cause commotions around the house. Since Pluto rules the underworld, it can mean that pipes may burst or (a horror for clean Virgos) infestation. On the other hand it could also mean a personal release for you; it's time to come out to your family. Pluto changes the landscape forever and good thing too. Hire a dump trick.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

They call you charming and diplomatic...but not this week dear. Pluto and the Sun place landmines throughout your communication. This is fine if you want to start WWIII, but no so fine if you're trying to keep the peace. Gay Libras are advised to zip the lip and think only nice thoughts. Anyway, don't they say that actions speaker louder and prouder than words?

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Even the most pernicious proud Scorp may hit some money trouble when the Sun conjunct Pluto. There is not much you can do about market corrections to your financial portfolio right now so hold on tight and wait until next week. Avoid any major purchases if you can. Even paying off your tight hot pink leather cutaway suit can wait...until next week.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Prepare for a personal jolt or five thanks to volcanic Pluto conjunct the Sun in your own sign. Everything that you've built over the past few years is due for a shake-up, a re-evaluation or destruction. Poor queer Archers may not know which two-by-four hit them as their house comes down. Look on the bright side, you won't have to dust anymore (as if you ever did).

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Pluto conjunct the Sun throws a strobe light on all that is hidden or repressed in your life. Be prepared to slaw a few oppressive dragons and heretofore hidden enemies this week. For all closeted Caps who are seeking a low profile, fat chance! The best thing about Pluto is that it cannot falsity.. No matter what your fears are, there is nothing as scary as living a lie.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Friends may drop a bombshell on you when Pluto conjunct the Sun so pack an umbrella. The funny thing is that Aqueerians like to hold their friends especially near and dear so any surprises here will be received more like a shock. Buck up soldier and realize that people are unique, mysterious and have their own lives. Maybe that's what makes them so darn interesting.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

No sooner did you think that you had your career all sorted out than volcanic Pluto conjunct the Sun and throws your best corporate takeovers on the auction block. Poor pink fish have one last swim with the piranhas before this transit is over. Then you can receive that much deserved reward. Think fast so you don't become tonight's fish stew. Better still, take a vacation.

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

IBT'S - The Globe Show featuring Miss Gay Arizona, Virginia Sacrifice with Victoria Du Puis. Felice Renard and Phaedra.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

IBT'S - Work Out Nite! Dress in your favorite workout or athletic outfit and get $1.50 well or 1.75 Bud or Miller 9:00 p.m. to closing.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

GRADUATE -Tucson Knight Owls Monthly Beer Bust here from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. Check the 'boys' out!

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 & 14

IBT'S - Fourth Avenue Winter Street Fair will take place and you know what that means! Thousands of people on 4th Avenue both days. Shows at IBT's Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Starring Celia Putty, Lucinda Holliday, Divina, Felice Renard, Ajia Simone, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Regina Reed, Victoria Du Puis, and Gilda Fatale. Each show is different. There will be free shuttle service between IBT's and the Graduate 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Friday, Noon to 1:00 a.m. on Saturday and Noon to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday. Plenty of parking at the Graduate so take advantage of the shuttle. There is a $1.00 cover charge for the two 3:00 p.m. shows. No cover for the 9:00 p.m. Sunday show.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

IBT'S - Football Party! 7:00 p.m. Watch the Denver - San Francisco game. Food, fun and surprises. Cheer on your favorite.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Selena presents Poison Ivy Production's "A Desert Diva's Christmas Show" Showtime 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

IBT'S - 11:00 p.m., The give away of the RSVP cruise on the Mexican Riviera and Fashion Show. There is still time to register to win this fabulous prize. Ask the bartender.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Mr. Kenneth Blake presents "Vision of Sugar Plum Fairies". Doors open at 8:00 p.m. Showtime is 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

STONEWALL / EAGLE - AGRA's Holiday Hayride through Winterhaven and then return to enjoy a fabulous show.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

IBT'S - Annua MPS Christmas Benefit featuring the Norman Tabaernacle Choir. Hosted by Lucinda Holliday.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

STONEWALL/EAGLE - The JODY Show at 9:30 p.m.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A Study Group will discuss a section from the recent bestseller "Conversations with God." You're encouraged to read the book first. For reservations and directions, please call Justin or Gary at 792-4224.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing "Stranger Among Friends" by David Mixner about his days as a gay man in the Clinton administration. Even if you don't read the book, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, please call Steve at 388-4849.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

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. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Beginners Bridge Night. Bridge lessons for men who want to learn how to play bridge, that is. For reservations and directions, please call Perry at 321-4387.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A fun evening devoted to British comedy series. This first night will be a potpourri of episodes which could be "Absolutely Fabulous," "Fawlty Towers," or some other great comedy. For directions and reservations, please call Loren at 733-0072.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join the guys for a relaxed Lunch Out as we eat at Mountain View at 1220 E. Prince. Good food, good conversation, and good guys. What better deal can you get at lunch time? For reservations and directions, please call Jerry W. at 298-7415.

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.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take be held at Bill's house on the east side. Join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 290-9825. Please note: reservations MUST be made by Wednesday, December 17.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Hitchcock Retrospective continues with a showing of "North by Northwest." This classic movie stars Cary Grant and Eva Marie Saint. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

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. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

1. 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 Jim at 790-8735.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A night is 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 are provided. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A Hanukkah Celebration will be held to greet the holiday season. Steve, our host, will serve dinner and light the traditional menorah to usher in this holy season. For reservations and directions, please call Steve at 388-4849.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Merry Christmas! Join the MSN family of choice for Christmas dinner. Jerry and Les will open their home for a wonderful holiday potluck dinner. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565 and determine what your contribution to the dinner will be.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a video double feature with holiday themes. Steve Martin stars in "Planes, Trains and Automobiles." That will be followed by the 1961 classic "The Apartment" that stars Jack Lemmon and Shirley MacLaine. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

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. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Have a safe and happy New Year's Eve as MSN has a Game Night devoted to all sorts of games. Play a favorite card game or board game—the choice is yours. If you have a favorite you'd like to play, bring it along, but there will be plenty of games from which to choose. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday

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

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

HOURS - Open Noon. Bloody Marys $1.75 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 B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Party with Stan. Complimentary hot dogs.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Pool Tourney 2pm. Beer Bust 2-7pm$1.50 Pitchers, 50¢ a glass. Free burgers 2-7. Karoke Nite hosted by Billy Dee. Stonewall opens at 8pm, hot sounds with Raymman.

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

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Bar/Restaurant Appreciation Night. $1.00 off on all drinks 8-12.

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 2pm. Happy Hour 2 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.

NEON MOON - Open 4pm. Happy hour 4-7. Drink specials to pool and dart players.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Monday Night Football. Free pool all day.

VENTURE-N - 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. Pool Tournament 7:30 pot matched. $1 longnecks all night for tournament players. Boys Night Out 9pm to closing. Hot dance music.

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

HOURS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.50. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close. Karaoke 9pm.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. 9 pm to close 2for1 well/ Miller Lite. High Energy Dance with David Z.

NEON MOON - Happy Hour 4-7pm. Karaoke with Billy D. $1 off drinks to singers.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Dart Tourney 8:30 in the Eagle. Miller & Miller Lite $1.75 CuervoGold 32 after 8pm.

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.

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

HOURS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.50. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. Feb. 19 New Pool Tournament Begins 6pm

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.

NEON MOON - Happy Hour 4-7. 2 for 1 from 7-10. Retro Dance Music all evening.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close. Stonewall opens at 9:00 p.m. with Raymman.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold $2 all daynight. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too! open 8:30pm.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8:30 pm to close. (New time)

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

HOURS -Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2 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.

NEON MOON - Open 4pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Drink specials to pool and dart players.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Latino Night in the Stonewall.

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 Too! 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. Hi energy dance music 8:30 to close. Drink specials every ½ hour.

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

HOURS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm well or domestic beer $1.50. Dance Music Mix 9-1am.

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TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

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THE JOHN HANTEN MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1946 E. Lee St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-6015 or Jane Ferri at 326-8577.

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

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

LESBIAN/GAY/BI OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm in UMC Dining Room "F". 325-6676 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 791-7676.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1600 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 885-3579.

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"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. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 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 (evoken@iz.netcom.com)

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'Morning After' HIV Treatment Offered

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (SFE) – San Francisco became the first city in the country to begin offering controversial "morning-after" drug cocktails to people who fear they have been recently exposed to HIV through unsafe sexual contact or the sharing of needles.

The treatment is being offered through a pilot program conducted by the University of California San Francisco Center for AIDS Prevention Studies. While the study will not attempt to ascertain whether the "morning after" treatment really works, researchers hope to learn the risks of providing the treatment on demand.

Among the questions researchers hope to answer: Will participants stick with the "morning after" treatment regimen that requires weeks of drug therapy? Will the anti-virals produce toxic side effects in otherwise healthy people? Will the unproven therapy's availability encourage people to abandon safe sex practices?

Dr. Thomas Coates, the study's principal investigator, said he shared these concerns, but added, "the only way we'll know whether they are true is research."

The San Francisco study is open to people who fear they've been exposed to HIV within the past 72 hours. Participants will receive immediate, free antiviral treatment for a month, medical follow-up for a year and intensive preventive counseling.

Researchers say they expect up to 50 participants between now and January 1, at which time the study will expand to encompass 500 people over a three-year period. While the study will gather some data on the treatment's effectiveness, Coates said "a much more complicated long term study" was necessary to provide any definitive answers.

While some have questioned whether offering the treatment option is giving false hope and misleading those at high risk for infection, "the real question," said AIDS advocate Ron Howard, "is if you were exposed, would you want the option of using these drugs?"

Gay British Prisoners Focus Of Government Experiments

LONDON, UK (WS) -- Gay prisoners in four British prisons during the 1950s were forced to undergo electric shock treatments in experiments designed to "control" their homosexuality.

Documents released by the government detail experiments in which prisoners were delivered high voltage shocks if their eyes lingered for longer than 8 seconds on photographs men.

Other inmates, says the report, were subjected to injections of the female hormone estrogen.

The Home Office, which funded the study undertaken by London University, concluded that somewhat less than half of those subjected to the treatment "benefitted from it - in the sense that they are less likely to indulge in homosexual behavior."

Information on how the results were quantified was not in the news reports. No details were provided on the number of people subjected to the shock treatments or even the exact year during which the trials were conducted.

The Home Office expressed concern in the report that legalizing homosexuality would encourage greater numbers of people to experiment with it and adopt it. "Would homosexual conductspread, or, losing the glamour of rebellion, decline?" quoting the report.

The British government liberalized its anti-Gay sodomy laws in 1967.

Catholic Priests Debate Homosexuality

WASHINGTON, DC (WP) -- Over the objections of the district's Roman Catholic Cardinal James A. Hickey, three Catholic theologians participated in a debate to discuss what the church says about homosexuality.

Speaking before a Georgetown University audience of about 300, three Jesuits presented their different perspectives on how the church should regard and spiritually counsel Gay men and Lesbians. The debate, which was moderated by a nun, was extremely unusual for the church.

Cardinal Hickey objected to the debate because he felt the Church's essentially conservative view "on the wrongness of homosexual activity" would not get a fair hearing because the sponsor, New Ways Ministry was "ambiguous" on the subject.

The debate follows a pastoral letter issued in October by U.S. Catholic bishops urging parents to embrace their Gay and Lesbian children. "Generally, homosexual orientation is experienced as a given, not as something freely chosen," the bishops wrote. "By itself, therefore, a homosexual orientation cannot be considered sinful, for morality presumes the freedom to choose."

The moderate speaker on the panel, the Rev. Richard McCormick said the church must adopt a more flexible approach to ministering to Gay Catholics. While calling heterosexual marriage the church's ideal, he said. Catholic priests must meet Gay men and women "where they are."

Instead of narrowing its attention on sexual activity, McCormick said, the church should focus its energies on helping Gay people to build stable relationships that bring intimacy, fidelity and love.

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