

Phelps A 'No Show' In Tucson Protest

by Mark R. Kerr

not even a phone call.

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According to a press release, the Rev. Fred Phelps and his "flock," the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) were going "lead a protest against the Sodomite Republican Congressman Jim Kolbe." at his eastside Tucson office, 1661 North Swan.

The Westboro Baptist Church, located in Topeka, Kansas, is Phelps' extended family, children, in-laws, etcetera.

The press release said that this "religious protest and warning to the people of Tucson and Arizona that they are risking God's wrath touting Jim Kolbe," would take place Friday, January 2.

The "church" achieved their notoriety through protests at funerals of AIDS victims and protesting at Gay, Lesbian and HIV events. Phelps and his family would hold up signs such as: "God Hates Fags," "Fags Burn In Hell," and "Thank God For AIDS."

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It didn't stop there. Any person who dared speak against "the church" were declared to be "sodomites," and were intimidated, physically threatened and harassed. Phelps and his "church" were convicted by a Topeka court last year, which the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the conviction by refusing to consider Phelps' appeal.

Questions arose on whether Phelps and his flock, his extended family, would even show up in the Old Pueblo.

So where was Fred?

In a radio interview, Shirley Koper, Phelps' daughter said that the religious protest would take place on Thursday, New Year's Day. She added that if Kolbe's office was not open, they would take their religious protest to the nearest busy intersection.

According to the press release, "the church" was to protest at the Albuquerque Gay & Lesbian community center (which had closed in October); the Gay and Lesbian student group at Northern Arizona University (NAU) (campus was closed) and; the Gentle Shepherd MCC Church in Phoenix (not in a fixed location).

Nothing ever materialized on New Year's Day. No religious protests, pickets and no demonstrations at nearby busy intersections.

So where was Fred?

On Friday, January 2, according to Pat Klein, Kolbe's office manager for his eastside office, no protests, pickets,

When reached for comment, Tony Herrera, a spokesperson for the Albuquerque
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National Gay/Lesbian Republicans To Form Tucson Log Cabin Chapter

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) -- The Log Cabin Republicans, a national Gay and Lesbian Republican group are organizing in Tucson.

Hellon commented on the Log Cabin Republicans and the formation of Tucson chapter, "Clearly any effort to organize those with a Republican philosophy is a positive effort."

An organizational meeting for the Log Cabin Republicans is scheduled for, Wednesday, January 14, 6:30 P.M. at Coco's (Drachman & Main).

When asked if the Log Cabin Republicans will result in less anti-Gay and Lesbian measures being proposed in the Arizona Legislature, Hellon responded, "I hesitate to say that any political group will automatically have an effect on legislation."

The national Log Cabin Republican have 50+ chapters across the country, with a national office in Washington, D.C. and a federal political action committee which raises over \$100,000 per election cycle for Republican candidates.

According to Hellon, "a sympathy for Gay and Lesbian rights within the Arizona Republican party is a minority

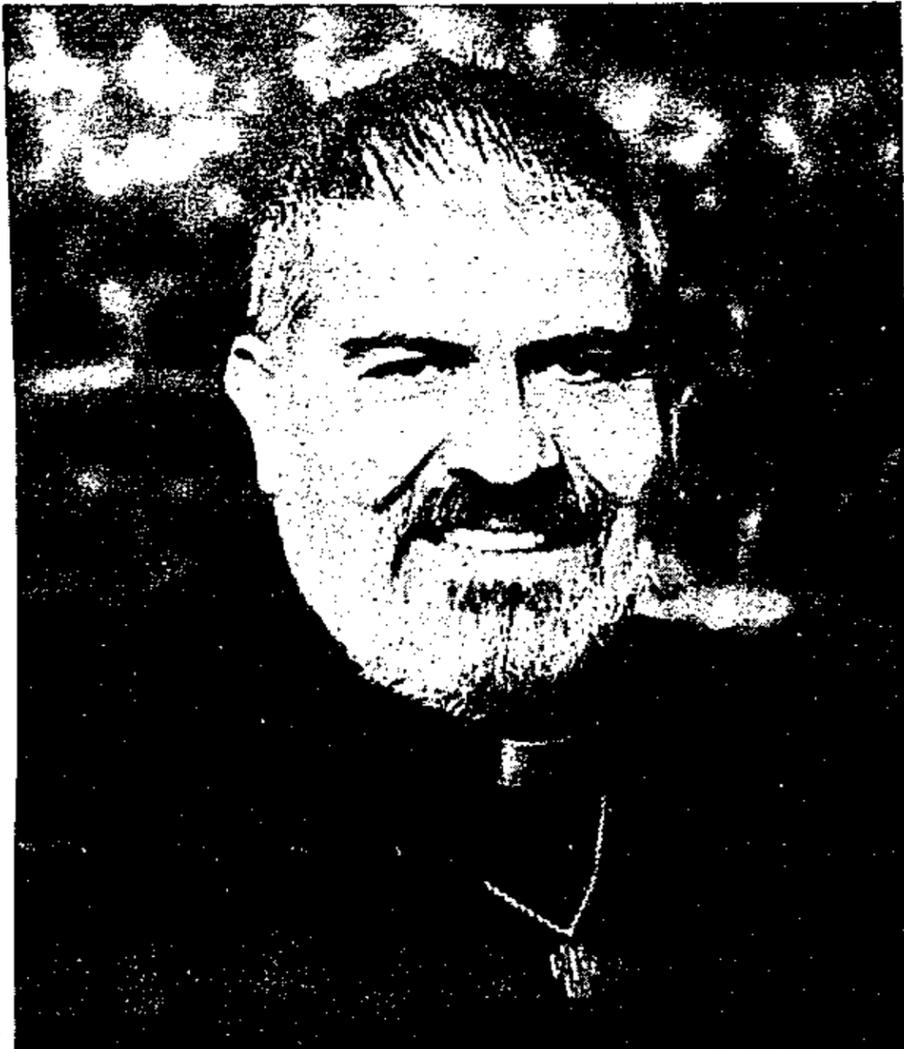
Log Cabin was founded to battle the nation's first anti-Gay ballot measure - California's Proposition 6 in 1978. The proposition would have barred Gays and Lesbians from working as teachers within the public school system.

Hellon added, "in time, when both sides get the chance to know more about each other and find the common ground, they probably will have a better opportunity to have dialogue on the issues of concern."

The first scheduled speaker for the Tucson Log Cabin Republicans will be Mike Hellon, Chairman of the Arizona Republican Party.

For more information about the Log Cabin Republicans in Tucson, call 907-3618.

MCC Founder To Visit Tucson



Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry

TUCSON -- The Reverend Elder Troy D. Perry, Founder and Moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), will visit Tucson, January 10-11.

gy, the Rev. Louis F. Kavar and the Rev. Lynn Hallett (retired), and the Rev. David Farrell of San Diego, California. Well known soloist Sandi Dods of Phoenix will also be singing at the special Installation service.

Perry will be speaking at the Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), 3269 North Mountain Avenue (located between Fort Lowell and Prince Roads), at 7:00 P.M. on January 10 and 10:45 A.M. on January 11. The theme of the Rev. Perry's visit will be "Vision...For the Next Generation."

The UFMCC is an international Christian community which, while open to all people, primarily serves the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered community. Founded in 1968 by the Rev. Perry, UFMCC now numbers more than 300 congregations in 19 countries worldwide, including Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church of Tucson.

On Saturday evening, the Rev. Perry will present the world-wide vision for the future of Metropolitan Community Churches, and the development of the UFMCC world headquarters in West Hollywood, California.

The UFMCC is the largest organization of any kind in the world serving Lesbians and Gays.

Perry will be speaking about the new Spiritual Center and the future of the Christian ministry to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people around the world.

The Rev. Perry comes to Tucson after serving as a consultant on President Clinton's Task Force on Hate Crimes in November; and a December 1997 tour of the Republic of South Africa. While visiting Metropolitan Community Churches in South Africa, the Rev. Perry also met in consultation with Arch Bishop Desmond Tutu.

The Sunday morning service will focus on the vision for the future vision and the Rite of Installation for the local congregation's newly elected Pastor Joyce Cook; with the Rev. Perry and the Rev. Bradley Wilson, pastor of Gentle Shepherd MCC in Phoenix, officiating.

All are cordially invited to attend and meet the Founder of the UFMCC. There is no admission charge for the events. A love offering will be received for the UFMCC Capital Campaign and for the local Metropolitan Community Church. For more information, contact Water of Life MCC, (520) 292-9151.

Special guests participating in the service include Pastor Rada Schaff of Cornerstone Fellowship, local MCC Cler-

UPDATE

\$1,685.00 Raised For Arizona Children's Home



TUCSON - The Executive Director of the Arizona Children's Home, Barbara Levy (l) accepts the annual donation from Rudi Riesgo, while JoAnn Rollins, Assistant Director looks on.

by Rudi Riesgo

TUCSON - Congratulations Tucson! You've done it again! For the 26th consecutive year the generous hearts of our Gay community have made this presentation possible.

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Married Gay/Bisexual Men's Support Group Begins 16th Year

TUCSON - In January 1982, a local psychologist began a support group for Gay and Bisexual men who were married or in a committed relationship with a woman.

The group was started after the psychologist recognized that many of the issues that brought men to counseling and/or psychotherapy might be more comfortably, successfully and economically addressed in a safe, confidential support group format.

The group has continued to meet ever since; currently the group meets the

The first show was hosted by Christina De Alexis, December 7, and showcased the talents of nine other performers to a packed house.

Faith, "Miss Carousel 1997," selected "Rudi's Kids" as beneficiaries of the first benefit show of her reign. The show was hosted by Misti Malone and held, December 21, at Ain't Nobody's Biz.

Then on December 28, Ms. JODY put together a delightful evening of entertainment at the Stonewall/Eagle.

These three events showcased the combined talents of more than twenty performers. Much gratitude and heartfelt thanks to each of them and all of you who helped to raise this year's Grand Total to \$1,685.

second Wednesday of each month from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the psychologist's office. The possibility of biweekly or weekly meetings is under consideration.

Any Gay or Bisexual man who is married, in a committed relationship with a woman, separated from a spouse, or divorced but still involved in a relationship with an ex-wife, perhaps because of children is welcome to join the group.

There is no charge for participation. Call Daniel Overbeck, Ph.D., (520) 745-6977 for more information.

GLU Meeting January 8

TUCSON - Gay and Lesbian United will hold their next meeting 6:00 P.M., Thursday, January 8, 1998 at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street.

Desert Voices Auditions And Upcoming Schedule

TUCSON - Desert Voices cordially invites men and women to audition for the Spring 1998 season, "Many Hearts, One Voice."

Auditions will be held on January 12 and 19, 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., at the Armory Park Senior Center, 220 South Fifteenth Avenue. Please call, 791-9662, to schedule an audition time or for more information. . . .

Desert Voices season, "Many Hearts, One Voice" will include a February return to the San Xavier Mission to record several of the original commissioned selections premiered in the last two years such as "And If?" and Miracle. These choral works will be included in Desert Voices first CD recording that will be completed in 1999, celebrating Desert Voices 10 year anniversary. . . .

Dance! March 28-29 at the Temple of Music and Art. Desert Voices takes a playful look at contemporary popular dance, from Broadway to Motown to disco to hip-hop. Many selections will include dance choreography by Dan Yurgaitis.

SouthWest Fest! June 19-20 at the Temple of Music and Art. The New Mexico Gay Men's Chorus, San Diego Women's Chorus, South Coast Chorale, Long Beach and other Arizona Choruses will join Desert Voices in two day choral festival. Several world premieres are expected including Pima Canyon by Vancouver composer Stephen Smith, an "Angels with AIDS" memorial work, and "Karen," a tribute to the music of the Carpenters on the fifteenth anniversary of her death.

Tickets can be purchased at: Antigone Books, 411 North Fourth Avenue; Tucson Trunk, 5605 East River Road, #131; The Allergy Vacuum Store, 3455 East Speedway Boulevard. For reservation call, 791-9662. Visa or MasterCard preferred.

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ASGW Workshop Jan. 29

TUCSON - The Association for Specialists in Group Work (ASGW), in collaboration with Gays and Lesbian United (GLU), will facilitate a workshop for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered community, Thursday, January 29, 1998.

The workshop will take place at the Wingspan Community Center, 300 East Sixth Street.

The starting and stopping times for this day-long workshop have not been set. For more information, contact John Potter of Wingspan, 624-1779.

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Dick Clark has been put back in his cryogenic chamber. The "new baby" has been crapping in the Pampers. Yes, the curtain on 1998 has risen. Another opening, another election show!

In the nation's capitol, home of "Potomac Fever," the Congressional political posturing has begun! Let the "spin-doctors" twirl away!

Will people living with AIDS get their protease inhibitors?

The Employment Non-Discrimination Act: does it finally get to see the light of day?

The nomination of Jim Hornel as Ambassador of the strategically important country of Luxembourg: do we get to "Call Him Madam," or will his chances be canned, just like his chili?

These questions will be answered in 1998. Fat chance!

Speaking of Congress, in the Grand Canyon State, our favorite carpet-bagger, Sen. John McCain is up for election this year. Oh the drama?

What drama! This will be a tune-up for McCain's inevitably bid for the 2000 Republican Presidential nod. Opposition? The Arizona Dinosaur Party will put a "potted plant" named Ranger or something.

In addition to McCain allegedly running, all six Arizona members of the U.S. House of Representatives are up, which leads to...

Congressman Jim Kolbe's bid for yet another term. According to a front-page story in the morning fish-wrap, Kolbe will, may face his toughest oppo-

POLITICS 1998 by Mark R. Kerr

"When In Doubt, Mumble!"

nent in a long, long, oh hell—since 1984, former Tucson Mayor Tom Volgy.

In the story, Volgy has filed organizational papers with the Federal Elections Commission for a possible bid for the Congressional seat, now held by Kolbe. Volgy is quoted as saying that he is think about running. Hey, that is news!

For those not playing the home game, Volgy last ran for office in 1991, for the CD-2 seat vacated by Mo Udall, who resigned due to Parkinson's Disease. Volgy finished a distant third.

What would a political story be without some barbs?

In this little ditty, accusations have flown between the non-candidate Volgy and Kolbe. Kolbe calls Volgy a "liberal," and Volgy calls Kolbe, "out of touch with his district." Cat-fight!

In the who-verified-this-department, the story prominently features the "facts" about the district; sourcing the Arizona Secretary of State; stating there are a total of 59,790 registered voters in Congressional District 5. Excuse me?

According to the Arizona Secretary of State, there are a total of 382,535 registered voters. Can we say oops!

Our other "local" congressman, Rep. Ed Pastor, D-CD 2, will have an easy ride for another term. Wow!

The statewide offices are up in 1998:

Will Jane Dee get four years? If Jane or the next governor screws up, like a surprising number have recently, who will be next-in-line?

Grant Woods is retiring, who get's to be the next Attorney General?

Frankly, does anybody really care about the State Mine Inspector.

In the "Evil City of the North," the second abnormal, err regular session of the Inquisition, err Arizona Legislature will go into session next week. Can we say anti-Gay and Lesbian legislation?

Speaking of "easy-copy," all state legislators are up for election...where there may be contests. You know what that means? Let the Gay and Lesbian bashing begin for fun and political profit!

The state's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) funding is expected to run out in the next two weeks. What a shocker!

Will the State Legislature solve this crisis and actually allocate funding? Have they during the past sixteen years of the epidemic?

Statewide proposition and ballot initiatives such as:

Open primaries; ending affirmative action in the state (Huh?); sales taxes and; banning cock-fighting (insert joke

here!) will face voters in 1998, just like a bad case of acne or the Spice Girls!

In Pima County, the home of "smooth running" elections, County Supervisor Ray Carroll, R-Dist. 4, faces a special election in September, to fill the remaining two years of the term of his dead predecessor, John Even.

Since it's Pima County the result may come...in December!

A new year is here, let the politics flow! Can you taste the bile! . . .

So it goes for now kids!

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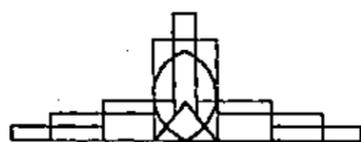
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Columna Abierta.

by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

Esperando que las fiestas decembrinas hayan sido las mejores, y que este año que empieza les conceda todos los buenos propósitos que desean y, ya después de tanta "pachanga" se encuentren descansados y con mucha energía para seguir adelante... Al mismo tiempo, las disculpas por no haberles hecho saber que estaríamos de vacaciones y por lo tanto esta Columna Abierta, no aparecería por tal motivo; pero aquí estamos con más ánimo que el año pasado y esperando sus comentarios y sugerencias para la misma...

Nos tocó estar en la posada que organizó Salud es Poder la cual estuvo buenisima, con mucha comida y bastante gente, apuntándose otro 10 Ernie y sus colaboradores, y el baile de fin de año no se quedó atrás... Considerando que esa noche el Stonewall fue el lugar más concurrido para despedir al '97... Felicidades Ernie!!!

Como es la costumbre, también los que trabajamos en la elaboración de esta Columna Abierta tenemos planes de incluir entrevistas a las diferentes personas que integran la comunidad Latina de Tucson y de las ciudades vecinas para compartir con todos los diferentes tópicos, planes, programas, conferencias, etc. a desarrollarse, así es que les pedimos sus consideraciones y sobre todo que nos hagan saber de las actividades a desarrollarse; por favor comunicarse con cualquier persona al final de éste artículo...

Una de las preguntas que me han hecho es en relación a: ¿Cómo funciona la terapia combinada en los pacientes seropositivos?. ¿Se elimina el VIH?..

...El VIH no desaparece completamente del organismo ni siquiera en pacientes en tratamiento intensivo con terapia combinada y una carga viral indetectable con los métodos convencionales, según un estudio publicado en la revista "SCIENCE". El VIH permanece en estado de latencia en un pequeño número de linfocitos T CD4+ no activados. Los análisis del material genético de estos virus no encontraron en general ninguna mutación asociada con resistencia a los antirretrovirales. No obstante, cuando los investigadores activaron en el laboratorio a los linfocitos T CD4+, los virus "durmientes" que albergaban demostraron que no habían perdido su capacidad de replicarse e infectar otras células. Esta es la primera vez que se demuestra la existencia de virus escondidos en células del sistema inmune en pacientes con una carga viral indetectable, así como que los virus no se vuelven resistentes a los antirretrovirales en los pacientes que responden bien al tratamiento combinado. Los resultados de este estudio indican que el tratamiento no debe de suspenderse, ya que los virus latentes pueden volver a replicarse e infectar otras células frente a cualquier estímulo capaz de activar los linfocitos T CD4+ donde se encuentran agazapados. Aún no se sabe cuánto pueden durar estos linfocitos. Los científicos creen que algunos de ellos pueden durar 10 años o incluso más, y que podrían ser suficientes

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Life Is A Drag

By Elise Barbara Fox

I like winter: sunlight filtered through hazy clouds, long shadows, short days — the estuary of the river of life. We can call up our rain checks and reflect on whom and what we are.

The dreary days of January hold special meaning: when I first learned how to dance on black patent stiletto heels. Their sheen is mesmerizing. It'll be difficult to recapture the thrill of that year: creating a new wardrobe. Each new piece was a treasure.

There isn't exactly a surfeit of drag shows in January; but maybe that's just as well. Tucson's queens outdid themselves last month in fund raisers and fun things just for you. They need time to recover: rehearse new acts; create new costumes.

I'm certain you spotted Stan, the "poster baby," on last week's front page. What you don't know is this: it triggered a "signing party" at several locations, not unlike those author events at Tucson book stores. Neon Moon is lucky to have him behind the bar. His friendliness would make him a fortune in public relations.

After the Christmas and New Year's holidays, you're probably a bit partied out anyway. Many of us probably were overly generous at Christmas: now the bills are coming due. January and February aren't the greatest months for most retail businesses, including our nightclubs, for precisely that reason.

My late Mom taught me: buy your presents throughout the year. By July, she usually had everything purchased and wrapped with gift paper bought at steep discounts after the holiday.

But there's a chill in the air. So I stay home. Realization: mass media is treating us in a more kindly fashion. It's a riveting NBC "Homicide: Life on the Street." Script: a Gay is the victim of a hate crime. The star is the owner of a Gay restaurant, who addresses the plain clothes guys respectfully as "Detective." As the investigation proceeds, we go to a nightclub; talk with drag queens who help "finger" the suspect. For a finale, one detective accepts an invitation to visit this same restaurant, share dinner, red wine, laughter and conversation.

The script was sensitive and pointed to something both Gays and Lesbians know: same-sex relationships do not require you to guard your comments — you understand each other. And you can be better friends with the "straights" than their own are because we have an amazing ability. To express our feelings, our joys, our disappointments, our concerns.

Oh! I know you have to budget for those credit card bills. But I hope it won't preclude you from enjoying our nightclub entertainment as winter brings us our darkest nights.

I'm looking forward to spring. I want to see it: my friend of "Bimbos 4" Charlene found a new filmy garment; nothing you'd wear in the depth of winter. I like to scandalize Charlene — a private competition about whom can be more of a "Melrose Place" girl. Charlene cheats: she has an expert tailor who creates beautiful micro-minis. I have to buy mine off the rack.

I'll make no secret: the human form is a kaleidoscope of perfection. Queens with the best legs you've ever seen, real girls whose crop tops are a showcase, beautiful guys whose T-shirts present a physique only possible with strenuous workouts. But don't look for it until the warm nights of spring. We are not Eskimos; we blossom like deciduous trees.

Math test. Divide the year 1998 by 3. The answer is the Mark of the Beast: 666. (If you'll recall last week's column, I'm still incensed about those Baptists who threatened to picket Rep. Jim Kolbe's office.) There are fanatics who want to turn us into an endangered species. History is instructive. There is a traveling Smithsonian Institution exhibit at Phoenix Public Library. It documents a sad chapter in American history. U.S. citizens of Japanese ancestry were interned in domestic concentration camps during World War II. One, a ruin erased by time, was here in Arizona. To be sure — using the words of the political crazies — "AIDS Cures Fags." It also can eradicate all human life on this planet.

No field goal yet, but you might consider it a first down. The British

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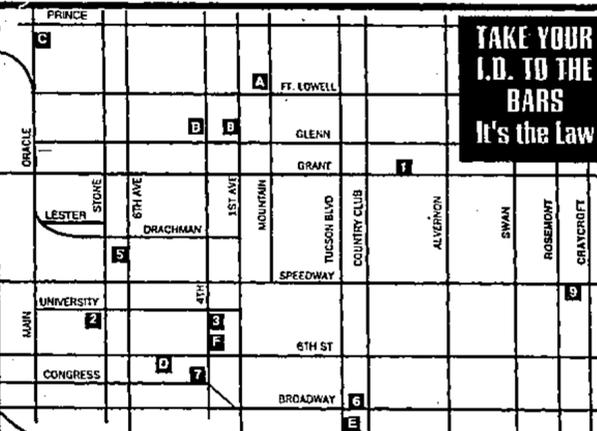
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medical journal Lancet reported French scientists have found another hereditary genetic mutation that might protect against HIV.

Three hours and 14 minutes. It's what I've heard about the length of "The Titanic," the \$200 million Hollywood blockbuster now at cinemas. I suppose I should go. But I know why the Titanic went down; naval architects were arrogant. Nature sank it. It can sink us too if we don't believe from our AIDS service agency.

I wasn't wrong. I told you there would be high-level entertainment energy in 1998. Mama Reyna will be back on stage. As early as February to give you a valentine. I invited "straight" friends to watch a show in which she performed last year and they were impressed with her command of the stage, the indefinable something that gives a performer "presence," and her glamorous, elegant costumes. Shaundriana has those same qualities but in a country vain.

"Let the heartaches fade away
Give them back to yesterday
If it's the last time
Let me wrap my love around you"
--Agnetha Faltskog

We made tremendous strides in 1997; "Ellen" — courtesy of the Walt Disney organization, the owner of ABC — took us out into the sunshine. Locally, our Gay Pride picnic at Reid Park showed we will not be intimidated.

I'm sure you know. This column is like an omelet: a little of everything: just like us. I lack vision. I depend on you to devise solutions to our problems, whether global or inherent in our own community. I have lots of questions; few answers.

The year: 1624. The English poet: John Donne. The memorable line: "Ask not for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee." Oh my. You know what January 12 is: the start of the 1998 Arizona Legislature. Do you hear the bell?

You know what Thomas Jefferson said: the best government is the least.

The best thing legislators could do is leave us alone. But I urge you to pay attention. If they wish to use us as a "whipping boy," we can make common cause with people of decency and good will and vote them out of office. I'm sure you know; 1998 is an election year.

I promised myself I wouldn't. I will anyway. I would like Arizona to put a drag queen, Lesbian or Transgender in the Legislature. (We already have Gays at the State Capitol and in Congress.)

It's not too late to form a campaign committee. If you speak to human rights, better schools (including equity among rich and poor districts), safe streets, a balanced budget that returns surpluses to individual taxpayers and businesses, an economic development policy that takes advantages of everyone's talents, and environmental protection that saves our scenic vistas and neighborhoods, then you can get elected.

This is America, my friends. We can do it. U of A-graduated lawyers and business people in our community should be particularly adept at this.

I'm looking forward to the 1998 pageants. The winners will get top bill in

nightclub shows later this year. I have hunches; but I'll reserve comment until the professional juried panels render their artistic decisions.

"I want to be the queen of the USA
You can send me roses every other day
Here comes the 21st Century
It's going to be much better for a girl like me."
—Blondie

I know: I read National Geographic. Game wardens armed with ancient carbines shoot dead AK-47-armed poachers in India, one of the world's poorest nations, who try to kill endangered rhinos and tigers. Frustrating, isn't it? Don't get me wrong: I know about ecological balance. But does our society care the same about us?

There's no end to life's surprises.

Now here's a statistic you probably don't know: Americans with disabilities of all sorts — 43 million of them — are the nation's largest minority group.

That's why the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation will be among the agencies represented Saturday, January 10, at a Tucson Mall information fair from 10 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., 4500 North Oracle Road.

Pima Prevention Partnership, which organized it, says the disabled are twice as likely as the general population to have substance abuse problems.

I wear short skirts; I might as well do the literary poms too. I like to challenge you to think about things that are important to our community.

I'm going to render a 1998 apology. Our community is a living entity. It's a dream, a passion, a vision. It's like the little girls who play with Barbie; the little boys who connect their HO gauge model railroad tracks; the high school kids who learn about gridiron and basketball teamwork. I encourage you to pursue them whether it's being the Spice Girls or the New York Philharmonic playing Beethoven. This applies to any field of human endeavor.

This is an amazing journey: we rapidly are approaching the Millennium. It's been a difficult trek for us. I assure you: better years are ahead. That's because we will make it so. I don't wish to sound like an Elmer Gantry evangelist. But banding together in common cause will obtain mutual objectives — whether it's fund raising, political concerns or social acceptance by outsiders.

You people made this vision; I'm just verbalizing things I've heard. Personally, I'd rather be on stage — but I've accepted my limitations: telling you things you need to know, or perhaps don't want to hear, is what I do best.

Life is whimsical. So here we are: one more year. I can't see through the mist. I say a prayer. Each of your lives is precious.

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HOME ON THE RANGE / AGRA TUCSON
by Scott Weldamoyer

Well, now that the holidays are over, it is time to start to focus on the upcoming 1998 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. All committees are in full force getting their mailers and other solicitations out in the public eye. I have sent out the first set of applications for ad space in this year's program and will be sending out more within the next few weeks. I cannot get information to every business owner in the community, so if you are interested in ad space, please contact the AGRA office, 323-0805 or contact me on my pager, 516-9003.

Congratulations are in order to the Observer and to Jeff Meyer of the Stonewall/Eagle for receiving a President's Award and Certificate of appreciation from AGRA for all of their support to AGRA in the past. We thank the staff of the Observer and Jeff on their support and look forward to working with you in the future. These awards were announced at the AGRA State dinner held in Phoenix a few weeks ago. Keep up the good work.

Our AGRA Dance and Entertainment Director is at it again...Diane is in the process of planning a great night of entertainment to be held on Sunday, January 25 (Super Bowl Sunday) at Nobody's Bizness. It should be another good show and lots of great entertainment. Let's just

hope we can keep Diane for the whole show this time...(just kidding Di!) Also on January 25 at the Stonewall/Eagle will be the January Board and General Membership meeting. Board at 2:00 P.M. and General Membership at 5:00 P.M. President Delaney has ordered all Board members to be at the meeting. Since he misses the game, everyone else should miss the game as well! Ha, ha, ha! He really didn't say that! I am just feeling a little frisky today!

Mark your calendars for February 14, 1998 at Old Tucson Studios Stage-2. The annual Rodeo Romance Dinner and Dance will be held at Old Tucson. AGRA will be serving an Italian Buffet dinner from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and have dancing from 9:00 P.M. to Midnight. Bring a date or just come stag...tickets are being sold in advance for \$10 a person for the dance only or \$17 a person for dinner and dance admission.

Stay tuned for more information!

Until then, remember to keep your pride and always play safe in the saddle.

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A View From The Rock

A Comentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

As I was in prayer on the last day of the year, the Lord impressed on me the following verse:

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Although some Christians have "year" verses, I do not usually choose a verse to be "my" verse for the year. However, I believe that this verse was given to me for this new year.

Who is that you usually turn to when you have a question to be answered? There was a TV game show a few years ago (which may still be running in syndication) in which a contestant tried to answer a question or finish a phrase the same way a sampling of a studio audience did. For instance, the phrase "Black is..." could be completed any number of ways, but if the contestant finished it with "beautiful," and that was the way the majority of those polled finished it, the contestant won.

How many of us use this as the criteria for what we think about something? That is, we ask our friends their opinions or read what "respected" commentators say about it, and then form our opinion based on what others think.

Or perhaps you are trying to decide what to do in a specific situation. Maybe there are two or three options, each of which has good points as well as bad points. You ask your spouse and then make your decision.

In our community, especially it seems that many base their entire lives on what other people say or on how the straight community perceives the Gay

community! Sometimes, I am sure, people do and say things just to see the shock on others' faces!

Now, there is nothing wrong with polling your friends about what is the best movie to go see, or asking your spouse if a certain outfit is just "you!" But there is someone else that Christians should turn to for help with all the important decisions of their lives.

The Scripture quoted above says that we should "...fix our eyes on Jesus..." if we want to be sure that the answers we get are always correct. Since Jesus is no longer on the earth, how do we do this?

The easiest way to see Jesus is through the Bible, since it is the only book which has a true picture of him. If you want to find out how you should act in a particular situation, read the Gospel stories about him until you find one which is similar to the one you are facing and see how he acted. Then you will know what your course of action should be.

However, because not everything in Jesus' life is recorded in the Bible, there will be times when you won't be able to find him in a similar situation to the one you are facing. When that happens, the way to "...fix your eyes on Jesus..." is to go to him in prayer, asking him for direction. Jesus has promised to answer every prayer, so he will guide you in the way you should go.

I do not know what 1998 holds for you and me, but I do know that if we "...fix our eyes on Jesus..." and follow his direction in everything we do in this new year, we can be assured that our choices will be pleasing to him and that our decisions will never be wrong!

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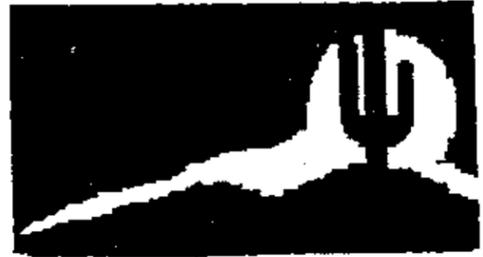
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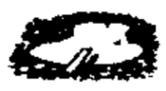
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Venturing Out... By Sasha Alyson

The Dinah!



Gay men have their White Parties. Lesbians have the annual Dinah Shore Women's Weekend, the last weekend of March in Palm Springs, California. This year's dates are Thursday through Sunday, March 26-29, 1998.

The weekend centers on the Nabisco Dinah Shore Golf Classic, but not all the women come for golf. Indeed, with all the parties going on, many will never get close to the golf greens.

In 1997, an estimated 25,000 women showed up for this event, enjoying over 45 shows and theme parties throughout the weekend. The "Dinah" has grown so large that private estates and airplane hangers have been requisitioned for parties, in addition to the usual hotels and clubs.

Many of the festivities are produced by Club Skirts Productions of San Francisco, and L.A.'s Girl Bar. Mariah Hanson, owner of Club Skirts and co-producer of the weekend, enthuses that "this is the largest vacation event for women in the nation. We've had to move to a larger hotel to fit all of our guests into our pool party, which already numbers in the thousands."

They've booked two 3-star hotels, the Windham and the Marquee, with around 700 rooms and suites.

Many groups and companies offer package trips, parties or events:

Women in Motion sells a \$595 package. This includes 4 nights accommodation, 2 dinners, 4 breakfasts, and a pass for parties at Delilah's nightclub.

Girl Bar/Club Skirts Productions has a Dinah Shore Women's Hotline: 888-44-DINAH(www.girlspot.com). You can book hotels directly and save money by buying tickets to their parties and events in advance, or even more with their "Dinah Shore Party Pass" (\$75 by March 10th). Their events include: Thursday night Kickoff Party, Saturday afternoon Queens of Comedy show, Saturday night White Party, Sunday afternoon Pool Party, and Sunday night's final party, Ice House.

Joani Weir Productions' Dinah Shore Hotline is at 310-281-7358. Joani has been putting on events here for 8 or 9 years. They offer an entire week package with hotel and party pass. Last year, in addition to dances, they put on a comedy production, and a cigar-bar, as well as allowing several non-profit groups use of their facilities.

This year's events are not finalized yet, but call their hotline for the latest information.

Women not into the golf or the parties, but who want to be in a town full of 25,000 Lesbians, can find lots to do in Palm Springs and the surrounding area.

For those into the outdoors and sports, there is rock-climbing, hiking, biking, horseback riding, and parachuting. You can rent a jeep, or ultralight, or take a helicopter or hot air balloon ride. For a different pace, explore one of the desert botanical gardens, try your luck at one of the casinos on nearby Indian Lands, or check out the town's many museums and art galleries.

There will be more information in "Shore Patrol" a special issue of Palm Springs' Gay paper "The Bottom Line". Look for it to appear mid-February at women's businesses and bookstores.

SUN OR SNOW?

In less than a decade, South Beach has become THE Florida destination for Gay men.

South Beach is indeed a lively spot, and with its historic and charming art deco buildings. But many guys feel out of place in South Beach if they're not young, rich, and muscled (or at least two of the three).

For a vacation that's less expensive and more laid-back, I still like that old favorite: Ft. Lauderdale.

At the high end, Royal Palms Lauderdale (800-237-PALM; www.royal-palms.com) is the spot getting the buzz -- as well as a top Editor's Choice award from Out & About magazine. Less known than Royal Palms is its next-door neighbor, St. Sebastian (800-425-8105). At a glance (I haven't actually stayed there) it looks every bit as plush, but prices run about \$50 less.

Simpler but quite comfortable accommodations are available at many hotels and apartments. One that comes recommended is Martindale (954-467-18-41), where a one-bedroom suite with kitchen runs under \$100.

If your winter vacation wouldn't be complete without snow for you, there's still time to pack your long Johns and

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Media Alert

by Al Kielwasser

TV Guide's year end issue (December 20-26) includes a 30-page catalog of "The Best of '97." With several Lesbian and Gay entries, this year's solute to television is a sign of the times.

Ellen DeGeneres ranks third on the magazine's overall list of top-10 performers - "each a person of strong personality and great accomplishment." According to "TV Guide," Ellen's coming out "did more than resuscitate a fading sitcom; it turned DeGeneres into a pop culture pioneer."

As the editors note: "Love her or loathe her, you have to admit that Ellen DeGeneres kicked her career into another echelon with those three little words."

'Yep, I'm Gay.'

Whether she is accepting an Emmy on behalf of Gay teenagers, or "beaming proudly for the cameras with live-in love, actress Anne Heche," "TV Guide" says: "DeGeneres has grown gracefully into her new role as both an artist and activist."

"I'm a happier person," adds DeGeneres. "We've hit our stride, but it's the letters I get, not just from Gays but from heterosexuals who write to say that I've made the world a better place for their children. That makes me happier than anything."

Two other Gay performances are praised, by "TV Guide." On a shorter list of the year's soaps, the magazine cites "All My Children's" Ben Jorgensen - for his portrayal of "a Gay teen pressured to go straight by his uptight parents and quack therapist." Jorgensen "delivered a performance of aching sensitivity and truth," says "TV Guide." "In the process he set a new standard in actor bravery."

Last (and perhaps least), "TV Guide" gives a nod to Volkswagen, for producing the year's best commercial - "Sunday Afternoon." "Two young guys tooling around in their VW Golf salvage a beat-up armchair from the trash, then discard it because of the pungent odor wafting from the backseat," the magazine explains. "Set to the funky beat of Trio's 'Da, Da Da,' this spot was embraced by Gen-X'ers and Gay groups, the latter viewing the pair as a couple."

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Venturing Out

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head for Aspen Gay Ski Week (Jan. 24-31). Ski all day, jump in the hot tub to unwind, then head for the parties.

You may be able to get some good rates on last-minute air, and at this writing, you can still get condo accommodations with other gay skiers from B.W. Travel (203-852-0200 or email Wendy522@aol.com), which offers a 5-day ski pass, as well as shared accommodations, for \$915.

Send questions or comments about Gay travel to Sasha Alyson, Alyson Adventures, P.O. Box 180179, Boston, MA 02118 (email address: info@alysonadventures@aol.com).

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JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19
Venus retrogrades through your own sign until the end of the month which means that you will probably be even less stylish and charismatic than usual. Let the fashion chips fall where the may Aquarius; I know that you really don't care about facades. But try to give the appearance of being interested in others during this time. One or two new acquaintances may surprise you.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
Dreamy, creamy Gay Pisces may be wafting through pink clouds when Venus retrogrades. Life is so mellow you may not realize that others may be trying to take advantage of you. Poor dear; eventually this unsettling phase will pass but try not to give away the store in the meantime. Do give away the smelly contents of your closet though.

For entertainment purposes only.
For best results, read both your Sun sign and Ascendant.

Although storybooks will feed you the old yarn about kissing frogs to discover royalty, Venus' current retrograde may demonstrate that more often than not the opposite can happen; that is, behind every kissable face could lurk the Creature from the Black Lagoon. Before you get carried away to some soggy swamp, remember to keep your eyes open while puckering up.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20
Machiavelli advised princes to keep friends close and enemies even closer. Alas, who can tell friend from foe when Venus retrogrades? Proud Rams must keep a discerning eye out for any Judas at the table and even then the question remains; will you be cajoled by false flattery? Probably, but I happen to know that anyone who tries to undermine you will live to regret it.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21
Expect some military maneuvers in your career over the next few weeks thanks to Venus. Gay Bulls are advised to keep a watchful eye on all the goings on and plan their course of action carefully. Any bombs that you deploy will hit the target and some quantifiable advancements are achievable now. And forget that "Don't ask, don't tell" nonsense. Broadcast it if necessary.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21
The world may be your oyster but you're just not hungry. Queer Twins may experience a sense of emptiness when Venus is retrograde. It is difficult to believe that life offers you so little excitement right now but the spark is just not there. Oh well; joi de vivre will have to wait. In the meantime, you might as well suffer boredom in a balmy climate. Sulk and snooze in Maui.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23
Pink Crabs are about to fall for just another pretty face during the Venus retrograde. Choose your companions carefully dear, queer cousin; nighttime lust looks old and shabby in the harsh light of day. There is no sadder sight than a tire, squinting Crab wearing yesterday's wrinkled ensemble, waiting at the bus stop because cab-fare was not forthcoming.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23
You could have sworn that your partner would just adore that fabulous thrift store find that you erected in your living room. Proud Leos may come to expect that even their grander efforts may go unappreciated during the Venus retrograde. Don't let it get you down; think of the advantages of not having to make many grand efforts in the next month. Just be your grand self.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23
Why do you think they call it "work?" If it were fun, they would call it "fun." Venus retrograde may take the enjoyment out of the day to day job. (Assuming, of course, that there was any enjoyment to begin with.) Since proud Virgos are self-sacrificing souls, you may be more resigned about it than other signs. The secret is not to rely on others to get the work done.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23
Venus, your ruling planet, is retrograde. Queer Libras find themselves particularly vulnerable to excess and dissipation now. Who would have thought that you would have so much energy after the holidays to

get into all sorts of mischief? Be a bit discerning in your choice of parties to attend; you don't want to be photographed carousing with Jesse Helms...or would you?

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 23
Your home environment is not exactly where you want it to be with Venus retrograde. Intentions are good, but efforts are slightly off the mark. Proud Scorps should delay redecorating plans until the end of the month when inspiration returns. Otherwise you may decide that the iron coffin looks fabulous in the bedroom. Come to think of it, it may improve your "technique."

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22
Even in the best of planetary times, Gay

Archers are not the most diplomatic of folks. Now with Venus retrograde, even the most sincerest compliment can sound like a "fart." At least people have come to expect such pronouncements from you so the fallout won't be horrific. Just refrain from giving any important speeches on behalf of our community until early February.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20
All that glitters is not gold, at least not when Venus is retrograde. Calculating Gay Goats will soon realize that even their most treasured possessions are not worth a whit when the total is tallied. Can you put a price tag on happiness? Definitely not darling...unless of course the idea of a champagne bath with a bevy of g-stringed gigolos warms your cockles.

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

IBT'S - The Girlie Show 1998, featuring Felice Renard, Bunny Foo Foo, Phaedra, Karen Montenegro and Cilabra. 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

GRADUATE - TKO Beer Bust 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. and the "last chance" Pool Tournament. The tournament of champions is next Saturday, Jan. 17.

VENTURE-N - Tucson Arizona LeviLeathermen (TALL) holds their monthly Beer Bust on the patio today from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz welcomes Lipstick & Lashes hosted by Lucinda Holliday with Mr. Kenneth Blake, Felice Renard, Regina Reed and Karina Montenegro. 9:00 to 10:30 p.m. \$2.00 cover. Hot Latin music follows.

IBT'S - NFL football playoff between Denver and Pittsburgh 10:30 a.m. Green Bay and San Francisco 2:00 p.m. Food-fun-partying. Sunday brunch - all-you-can-eat Bar-B-Que and 16oz Beer Bust 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. to benefit Gay Men's Health Project. Then at 9:00 p.m. it's showtime: A down-home Gospel Show with Rhythm and Blues featuring the fabulous Ms. J.O.D.Y. and starring Ajia Simons, Shaundrianna, Danl Bordello, G.I. Sanigua (a.k.a. Cappuccino and Christina De Alexis with "the backbone of Ms. J.O.D.Y.", Garry, plus special guests from the Temptations. Come expecting love, joy, peace and soul!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

IBT'S - The Love Company presents "Puttin' On The Lips" with Victoria du Puis, Felice Renard and returning champion Bunny Foo Foo.

FRI., SAT., SUN., JANUARY 16-17-18

VENTURE-N - Bears of the Old Pueblo celebrate "Fiesta De Los Osos!" Join in on the fun.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

GRADUATE - The Saturday Pool Tournament Of Champions takes place today beginning at 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Rare Breed is back! Show starts at 7:00 p.m. Cover. Hillary spins hot Latin music after the band.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Super Bowl Party here. No cover. Big Screen, 3 Yrs. Surround sound. 75¢ cactus juice, \$1.00 puckers. Lots of fun. Then at 9:00 p.m., AGRA's Talent Show starts at 9:00 p.m. Cover.

WHAT'S BLACK & WHITE & READ ALL OVER?



Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Investment Club meeting. Bring your investment ideas and desires to help shape a group dedicated to investing a minimum of \$20 per month. For reservations and directions, please call Larry at 815-8322.

2. 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.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

The next Gays and Lesbians United (GLU) dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. at Wingspan hosted by Team Arizona. To RSVP Call David at 323-7943.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing "Now Let's Talk About Music" by Gordon Merrick about a globe-trotting gay man and his entanglement with a wealthy, mysterious man. Even if you don't read the book, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

Cronies Social Club monthly meeting at MCC Church 3269 N. Mountain at 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker is Mr. T.J. McGreevy. Because of this special meeting at MCC, the Cronies will meet in the front building.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 9:00 a.m. A yoga workshop will be held by a professional yoga instructor. Gordon will give us an overall view of yoga and work with us through some of the moves. For reservations, directions & details, please call Gordon at 321-9509.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 9:00 a.m. Join us for a hike in the new addition of the Saguaro National Park East as we do a six mile hike in the south Rincons. For details and directions, please call Ed at 722-4712.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

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.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

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 the Cushing Street Bar & Grill. 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. Another chance to join us for a meal as we hold Dinner Out at Terra Nova. With their great reputation for food, and a table full of nice guys, how can you go wrong? For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 548-7539.

3. 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.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

The Log Cabin Republicans, the nation's largest political organization advocating equal rights for Gays and Lesbians is organizing in Tucson. There will be a dinner held at Coco's restaurant, Main Avenue at Oracle on Drachman at 6:30 p.m.. The featured speaker will be Mike Heflon, Chairperson of the Arizona Republican Party. For more information call Wil at 907-3618.

Cronies Social Club Movie Night at Leo's 7:00 p.m. The movie is "A Certain Summer" (1972). Please call Leo at 624-6768 for directions and RSVP.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our Video Night showing is the wonderful British film "Beautiful Thing." This sweet story is about two young teenage boys who discover they're in love with each other. Closed captioned for the heavy accent impaired! For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

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, JANUARY 19

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.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

Cronies Social Club Mid-Month dinner. The place is the Royal Mandarin Buffet at 3857 Oracle (In the old Po Folks Building). 6:30 p.m. Please call Bill at 297-3794 for head count.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A fun evening devoted to British comedy series. Three episodes from your favorite series: "Absolutely Fabulous," "Fawlty Towers," and "Keeping Up Appearances." For directions and reservations, please call Loren at 733-0072.

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 9-9-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 Star. Complimentary hot dogs.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Pool Tournament 2pm with Zippelman.

Beer Bust 2-7 pm \$1.50 Pitchers, 75¢ a glass. Free burgers 2-7. Karaoke hits hosted by Billy Dee. Stonewall opens at 9pm, hot sounds with Rayman.

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

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. 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. 9pm 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 BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7 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 Dee. \$1.00 off drinks to singers.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Doc's Dart Tournament 8:00 in the Eagle. Miller & Miller Lite \$1.75 Cuervo Gold \$2 after 8pm.

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

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - 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. 8 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tournament. 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 9pm 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. Liquoration 7 to 10 pm.

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

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

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - 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 Hits. \$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. Dancemix with Rayman and Eduardo in the Stonewall which opens at 9:00pm.

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

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - 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 1/2 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.

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

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Country/Western Dance Party with Billy Dee.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Hors d'oeuvres 5pm. Wear a Stonewall/Eagle T-shirt and receive 1/2 price all night.

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

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Hi energy dance music from 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

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

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Piña Colodas \$3. Dance Music Mix 9-1.

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmeor Building). Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

Lesbian and Gay youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 837-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

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

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Footfalls Church, Swan and River Road. Room 32. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

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

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday 3 to 5 pm at St. Francis in The Footfalls for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1208 for more info.

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

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

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 2543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85632.

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

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

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

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

THE JOHN HANTEN MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 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 Partl 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.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3200.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 8 weeks. 694-7063.

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

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

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6676 or 327-4295.

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.

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SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-9602.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Paul X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Decimo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie 721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

COCAINE ANONYMOUS

"The Fruits of Sobriety" particularly for Gays and Lesbians (but everyone is welcome) meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Hotline: (520)328-2211

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 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 Ernest 322-6057 (evetnet@ix.netcom.com)

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyanc@theriver.com and request guidelines.

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast each 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. This show alternates with "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show.

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COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (602)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

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

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

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

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Etl 581-8350 or Ronn 968-2384.

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

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Art (520)762-9155.

LIGHTING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7258.

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

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

"AT EASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. 300 E. 6th St.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

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

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

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

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

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 298-9063.

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

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If you are a Latine man who is having sex with other men and you want to help us to support and expand our programs for Latinos, call for a confidential interview at 322-6226 and ask for Ernesto. 698

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U.S. Briefs

NEW YORK, NY (NP) - Marriage loss in New York state appeal...councilmember who championed Michigan town's anti-discrimination law comes out...protections signed in Ohio city.

New York's lawsuit for same-gender marriage, brought by Gay male couple Phillip and Toshav Storrs of Ithaca, saw their case thrown out by a five-judge panel of the New York Appellate Division.

The judges believe the lawsuit should have named as the defendant the state Department of Health, which has authority over the issuing of marriage licenses, rather than the Ithaca city clerk, who actually denied a license to the men.

Although the Ithaca government was sympathetic to the couple, passing a resolution calling on the state to extend equal marriage rights to Lesbians and Gays, the city has held right along that it had no authority to do anything except follow the rules of the state regarding the marriage license.

The Storrs said they would have to consult with their attorneys in deciding whether to make a further appeal or to refile the lawsuit naming the Department of Health. . . .

Ypsilanti, Michigan has a coda to the hard-fought enactment of its new anti-discrimination law protecting 14 categories including Gays and Lesbians: one of the City Councilmembers who supported the new law has identified herself to the media as a Lesbian.

Five-year Councilmember Pam Cuthbert, speaking at a fund raiser for the ordinance, said, "I'm Gay and I'm proud."

UPDATE

She hadn't really expected it to be her public coming-out; she considered the event to be a private affair, and believed that all present already knew of her orientation.

But soon word was out, and so she agreed to discuss her orientation for the first time in a series of media interviews. She told reporters that, "To me, [my sexual orientation] is a non-issue," she said. "To everyone it should be a non-issue. The fact that people want to make it an issue strengthens the need for the ordinance."

Cuthbert had not spoken sooner out of a belief that her personal orientation was irrelevant to the ordinance she helped to draft, explaining that, "To have said I was Gay, I would have become the focus. I would have been the red herring. This is not about me. I didn't want to be - and don't want to be now - the focus of what is right or not right about this ordinance."

Her constituents' reaction to the news may help her decide whether or not to seek re-election in 1998. . . .

Athens, Ohio Mayor Ric Abel announced that he had signed into law a bill prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations.

HATE IS NOT A FAMILY VALUE

World Briefs.....

LONDON, UK (NP) - British Home Office asks Tatchell's advice...100-year-old Indian hermaphrodite Honored...Canada's Robinson takes a fall...Elton officially knighted...Mexican AIDS activist Silva dies.

Britain's Home Office minister Mike O'Brien publicly asked for input from Peter Tatchell, leader of the direct action group OutRage!, for amendments to the Crime and Disorder Bill as it relates to hate-motivated violence.

The two will be meeting this month, but the government will not make any commitment to action on the issue until a detailed proposal can be reviewed. The Crime and Disorder Bill is also expected to be the means by which the government again raises the question equalizing the age of consent for Gay male sex acts with that for heterosexual and Lesbian acts. . . .

In Sehore, India, a hijra leader was honored by thousands during a somewhat premature 10-day celebration of her death. Often referred to as eunuchs, the hijra include not only castrated men, but also effeminate Gay men and hermaphrodites.

The celebrant known as Munnijaan is a hermaphrodite about 100 years old who has long led a group of several hundred hijra, managing its finances and property. Munnijaan very much enjoyed the colorful processions and feasts in her honor, reasoning that at her age, she could die any day.

The celebration began with about

700 hijra but was ultimately joined by several thousand local residents. ...

Openly Gay Canadian Member of Parliament Svend Robinson was injured in a hiking accident on property he recently acquired on Galiano Island (40 miles from Vancouver). He fell off an embankment, sustaining a broken jaw and a broken ankle, and then had to crawl to another resident's home before being water-taxed to the nearest hospital.

He was later transferred to Vancouver Hospital, where he was reported on the mend and in good spirits. ...

It's finally official: as widely leaked previously, there's a knighthood for openly Gay singer-songwriter Elton John with the official publication of Britain's annual New Year's Honours List, although the formal investiture at Buckingham Palace won't be until later this year.

The citation was awarded "for services to music and for charitable services." John released a statement saying that, "My joy at now receiving this great new honor is immeasurable" and that "I am particularly delighted that this honour shows an appreciation of all the hard work of everyone connected with the Elton John Aids Foundation, and the many other HIV/AIDS organisations and charitable causes with which I am pleased to be associated."

The "Candle in the Wind 97" John sang at the funeral for Diana, Princess of Wales, has already paid \$32-million into her memorial charitable trust. ...

Leading Mexican AIDS activist Ruben Perez Silva has died. He was a founder and leader of the LesBiGay rights group Accion Humana por la Comunidad, as well as helping to create the nation's first AIDS "buddy" program Amigos Acompañantes.

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