

Supreme Court Allows Same-Sex Harassment Suits

WASHINGTON (RNS) — The U.S. Supreme Court ruled for the first time that same-sex harassment lawsuits can be brought under a 1964 civil rights law barring discrimination in the workplace.

In a unanimous ruling, the nation's highest court reversed a 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling barring such claims. Instead, the Supreme Court said there was no language in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that prohibits men from suing men or women from suing women for sexual harassment on the job.

The case before the court involved Joseph Oncale, a Louisiana oil rig worker employed in 1991 by Sundowner Offshore Services Inc. He alleged he was sexually assaulted, battered, touched and threatened with rape by his direct supervisor and another supervisor.

The lawsuit was dismissed on appeal, but the Supreme Court ruling reinstated it.

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.

"We see no justification in the statutory language or our precedents for a categorical rule excluding same-sex harassment claims from the coverage of Title VII," said Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, who wrote the court's opinion.

He said that some courts have observed that male-on-male sexual harassment in the workplace was not the "principal evil" Congress was concerned with when it enacted Title VII. However, Scalia pointed out that statutory prohibitions "often go beyond the principal evil to cover reasonably comparable evils."

Scalia wrote that Title VII prohibits discrimination because of sex in the "terms" or "conditions" of employment.

"Our holding that this includes sexual harassment must extend to sexual harassment of any kind that meets the statutory requirements," Scalia wrote.

He said that the law prohibiting harassment on the basis of sex requires "neither asexuality nor androgyny in the workplace; it forbids only behavior so objectively offensive as to alter the 'conditions' of the victims' employment."

Scalia emphasized, however, that in same-sex claims, like other harassment cases, there must be careful consideration of the social context in which particular behavior occurs and how it is viewed by the target.

working environment is not severely or pervasively abusive, for example, if the coach smacks him on the buttocks as he heads onto the field — even if the same behavior would reasonably be experienced as abusive by the coach's secretary (male or female) back at the office."

Scalia said the real impact of behavior often depends on a "constellation of surrounding circumstances, expectations, and relationships that cannot be captured by a simple recitation of the words used or the physical acts performed."

He said courts will use "common sense" and "appropriate sensitivity" to distinguish between "simple teasing or roughhousing among members of the same sex" or behavior that could be viewed by a reasonable person to be "severely hostile or abusive."

Justice Clarence Thomas wrote a one-paragraph concurring opinion. "I concur because the Court stresses that in every sexual harassment case, the plaintiff must plead and ultimately prove Title VII's statutory requirement that there be discrimination 'because of ... sex'," Thomas wrote.

Oncale's lawyer Nicholas Canaday of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, said he was delighted with the ruling and would start preparing for a trial that could take place by the end of the year.

"Our prize is that we now get to prove it (harassment). It's not an ending, it's a beginning," he said.

The ruling was also hailed by civil rights groups.

"We think it's a great decision. It really says that Lesbians and Gay men are part of American society and are subjected to the same rules and protections in the workplace as everyone else," said Matt Coles, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Lesbian and Gay rights project in New York.

Beatrice Dohrn, legal director of the New York-based Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a Lesbian and Gay men civil rights group, agreed.

The Oncale lawsuit alleged a co-worker assisted in one of three attacks by physically restraining him and that the supervisors made sexually harassing remarks. One supervisor allegedly told Oncale, "I'm going to get you. You're going to give it to me."

Oncale said he twice reported the situation to his employer's highest-ranking representative on the job site, but no

Eighth Annual Saguaro Regional Rodeo, March 20 - 22

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) — Cowboys, cowgirls, their friends and supporters will converge on the Old Pueblo for the 1998 Saguaro Regional Rodeo, March 20-22.

This marks the eighth year of the event -- hosted by the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) - Tucson chapter. The Saguaro Regional Rodeo is also sponsored by Lite Beer from Miller and the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA).

Tucson's rodeo is being held at Old Tucson Studios' Rodeo Grounds, 201 South Kinney Road. Rodeo parties and the awards banquet are being held at the Rodeway Inn, 1365 West Grant Road, (Grant Road & I-10).

According to Terry Delaney, president of AGRA-Tucson, this marks a return to Old Tucson Studios after a run at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds.

Over 100 contestants from across the United States and Canada will be competing for the buckles given to the winners of the rodeo events.

Is the competition the sole purpose of the rodeo? Terry Delaney said that is not the sole purpose of the Saguaro Regional Rodeo; raising funds for charities is one of the main functions of the event.

"After the costs of the rodeo, the remaining funds are donated to a local non-profit organization," Delaney stated. He added that local organizations, such as the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), the Shanti Foundation and Brewster House received donations from AGRA-Tucson from past rodeos.

This year's Rodeo Grand Marshals are Jim and Elaine Cooper.

AIDS Walk fund raisers; integral members of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) are just some of the communities activities Jim and Elaine have done for the Tucson Gay, Lesbian and HIV/AIDS Community.

Jim Cooper was a former Board member of the Shanti Foundation -- instrumental in getting the former AIDS Service Organization (ASO) into the location now housing Wingspan.

Elaine Cooper currently serves on the Town of Tortolita Council -- fighting the legal challenges to preserve their 1997 incorporation as a municipality. She was reelected to another term on the Town Council after the recent election in Tortolita held this week.

With the rodeo being held at Old Tucson, will this be the only event going

on at the studio-park?

Terry Delaney said that the park attractions will be open as well during the competition. He said that people should look for the discount ticket coupon in The Observer or at Old Tucson.

Old Tucson Studios is offering a special exchange ticket which will offer a \$3 discount off the regular admission price of \$14.95 per day.

A two-day pass will be offered for \$19.90 which includes admission to the rodeo as well as full Old Tucson Studios park Admissions. Coupons must be presented at the gate to obtain the discount.

After the events, Delaney added, the park will close. AGRA-Tucson have events scheduled at the host hotel for the competitors and lovers of rodeo.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

6:00 - 9:00 P.M. — Registration at the Rodeway Inn.
7:00 - 1:00 A.M. — Saguaro Regional Rodeo Kick-off Dance - Hotel Event Center.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

7:30 A.M. — Staff Meeting.
8:00 A.M. — Contestants Meeting.
8:30 A.M. — Morning Rodeo Performance.
Noon — Grand Entry.
1:00 P.M. — Afternoon Performance.
7:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M. — Evening Hoedown - Hotel Event Center.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

7:30 A.M. — Staff Meeting.
8:00 A.M. — Contestants Meeting.
8:30 A.M. — Morning Rodeo Performance.
Noon — Grand Entry.
1:00 P.M. — Afternoon Performance.
7:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M. — Awards Ceremony and Dance - Hotel Events Center.

[Event times subject to change. Rodeo times are subject to change as needed.]

According to the AGRA-Tucson promotional flyer, the evening dances are open to all guests age 21 and over. A photo I.D. will be required for the cash bar at the Old Tucson Studio rodeo grounds and for the dances.

For more information contact AGRA-Tucson, (520) 323-0805.

UPDATE

Ex-TPD Officer Gets Back Pay

TUCSON — The City of Tucson will pay off a cop fired for homophobic remarks to avoid litigation.

Joseph Hite was fired from the Tucson, Arizona police force in July 1996 for making homophobic remarks about a supervisor, even after having been warned to stop, and a year ago that termination was upheld by the Civil Service Commission — but the city agreed to pay Hite \$55,000 in back pay and legal fees.

The settlement further retroactively reinstated Hite, adding another 18 months towards pension benefits, so that he could resign for "personal reasons" effective January 4, while the city promised not to tell his prospective future employers why he quit or in any way interfere with his state law enforcement certification.

Hite agreed to drop both a lawsuit against the city and an appeal to the Civil Service Commission, proceedings which apparently had some merit as a result of a procedural error in the earlier Commission review. Neither side admits to any wrongdoing. Although Police Chief Douglas Smith stands by the decision to fire Hite, the city was seeking to "avoid the expense and inconvenience of litigation."

April 25th 'Prom' Cancelled

TUCSON — The "Prom that Time Forgot," a fund raiser for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), scheduled for April 25 has been canceled.

SAAF stated that higher than anticipated costs means the event wouldn't meet its primary goal.

According to a written statement

released by SAAF, "if they had continued with the event, it would mean that dollars raised would only go to pay for the event — not to provide services for clients of SAAF and education for the community. SAAF feels the tough decision to cancel this event is the right one. SAAF appreciates the interest and support of everyone involved in the event to date."

Dave Huff and Frank Schepis of IBT's and the Graduate and Terry Miller of La Cocina have generously agreed to host the Third Annual La Cocina Dinner & Auction on April 25, 6:00 P.M. The La Cocina Dinner is a fund raiser for SAAF.

The patio at La Cocina is the perfect setting for an evening of entertainment, dinner and an incredible live auction. Tickets are \$25 and are available at SAAF, La Cocina and IBT's. Call Matthew Palmer of SAAF, (520) 322-6226, for more information.

Film Fest '98 Seeks New Committee Members

TUCSON — A reminder that Saturday, March 14, 1:00 P.M., at Wingspan — 300 East Sixth Street is the first official meeting for the Wingspan 1998 Gay & Lesbian Film Festival.

Persons interested in joining the production of this project are cordially invited to attend. New people are needed in all areas such as film selection and review, production coordination, press and promotion, fund raising and to provide new ideas and perspectives.

If you are interested in becoming involved, or know someone who might be, please pass on the word. If you cannot attend the meeting at Wingspan or would like further information, contact John Potter at Wingspan, 624-1779.

Renowned Soloist Returns For Concert At MCC

TUCSON — Back by popular demand, the Reverend Delores P. Berry of Philadelphia, PA will be in concert once again at Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), Saturday, March 28, 7:30 P.M.

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

A love offering for Rev. Berry's ministry will be received. If you didn't get to enjoy Rev. Berry's ministry when she visited Tucson this past September, you will not want to miss this opportunity. Water of Life MCC is located at 3269 North Mountain Avenue. For more information, call (520) 292-9151.

HIV Update Wed. March 18

TUCSON — A community forum on HIV will take place, Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 - 8:30 P.M., at St. Mary's Hospital, 1601 West St. Mary's Hospital (Century Room).

A review of the current state of HIV management and an update on new advances in treatment are the topics of the forum. The event will be facilitated by Dr. Kevin Carmichael, M.D. and Dr. Kelly Vollmer, M.D. of El Rio Immunology Associates; Dr. Deborah Goldsmith, M.D. of the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center - Special Immunology Program and; Dr. Leonard Ditmanson, M.D. of Kino Community Hospital.

For more information, contact the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, (520) 322-6226.

St. Francis Support Group Welcomes You

TUCSON — You are invited to the St. Francis Discussion/Support Group.

The group is there for all of us to be a safe place for discussion and support of issues in our lives. The group also offers participants a sense of community and a place to make lasting friendships.

This drop-in group meets on Thursday evenings, 7:30 - 9:00 P.M. at St. Francis in the Foothills Church (NW corner of Swan & River Road) in room 43.

This community-serving group is an outreach of St. Francis, a Reconciling Congregation, accepting all people regardless of sexual orientation. For more information please contact Brian K., 882-4726 or Davey, 886-1208.

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action was taken to halt or punish it. He then quit.

The company, the two supervisors and the co-worker all denied that any harassment took place. Their lawyers called the activity "horseplay" at an all-male work site.

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by Scott Weidamoyer

We have been so busy getting the last minute items together and in check for this year's rodeo. This last week has been hell, since Raul and I have been putting the finishing touches on the rodeo program, but needless to say, it is off to print and out of our sight! It is gonna look really good though.

I am really excited about the rodeo this year! The weekend of March 20-22 is less than two weeks away, as of press time, and I just can't believe that all year long we work so hard to put this weekend together and just that fast, it is all over. I really hope that we get a lot of supporters and rodeo fans at the rodeo this year. There are a lot of people that have put a lot of work into the rodeo this year. There is no better payment for these people than to walk away from the rodeo weekend knowing that it was a success, people had a great time and more than anything, they can't wait to do it all over again next year.

The Board of Directors and General Membership of AGRA-Tucson takes great honor in introducing the Grand Marshalls for the 1998 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. AGRA-Tucson is proud to introduce Jim and Elaine Cooper as this year's Grand Marshalls.

Jim and Elaine first made themselves known at a fund raiser that a former Mr. AGRA contestant held to benefit PFLAG. They were representatives for PFLAG at the function and at the same time showed their support for AGRA with a few two-steps. This fund raiser was the beginning of Jim and Elaine's relationship, friendship and knowledge of who and what AGRA was about. At the same time, AGRA began to know more about who Jim and Elaine were and the commitment they have to the Tucson community.

Jim and Elaine began volunteering for PACT, TAP and Shanti and were always willing to show their support for the organizations through their hard work and dedication. Jim served on the Board of Directors for Shanti and was very instrumental in the move of Shanti's move to the Sixth Avenue location, now the home of Wingspan. Jim and Elaine have volunteered at AIDS Walk and have even created a team of walkers called "Cooper's Troopers." Their time has been given to OUToberFEST, working tables and show-

ing their support of the Gay/Lesbian Community and all of the other organizations they have worked with and supported throughout the years.

More recently, Jim and Elaine started a group called "Family to Family," a support group for family members who have or have lost children and loved ones to HIV/AIDS. This group has helped many families understand and cope with their loss, by listening and showing their unconditional love and compassion.

AGRA is proud to have such a loving and caring couple as this year's Grand Marshalls and we appreciate their support in the 1998 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. To Jim and Elaine, our hats off to you, we hope that you enjoy the weekend and wish the best to both of you!

AGRA-Tucson's next Board and General Membership meeting is Sunday, March 15 at IBT's on the patio - Board at 3:00 P.M. and Membership at 5:00 P.M. Please feel free to contact us with any issues or questions you may have through the AGRA Office or via e-mail at AGRA-Tucson@psn.net. Remember one thing, support your community and always keep your pride and play safe in the saddle!

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This will be the group's second appearance in the historical venue. Four musical theatre students from Arizona Repertory Theatre will join the chorus in dance.

Daniel Yurgaitis, theatre professor and choreographer from the University of Arizona, choreographed the performance. Yurgaitis is a seasoned director of musicals whose work has received glowing reviews across the country.

This is the second collaboration for Yurgaitis and Artistic Director Keith Koster. The two worked together on ART's production of "Dragons" last season.

"Our collaboration has been an exciting one! The chorus has had lots of fun getting ready for this show!" stated Koster. "Our audiences are in for a visual

delight!"

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For the second half of the production, the chorus relives some of the greatest moments in pop dance music history, from disco to hip-hop. The music of ABBA, Janet and Michael Jackson, Aretha Franklin, and Gloria Estefan and Miami Sound Machine and Kirk Franklin's "Stomp!" will have people dancing in the aisles!

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

For more information or to order tickets by phone, call DV at (520) 791-9662. Visa/Mastercard accepted.

Judge Defies Appeals Decision

RICHMOND, VA (AP) — Sharon Bottoms, a Lesbian mother who lost custody of her son to her mother, will not be allowed to visit the 6-year-old child in the presence of her lover. The ruling, handed down by Circuit Judge Buford M. Parsons Jr., was in apparent disregard to instructions given the court by the Virginia Court of Appeals.

Bottoms and her long-term partner, April Wade, won a bittersweet victory last July when the state appeals court overturned Parsons' decision to bar Wade from contact with Bottom's 5-year-old

son. The judge told Bottoms in August of 1996 she could lose what limited visitation rights she had if the boy so much as spoke with Wade.

In the ruling issued, Judge Parsons consented to lengthened visitations for Bottoms and her son, Tyler Doustou, but continued a ban on contact between the boy and Wade.

The judge gave no explanation for the ruling, which comes after an appeals court order to reconsider visitation rules on the grounds that it was wrong to bar

contact solely because of Ms. Wade's sexual orientation.

Kent Willis, director of the state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, said Parsons' ruling is "in outright defiance" of the appeals court order.

"I don't see anything in the order explaining the basis of the ruling," said Donald K. Butler, the lawyer for Ms. Bottoms. "The ruling is in essence the same ruling that he made before."

Bottoms abandoned a bitter three-year battle against her mother, Kay Bottoms, for custody of her son Tyler in

August 1996. Her move angered supporters that had rallied nationwide to her defense, but she said her concerns were with her boy, not the cause her fight represented. In an effort to end the pitched battle, Bottoms asked Circuit Judge Parsons for expanded visitation rights.

Judge Parsons responded by ordering Bottoms' lover Wade to vacate their shared residence during periods of visitation. Many labeled the judge's action a vindictive slap against Bottoms and her attempt to end the dispute. They said it was further evidence of the judge's anti-Gay prejudice displayed throughout the custody dispute.

Two Wealthy Gays Found Dead In Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, Mexico (WS) — Mexico City police said the body of another wealthy Gay American man living in Mexico city had been found dead in his home. According to news reports it was the second such discovery in two days.

Mexican authorities said 51-year-old Joseph Edward Anisz Poston was found dead in his home in a wealthy district of the capital. Authorities said he had been dead for more than two weeks and was found with his genitals cut off and a knife nearby. The Mexico City prosecutor's office said the cause of death had not yet been determined.

Mexico's state-owned news agency Notimex reported that Poston lived alone in the elegant Lomas de Chapultepec district and that women's wigs and clothing were found in his home. Authorities said he was Gay and that people who knew him said he had been depressed recently.

The other murder, the body of William Markely Nixon, aged between 55 and 60, was found on the balcony of his

luxury "Cuernavaca ranch" with 10 stab wounds to his body and neck.

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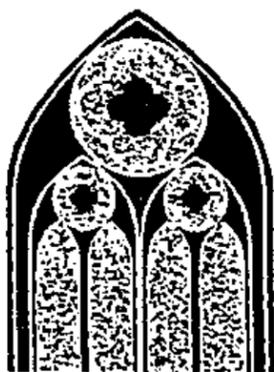


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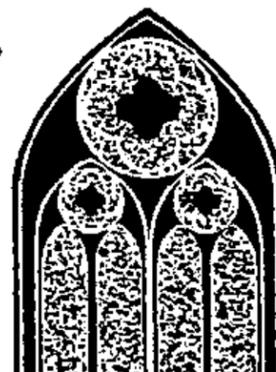
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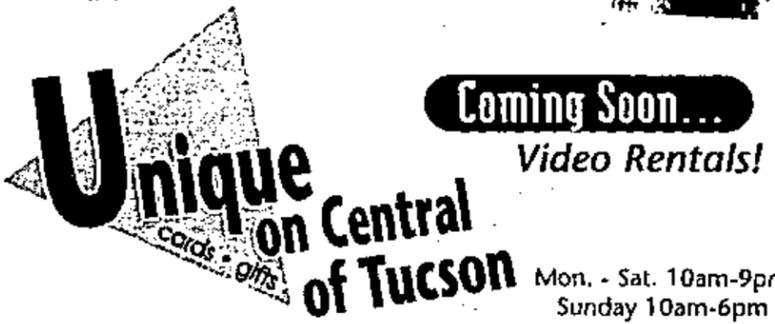
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U.S. Hate Crimes Up

WASHINGTON, DC (WS) -- Crime in general is decreasing in the U.S., but homophobic attacks -- like organized hate groups -- are on the rise again.

The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP) released its fourth annual compilation of statistics on hate crimes from 14 participating venues, "Anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, HIV Violence in 1997."

Although this is some of the best data available on the scope and nature of homophobic attacks in the U.S., based on reports by victims to their local service programs -- many of whom do not report to law enforcement -- its value for purposes of quantitative comparison is limited (because, for instance, a public service announcement running in the media can cause a transient increase in reports received at a given site).

Nonetheless, a reported overall increase of 2% (from 2,399 incidents in 1996 to 2,445 incidents in 1997) stands in stark contrast to a sharp nationwide drop in serious crimes more generally.

To some degree NCAVP's statistics are supported by findings released the same day from the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Report that organized hate groups (including primarily racist and anti-Semitic groups) may have increased their numbers by one-fifth in 1997.

The Department of Justice has yet to issue law enforcement's compilation of hate crimes reporting for 1997, but showed an increase from 7,947 incidents in 1995 to 8,759 in 1996 (some of which is attributable to increased reporting to the FBI by police agencies).

NCAVP particularly underscores two findings: sharp increases in reports both of anti-Gay violence committed by law enforcement officers (up 76% from 266 in 1996 to 468 in 1997, plus an 83% increase in attacks committed in police stations and jails) and of anti-Gay attacks committed against non-Gays (up by 36%).

Of the law enforcement reports, Jeffrey Montgomery of Detroit's Triangle Foundation said, "It is extremely disturbing that more and more people are suffering homophobic violence at the hands of the police, the very people who are entrusted with ensuring the safety of all citizens."

Of the homophobic attacks on non-Gays, Christine Quinn of New York City's Gay & Lesbian Anti-Violence Project said, "This underscores the fact that hate crimes are crimes of perception. Victims are chosen not necessarily because they are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or HIV+, but because the perpetrator perceives them to be." (The same can be said of anti-Gay discrimination, although civil rights opponents never acknowledge it.) Quinn continued, "No one is safe from hate crimes. It is in everyone's interest to stop this epidemic of hate."

As usual, there was tremendous variation among the reports from the various locales; the change from 1996 to 1997 total incidents reported varied from a decrease of 49% in Chicago to an increase of 77% in Phoenix, Arizona.

Six of the fourteen venues reported decreases in total incidents, while eight reported increases.

In order of total incidents reported in 1997, the tracking programs were New York City (658 incidents, up 14% from 575 incidents in 1996), San Francisco (402, down 3% from 415 -- this figure actually represents 322 within the city limits and the rest from scattered locales in Northern California), Los Angeles (350, down 12% from 396), Massachusetts (228, up 42% from 161 -- this figure includes 80 within the Boston City limits), Columbus, Ohio (206, up 11% from 186), El Paso, Texas (145, down 18% from 176), Detroit, Michigan and Washington, DC (both 120, up 3% from 116), Phoenix, Arizona (60, up 77% from 34), California Central Coast area (56, up 53% from 30), St. Louis, Missouri (51, up 16% from 44), Chicago (49, down 49% from 96), Virginia (40, down 27% from 55), and Cleveland, Ohio (25, up 39% from 18).

Hate murders counted by NCAVP dropped to 18 in 1997 from 27 in 1996, but bombings and bomb threats jumped by 67% (not including the highly-publicized bombing of Atlanta, Georgia's The Other-side Lounge, because there is no cooperating anti-violence program there). Reported incidents include a wide range of activities, from graffiti and verbal abuse through brutal physical violence.

More than a third of the cases involved harassment, either verbal or by mail or phone. About one-fifth involved assault, and close to a third intimidation. Some single incidents involve more than one assailant and/or more than one victim.

One interesting finding in San Francisco was that the Castro, world-famous as a Gay center, was not the leading location for anti-Gay assaults for the first time in the 19 years that Community United Against Violence has been tracking. Of five areas in the city, the Castro was actually tied with Polk Street for the least number of assaults (25), while the Mission District led with twice as many. Twenty-five was also the number of assaults on public transit in San Francisco, with a Muni driver having been the abuser in one highly publicized case.

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Reveille's 'Prayers For Bobby' Concert March 14-15

TUCSON -- This Saturday night and Sunday afternoon, Reveille Gay Men's Chorus will present "Prayers For Bobby: For Love and For Life."

A choral work by Jay Kawarski based upon the book by the same name, the performances will be at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday and 3:30 P.M. on Sunday at the Center for the Arts Proscenium Theatre, Pima Community College - West Campus, 2202 West Anklam Road.

Proceeds from the concert will go towards a grant for Wingspan's new Gay Youth Leadership Project, which intends to use the funds to send local Gay and Lesbian youth to a leadership conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, later this year.

A "Meet the Composer" forum will be held Saturday, March 14, 7:00 P.M., when Mr. Kawarski, who is also the Artistic Director of New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus, will discuss aspects of the composition and will be available for questions.

In support of the concert, San Francisco artist, James Groleau, has sent six original works of art which belong to a series titled, "Sinners and Sodomites."

These thought-provoking images - beautifully framed by Leapin' Lizards Customs Framing - are on display at the Wingspan Gallery through this Friday and will be in lobby of the Proscenium Theatre for both shows.

The works depict religious conservatism, family rejection and other aspects of male homosexuality. Five of the six pencil drawings which the artist

created as a response of anger to his family's own conservative religious beliefs. Mr. Groleau has graciously requested that one-half of all sales of these works also be included in the Wingspan grant.

Congressman Jim Kolbe, R-AZ, heartily endorses this project, saying "I encourage you to show your strongest support for these two organizations who are the focus of this event - the Reveille Gay Men's Chorus and Wingspan. They deserve it; these young people deserve it. We can save lives and provide a turning point for many other lives."

James Gall, Reveille's Artistic Director, describes the concert as a Gay affirmation. "The first half of the program," says Gall, "features music that affirms Gay and Lesbian people and same-gender relationships."

Included will be songs by Stephen Sondheim ("Everybody Says Don't," and "Our Time"), Scott Henderson ("Diversity"), Larry Moore ("Love Lives On"), Eric Helmuth ("Finally Here") and Ann Hampton Callaway ("Sing Out").

A 13-piece orchestral ensemble, soloists and narrator will join the men of Reveille for "Prayers For Bobby," which is the second half of the concert.

Gail Fitzhugh will narrate the part of Bobby's mother, Mary Griffith, who, following the suicide of her son at age 20 because of his inability to come to terms with his religious upbringing and being Gay, began a search for answers. Answers to questions like, "Why had God not cured Bobby of his homosexuality?" "What did she do that was so wrong?" "How could she have prevented her son's

tragic death?"

In addition to Reveille's Principle Accompanist, David Craig, on piano, the orchestra will include instrumentalists with the Tucson Symphony, from the University of Arizona and other community orchestras in the Tucson area. Soprano Elena Todd and tenor Wayne "Sandy" Glass will be featured soloists.

Alan McLaughlin, president of the Reveille Board, said, "We are very thankful for the many businesses and individuals who have given their moral and financial support to this project. Because of their generosity, most of our production costs have been underwritten and that will allow us to award a larger-than-anticipated grant to Wingspan. We feel very strongly that the Gay Youth Leadership Project will help prevent future instances of Gay teen suicide. If Bobby Griffith had had such a program available to him during his teen years, he would very likely be alive today."

Advance tickets are \$12 and may be purchased at Antigone Books, Rainbow Planet Coffee Shop, Tucson Trunk and Unique on Central. Two dollars from each advance ticket will be donated equally to PFLAG, TIHAN, BGALA and SAAF. At the door, tickets are \$15 (\$12 for students and seniors). The performance will be sign interpreted and wheelchair accessible.

The 40-member Reveille Gay Men's Chorus is a not-for-profit community choral arts organization whose mission is "to present Gay-positive performances which exemplify the diversity of our members and show the pride we take in our singing and our being Gay."

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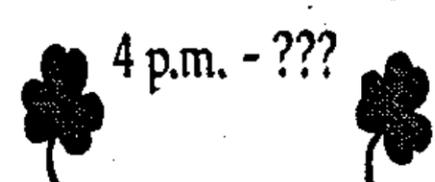
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If Sen. Tom Patterson, R-Phoenix, and the Arizona Medical Association get their way, (Get? When!), being tested for HIV in Arizona could wreck your life? Could? Will!

They're pushing SB 1261, which would allow caregivers to obtain oral consent for HIV testing. This measure would dismantle the last vestiges of the 1990 AIDS Omnibus Act -- which required hospitals to use written permission forms for HIV testing of patients.

This is not a broken record, it's soon to be reality! SB 1261 sailed through the State Senate last week, by a vote of 27-3. All Southern Arizona Senators voted in favor of Patterson's bill.

But wait, the bill was amended in the State Senate slightly...and I mean slightly! It won't be mandatory to note the patients verbal approval for testing in their medical records. Like they won't!

What about the patient's right confidentiality? According to state and county health officials, "The guidelines aren't always followed..." Surprise!

The bill now goes to the House where it has been assigned to the Health Committee for consideration. No hearings have been scheduled for SB 1261 as of press time.

Patterson's "companion" bill, SB 1037, the "Good Samaritan" act is still awaiting hearings by the House Health Committee.

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SB 1037 would force the Department of Health Services to release confidential medical information - to "good Samaritans" who fear a "significant exposure risk" to a communicable disease, such as HIV -- the only one listed and defined in the bill -- at an accident scene.

Due to the Legislature trying to find a solution for the state's education funding crisis, HB 2396, which would knowing transmitting the HIV virus a Class 3 felony is on hold. Capitol sources still expect this bill to pass.

Where were the Democrats and moderate Republicans on these bills? Forget it! Election year, run for the hills!

From HIV to regulating cleavage?! Bad transition aside, SB 1162 which alleged gives counties more power to regulate "adult oriented" business, (Sure!), took another "silicone step" towards becoming law.

The House Government Reform and States Rights Committee approved SB 1162 this past week by a 7-0, two not voting and two absent vote. The measure would forbid the showing of cleavage below the areola of the breast. Where's that anatomy book?!

SB 1162, a waste of taxpayer dollars, is now bounced to the House Rules Committee to cross the "T's" and look at the "A's."

"You're my bitch!" is a statement that former Arizona governor, real-estate phenom and convicted felon, J. Fife Whitewash, R-Nellis Work Facility, will bear next week!

On Tuesday, March 10, U.S. District Court Judge Roger Strand ruled that the Fiferster must report to prison even while his appeal goes through the judicial process. Thirty months await Arizona's "Golden Boy!"

Whitewash's mouthpiece, John Dowd had argued that Fiferama should be free pending appeal because he had received threatening letters which promised to harm Whitewash when he entered "The Big House." Get her!

Right! Letters from pissed off investors from his Southwest Savings?!

Scribblings from the banks he defrauded?! Perhaps notes from those workers whose retirement is blown due Whitewash's swindle of union pension funds for the Mercado?!

Maybe from the "Cardigan" Gang at Nellis?! Or from "Binky," "Biff," and "Tad!" Puh-leeze!

Fife's going to a minimum security facility where prisoners have been

convicted of white-collar crime...like Charlie Keating!

Don't drop the soap Whitewash! Justice may finally get served!

The Attorney General is sworn to uphold the laws of the State of Arizona. Tell that to Sen. John Kaites, R-Phoenix!

Kaites, the boy blunder of the Legislature flouted Arizona's resign-to-run laws by raising \$150k to run for A.G. in 1997. Whoops!

Sen. Kaites formed an "exploratory committee," but didn't announce his candidacy until recently. He was unapologetic, saying he lived within the law.

Right! From the same man who recently said "Gays and Lesbians shouldn't get 'special rights' protecting them from domestic violence."

Enforce laws? Live within the laws? Another reason not to vote for this joker!

So it goes for now kids!

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CONGRESSMAN JIM KOLBE

February 25, 1998

Dear Friends:

It becomes increasingly evident that a significant need in today's American culture is a place for young gay and lesbian people to go when dealing with their own sexuality issues. More often than not, parents and families are not supportive, so they cannot provide guidance or even help in finding support from other sources. Schools, probably the most significant social life for teens, are most likely cautious at best about lending support, fearing negative parental and/or community retaliation. And--with some notable exceptions--many religious denominations do not provide positive support, either.

Where, then, can a gay or lesbian teenager go to get that desperately needed help? The answer--sadly--is nowhere. These young people are left to live in fear of social derision, condemnation by family and friends, and a great deal of pressure to "be straight."

This is why the "Prayers for Bobby" event, presented by Tucson's Reveille Gay Men's Chorus on Saturday, March 14th and Sunday, March 15th, is so important. It's important for its message in the music, i.e., that sexuality, in whatever form with which we were born, is wonderful, positive, and worthy. And it's important because this event will support a wonderful and new Gay Youth Leadership Project recently created by Wingspan. It is through programs such as these that communities can offer an alternative to the despair and loneliness felt by gay and lesbian youth and a place where they can meet other gay and lesbian people -- people who will affirm them for who they are and provide a place to deal with these terribly important issues.

I heartily endorse this project, and I encourage you to show your strongest support for these two organizations who are the focus of this event -- the Reveille Gay Men's Chorus and Wingspan. They deserve it; these young people deserve it. We can save lives and provide a turning point for many other lives.

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G/L Battle Moves To Sacred Ground

NEW YORK, NY (NYT) — The court ruling in New Jersey against the exclusion of Gay men from the Boy Scouts of America has marked a fundamental shift in the battle for Gay civil rights in the U.S.

The ruling illustrated the degree to which the battle for Gay civil rights has shifted from fundamental legal protections in employment and housing to the inclusion of Gay men and women in some of the most conservative institutions in American society.

For many Gay leaders open access to the Scouts, the military, church pulpits or to the institution of marriage licenses is where full participation in American society resides. "There is a symbolism to these things," said Andrew Sullivan. "They're the heartland. They represent, I think, the center of American life."

From the perspective of those who oppose civil rights protections for Gay people, this is precisely where the line needs to be drawn. "It's become a flash point for many Americans," Robert Maginnis of the Family Research Council said. "You're striking at the core of traditionalism and conservatism."

Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign, also characterized the current debate as being fundamentally different from the community's approach earlier in the movement. Early efforts were about "throwing off the shackles of convention" and pushing society to accept difference and diversity.

Now, she says, current approach-

es stress the desires and characteristics that Gay men and Lesbians share with other people. "The Boy Scouts case," says Birch, "is indicative of Gay people wanting to send a message that we are great parents, great role models, enormously responsible with young people."

Victories on issues of Gay parenting and marriage would imply not just social tolerance of homosexuals but something akin to moral approval, which is why the outcome of these battles loom so large for advocates and opponents.

Gay participation in institutions such as the military and marriage would, say advocates, force society to confront its most deep-seated prejudices about Gay people. To say that Gay men and women could serve with honor and courage in the military or that gay couples could be as intimate and devoted to one another strikes at the heart of anti-Gay bias.

"You expect these things to be squeaky clean," Maginnis said of the Scouts, the military and the family. "These are the underpinning social programs or social institutions of the culture."

Sullivan emphasized the boundaries of the debate have fundamentally changed. "The big issue is not that Gay people are a victim class who are being pummeled in employment," Sullivan said. "The big issue is that we're a psychologically battered class, and the battle on that front is greatly enhanced by winning symbolic cultural victories such as the military, Scouts, marriage and the church."

British Age Of Gay Consent Coming

LONDON, UK (NP) — The British government says it's ready to grow up and reform the discriminatory the age of consent for Gay sex.

The British government has agreed for the House of Commons to take

up the question of equalizing the age of consent for Gay sex with that for heterosexual and Lesbian acts before summer recess. An alternate plan would have delayed such a measure's taking effect until 1999.

Equalization was part of the Labour's platform in the May 1997 election that put the party into power, and it's been an official part of the government agenda since September. It's also become part of an agreement reached with the European Court of Human Rights as the government withdrew its opposition to a lawsuit brought by two young Gay men, who had already won a decision from the European Commission on Human Rights that the unequal ages of consent were discriminatory.

The age of consent question is likely to be raised as an amendment from a backbencher to the government's Crime and Disorder Bill, which will move from the House of Lords to the House of Commons within the next three months. In contrast to the last vote on the same question three years ago, when the Gay age of consent was lowered from 21 to 18 but fell 27 votes shy of equalization at 16, equalization is now expected to pass the Commons in a free vote by an overwhelming margin.

Conservative leader William Hague himself supports the bill, but it's expected that many of his party members will oppose it. There was some grousing by those who hope to ban fox-hunting (an issue that inspired a massive pro-fox hunting/pro "country life" demonstration a week ago) that their bill did not get the same procedural treatment as the equalization measure.

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His stand up has been seen nationally on VH1's "Stand Up Spotlight" with Rosie O'Donnell and Comedy Central's third all out Gay and Lesbian comedy special "Out There In Hollywood". He also emceed for Bob Smith and Susanne Westenhoeffer's HBO Half Hour Comedy Specials.

A Gay comic or a comic who's Gay?

"Uh, I'm actually a Gay comic who's Gay. People want to know if I'm gonna be in their face about being Gay. I hope to get in your face, but only if it's funny. I'm a very user-friendly homosexual. Most of my act is about human, not necessarily-Gay specific things that we all experience.

His one man plays, "12 Steps to a More Dysfunctional Family, Part III" and his new comedy, "Freshman Year Sucks!" have played Fringe Festivals from New York City to Edinburgh, Scotland, he was awarded Solo Performer of the Year by the Bay Area Critic's Circle in San Francisco, and has also toured Las Angeles, Santa Monica, Seattle, Palm Springs, Tampa, Houston, Austin, etc.

His newest solo piece "Sophomore Slump" will world premiere in Austin, in August 1998.

Born in Houston, Rob began his performing career with Houston's premiere musical theatre company, Theatre Under The Stars, at the tender age of eleven. By

twelve, his natural flair for musical comedy earned him the role of The Artful Dodger in Oliver!

After weathering the buffets and spitting of 13 years of Catholic school, Rob left the bayou city for Austin where after cramming four years into six and a half, he graduated with a B.A. from the University of Texas.

During those college years in Austin, Rob managed to eke out a living working as a writer and performer doing stand up, music revue (with Esther's Follies), improvisational comedy (with the Cheese Pistols and the Laff Staff), writing editorials, cartoons and features (for the Daily Texan and the Austin Chronicle), teaching Comedy Defense Driving, and substitute teaching for the Austin Independent School District.

Rob's stand up has been seen all across the country at the Improv, the Ice House, Igby's, The Laff Factory, Catch a Rising Star, The Comedy Store, The Punchline, The Comedy Underground, Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint, The Laff Stop and The Velveeta Room.

Rob lives in Los Angeles. He's single! He can be seen this Sunday, March 15th at 9:00 p.m. at IBT's, 616 N. 4th Ave. in Tucson.

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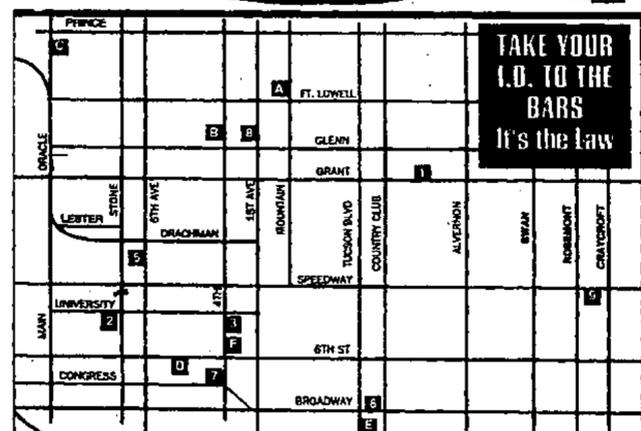
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Glaxo-Wellcome Praised For Reducing Anti-HIV Drug Costs

NEW YORK, NY -- The Treatment Action Group (TAG) praised pharmaceutical giant Glaxo-Wellcome for developing plans to make the anti-HIV drug AZT and 3TC available in the developing world at significantly lower prices in the west.

The company's move follows the release two weeks ago of data showing that four weeks of AZT treatment can halve the rate at which HIV-infected mothers passed the disease to their children.

TAG's Senior Policy Director, Mark Harrington, said, "...Glaxo-Wellcome's decision to make AZT and 3TC available in the developing world at steep discounts is a groundbreaking move towards making anti-HIV therapies in the developing world... This move will bring new hope to HIV infected people everywhere."

Harrington noted that Glaxo also committed itself to providing its antivirals for treatment of HIV infection in a new UN pilot treatment access project.

Odell Mays II, executive director of TAG said, "This collaboration between Glaxo-Wellcome, UNAIDS and developing countries will be a major step towards implementation of useful interventions in the developing world and an important advance in public health efforts..."

In the coming months, TAG will be working with other AIDS advocacy groups in the USA and internationally to speed up access to life-saving AIDS drugs and to encourage donor nations and agencies to support infrastructure growth in developing countries to make these goals a reality.

[The Treatment Action Group (TAG) is the nation's first and only AIDS activist organization dedicated solely to the effort to find effective treatments for AIDS and its associated diseases, as well as a preventive vaccine.]

Mayor's Comments May Boost Attendance at S.C. Pride Fest

MYRTLE BEACH, SC (WS) -- Bob Kuntz, the leader of a Miami-based group called the Oral Majority, thinks he can boost attendance at the 1998 S.C. Gay and Lesbian Pride Festival from 20,000 to as many as 100,000 people, thanks to a statement made by Myrtle Beach Mayor Mark McBride.

"The mayor there is really a wonderful opportunity we have to take advantage of," Bob Kuntz told the Sun News. "The activism going on in South Carolina is really exciting, and my feeling is that if we give the mayor enough rope to hang himself, we can go for 50,000 or 100,000 people at the festival."

Kuntz volunteered to help the local Gay Pride Festivals when news of Mayor McBride's statements made national headlines last week. Allowing the Gay Pride group to use city streets for a private event, McBride said, would set a precedent that would force the city to allow "skinheads," "Black Panthers," abortionists, unions, the KKK and other undesirable organizations to hold similar events.

Myrtle Beach Councilwoman Rachel Broadhurst was one of many critics who labeled McBride's comments as homophobic and prejudicial. She said the Mayor's statements make Myrtle Beach appear to be a "city of bigots."

S.C. Gay rights supporters decided to hold the 1998 march in Myrtle Beach last year, when McBride publicly opposed a Gay bar moving into the downtown-Ocean Boulevard area. "We're going to set our community standards. We don't want this garbage on the Boulevard," McBride was quoted as saying.

McBride remains unapologetic. "If we turn away from what created us, tourists won't come back. What created us is a wholesome family image, he said. "I'm not arguing what [Gay people] say their values are. I'm just saying what the majority of the people want to see. Your sexual preference does not entitle you to special privileges." It's comments such as these that are bolstering the Gay rights movement in Myrtle Beach and surrounding areas, said Kuntz. The Oral Majority's interest and participation in the event seems likely to be repeated by scores of organizations throughout the South.

Agreement Clears Way For DP Benefits In Mass.

BOSTON, MA (BG) -- Massachusetts House Speaker Thomas M. Finneran and Representative Byron Rushing have hammered out an agreement to resurrect Boston's plan to extend health care benefits to Gay and Lesbian partners of municipal employees.

The apparent agreement breaks an impasse that has delayed consideration of the benefits plan for more than a year. The fight pitted the Boston City Council and Gay rights advocates against Mayor Thomas Menino and the city's powerful Catholic community.

In 1996, Mayor Menino infuriated Boston's strong Gay and Lesbian community by refusing to authorize a municipal benefits ordinance. Instead, he put the proposal in the form of a home-rule petition, subject to a state legislative vote. The move was decried by critics as "passing the buck" and an act of political cowardice.

Finneran, a long-time critic of the proposal, now says that if the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court approves the wording, he will allow the state House to vote on it.

Boston City Councilor Thomas M. Keane Jr., who pushed for the domestic partners bill, vowed "If the court rules we can do it, I'll file an ordinance and have the city do it right away."

The deal between Finneran and Rushing comes after the state Senate approved a broader bill earlier this year that not only allows municipalities to give health benefits to domestic partners, but extends coverage to state employees.

The Legislature is generally receptive to home rule petitions from cities and towns. And since the Senate supports extending broader benefits, Rushing says his deal with Finneran gives Boston's home rule petition the best chance yet of passing legislative muster.

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Update On Italian Murders

MILAN, Italy (NP) - Homophobic violence continues in Italy, but authorities have found that the latest murder isn't related to the series of killings in Rome.

A young Gay man in rural Calabria has survived a murderous homophobic assault, but a recent killing in Milan is no longer being considered a "Gay" murder. The Italian national group ArciGay estimates there may be 200 murders of Gays each year nationwide, including a string of eerily similar murders of at least 18 Gay men in Rome since 1990.

The latest victim of homophobic violence in Italy is an unnamed 20-year-old shepherd in the remote village of Africo Nuovo in Calabria, according to a reports. He was abducted and taken to an isolated location where he was beaten with sticks, threatened with a gun, tied up in barbed wire, and hung from a tree. Relatives of the victim's 65-year-old lover had apparently brought the relationship to the attention of the 'Ndrangheta, the Calabrian Mafia, which reportedly abhors homosexuality, and which is being held responsible for the crime.

Two men have been arrested on charges of kidnapping and attempted murder and several other men and a woman are under investigation. The victim was discovered the next morning and is now in hiding.

A suspect's confession apparently has moved the Milan murder of U.S. citizen Gregory Beheydt, chaplain of the Anglican All Saints Church, out of the realm of a number of murders of Gay men with somewhat similar modus operandi. Denis Besirevic, one of two Croatian refugees Beheydt had assisted who were being sought by police for questioning, turned himself in this past weekend and admitted his role in bludgeoning the priest to death, according to a report.

The slaying now appears to have been primarily part of the robbery of more than one million lire from the church treasury. Beheydt had been found tied up in his own apartment (although fully clothed, unlike most of the previous Gay victims) without evidence of forced entry, and erotica was found on the scene.

Court Hears Transsexual Case

BRUSSELS, Belgium (NP) - Two Transpersons have brought their discrimination cases against the British government to Europe's Human Rights Court; the Commission on Human Rights agrees with them, but what will the judges say?

The European Court of Human Rights has begun deliberations as to whether the Human Rights Convention requires recognition of sexual identities altered through reassignment surgery, after hearing arguments this week in the cases of two Britons born male and reassigned as female. The European Commission on Human Rights has already found 15 - 1 that Britain violates the Convention, but that ruling is not binding on the Court.

Although Britain's socialized medicine supports reassignment surgery, the country will not issue new birth certificates showing the reassigned sex and changed name, making it unique among the European nations. This makes it impossible for transsexuals to legally

marry someone of the sex opposite their reassigned one, as well as exposing them to potential discrimination every time they have to show their birth certificates. Although Britain will issue Transsexuals new driver's licenses and passports, the government claims that birth certificates must reflect the historical record of the sex indicated at birth.

The plaintiffs are Kristina Sheffield and Rosa Horsham, both of whom underwent surgery in 1986. Horsham emigrated to the Netherlands, where she has been able to obtain a new birth certificate and plans to marry her male partner, but she is still concerned that if she returns to Britain her marriage will not be recognized.

After reassignment, Sheffield was divorced from the wife whose sex she now shared, and her ex-wife was able to obtain a court order denying her any access to their child. Sheffield says she was fired from her pre-surgery job as a pilot soon after returning to work - although her former employer, Britannia Airlines, says she left "by mutual agreement" - and has been unable to find employment as a pilot ever since.

In fact she says she was told at one job interview, "We have no intention of giving you a job. We just wanted to have a look at you." She believes she will never be able to find work as a pilot as long as her birth certificate shows her as male.

The plaintiffs' case charges that Britain violates the right to "respect for private and family life," viewing the marriage restrictions as interfering with family life and the forced revelation of reassignment when showing birth sex on the birth certificate as an embarrassing privacy violation often resulting in discrimination. Sheffield testified to one such incident - having to show her birth certificate when she applied for car insurance - to illustrate the problem.

Police Accuse Alleged Virginia Gay Serial Killer

CHESAPEAKE, VA (NP) - A man currently on trial for one murder is now officially suspected of being the serial killer who has menaced Virginia's Gay community for over a decade.

Elton Jackson is currently facing trial for the murder of only one man, and has been linked by DNA with another, but last week for the first time a police official made a public statement that Jackson is the best suspect in a string of a dozen murders of Gay men in Virginia's Tidewater area since 1987. Documents made public in the course of the trial, including FBI memos, indicate that Jackson has been the best and in fact only suspect in the serial slayings since August 1996.

The statement came from Chief Richard Justice of the Chesapeake Police Department, the lead agency in the lengthy and massive multi-jurisdictional effort to solve the case he called "exasperating." Police were hampered because the bodies were dumped naked at roadsides, depriving investigators of clues they might have found at the actual scenes of the murders and complicating their work with questions of jurisdiction.

Even Jackson's current prosecution was transferred from Chesapeake to

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World Report

Canada's Army Chief Defends Gays & Women

EDMONTON, Alberta (WS) — Canada's army chief said he has no objection to recruiting women and Gay men for combat roles. "If we maintain our standards, then this will be a win-win situation for everybody," Lieutenant-General Bill Leach said.

Leach was reacting to recent criticism by British Lieutenant-General Sir Hew Pike, who said the Canadian army has surrendered any claim to be a war-fighting force because of political correctness and a more liberal attitude toward accepting Gay men and women in combat roles.

Pike said if an army surrenders to political correctness, "then somewhere downstream, we shall lose a war." He

said Canada's armed forces are "really just a peacekeeping force."

Gen. Leach, a 38-year army veteran, vigorously denied Pike's characterization and said the more expansive recruiting policy will have no effect whatever on the combat readiness of Canadian troops.

"The Canadian military is trying to deal with the diversity of society today," he said. And if the army is part of the larger society from which it draws people, "then you have to be open to those things. It might even make things better in some ways. When you exclude certain people, you exclude everything they can bring to the equation."

Romanian President Inches Toward G/L Reform

BUCHAREST, Romania — Romanian President Emil Constantinescu has pardoned a Lesbian imprisoned under a criminal code which still considers homosexuality a crime, according to documents published.

A list of presidential pardons printed in a Bucharest newspaper included one granted to Marina Cetiner, who had completed two years of a three-year jail sentence for "luring another woman into sexual intercourse."

Adevarul said Constantinescu would be confronted by Dutch protesters denouncing laws which still list homosexuality as a crime punishable, in some cases, by up to five years in prison.

The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) announced last month that President Constantinescu had promised to pardon all prisoners jailed in his country on Lesbian and Gay morals charges.

In 1996, the democratic Rumanian Chamber of Deputies voted overwhelmingly to continue repressive policies against sexual minorities with a blanket ban and mandatory prison terms for people convicted of private sexual relations with members of the same sex.

Amnesty International, IGLHRC, ILGA and other international human rights organizations appealed to the Chamber for tolerance. Strongly worded warnings from the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and Denmark prompted the Romanian parliament to scale back its morals law resulting in article 200. Paragraphs 1 and 5 threaten prison terms for "public homosexual acts" or those "causing a public scandal."

The law is cited frequently in defending periodic raids on Gay establishments or sweeps of Gay areas. Arbitrary beatings, arrests, rape and incarceration of people suspected of being Gay or Lesbian are not uncommon in Romania, according to human rights officials.

Aussie Unsafe Sex Convict Attempts Suicide

SYDNEY, Australia (NP) — The first man convicted under Australia's law prohibiting reckless unprotected sex attempted suicide on the first day of his 8-year sentence.

The man known only as "F," who received an 8-year prison sentence last week after becoming the first HIV+ Australian ever convicted by a jury of reckless endangerment for having unprotected sex, apparently attempted suicide in prison.

Four other inmates cut him down from where he'd hanged himself in a shower, and although he was first reported dead, at the latest report he was still in critical condition.

The incident led to calls from the Opposition in the Victorian state parliament for the government to take over management of the privately run prison, which has had six deaths including three suicides since it began business in August 1997. Previous reports had noted potential for hangings there, but the prison operators say they never promised the entire facility would be "hang proof" and that they had no reason to suspect F was a suicide risk.

In an internationally reported

case, F of Moe was convicted of ten counts of "reckless conduct endangering life" for his sexual relations with three much younger men, two of them intellectually disabled and one only marginally more capable. In no case did he tell his HIV+ status to his partners, whom he bribed with promises of money, a job and an apartment.

Although F maintained that he had always used a condom, the others denied that he ever had, and two became infected, one then passing the virus on to a female partner. F led a double life, one out in the open as a common-law husband, a father, and a businessman, the other secretly as a Gay man. His attorney said AIDS would take F's life before he completed his prison term.

In the course of F's widely-reported trial, one researcher claimed a 30% risk of transmitting HIV even when a condom was used. AIDS activist David Samson, manager of AIDSLINE in Carlton South, responded in a letter to a Melbourne-based newspaper that, "Studies show that the failure rate for properly used condoms that are manufactured to Australian standards is approximately 0.5 per cent."

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by Harold Lackey

In Tucson we need people living with HIV/AIDS to be vigilant and involved in the planning process for services and prevention.

Since I moved here in August '93, I have seen PACT, Shanti and TAP from working at cross-purposes with one another to collaborating with one another to collaborating with one another. In 1993, the Executive Directors as well as the Executive Committees of the three agencies, started meeting on a regular basis. The meeting instituted collaborative working relationships, which in turn better served the Tucson HIV/AIDS community.

In 1997, responding to the needs of their clients and community, PACT, Shanti and TAP merged under the name Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

SAAF continues the traditions of PACT, Shanti and TAP by providing direct services and programs in safe supportive environments that enhance the quality of life for those of us living with and affected by HIV/AIDS; assisting people in avoiding HIV infection and empowering people to lead healthy, productive lives.

Well, SAAF is seven months old

now. Duplication of services have been eliminated. Support services, case management, housing, prevention, education and volunteer opportunities are now under one roof.

As individuals living with HIV/AIDS, it is imperative that we make ourselves available as resources and mentors to our community. We need to be involved. We need to be sitting at every meeting table in town that concerns itself with services to the HIV/AIDS community, including the SAAF Board of Directors and the Pima County HIV/AIDS Care Consortium.

The only way to effect change is to invest ourselves in the future of our community. Service delivery is based on perceived need. If we're not at the table letting our needs to be known, we aren't doing our part to see that our needs are met. SAAF needs HIV+ men and women who want to get involved in the following ways:

Board members; Peer Counselors; Speakers; Volunteer Buddies; Drives for Food for Life and; political advocacy.

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Why A Millennium March On Washington?

by The Rev. Troy D. Perry

I am excited by the strong grassroots support the proposed Millennium March on Washington is receiving, and pleased with the growing number of local, regional and national organizations which are endorsing the "first human rights march of the new millennium."

I warmly welcome the growing number of organizational endorsers, and I also welcome the health debate as some of our national Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered organizations continue to explore their options for participation in this national human rights event.

As a human rights activist with 30 years of experience in the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered communities, I believe the Millennium March on Washington for Equality in April of 2000, is a vital step in consolidating our gains, mobilizing our community, and taking the next step toward justice in the new millennium.

Why do I believe this? Why a Millennium March?

It's already been too long. Seven years will have passed since the last March on Washington. I believe in the value of demonstrating to our nation the strength of our numbers and the passion of our commitment to justice. If we have learned any lesson, it is how quickly and easily our elected officials forget. It's time to remind our government and our nation that millions of her citizens are still denied equality.

The new millennium presents a strategic opportunity. The dawn of a new millennium, by its very nature, heightens society's sensitivity. Commentators, pundits, the press and society at large will be looking for messages and trends for the new millennium. We have an opportunity at this strategic time to move our message

to the forefront.

The year 2000 is a presidential election year. In our society, much of our progress is contingent upon getting the ear, and then the support, of our elected officials. The presence of one million Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered persons is designed to make our voice heard — by Democrat, Republican, Reform and other political party candidates.

In addition to the Millennium March itself, one million Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Americans will have an opportunity to walk the halls of Congress, to meet with their Congresspersons and Senators and to make a compelling and personal case for equality for all citizens.

It will birth a new generation of activists. Each of our previous marches has served to birth new activists. In fact, as with many G/L/B/T organizations, there are several members of my own staff whose first taste of activism came through the previous Marches on Washington. With two years of lead time, we have an opportunity to become intentional about using this Millennium March to inspire and birth new activists who will continue to work toward the dream of equality for all our citizens.

It will energize our movement. I am convinced that this March, along with the 1999 50 State Initiative, will energize the G/L/B/T rights movement, strengthen all of our organizations, and present untold opportunities for Gay human rights, justice and spiritual organizations to grow in terms of members, influence, accomplishments and media access.

[The Rev. Troy D. Perry is the Founder and Moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.]

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The fund raiser takes place March 11, 7:00 P.M., at the Screening Room, 106 East Congress.

The Tucson based production company has been working on this project for ten months and have received national grant recognition as well as an invitation to screen's its "work in progress," at the Los Angeles Outfest '98 Film Festival this July.

A full evening of entertainment is being scheduled. Lisa Otey, a Tammie award winner, will be performing. There will be two screenings of the project's "work in progress" with a discussion on the importance of this documentary as well as a panel forum with some of the elders who appear in the film.

If you would like to become involved with this fund raiser or on the production of the film, contact Ruby Moon Productions, 750-8636.

Village People Concert Opposed In Jamaica

KINGSTON, Jamaica - Church leaders are opposing a planned concert by the Village People, saying they shouldn't be allowed to play in Jamaica because they're popular among Gays.

Gay sex is illegal in Jamaica, and

debate over Gay rights has flared recently because of a decision by the government of the nearby Cayman Islands to ban a cruise ship carrying homosexuals from entering its ports.

Jamaica Council of Churches leader Stanley Clarke said the concert at the Negril Music Festival will be an insult to Jamaicans.

"To promote a music festival of that nature which is going to highlight a behavior repugnant to the majority of people in this country is disrespectful," Clarke said.

The six-member band was the rage of late 1970's dance floors with songs, such as "YMCA," "Macho Man" and "In the Navy."

Ronnie Nasralia, an organizer for the Negril show, said the church group was overreacting.

"(Band members) have never said they are Gay," he said. "The Village People capitalized on their popularity in the Gay community, that's all."

SAAF Arm Wrestling Tournament April 5

TUCSON - It's time to pump up those biceps and triceps. You've got six weeks to the Second Annual Grey Eagle Arm Wrestling tournament, Sunday, April 5, 4:00 P.M., at the Graduate.

Proceeds will benefit the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). Christina d'Alexis as your host and Eddy Grey Eagle Galvez as your referee. Information packets for wrestlers are available at: Ain't Nobody's Business, Curl Up & Dye,

Sex Change Teacher Retires

WALLINGFORD, CT (WS) - A high school agricultural teacher undergoing a sex change has agreed to an early retirement.

Scott Hendricks, 39, who worked at Lyman Hall High School for nine years, refused to discuss the details of a settlement he reached with the school. But his housemate John Muller, also a Transsexual, said school officials forced Hendricks to retire because he is a transsexual.

"The question was not whether he was going to keep his job but simply under what terms he was going to leave," Muller said. Hendricks began estrogen injections two years ago, let his hair grow to his shoulders, and plans to get a sex-change operation.

Muller said a student or faculty member had complained that Hendricks's developing breasts began to show through his T-shirt. He added that school officials told Hendricks to retire or face termination.

Alienated/Active L/G Catholics Meeting

TUCSON - Gay and Lesbian Catholics and friends are cordially invited to an initial open meeting Monday, March 23, 7:30 P.M. at Madonna Hall, located at the corner of Campbell Avenue and Adams Street across from UMC.

Members of the Diocesan Task Force for Ministry with Gay and Lesbian persons active in the Church as well as those who are alienated from the Church. Come prepared to share your ideas and suggestions about how we, as a Church,

can be more responsive in ministry to the needs of G/L Catholics.

For more information contact Ernie S., 721-2003; Terry M., 623-5006; Ralph B., 883-2513; Stephanie L., 881-3129 or Cheri J., 571-8011.

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New Recreational Volleyball On Saturdays

TUCSON - Due to numerous requests, Recreational Volleyball will be played on Saturday afternoons, beginning March 7.

We will play every Saturday, 3:00 P.M. at the sand court of St. Francis in the Foothills, 4625 East River (NW corner of Swan & River Roads). People of all playing levels are welcome.

Volleyball is a great way to make new friends and get exercise at the same time. For more information contact Davey, 886-1208 or Brian K., 882-4726.

'Festival For Life' Seeks Committee Chairs

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation is seeking volunteers to sit on the committee for the Tenth Annual Jerome Beillard "Festival For Life."

This year's "Festival" will be held on Sunday, November 22 at the University Park Marriott.

Working committee members are needed to help plan and produce this spectacular fund raising event that features a live and silent auction of artwork and premier holiday items: decorated Christmas trees, wreaths, menorahs, gift baskets, celebrity memorabilia and other fabulous gift items.

Proceeds from the event support direct client services and prevention education. This is a great opportunity to participate in a long-standing event that has proven to be successful fund raiser, as well as fun social event.

The committee meets the first Wednesday of each month, 6:00 P.M., at the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation office at 151 South Tucson Boulevard, Suite 272. For more information, contact Matthew Palmer, (520) 322-6226.

Film Fest '98 Committee Seeks Blood

TUCSON - Following on the bootstraps of the very successful, Third Annual Wingspan Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, held last October, the event's 1997 committee has come out from its winter hiatus and is looking for blood...new blood that is!

The hunt starts on Saturday, March 14, 1998, 1:00 P.M. at the Wingspan offices, 300 East Sixth Street, where the first official meeting for the 1998 Film Festival will take place. Persons who have interest joining in the production of this project, are cordially invited to attend. Committee people are needed in all areas such as: film selection and review; production coordination; press and promotion; fund raising and; to provide new ideas and perspectives.

The coordination for the 1998 event is starting much earlier than years past due to the excitement and speculation of the Festival Committee.

A re-group meeting for the organizational teams who put the 1997 Film Festival together was held this past Saturday at Wingspan. The purpose of this meeting was to review last year's accomplishments and to deliberate on ways of improvement for the Fourth Annual Lesbian and Gay Film Festival to be held in October 1998. Discussions were held on such topics as: additional event venues; a broader spectrum of selected films; extending the screening times and schedule; fund raising and how to get additional support and response from our G/L/B/T community.

If you cannot attend the meeting on March 14 and you are interested, call John Potter, 624-1779 or leave a message.

Virginia Gay Serial Killer

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Portsmouth when it was determined that Andre Smith was probably killed at Jackson's home. Jackson and the victims have been part of the demi-monde of drugs and sex workers in an underground economy driven by Virginia's ports and military bases.

At least nine of the murders were committed by strangulation, and three men had testified that Jackson had attempted to strangle them in sexual liaisons involving bondage, using a round leather strap the diameter of a pinkie finger (that strap has not been found). At least two of those witnesses had made deals regarding their own criminal cases in exchange for their testimony, and one's story was distinctly inconsistent with what he'd initially told police.

The victims in the suspected series have been Charles F. Smith (found in Chesapeake in August 1987), Joseph Ray (found in Chesapeake in 1988), Stacey Reneau (found in January 1989), John W. Ross, Jr. (found in January 1992), Billy Lee Dixon (found west of Norfolk in August 1992), Reginald Joyner (found in Suffolk in March 1993), Raymond Bostick (found in Chesapeake in June 1993), Robert Neal (found in Chesapeake in September 1993), Garland Taylor, Jr. (found in Suffolk in 1994), Samuel Aliff (found in Chesapeake in May 1995), Jesse James Spencer (found in Chesapeake in January 1996), and Andrew "Andre" D. Smith (found in July 1996).

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Volcanic and transforming Pluto makes an excellent aspect to surprising Uranus this week. This happy blast will uproot anything that's been holding us back so be prepared for a lift off to new heights, friends. It's a big push Out; we have nothing to lose but our chains.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Friends can mean the difference between another ho-hum vacation and a life changing exotic escapade. Hmm...which one will pioneering proud Rams choose? As Pluto happily sextiles explosive Uranus, expect the unexpected in social circles and be prepared to book a ticket to anywhere with your Gay traveling compadres. I hear Morocco is nice this time of year.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Who else but an inspired Gay Bull could climb the corporate ladder on their back? Prepare for a zap when explosive Uranus, currently spicing up your career, sparks volcanic Pluto to new sexual heights. Both of these busters travel on the seamy side of the zodiac; if you find yourself sporting a zippered leather mask and hog tied to the boardroom table, don't be surprised. Do destroy the negatives.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Put sizzle back into relationships by whisking your partner away to a luridly delightful hideaway during the Pluto/Uranus sextile. Proud Twins don't tend to be the most romantic of signs but now it's possible to defy convention and demonstrate your considerable capabilities. On the practical side it's a great time to cement business relationships in a mutually beneficial legal arrangement.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

You were just another pair of ragged claws at work but now, with sizzly Pluto/Uranus sextile, you are fabulous claws to be reckoned with. Pink Crabs are plucked from the chorus line and elevated to diva. What does it take? A peck of luck and bushel of oomph. Flash those pearlies darling. Pluto upends the landscape and your job needs a little revamping. Vamp.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

If you're a Gay Lion on the prowl, the Pluto/Uranus sextile brings ample prey to your lair. Just get Out there and make yourself seen at all the hot spots in town. If you're already spoken for, enhance the relationship with fun-filled surprises. Expand, explore and learn more about yourself through creative outlets. Who knows? You may develop a fan club.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

If you've been feeling adrift, you'll hit solid rock during the Pluto/Uranus sextile. Queer Virgins suddenly feel like both their job and home life are under control. Of course, this is transitory; the planets must eventually move on. But use this time to create parameters for what you will and won't accept in life. Straight jackets chaff so break Out and escape the asylum.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Is it true that words can move mountains? Just wait for the Pluto/Uranus sextile! Who knows what a stray word here or there can do until it is uttered. Leave it to diplomatic Gay Libras to know just what to say and when to say for the most dramatic effect. It may be that you will say it after a few too many drinks. If so, try to sound serious; the results will certainly be.

HOROSCOPES

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

If a fool and their money are soon parted, don't think of pink Scorps to play the role during the Uranus/Pluto sextile. Spin gold out of dross and weave quickly my calculating cousin; this dynamic energy is rare and you cannot afford to delay. Give family members a sympathetic ear despite past differences; some of the dough comes from them. Might as well be paid for it.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

How lucky can an inherently lucky sign get? This week, when Pluto sextiles Uranus, plucky Gay Archers exude charm, grace, aplomb and overall appeal even when they knock over a tray of martinis on the hostess. Are we talking about clumsy, gangly Sag? Life ain't fair! This energy is fleeting so pack in your

points while you can. Speak now or forever hold your piece.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Queer Caps are not usually the most intuitive of souls but now, during the Pluto/Uranus sextile, your Gay muse speaks from beyond and you must heed the call. Listen carefully; it could have financial ramifications. Of course, if your psychic voice has a warped sense of humor, you could find yourself as guest speaker for the Liberty Lobby. No. The Personal cost is too high.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians can rely on their friends to provide the transforming spark in their social life during the Pluto/Uranus sextile. They also provide you with a few fashion tips to spice up your drab appear-

ance. Meet and greet while the planets sizzle. Forget new liaisons now; they will have long lasting beneficial effects on your life. Play the queen of clubs instead of the joker.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Pink Fish are not the most calculating of folks. We tend to leave that to Capricorn or Scorpio. But now, with the Pluto/Uranus sextile, you can plot with the best of them. Ideas that are seemingly sparked from nowhere (read; your intuition) can provide the perfect solution to an impasse in your career. Go for the gold dear, queer, friend. Life is too short to be ensconced in the mail room.

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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. Peter Piper Pizza Party Poopers-a fun night of pizza and games. For reservations, directions, and details, call Dan at 622-8112.

A community fund raiser for Ruby Moon Production's film project, "Silver Linings: Paths of Gay & Lesbian Elders", at the Screening Room, 106 E. Congress in downtown Tucson. A wine and cheese reception at 7:00 p.m. Entertainment by community favorite blues performer, Lisa Oley and screenings of the "work-in-progress" with panel forum. Donation \$15.00 per person.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A video presentation of "Breaking The Code." This video is about the British man who cracked the Nazi secret codes and was a hero until his homosexuality became known. The video begins at 8:00, but you're encouraged to come and 7:00 to socialize and snack. For directions and reservations, please call Art or Jeff at 782-8135.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

The new Men's Relationship Group meets tonight at 7:00 p.m. The purpose is to explore the dynamics of what a good relationship consists of for men with men. It will last for two hours. Refreshments and fun. Call in advance to reserve a place. \$5.00 fee. Call Marc 881-4582.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing "Arkansas" by David Leavitt. 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, MARCH 14

The Reveille Gay Men's Chorus presents two concerts tonight and tomorrow afternoon of, "Prayers For Bobby: For Love and For Life" by Jay Kawarsky. The concert tonight begins at 8:00 p.m. at Pima Community College for the Arts Proscenium Theatre. Tickets are \$15 at the door, \$12 in advance. This concert's objective is to raise the consciousness about the plight of Gay teens who generally have no support system in place when the awareness of their sexual orientation and the pressures of their home/social/religious situations come into conflict. Proceeds from the concert will help fund, support and encourage communication, counseling and building community and esteem among Gay youth. Tickets are available at Antigone, Tucson Trunk and Unique on Central. Call 617-3100 for more information

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:30 a.m. Join your MSN brothers as we take our second annual shopping expedition up to the Casa Grande Outlets. After shopping, we'll go for dessert at the summer home on Bill's parents. For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 546-7539.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. MSN joins our brothers in Reveille at their "Prayers For Bobby" concert at Pima Community College West. Tickets are available from Bob. Please call him at 744-4409.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

4:00-6:00 p.m., The Men's Massage Group meets monthly on the 3rd Sunday. It is a good way to meet new men safely in a unique way. No experience is necessary, just the need for nurturing touch, the ability to relate to others. It is non-sexual and a lot of fun. Fee. Call in advance to reserve a place. Call Marc at 881-4582.

The Reveille Gay Men's Chorus presents the last performance of, "Prayers For Bobby: For Love and For Life" by Jay Kawarsky this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. at Pima Community College for the Arts Proscenium Theatre. Tickets are \$15 at the door, \$12 in advance. This concert's objective is to raise the consciousness about the plight of Gay teens who generally have no support system in place when the awareness of their sexual orientation and the pressures of their home/social/religious situations come into conflict. Proceeds from the concert will help fund, support and encourage communication, counseling and building community and esteem among Gay youth. Call 617-3100 for more information.

1. 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.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join the group for a night of nostalgia as we listen to a couple of "old time radio shows." For directions and reservations, please call Jerry at 722-5425.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a Movie Out. The movie choice, location and time will be chosen on Friday, the 13th, so please call Doug at 616-7156 any time after that date for details.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

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 Old Chicago. 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 290-7415.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Hitchcock Retrospective continues with "Rope." This 1948 film is about the Leopold-Loeb murder, where two gay men commit the "perfect murder" and proceed to flaunt their crime. For reservations and directions, please call Lee at 690-9565.

FRI., SAT. & SUN., MARCH 20-21-22

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FRIDAY, MARCH 20

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 Les & Jerry's home. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565. Please note: reservations MUST be made by Friday, March 20

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

IBTS - The Love Company presents "Puttin' On The Lips" starring Victoria Du Puls and Felice Renard with returning winner Sabrina.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Mr. Kenneth Blake presents The Dreamgirls Revue Showtime 10:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The live sounds of Nancy and Hüppi Shake. This band is sure to pack the house, so come early. They will be playing from 7:00 until 10:00 p.m. Cover.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

GRADUATE - TKO monthly Beer Bust 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Then at 9:00 p.m. Our Sisters of the Pour and Hungry Present Christina de Alexis (Miss Gay Tucson-America 1988) celebrating 10 years as Tucson's Symbol of Excellence. Show stars Misti Malone, Aja Simone, Lea Ferron, Miss J.R. and Maya Rection.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

IBT's - Rob Nash will be entertaining. He has been featured on Comedy Central's "Out There in Hollywood" and has appeared in Los Angeles at The Improv and the Comedy Store; also at Punchline in San Francisco and Catch A Rising Star in St. Louis among others. Don't miss this terrific comic. From 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Karaoke is back by popular demand on the patio with Billy Dee. This Sunday's benefit Bar-B-Que and 16 oz. Beer Bust is for AGRA.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Male Strippers here beginning at 10:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - St. Paty's Day Party here with give-aways plus special drink prices along with the green beer. Check it out!

GRADUATE - St. Patrick's Day Party at the Grad with John's special corned beef and cabbage.

IBT'S - St. Patrick's Day Party with Rodger's 'world famous' corned beef. Wear a kilt and get happy hour prices til closing!

STONEWALL / EAGLE - St. Paddy's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage 4:00 p.m. to 7:00

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Free Anonymous HIV Testing brought to you by the Pima County Health Department and the Gay Men's Health Project.

IBT'S - The Girlie Show at 9:00 p.m. hosted by Lucinda Heilday and featuring Phaedra, Felice Renard, Victoria Du Puls with special guest Sabrina Crawford.

FRI - SAT - SUN, MARCH 20-21-22

IBT'S - Come celebrate The Spring 4th Avenue Street Fair this weekend that will be packed on the Avenue and inside IBT's with shows and people. Don't miss it. Show Saturday 3:00 p.m. Shows Sunday 3:00 and 8:30 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Hides of March all three days! Lots of men. Lots of fun. Party Time!

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

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SUNDAY, MARCH 22

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Mr. Kenneth Blake in The Dreamgirls Revue with Felice Renard and special guest. Doors open in the Stonewall at 9:00 p.m. Showtime 10:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 23

IBT'S - 5th Annual Academy Awards Party with local awards immediately following. Pick up your ballots now!

VENTURE-N - Hollywood has the Oscars. V-N has the Vinnies! Vinnie Awards Party tonight. Get your nomination ballots now!

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Mr. Kenneth Blake in the Dreamgirls Revue with Felice Renard and special guest. Doors to Stonewall open at 9:00 p.m. Showtime 10:00 p.m.

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Daily Bar 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 1 pm. \$2 Bloody Marys & \$1.50 Screwdrivers til 9pm. Country music & dancing with FREE country dance instruction 7pm.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Benefit 9-9-0 and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. \$1.75 pitchers 75¢ a glass. Food Buffet 3pm. Pool Tourney 2pm w/Zipperman. Latino Tea Dance 6-9 w/DJ Eduardo.

Karaoke Night 9-close hosted by Billy Dee. Stonewall Dance 9pm with DJ Raymond.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-6pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Earl 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 - Closed Mondays.

IBT's - Open noon. Martini Monday at day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50/\$2.00 pitchers. Retro 80's 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. Party with Rob in the evening. Doc's Dart Tourney 8pm in the Eagle. 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 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 3pm. Happy Hour 3-6pm. Draft Beer Nite 8-close. \$2 small/\$4 large pitchers.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. 9 pm to close 2for1 well Miller Lite. Fetish Night, dress in your fetish and get special drink prices 9-1. 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. 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 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 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. Import Night \$2.25 8pm-1am

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, \$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. Liquoration 7 to 10 pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close w/Billy Dee. Stonewall opens now at 9:00 p.m. Dance w/Rayman

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

Thursday

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

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 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. 75¢ Schnapps 8pm to close.

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 (paid 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 Dance Party w/Eduardo at the Stonewall which opens at 9pm.

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

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres. 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 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. Country Western Music and Dancing 9pm to 1am.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. ... Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 8 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. Food Buffet 6pm. Wear a Stonewall/Eagle T-shirt and receive 1/2 price all night. DJ Raymond 9pm.

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

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - 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 3pm. Small Pitchers \$2 & FREE pool 2-5. Country Western Music all night.

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

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Saturday Night Party & dance!

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Happy Hour til 8pm. Free Pool all day. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hot sounds with Raymond.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Bitches & Bagels w/31 Bloody Marys Bar-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. TM Staff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.



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

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DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 8:30 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.

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

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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GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. B3 or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 10:00 a.m. Check it out!

THE MEN'S MESSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safety, 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, 1948 E. Lee St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-5015 or Jane Parri 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.

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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-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-9678 or 327-4293.

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 791-7978.

NOTICES

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

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

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 573-8060 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

Lesbian and Gay youths 25 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 687-7493 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 745-8977 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), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. Call the church at 886-1208 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

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

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

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RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Saturday 3 to 5 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills 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 8543, 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, Cortez, AZ 85652.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Decima 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)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 (evallan@ix.netcom.com)

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tynd@thriver.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 NXCI. This show alternates with "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show.

THEATER/DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 883-3785 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 13th year! (1st in Tucson).

TRANSGENDER ISSUES: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on first Mondays for informal discussion of transgender topics. Hosted by Desert Boys. For information call Gary at 629-8659 or send email to: monikadyke@earthlink.net.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 802-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

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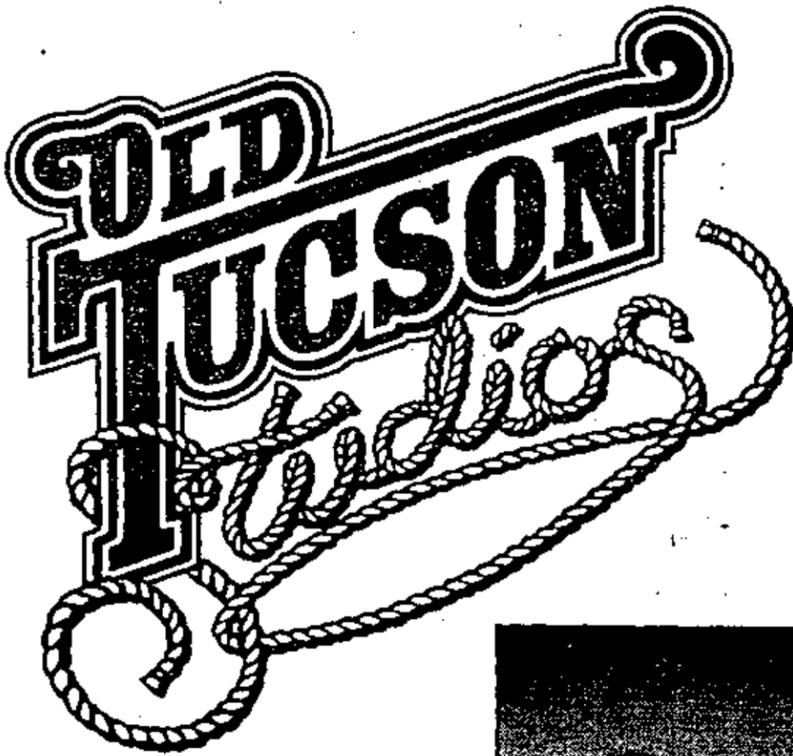
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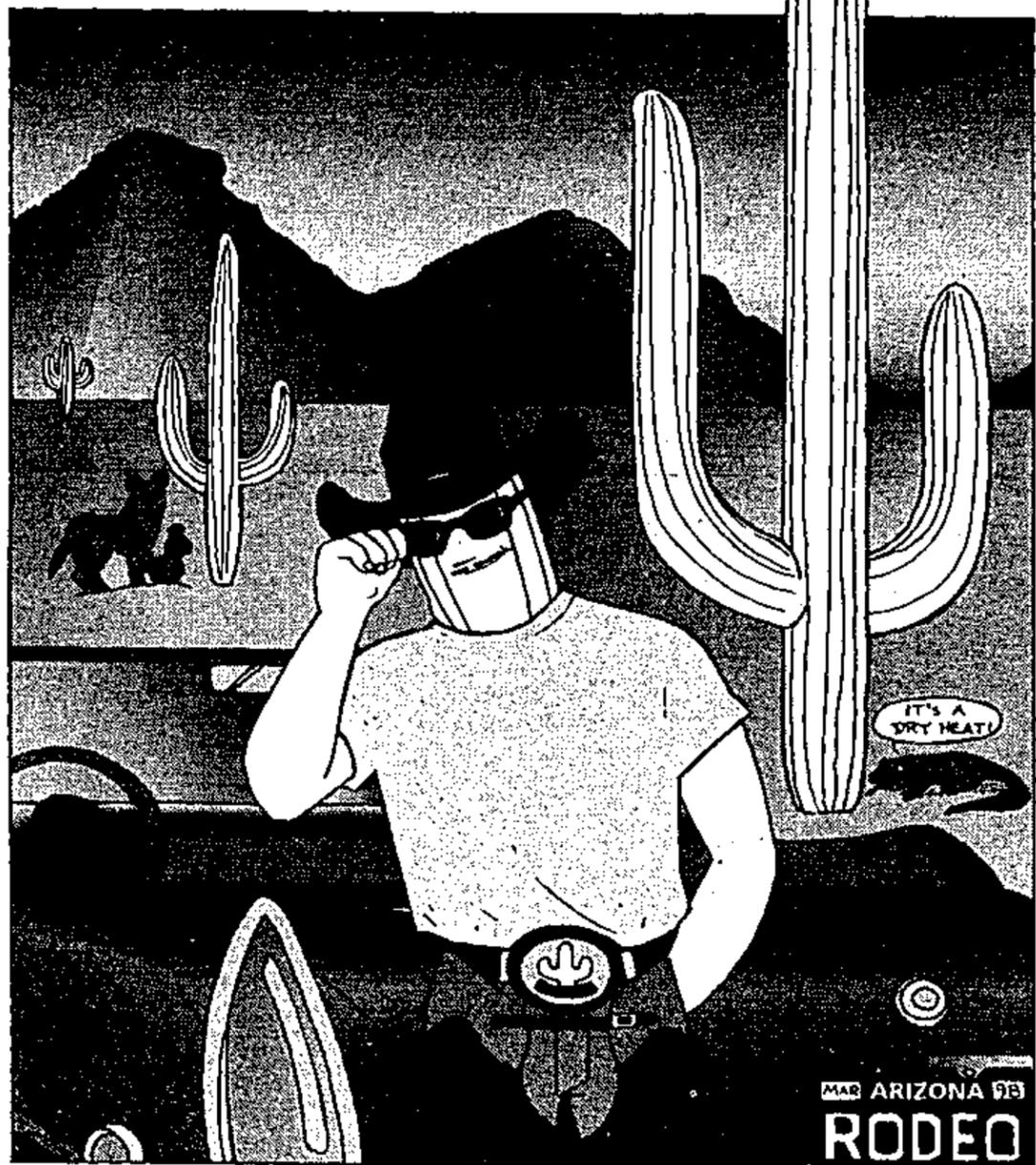


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