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## More than 2,000 Attend 'Gay West II'

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - More than 2,000 attended "Gay West II," held this past Sunday at Old Tucson Studios.

"Gay West II" culminated Tucson Gay and Lesbian Pride Week and was the first Lesbian and Gay community fundraising event of this magnitude in Tucson.

Many organizations joined together in efforts to raise money for Tucson's Lesbian and Gay community by sponsoring "Gay West."

Participating organizations included: the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG), Wingspan, Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA), Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA), Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network, Team Arizona, Arizona Central Pride, Desert Voices, Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, Wingspan Domestic Violence Project and the Lesbian Health and Cancer Project.

Event sponsors for "Gay West II" included Budweiser, Arizona Travel Center and the Communications Workers of America Local 7026, Telesis and Centra Realty.

According to Bruce Corey of Old Tucson, the attendance was a little more than 2,000, "a 10 percent increase over last year, when 1,816 attended the first Gay West."

Fund raising was not just the only activity going on during "Gay West II." Persons in attendance could tour Old Tucson, shop, ride the train and other rides, eat at the restaurants and take in the entertainment offered during the event.

Old Tucson's shows, such as, Arizona Theater, Treasure at Santa Maria, The Diamond Lil Show, Storyteller Theater Show, Old Tucson's action packed Stunt Show were presented to enthusiastic crowds.

Other shows and entertainment were offered to the throngs in attendance:

Special performances by the Reveille Gay Men's Chorus and Desert Voices thrilled those attending their concerts.

Lipstick and Lashes, the lively, energetic show presented by the "Queen of Comedy," Lucinda Holliday packed them in with a rollicking show. Starring in the production was Lucinda, Felice Renard, Barbra Seville, Adrienne Alexander, and Miss Gay Arizona, Virginia Sacrifice.

An old-fashioned melodrama - with a Gay twist presented was performed to appreciative audiences. The show starred noted defense attorney Emma Keller and Alotta Whoremones.

Live Entertainment was presented

by AGRA. A cowboy cookout was offered to those in attendance at "Gay West II."

Information booths at Stage 2 provided goers information on various businesses and organizations serving the Gay and Lesbian community, including: QueerVoice, SAAF, Community Business Association, Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance, Cornerstone Fellowship, St. Francis, the National Organization of Women, Rubyfruit Journal and Telesis, a union trying to organize telemarketers in Tucson.

Free, anonymous HIV testing was offered during "Gay West," courtesy of the Pima County Health Department.

The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network held a "ceremony of light" in the Town Square to remember those who have lost their battle to AIDS.

A High NRG Dance in the Grand Palace and a Country and Western dance "Under the Stars," featuring a live performance by Diamond Fire took the dancing crowd to midnight.

Those in attendance enjoyed "Gay West II" and the many activities and shows offered.

A fun time was had by all and Tucson has an event to mark Gay and Lesbian Pride in June and will be back next year, according to Bruce Corey of Old Tucson.

## Supreme Court Extends Disability Rights To HIV Cases Keeps Decency Standard In NEA

WASHINGTON, DC (WS) — A divided Supreme Court has ruled that the law that protects the disabled from discrimination covers people who have the virus that causes AIDS, even if they have none of the disease's symptoms.

The 5-4 decision was the high court's first AIDS-related ruling and was only the second time it decided a case involving the eight-year-old federal civil rights law that bars disability discrimination.

The case involved a Maine dentist who had been sued for discrimination because he told a patient with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that he would fill her cavity in a hospital, but not in his office.

President Clinton hailed the ruling, saying: "This decision reinforces the protections offered by the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act for Americans living with HIV and AIDS," he said in a statement.

## Kenneth Blake Crowned Miss Gay Arizona America 1998



TUCSON - The annual Miss Gay Arizona America Pageant was held last Sunday, June 28, at the Holiday Inn Palo Verde. A large crowd was entertained by some of the most exciting contestant talent performances that these pageants have ever seen. As an added attraction, there was a special appearance by Maya Montana, Miss Gay America 1998. The Miss Gay Arizona America Pageant is an official preliminary to Norma Kristie Inc.'s Miss Gay America Pageant to be held later this year. The local pageant is produced by Arizona's official Miss Gay America Pageant promoter, Raven/Parker Productions.

After an evening of the five contestants showing off gowns, knowledge, showmanship and talent, the judges awarded the Miss Gay Arizona America crown to Mr. Kenneth Blake. Blake was Miss Gay Tucson 1997.

In the photo above, Kenneth Blake (center) is shown on the left with Virginia Sacrifice (Miss Gay Arizona America 1997), and second runner up Celia Putty. On the right is first alternate, Phaedra and Miss Gay America 1998 Maya Montana.



TUCSON - Shown above are the five contestants who participated in the 1998 Miss Gay Arizona America Pageant. From left to right are winner Kenneth Blake, Kristen, Phaedra, Victoria Du Puis, the current Miss Gay Tucson, and Celia Putty. For more photos see page twenty. All contestants and their entourages, entertainers and, of course, Raven as well as all who worked behind the scenes to make this event the success that it was are to be congratulated. Well done.

# UPDATE

## Money Available For Food Programs

TUCSON — The Community Foundation for Southern Arizona announces \$25,000 in grant funds available through the Positive Helpings program.

These funds are intended to help support and expand programs that effectively and creatively address the nutritional needs of people living with HIV/AIDS in our community.

Application materials will be available beginning July 1 at the Community Foundation, 6601 East Grant Road, Suite 111, Tucson, AZ 85715. Proposals are due August 7, 1998. For more information, contact Caitlin Gannon, (520) 722-1707.

## Domestic Violence Project Seeks Support Group Facilitator

TUCSON — Wingspan's Domestic Violence Project has an opening for Facilitator provides crisis intervention, individual and group services to male victims of same-gender domestic violence.

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## Large Scale Test Of AIDS Vaccine Begins

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (RHIS) — Volunteers in the first large-scale test of a vaccine against the AIDS virus received their first inoculations, the company that developed the serum said.

VaxGen, a privately held South San Francisco biotechnology company that developed the vaccine, known as AIDS-VAX, said volunteers at a clinic in Philadelphia received their first shots in the trial.

Clinics in Baltimore, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles and St. Louis were expected to begin vaccinations in coming weeks.

The Phase III clinical trial, usually the last step before the U.S. Food and Drug Administration considers whether to allow a company to market a drug or vaccine, will eventually involve 5,000 volunteers at more than 30 cities across North America.

There are more than 40 HIV vaccines in trials, but AIDS-VAX is the first to make it this far in the FDA approval process.

The trial will use volunteers who are at high risk of becoming infected with

HIV through sexual transmission, primarily Gay men and people with HIV positive partners.

Each volunteers will receive seven inoculations during a 30-month period. Some will receive the vaccine and others a placebo, an inactive substance used in controlled experiments to determine the efficacy of a vaccine.

Neither researchers nor volunteers will know which people are given the vaccine. But at the end of the trial, the rate of infections in the group receiving the placebo will be compared to the infection rate, if any, among volunteers who received the vaccine.

The company, which is 25 percent-owned by Genetech Inc., said it also anticipated beginning Phase III trials of a separate formulation of AIDS-VAX in Thailand later this year, following approval by the Thai Ministry of Health.

The vaccine uses gp120, one of the surface proteins on the coat of the HIV virus. The idea is that using one of the unique proteins would be enough to stimulate the body's immune system to recognize and attack the viral invaders.

## Wingspan's Artist Of The Month

TUCSON — "Organic Splendor," prints and photography of Lora Alaniz will be displayed in the Wingspan Art Gallery, 300 East Sixth Street from July 9 - August 4.

"As an artist, I am constantly questioning and demanding a response. I am most interested in organic forms and the emotions they evoke. I have been accused of exhibiting too many sexual images and motivations in my various mediums. When I am working on my printmaking, sculpture, photography, or metalsmithing, I am often inspired by natural objects and forms and the sexual connotations they display," Alaniz commented about her work.

Wingspan will be hosting an Artist Reception for Lori Alaniz, July 9, 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

## VideoTensions '98 Continues With VideoQueer, July 2

TUCSON — This year, VideoQueer is presented in conjunction with the Lesbian Looks film/video series and the Committee for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Studies at the University of Arizona, Thursday, July 2.

The screening includes Barney Frank on ENDA - A P.S.A. The Look of Love: A Gothic Romance by Suzie Silver. Sexy, Wiggy, Desserty: The Wild NY Underground World of Tom Rubnitz.

The screening begins at 7:30 P.M., July 2 in the Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering Buildings Auditorium (AME, Room 202) on the University of Arizona campus (NE corner of Speedway and Mountain). Free parking is located on the east side of the building.

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## Pride Wind-Up Around The Nation And The World

### New York City Giuliani Protesters Arrested

NEW YORK, NY (NP) — At Stonewall's ground zero, critics of New York's mayor tried to prevent his parading with the prideful — who some say numbered 2 million!

In the home of the Stonewall Rebellion, whose anniversary pride celebrations mark, the 29th Annual Gay and Lesbian Pride March strutted down Fifth Avenue to historic Greenwich Village. Although organizers estimated a total of 600,000 marchers and spectators, estimates ranged as high as two million.

Seventeen Gay and three Lesbian protesters wearing "Rudy get out of our parade" T-shirts were arrested for disorderly conduct after chaining themselves together across the boulevard in an effort to block Republican Mayor Rudy Giuliani from participating. They stopped him for all of about 10 seconds before he simply went around them on the sidewalk.

Although many Gays and Lesbians have applauded Giuliani's introduction of a landmark bill passed by the City Council last week to give registered domestic partners the same city benefits, rights and responsibilities as legally married couples, the demonstrators feel he's failed to respond effectively to homophobic violence, not done enough to improve AIDS education in the schools, and erred in his efforts to close down "adult" businesses. Giuliani had proclaimed "Out in Government Day" in a City Hall ceremony.

Under the theme "Unity Through Diversity," Lesbian and Gay motorcyclists led off the parade, variously estimated from 100 to more than 200, followed by more than 300 other units. The grand marshals were openly Gay City Councilmember Philip Reed and openly Lesbian City Councilmember Margarita Lopez; other politicians participating included the city's public advocate and U.S. Senate hopeful Mark Green, and Lieutenant Governor and gubernatorial hopeful Betsy McCaughey Ross. Also marching were Jon and Michael Galluccio, the men who won unmarried couples the right to adopt children together in New Jersey. Members of a Lesbian S-M group bared their breasts. The parade ended with a street festival at Pier 54.

### San Francisco Shakes It Up

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (NP) — Hizzoner's purple fedora and the corporate sale of pride (which may pay off last year's debt) were notes of interest in San Francisco's 200,000+ gathering.

A total of more than 200,000 spectators braved the cold for San Francisco's 28th annual Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Freedom Day Parade — not counting six dogs who marched with the AIDS service group PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support). The theme was "Shakin' It Up." The traditional Dykes on Bikes lead off included more than 500 women on motorcycles. Further up the four-hour line of march were hundreds of children with their Gay and Lesbian parents.

San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown was there in a purple fedora, along with politicians including openly Lesbian state Assemblymember Carole Migden, openly Gay San Mateo County Supervisor Richard Gordon, and state Superintendent of Education Delaine Eastin. Mayor Brown said the parade "represents almost a Super Bowl for the city from a commercial standpoint. It [also] represents the spirit of this city... the creativity that is this city and the diversity that is this city."

Only a handful of fundamentalist Christians turned out to protest, standing at Powell and Market with a bullhorn and signs including "Warning to all homosexuals — Judgment is Coming!" The previous year, there had been a bomb threat.

This year's events had a half-million-dollar budget and more corporate sponsorship than ever before, making for a slicker production. San Francisco Pride's promulgation of the idea that the Gay and Lesbian community is a "Dream Market" sparked the formation of Lesbian and Gay Insurrection (LAGAI), which spread stickers and flyers through the Castro district saying, "Our Pride is Not for Sale." However, proceeds from this year's events should just about wipe out the \$160,000 debt from last year's Pride.

Efforts were also made to improve the logistics of the event, from closing off cross-streets on the march route to speed the parade itself, to extra BART commuter

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# News Reports From The 12<sup>th</sup> World AIDS Conference In Geneva

## AIDS 'Complacency' A New Challenge

GENEVA, Switzerland (RHIS) — One expert attending this week's 12th World AIDS Conference in Geneva, Switzerland, believes that complacency towards HIV prevention could weaken the fight against AIDS.

"We must overcome a tendency towards complacency and continue to pay attention to prevention," urged Dr. Helene Gayle, director of the National Center for HIV, Sexually Transmitted Disease and Tuberculosis Prevention, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The annual number of AIDS-related deaths in affluent, Western countries has fallen considerably in recent years, mainly because of the advent of potent new drug "cocktails" which reduce viral load in a majority of patients.

However, AIDS experts like Gayle now worry that, in light of this progress, the public may become apathetic about their HIV risk and take fewer precautions against infection. "We cannot confuse progress with victory," she said. "This epidemic is far from over."

According to the CDC, over 40,000 Americans contract HIV every year, with women, African-Americans, and Hispanics showing the steepest rises in infection rates over the past decade. Gayle believes that "combating complacency in the United States is made more difficult by the fact that the epidemic has settled among populations too often forgotten."

HIV infection may also be on the rise among a group already hit hard by the epidemic — homosexual men. CDC survey-

ing efforts have detected a shift towards more relaxed attitudes regarding HIV infection among young Gay men. Experts worry that this growing complacency could trigger a drift away from condom use and other safe-sex behaviors.

Even the lifesaving benefits of protease inhibitor treatments may have their dark side, Gayle said. As HIV-infected individuals live longer, overall HIV prevalence — and likelihood of transmission — grows. "Increased HIV prevalence means each risk behavior carries an increased risk of infection," she explained.

Gayle also referred to recent reports on patients who fail to adhere to the complex medication schedules required by protease inhibitor therapy. She points out that these drugs lose their effect without continuous, coordinated use. Lapses in medication use could also open the door to the development of therapy-resistant HIV mutations. Therefore, Gayle believes that "the potential dangers of non-adherence are serious both for the health of infected individuals and for the future spread of the epidemic."

The CDC director stressed that research into the prevention and treatment of AIDS continues to show great promise. But she contends that "progress to date could be reversed" if infection rates rise because of increased public apathy towards the HIV threat. Gayle believes "the nation's success or failure in the next era of HIV prevention will be judged by our ability to mobilize and address this challenge."

## New HIV Test Detects Recent Infection

GENEVA, Switzerland (RHIS) — Scientists at the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia, have developed a new blood test that can distinguish between early and late HIV infection.

This knowledge is important because patients known to have been infected recently can be started on antiviral medication earlier in the course of the infection. It also might help prevent transmission of the virus to others. CDC researchers presented their report on the new test at the 12th World AIDS Conference.

"The ability to detect recent infections has profound implications for both HIV prevention and treatment," Dr. Robert S. Janssen of the CDC said in a statement. "If we know where and among whom new infections are occurring, we can better direct and evaluate HIV prevention programs. Moreover, new therapies are most effective if initiated early in infection. By knowing the status of an individual's disease, healthcare providers can more effectively treat HIV."

People in the early stages of HIV infection often have few symptoms, and when they do develop a febrile illness, their condition may be incorrectly diagnosed. Janssen and his colleagues developed what they call a "sensitive/less sensitive" test that, when used in conjunction with another test, identifies people with recent HIV infection whose bodies had not yet developed a full antibody response. The researchers developed their test using blood specimens from 579 people infected with HIV.

"Our testing strategy accurately diagnosed 95% of persons with early infection," the investigators report in the July 1st issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association. "The ability to differentiate

persons with early infection from those with later infection is a breakthrough for estimating HIV-1 incidence, for clinical care and research studies focused on early HIV-1 infection, and for guiding HIV prevention programs."

The scientists hope to use the testing strategy to provide national and state-level data to track and treat HIV infection quickly.

## HIV 'Reservoir' Affects Eradication Efforts

GENEVA, Switzerland (RHIS) — A "reservoir" of HIV in the immune cells of infected patients means that eliminating the virus from their bodies is still not possible, according to Dr. David Ho, director of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York.

Speaking at the 12th World AIDS Conference, Dr. David Ho addressed prospects for HIV eradication. He noted in his presentation that "despite our best efforts to eradicate the virus, nearly all evidence points to the presence of 'persistent reservoirs' of the virus in patients."

"Over the years, we've been seeing a lot of patients who go on effective combination therapy and have their plasma viremia (HIV levels in the blood) controlled... and even on ultrasensitive assays we find no evidence of plasma viremia in many of these patients," Ho said. "But despite this apparent effective control, several groups have been able to recover infectious replication competent virus from...CD4 cells (in these patients)."

"This suggests," he continued, "... that there is an additional compartment of

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Gay Rams turn most of their energies to home or family oriented activities this week as maniacal Mars traipses into homey Cancer. It's time to take inventory and get rid of the dreary or depressing. Redecorate and spruce up your space, entertain a few close pals or clear up any familial cloud. A new broom sweeps clean sweetheart 50 start swinging.

**TAURUS**  
APRIL 21 - MAY 21  
It's not what you say but how you say it when Mars marches into Cancer. Queer Bulls are fairly eloquent, if not downright careful speakers. Now, feisty Mars helps you score points in any argument by providing a spiritual or emotional stance. Make the moment count, cousin; Get the proud word Out even if you have to rampage a few political china shops to make the point.

**GEMINI**  
MAY 22 - JUNE 21  
Watch your wallet; You're a sucker for a sob story when feisty Mars enters emotional Cancer. Gay Twins can't spend it fast enough. Remember though that money rarely buys happiness. Cheap thrills and sorted romps perhaps, but not happiness. Wise Geminis will pace themselves and their bank accounts for when the real thing comes along.

**CANCER**  
JUNE 22 - JULY 23  
Mars in your own sign makes you much more sociable than usual. Pink Crabs are not allowed to hide in the shells now; the world demands your fabulous presence. Why not go with the flow friend and see where all this wild activity takes you? Begin new projects now; sometimes enthusiasm alone makes even a lousy idea seem like a slice of genius.

**LEO**  
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23  
Independent Mars in inspirational Cancer goads proud Lions into acts of courage requiring increased risk. Examine every action before you charge ahead cousin; there may be something hidden from you that could confound even your best efforts. Most big game hunters would love to have a stuffed lions head hanging over their mantel. Let's see who gets stuffed first!

**VIRGO**  
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23  
Rampaging Mars in Cancer enlivens up social situations for otherwise staid queer Virgins. You are elected Miss Popularity so plan a prideful basheroo or two and don't skimp on the sauce. You will be amazed at how delightful the summer becomes as your dance card fills up. Dance the nights away but avoid the lambada - it's forbidden.

**LIBRA**  
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23  
Did someone light a fire in your career? Thank fiery Mars in sensitive Cancer for giving you incredible insights into the motives of others. Proud Libras can use this energy to strengthen their corporate positioning but, if you let your emotions carry you away, you could lose ground.

The secret is to think before you act, then Act Up.

**SCORPIO**  
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Planning an especially exotic and meaningful vacation or launching a great Gay global enterprise? Mars in Cancer catapults all proud Scorps into the Outer limits of their potential with all its intensity. The planets suggest that you put all plans into action during this transit when motivational energy is high and the emotional impact is intense. The sky is the limit, kiddo.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22  
Gay Archers are not the most sensual of folks but now, with feisty Mars traversing sensitive Cancer, your emotional payload hits pay-dirt. Sexual relationships become more intense and satisfying so enjoy the planetary spurt if you're in one. If you are your own best friend, why not get Out and meet new friends now? Time is a wasting pal; six weeks later Mars moves on.

**CAPRICORN**  
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20  
Relationships take center stage when hot Mars enters emotional Cancer. It's all how you handle it cousin; the harder you push, the harder partners may push back. Don't let it come to ultimatums. Gay Goats need to temper their outbursts and demands. Try to use wit and guile rather than bile. With a little sage advice, even Caps can cook. Do I smell something delicious?

**AQUARIUS**  
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19  
Aqueerians turn the workplace on its ear when aggressive Mars traipses into crabby Cancer. If something at the salt mine is not quite right, you will be tempted make "improvements." This is fine as long as you plan a careful course of action rather than rush into battle with your flank exposed. Sometimes exposed flanks are alluring. This time it will be used for BBQ.

**PISCES**  
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20  
Pink Fish can make a personal statement when feisty Mars inspires moody Cancer. Take the dry and dreary and make it new and refreshing again. New approaches devised from creative thinking can have great long term impact so put your mind to work. You may be tempted to take a risk on a game of chance, but this transit doesn't increase luck, only moxie.

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**Supreme Court Extends Disability Rights To HIV Cases; Keeps Decency Standard In NEA**

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The ruling was a victory for the Justice Department, which has included people with HIV under the scope of the disability law. About one million Americans have the AIDS virus.

The high court, in a 29-page opinion written by Justice Anthony Kennedy, said the patient's HIV infection was a disability covered by the law, even though she had no symptoms of the disease.

"From the moment of infection and throughout every stage of disease, HIV infection satisfies the statutory and regulatory definition of a physical impairment," he said.

Kennedy said the patient, Sidney Abbott, who has been infected with HIV since 1986, was disabled because she was substantially limited in the "major life activity" of reproduction because of her disease.

Kennedy told a federal appeals court to reconsider whether the evidence in the record was sufficient to determine that Abbott's infection posed no direct threat to the health and safety of her dentist.

Abbott in 1994 went to Dr. Randon Bragdon's office in Bangor, Maine for a regular appointment. Abbott, who had no AIDS symptoms, said on her patient registration form that she was infected with HIV.

The dentist performed an exam and discovered a cavity. He told her that under his infectious disease policy, he would not fill her cavity in his office, but would treat her only in a hospital.

Although he would charge her his regular fee, she would have to pay the additional cost of whatever the hospital charged for use of its facilities.

She sued the dentist, as an operator of a place of public accommodation, for discrimination because of her disease.

Bragdon, a dentist for 20 years, argued that treating Abbott in his office would pose a direct threat to his health and safety.

Abbott's attorney replied that the federal Centers for Disease Control had yet to find a proven case of a dentist getting AIDS from a patient in the more than 15 years since the disease was first reported.

The American Medical Association has sided with Abbott, saying there was no "significant" risk that the HIV virus can be transferred from patient to doctor or dentist. But the American Dental Association supported Bragdon, saying people with HIV should not be considered disabled.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and Sandra Day O'Connor dissented. Rehnquist said Abbott had not proven that her condition had substantially limited one of her "major life activities."

In New York, Beatrice Dohrn of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, welcomed the ruling, saying: "HIV is the quintessential disability that the ADA was meant to cover."

**COURT KEEPS "DECENCY" STANDARD**

In a ruling released last week, the U.S. Supreme Court said that defunding the group of mostly LesBiGay performing artists/plaintiffs was the decent thing for the government to do.

With unexpected near-unanimity, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed two lower courts' rulings to uphold a Congressional requirement of "decency" for public funding of the arts. Only Justice David Souter dissented, opining that the law "mandates viewpoint-based decisions in the disbursement of government subsidies" and is "substantially over broad and carries with it a significant power to chill artistic production and display."

The other eight justices agreed in an opinion written by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor that, "Congress has wide latitude to set spending priorities. Congress may selectively fund a program to encourage certain activities it believes to be in the public interest. . . . We conclude that [the law] is...valid, as it neither inherently interferes with First Amendment rights nor

violates constitutional vagueness principles." Free speech and unconstitutional vagueness were exactly the grounds on which a trial court and the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals had previously struck down the law.

In the majority opinion, the decency provision is merely "advisory" rather than a categorical requirement, and, "if this statute is unconstitutionally vague, then so too are all government programs awarding scholarships and grants on the basis of subjective criteria such as excellence." O'Connor's opinion was joined in full by Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Justices Stephen Breyer, Anthony Kennedy and John Paul Stevens. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg joined it in part. Justice Antonin Scalia wrote a separate concurring opinion in which he was joined by Justice Clarence Thomas.

The losers in the case are the so-called "NEA Four," performance artists of whom three are openly Gay and Lesbian, who in 1992 had been approved for grants from the National Endowment for the Arts which were then withdrawn because of the decency provision. The original 1990 version of the law, a pet project of homophobic Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) which was sparked in large part by the use of public funds to exhibit works by the late openly Gay photographer Robert Mapplethorpe, specifically prohibited funding of works whose content was homoerotic or sadomasochistic, although it was later made more general.

Since the decency clause also includes a requirement for "respect for the diverse beliefs and values of the American public," it would seem to apply also to something like the recent controversy over Terence McNally's "Corpus Christi," although no public funds are involved in that production.

The "NEA Four" are non-Gay Karen Finley, for whom the case is named; Tim Miller, the founder of Los Angeles' Highways performance space which largely stages Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender artists and material; Holly Hughes; and John Fleck, now best known for having been the perfect secretary on TV's "Murder One." After the withdrawal of the grants

that were the basis of the case, both Finley and Miller were later awarded NEA grants, while Hughes and Fleck never reapplied.

The NEA has almost entirely given up making grants to individuals as part of incorporating the criticism that generated the "decency" clause. The agency itself seemed doomed to erasure before this decision was even handed down: after years of its elimination appearing as a plank in the Republican Party's national platform, and the whittling down of its budget over those years by about half, a House subcommittee this week voted to completely defund the agency. But the full House Appropriations Committee voted 31 - 27 to keep the NEA at its current \$98-million level for 1999. One of three Republicans joining the committee's Democrats in supporting the NEA was openly Gay Representative Jim Kolbe of Arizona. The funding battle will move to the full House sometime after mid-July.

One of the ironies of the case is that the Clinton administration's Department of Justice, in defending the decency provision, leaned heavily on the precedent set by previous administrations' refusal to allow public funds to be used for abortion counseling -- a policy Clinton threw out soon after taking office.

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**Columna Abierta. by Dr. Eleazar Garcia**

¿Qué tal?... Aquí como cada semana, nada más que por ahora, aguantando los "calorones" que hemos tenido que soportar; y parece que va para largo, ya que los estudiosos del tiempo aseguran que no tendremos lluvias pronto, así es que hay que asegurarnos sobre los efectos que puede traer esta sequía, desde luego que hay que considerar a nuestras mascotas si es que las tenemos fuera de casa, sobre todo asegurarles sombra, humedad y bastante agua además de comida ligera... Y sobre todo hay que regar un poco para que ellos tengan lugares húmedos donde soportar estos calurosos días...

Siguen los preparativos para la presentación de *Ellas de Noche*, donde se reafirmará la calidad artística de Condesa, Sasha, Brissa, Victoria, Jorge de Hollywood, Vale Oro, Virgen, y otros que de momento se me escapan ya que los nombres artísticos me son difícil de retener... el caso que aseguran una gran velada y sobre todo mucha diversión; este pendiente de los volantes que estarán circulando de un momento a otro... y será en el Stonewall por supuesto!!!

El sábado 27 de julio se llevó a cabo "GAY WEST TOO" en las instalaciones de los estudios del Viejo Tucson; donde más de 2000 personas presenciaron y disfrutaron del gran evento patrocinado por SAAF y donde Salud es Poder también estuvo participando en el desarrollo de las actividades, y el proyecto latino tuvo una magnífica presentación con bailables regionales de México donde Jorge, Valentin, Eduardo y Julio lucieron sus

conocimientos folclóricos dando una demostración la cual el público les reconoció con mucho gusto y aprecio... Y se le recuerda que el mencionado grupo; proyecto latino estará participando en la exhibición de imágenes contra el Sida que se llevará a cabo en el Arte Café de Nogales Sonora el sábado 18 de julio a las 7:00pm si necesita información adicional comunicarse con Ernie o Jorge; así mismo se les recuerda que se están reclutando voluntarios para continuar con los entrenamientos en prevención al VIH/SIDA. Así como también para el gran evento de Miss Gay Hispanidad para el mes de septiembre...

En lo que respecta a SIDA al Día; se mencionó en Ginebra de los grandes y alentadores resultados en lo que a tratamiento y prevención se refiere; sobre todo para las madres embarazadas que han recibido un tratamiento estricto y vigilado con AZT durante el embarazo con unos resultados muy alentadores; pero sigue la pregunta: que está pasando con los países que no han tenido acceso a esos beneficios? sobre todo en aquellos que no consideran el AZT en sus cuadros básicos de medicamentos para asistencia social... Específicamente el de la Secretaría de Salud de México... y de otros tantos países subdesarrollados.

A la misma vez quiero compartir con usted el siguiente artículo: La infección transitoria por el VIH no existe o, al menos es muy improbable, según un estudio en el que han participado cinco grandes centros hospitalarios de Estados Unidos. Al revisar 42 casos de niños que habían dado positivo al nacimiento y, posteriormente, negativo en las pruebas de detección del VIH, los investigadores encontraron mediante técnicas de análisis genético que el diagnóstico original había sido erróneo. Este hallazgo es importante porque se desecha prácticamente la posibilidad de que el sistema inmunológico sea capaz de eliminar el VIH del organismo. Los investigadores creen que, si es que existe, la infección transitoria por el VIH va a ser muy difícil de probar, y sugieren que para confirmarla se hagan análisis genéticos de las cepas del virus en el donante y el receptor. Además, recomiendan utilizar laboratorios distintos para evaluar las muestras de madre e hijo. Así, se podría eliminar la posibilidad de contaminación en laboratorio que dé lugar a diagnósticos erróneos, bastante comunes según los resultados de esta investigación (Science 1998)

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

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Pride Week for 1998 marking the twenty-ninth anniversary of the Stonewall Riots has passed. Celebrations, marches, parades, festivals, picnics and "Gay Days" took place locally, across the country and the globe noting the birth of the modern Gay and Lesbian rights movement. Of course with all the events, we had more than our fair share of video news footage focusing on leather men, naked individuals, "dykes on bikes" and lots of drag queens from the mainstream media morons.

Speaking of the "never-ending drag show," in the nation's Capitol, "Monica D.C.," President Bill Clinton, before his criticized trip to China sent House and Senate leaders, of both parties nonetheless, a letter urging passing of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act (HCPA). Clinton's recognizing Democrats in Congress? In his letter he cited the brutal murder of James Byrd Jr., who was dragged to his death in Jasper, Texas by three white men demanded swift action.

Swift? Four Republican members of Congress are preparing swift action indeed . . . to introduce a measure to undo, rescind, "neutralize," kill Clinton's executive order, signed May 28, prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in civilian federal employment. Rep. Joel Hefley, R-CO, introduced an amendment to the 1999 Treasury-Postal Appropriations bill, H.R. 2378 for those playing the home game, that would prohibit any use of funds to implement Clinton's executive order.

Hefley, whose district covers Colorado Springs, home of the anti Gay Focus on the Family and the infamous and now dead Amendment 2, blathered, "the president effectively established institutional quotas for homosexual employees and he intends to neutralize it." Quotas? Nope! An error or the latest attempt of election year politicking by the GOP? Hefley's press aide stated in error that the executive order actually "affects non federal employees because it becomes a condition of receiving federal grants." Wrong!

The order adds sexual orientation to the list of protected categories for which discrimination is already prohibited. The policy does not add new enforcement rights, such as the ability of a civilian federal worker to appeal an anti-Gay job discrimination case before the Equal Employment

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**"Straight. . . no, Gayly forward. . . yes."**

Opportunity Commission. Clinton's edict does help clarify the rules for government workers by bringing uniformity to existing anti discrimination policies across the federal government. Okay, but?!

Errors, okay blatant lies are in a "Dear Colleague" letter being circulated about this through Congress. This "Declaration of Hatred" is signed by Hefley, Representatives Joe Aderhold, R-AL, John Hostettler, R-IN and House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-TX. GOP theme warning! "While we do not support discrimination, we also do not believe in giving special protected status because of sexual orientation or for most other reasons," the letter states. Does this include big business, televangelists, parochial schools and the tobacco industry too?

The Majority Whip has been the most vocal against the executive order. In a speech to the House, DeLay declared, "The President of the United States is trying, once again, to go around the American people to implement his liberal agenda. The American people do not want quotas, they do not want special preferences, and they certainly do not want affirmative action based on sexual orientation. Like the President's efforts to put homosexuals in the military, this executive order should be resisted." Delightful, but Gays and Lesbians do have a place in the GOP's "big tent?" Right?

There is a small problem though. Clinton admitted, before fleeing to China, that he lacked the authority to enforce it. Now he tells us! He also called on the Congress to enact the legislation to make enforcement possible. [Action alert! Call Congressman Jim Kolbe's Tucson office, (520) 881-3588 and Congressman Ed Pastor's Tucson office, (520) 624-9986 and leave messages urging them to oppose the Hefley amendment and pass legislation giving Clinton the authority to invoke the order . . . as little as the order would do and contrary to the GOP ranting.]

Still on the subject of Gays and the GOP, it seems that the remarks of Senate Majority Leader Trent "Good Hair Day" Lott, R-MS, or foot-in-mouth may have turned the tide of openly Gay Philanthropist, "Spam-King," James Hormel very stalled nomination to be the next U.S. ambassador to the ever so strategically important principality of Luxembourg. Call him "Madam?" Not quite yet but it is getting closer.

Anti-Gay opponents to Hormel are now conceding the backlash in the Senate to Lott's comparison of homosexuality to an illness have been so pronounced that the nomination will finally be voted on and approved. Really?

A leading opponent, Steven Schwalm of the anti-Gay Family Research Council said he's seeing a groundswell of support that inevitably will lead to his confirmation. Schwalm said, "My sense from the outside is that pressure is building inside the Senate to approve Hormel. . . . His supporters are now playing the new political card, the Gay card. . . ." Puh-leeze! Like the Family Research Council and every right-wing religious Republican hasn't played that bent one in their political "deck!"

With the spotlight on Clinton in China and "Zippergate," Vice President Al "Yes He's Running in 2000" Gore held a meeting with Gay political leaders. Were there rubber gloves used again at the White House? The main topic of the meeting was Gay and Lesbian family issues. How nice! Gore vowed that he and the president "would stringently oppose any federal legislative effort that would make it more difficult for a Gay person to adopt," said Richard Socarides, White House liaison to the Gay community. Issuing another executive order with no enforcement authority perhaps?

Be very, very quiet, we're hunting for candidates! Heh, heh, heh, heh! Elmer Fudd aside, the deadline to file petitions for

statewide and county offices passed this past week and seven of the eight state senators from Southern Arizona are reelected, no primary or general election opposition. Eight state representatives are reelected as well from Southern Arizona, same reason. Twenty state senators and fourteen state representatives have gotten a free pass. Ain't democracy grand? More next week.

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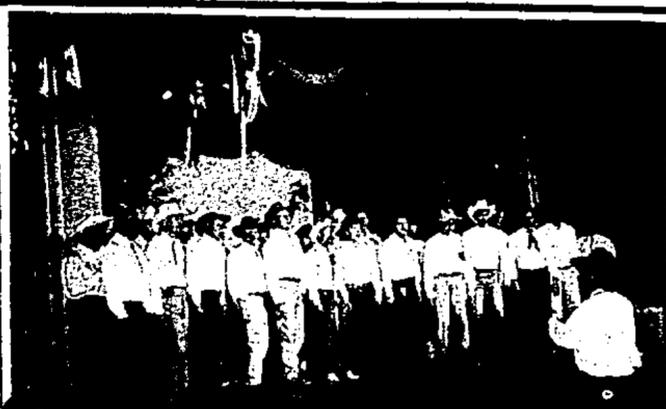
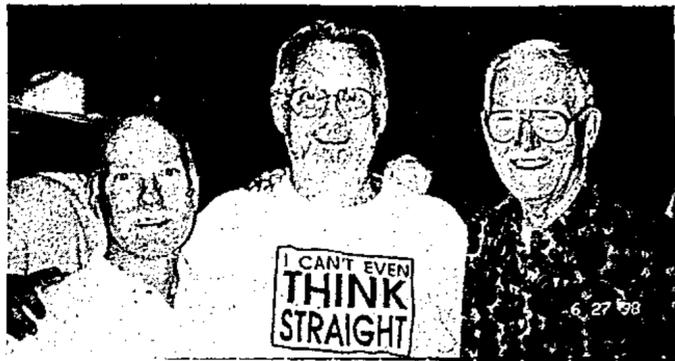
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**TO THE COMMUNITY:**

Gateway Villas would like to thank all the members of the community who participated and supported "Splash '98" Sunday, June 21.

We would like to thank Tom and Tim at TLGA for scheduling/promoting our event. Also, many thanks to the following participants that provided entertainment through the afternoon: Miss Aja Simone, Faith, Bunny FuFu and Foxy. Without their continuous support and energy, Splash '98 would not have been the success that it was.

A big thank you to H-Bomb for providing fresh music during the pool party. Lastly, we would like to thank the Arizona Aces for volunteering their time and effort in order to raise funds for their upcoming softball tournament in Los Angeles of the Fourth of July weekend.

Sincerely,  
John and Carlos  
Gateway Villas Bed & Breakfast

**TO MY FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS:**

I would like to share with anyone willing to read this with an open mind, my experiences of a couple of weeks ago. It's just an observation of mine, about the state of human minds (and hearts) in the world today.

To start off with, let me say that I accept each person on their own personal merit. I do not generalize or categorize my fellow human beings. They are what they are. I learned this the hard way. Being categorized and judged. Everyone feels that they're the most tread upon. Blacks, Mexicans, Gays, Lesbians, women, senior citizens, less educated people, fat people, skinny people, poor people, no-so-beautiful people, etc. See what I mean? It can go on forever! I fall into, not one, but a few of these categories (if I need a category!).

The other night I went into my favorite neighborhood bar. I don't usually go to bars alone, but I felt very comfortable in this place and felt I had a lot of friends there. I had an argument with my "significant other" and was home alone. I needed the comfort of friendly faces and conversations. I was having a great time just conversing and enjoying a drink, when a gentleman down the bar from me asked, in a very mean and bitter tone, "what the hell are you doing here?!" By this he meant, me being a woman, (a straight woman he assumed) what was I doing in a men's Gay bar? He got very rude and swore at me and told me in no uncertain terms that "I did not belong there." He also ventured to call my "significant other" names and then threw his drink in my face! I was very hurt and embarrassed, not just for myself, but

also for him. He must have had a really bad experience, bad day, a bad life. But why should I make excuses for him? Because his outburst showed his pain. He may not know it, or accept it. People who act out like that are usually in the dark, in denial. I'm sure he doesn't have so many friends that he can throw any way. I forgive him for his cruel actions (reactions?).

The way I see it is this; if I'm willing to accept others the way they are, they should accept me the way I am, right? Wrong! Everyone has an "Achilles Heel" and they tend to be very protective of it! Everyone carries around with them tons of baggage from the past. That's what make us who we are, the experiences in our lives. Anyone who says they don't have any baggage from the past. That's what makes us who we are, the experiences in our lives. Anyone who says they don't have any baggage, either have had a very sheltered life, or are in denial. So, what happens to us? We tend to shy away from those who remind us of the people who have hurt us in the past. Or have hurt people we know, or that we've heard of, and it goes on and on. So where does it stop? Or, is it okay to "do unto others before they do unto you?"

This line of thinking tends to limit us. It closes our world into tight little boxes, which to some may be a comfort zone. But to what cost? Do any of us have too many people to care about us, even love us? Do any of us have too many people to care about or to love? I'm talking about the true meaning of caring and loving. Not just physically, but spiritually?

So, to treat someone you don't know (from personal experience) badly, can lose you a potential friend and ally. You may never know what people are about until you talk with them, take the time to get to know them for who they are, not just judge them for who you "think" they are. Everyone preaches love and compassion, acceptance and tolerance. Everyone needs to live by it! Especially those who wish others to do the same.

It's really sad what people do to each other. Why can't the ones who are willing to reach out to their fellow human beings be met with a friendly hand shake? Wouldn't it be great!

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# Spiritual Awareness In The AIDS Era (Part 2)

In a previous column, I shared some of my experiences regarding HIV/AIDS. I began by sharing the circumstances under which I met the person I knew with AIDS in 1983. I noted that in my first book, published in 1988, I stated that AIDS should not be seen as a death sentence but viewed as a chronic illness. And I underscored that a diagnosis of any serious illness causes a person to reflect on their mortality. Living in the AIDS era, many of us have had to face mortality, grief, and bereavement. Over the last two years, significant break-throughs have occurred in the treatment of AIDS. Now that AIDS is becoming a treatable chronic illness, several questions seem pertinent to me. They include: how do we deal with the reality of HIV/AIDS? What impact does it have on our lives today? Now that more effective treatment for HIV/AIDS is available, has AIDS-awareness become irrelevant?

Having spent six years living and working in the trendy Gay mecca of Miami's South Beach, I witnessed a less than subtle shift in Gay men's consciousness about AIDS. Commentators in New York, San Francisco, and LA have reported a similar shift. As treatment for HIV becomes more effective, a growing number of men have given up safer sex practices. "Riding bare-back" has become fashionable in sex clubs, on the circuit, and in some party circles. Increased drug use, including crystal meth, X and K, cloud the judgment of those who in other circumstances would be more cautious in their sexual practices. HIV infection continues, especially among our youth.

In Tucson, the party scene of urban centers seems distant. Yet, even in the most remote areas, Gay men are familiar with the icons, styles, and habits of the mecca's and often imitate them with gusto. Perhaps, living in Tucson gives us enough space from the fervor of the mecca's to

reflect on our experience of HIV/AIDS in a different way. While the incidence of HIV infection has been lower in Arizona than many other states, many Gay men and lesbians have moved to Arizona after having lived in urban centers. We know the toll AIDS has taken.

HIV/AIDS remains very much a part of Gay life. While it has become a health issue that is more treatable than it has been in the past, HIV/AIDS won't be going away any time too soon. Transmission of the virus occurs through some of the acts of intimacy which touch the core of who we are most deeply. Because HIV touches our lives in such intimate and powerful ways, it is important for us to consider carefully our response to AIDS.

Fear and discomfort of HIV/AIDS remains today just as it did 15 years ago. None of us really wants to be infected. Yet, it is often easier to deny it's presence than the face the reality of the AIDS era creatively.

It is my contention that living in the midst of AIDS is a spiritual issue. The way in which we live in the AIDS era is an extension of what we believe about ourselves and others. If our belief is that life is precious gift, to be sustained and nurtured, then we will care for our lives and the lives of others. If we believe, as Quaker George Fox stated so eloquently, that "there is that which is of God in everyone," then we will look for that divinity in our interactions with others and not do things to diminish them. If we believe that there is a fundamental goodness in life, we will do what is necessary to nurture that goodness both within and around us. Such beliefs lead us to be honest with ourselves and our sexual partners; to practice safe sex; to provide support for those living with HIV; and to support those who are fearful and confused in the midst of this AIDS pandemic.

As I look around our communities, it seems to me that many people have beliefs that are very different from these. It sometimes appears to me that we believe that the only thing really important in life is pleasure, even if it is harmful to ourselves and others. There are other times that I suspect that many of us believe that other people are only in our lives to be used to meet our needs at that moment. There are still other times when I suspect that some people believe that the things they do today will have no impact on their lives or the lives of other tomorrow. Such beliefs only diminish life in the AIDS era.

Fundamental beliefs about life shape all of our interactions. They are deeply rooted spiritual beliefs that have become integrated parts of our lives. These beliefs give form and dimension to our lives, work, and relationships. Often, fundamental life beliefs can only be assessed by careful reflection on our own behavior. What is inside of us will be shown on the outside, one way or another.

The way we live in the AIDS era, whether we attempt to deny the reality of HIV/AIDS, or look for bold, creative, life-affirming solutions in the midst of AIDS, is really a function of our fundamental beliefs.

Yes, I do believe that here in Tucson is a good place to stop and reflect on our beliefs and how those beliefs lead us to act in the AIDS era.

The Rev. Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D., is a counselor and spiritual director in private practice in Tucson.

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Howdy folks! Hope everyone recovered from the great Pride week we had here in the Old Pueblo. Was it my imagination or did we have a great time and a great turnout for Gay West II at Old Tucson Studios? I had a great time.

Those who missed the event missed the event missed a great time. Between the fabulous entertainment, two dances and all that delicious eye candy. I couldn't keep up. It was great seeing friends who we lose contact through the rest of the year. Hats off to all who played a hand in the planning, organizing and set up; Once again AGRA played an important part in the event. Many thanks to those who helped set up with AGRA's part. You know who you are.

Did you catch that fabulous shirt Darrin was sporting? Girl! Who is your tailor? Great job on your duet with Victoria. As many of you know, we are trying to put together our storage shed. It is not going well. Too many pieces! If anyone has time to help us or has experience putt-

ing one together, give us a call. We could really use your help.

This weekend is our nation's Independence Day and AGRA is going to have a party! Big surprise. We utilize any and everyday as an opportunity to have fun and party. Yippy! See ya all at Stonewall this weekend.

We always welcome participation and volunteers from our great community. Don't forget our July meeting is scheduled for July 19 at the Stonewall/Eagle. If you are wanting to join AGRA, this is your perfect opportunity. July 1- December 1 membership dues are only \$30 and renewal is \$20 in January. That's a \$10 savings. Come on and jump on the bandwagon.

For this week, that is all I have. Until next time. Have fun and play safe.

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A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

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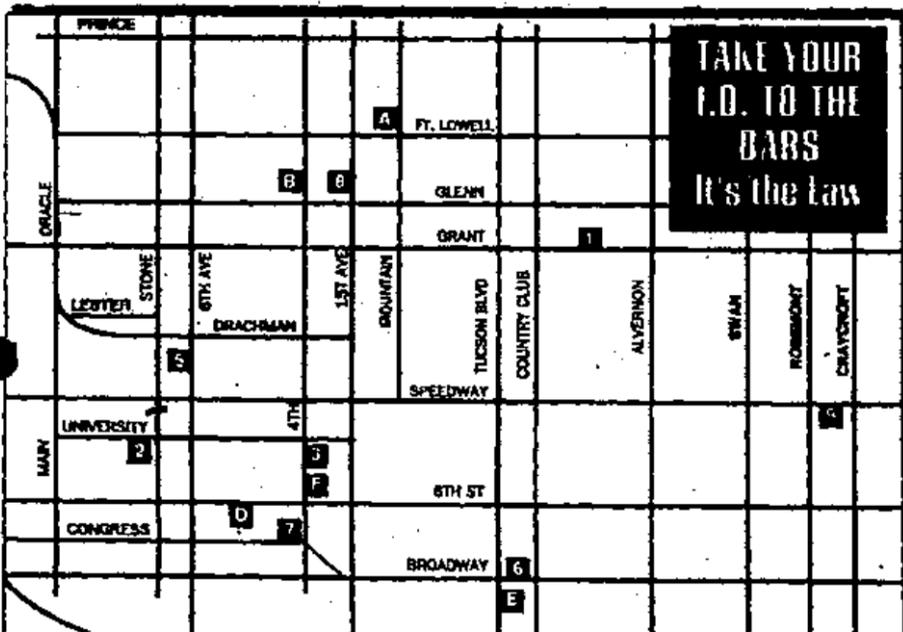
A few of the most important freedoms are: speech, press and religion. The freedom of speech allows us the right to say what we want, when and wherever. The freedom of the press gives us the opportunity to print our own opinions, even if they differ from the "norm" or our government. Finally, the freedom of religion affords everyone, citizen and foreigner alike, the opportunity to belong to any church and worship any deity they want to.

As Americans we are truly free. Or are we?

According to the Bible, "...

everyone who sins (is not perfect) is a slave to sin, and nothing we do in and of ourselves can free us from that burden. There is hope, Jesus says, "... if the son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36) According to the Bible, "... everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13) To call on the name of the Lord means believing that Jesus' death was for your sins. When you are saved, you have the promise of spending eternity in Heaven. Now that's freedom!

So this Independence Day, as you think about how blessed you are to be an American, and perhaps as you try to appreciate all the freedoms you have as a citizen, why not take that extra step and call on Jesus Christ, so that you too can experience total freedom.



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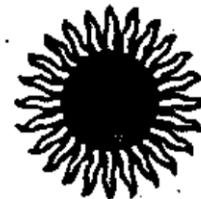
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**Pride Wind-Up Around The Nation And The World**

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Other myriad Pride '98 events included a Dyke March, the famed Frameline Gay and Lesbian film festival, a San Francisco Museum of Modern Art exhibit of the work of the late Gay Keith Haring, the 20th annual Pride Concert by the San Francisco Lesbian & Gay and Gay Men's Chorus featuring Canberra's Gay and Lesbian Qwire, drag celebrity impersonations, a barbecue for Gay and Lesbian Peace Corps members, the 18th annual Pride Fun Run through Golden Gate Park, a bike ride across the Golden Gate Bridge, and an HIV remembrance celebration at Chamizal National Memorial Park that featured what was billed as the world's largest AIDS ribbon.

Another giant landmark was the pink Triangle on top of the Twin Peaks — 120 feet across, twice as big as its predecessor.

The festival included one stage devoted entirely to African-American performers, a stage for Latino/a performers, and a special "safe space" for youth participants.

**International Pride Briefs**

**LONDON, UK (NP)** — In Berlin they demand partner rights, in Rome they twit Fini, in Madrid they give Cela the brick, in Halifax they get surveyed...

**Berlin, Germany:** Berlin's 20th annual Christopher Street Day pride march's 200 - 300,000 spectators more than doubled last year's total. Ten thousand Gays and Lesbians and 90 floats (one a giant papier-mache penis) paraded along Unter den Linden, the city's main street, from the Kurfurstendam to a rally in Bebelplatz Square in what used to be East Berlin. The generally noisy demonstration quieted for a minute of silence in memory of those lost to AIDS. The primary political message, voiced in part at the rally by openly Gay Green Party Member of Parliament Volker Beck, was a demand for equal rights, particularly recognition of same-gender couples, adoption rights, and job rights.

**Rome, Italy:** More than 3,000 Gays, Lesbians and Transgendered people paraded through central Rome en route to an open air concert. The favorite targets for Mardi Gras-style satire were National Alliance leader Gianfranco Fini and his wife Daniela, who had previously called for bans on Gay and Lesbian teachers and professional soccer players.

**Madrid, Spain:** For his remarks that Gays and Lesbians should stay away from the centennial celebrations of Spain's great Gay poet Federico Garcia Lorca, Nobel prize-winning poet Camilio Jose Cela was ceremonially awarded the "pink brick" as the year's most homophobic public figure.

**Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada:** The 12th annual Gay and Lesbian Pride Day parade in Halifax had several hundred participants, with one of the event's founders, Wilson Hodder, acting as grand marshal.

It was Hodder's complaint to the provincial Human Rights Commission which recently won pension benefits for the Gay and Lesbian partners of Nova Scotia's government employees — even before the federal government declined last week to appeal an Ontario ruling allowing those benefits. Parade participants were offered the opportunity to fill out surveys as part of the Canadian government's unprecedented effort to find out more about its Gay and Lesbian citizens, an effort coordinated by the national group EGALE (Equality for Gays and Lesbians Everywhere).

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The film will chronicle the history of the Gay and Lesbian community following the 1969 Stonewall riots. Production, which began this month, will continue throughout the summer in the United States and locations abroad, including coverage of the Gay Games in Amsterdam. "After Stonewall" will focus on the unprecedented growth of the Gay and Lesbian community since the historic riots in New York.

Production is scheduled to be completed by June of 1999, for release during the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stonewall riots.

The producers are interested in

hearing from individuals who may be able to contribute materials for the documentary. They may contact the producers by visiting "After Stonewall's" website at <http://www.sovcr.net/~frogfarm/after.htm> or by writing Janet Baus at RR 3, Box 333, Guilford, Vermont, 05301.

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HIV and that is the memory cell population that can carry replication competent genome in a quiescent manner."

Going forward, Ho said there would be "considerable focus on this cell memory population." Several different strategies, "particularly using candidate vaccines, to flush out the virus from resting T cells" which are being developed and tested.

Ho also updated meeting attendees on patients who are HIV-positive but do not progress to AIDS even after many years. These patients, called "long-term non-progressors," have virtually no detectable levels of the virus in their blood and they have strong and persistent immune cells called cytotoxic T lymphocytes (CTLs).

Based on this, Ho speculated that one line of research may be to determine if it would be possible to "induce immunity" by substantially increasing the number of CTLs in HIV-infected patients.

In an interview following his presentation, Ho said, "There are, on paper, strategies that would allow us to (eradicate the virus), whether they will succeed or not, we do not know. If (we can't) shut off all the replication, then the attempt to deal with the persistence problem is more difficult."

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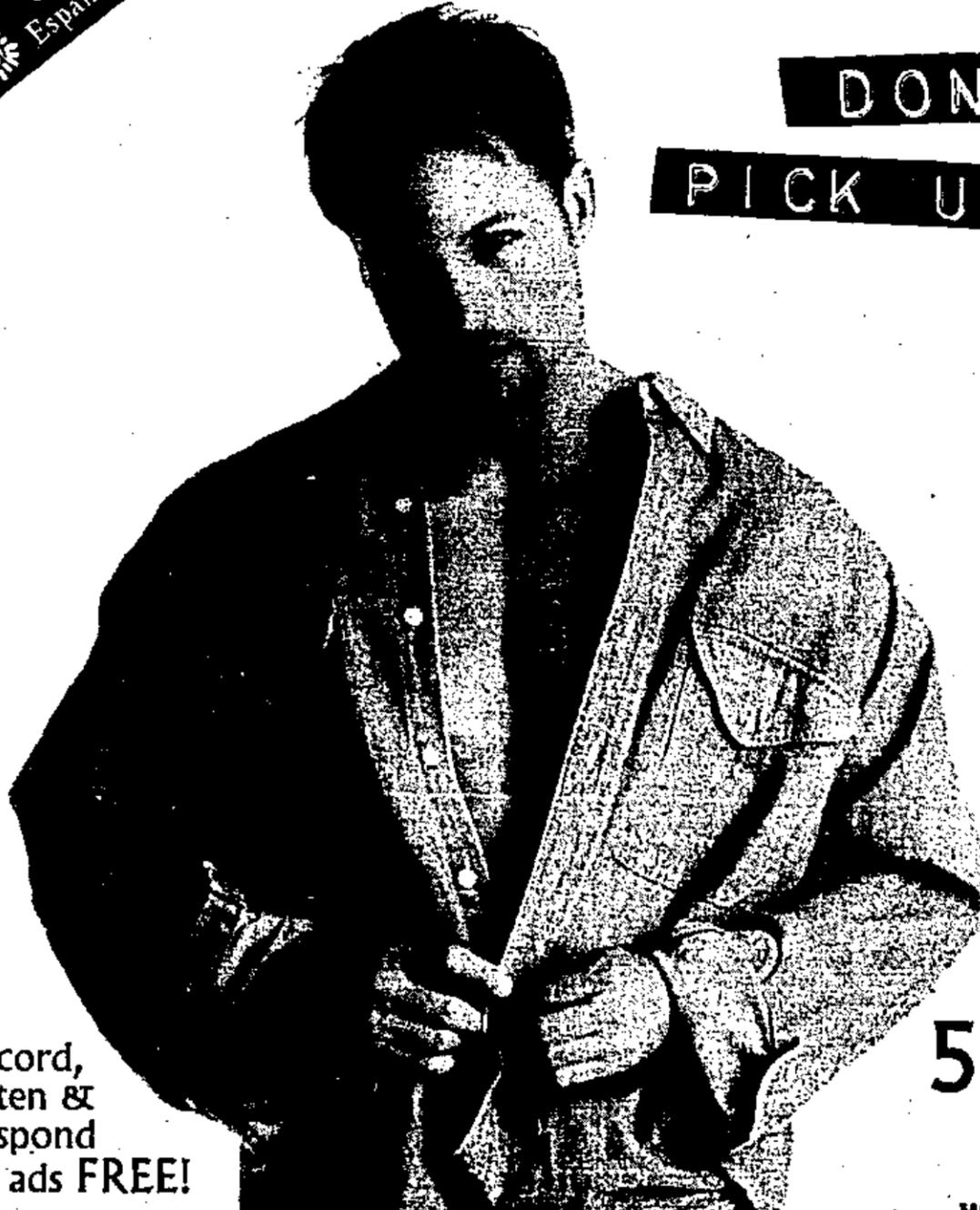
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## SATURDAY, JULY 4

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly potluck as we sit down to eat with some of the nicest gay guys in town (like you). You're invited to come and share your favorite dish with the men who come to our monthly gathering. This month we're having the potluck at a member's home at the base of A Mountain. Please call Jerry at 690-9565 for directions and any questions you may have.

## SUNDAY, JULY 5

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

## MONDAY, JULY 6

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our Summer Series of James Bond videos. Our first presentation this month is "Goldfinger". Sean Connery stars as the ultimate suave & sophisticated spy. For directions and reservations, please call Les at 690-9565.

## TUESDAY, JULY 7

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing "Coming Out Under Fire" by Alan Berube. 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.

## THURSDAY, JULY 9

GLU (Gays & Lesbians United) meet tonight at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be hosted by TEGLO (Tucson Employees Gay and Lesbian Organization), and will be held at Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Please make sure a representative from your organization is there to tell us about your group's summer and fall plans. Please RSVP to 323-7943

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a night of good, hearty food as we revisit Cody's Beef 'N' Beans on Ft. Lowell. This is the only restaurant we've been to that had unanimous praise! Please call in your reservation for this event early to give the restaurant enough time to prepare. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

## FRIDAY, JULY 10

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Starting tonight, we bring you the next chapter in the saga of 28 Barbary Lane. Join us for part I of "More Tales of the City". Please note that space will be limited, so call early if you would like to see this entertaining follow up to the original "Tales of the City". For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

## SATURDAY, JULY 11

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 a.m. Join Donn as he leads a tubing trip down the Salt River. Get wet, have some fun, and enjoy the day with the guys. For reservations and details, please call Donn at 325-4257.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Tonight, we conclude our miniseries about the residents of 28 Barbary Lane. Join us for part II of "More Tales of the City". Please note that space will be limited, so call early if you would like to see this entertaining follow up to the original "Tales of the City". For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

## SUNDAY, JULY 12

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 2:00 p.m. Davey hosts a fun afternoon of pool play and a potluck. Water volleyball is on the agenda as he opens the pool for a day of fun and exercise. At 5:00, the food will come out and you can enjoy a meal together. For directions and reservations, please call Davey at 886-1208.

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

3. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join the guys for a night of Mah Jong. This ancient game is becoming all the rage again, and if you'd like to learn how to play, this is the place. For directions and reservations, please call Steve at 338-4849.

## MONDAY, JULY 13

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who July want to refresh their bridge skills; table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 885-5408.

## TUESDAY, JULY 14

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

# Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

IBTS - The Love Company presents "Patin' On The Lips" lipsync contest. \$50 for the winner!

## SATURDAY, JULY 4

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Independence Day Blow Out! Drink Specials all night. Top 40 dance with DJ HILL. No Cover.

HOURS - Open at 1:00 p.m. Bar-B-Que at 2:00 p.m. Party and Dance all weekend at your total country bar!

IBTS - 'Free To Be Me' Party. Bar-B-Que 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Post Fireworks Dance 9:00 p.m. to close.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Free car wash! Free cloggy Joes! (Donations appreciated!) A benefit for TLGA. Sponsored by the Purple Team. 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Then at 10:00 p.m. A.G.R.A. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party Weekend show in the Eagle.

VENTURE-N - Independence Day Pancake Breakfast. And a special Summer Bar-B-Que too!! Desert Leathersmen Beer Bust 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Fun for everyone!

## SUNDAY, JULY 5

IBTS - Benefit Bar-B-Que/Beer Bust 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. for Reveille Gay Men's Chorus. Karaoke with Billy Dee 4:40-7:30 p.m. Then at 9:00 p.m., a benefit show and raffle for Reveille featuring our new Miss Gay Arizona, Kenneth Blake, Lani, Regina Reed, presented by Lani Productions.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - More A.G.R.A. fun Burger Bust from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Show in the Stonewall at 10:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Free anonymous HIV testing at the Biz 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Drink Specials all day.

IBTS - 9:00 P.M., "The Girlie Show" featuring Miss Gay Arizona '98 Mr. Kenneth Blake, Lucinda Holliday and Felice Renard plus Queen of Gay Pride, Shaundrianna.

## SUNDAY, JULY 12

STONEWALL / EAGLE - "That Entertainment" Birthday Bash Show for Misti Malone and Miss J.R. 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, JULY 17-18-19  
STONEWALL / EAGLE - Hawaiian Get-Away Weekend. Watch for details.

## FRIDAY, JULY 17

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Comedy is back at the Biz. Karen Ripley is back by popular demand. Advance tickets \$5.00. (The day of the show \$7.00). DJ Hill spins after the show.

## SUNDAY, JULY 19

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Tucson's hottest Latin Drag Show! The Biz welcomes Fuerza Latina Show. Starts promptly at 9:00 p.m. \$2.00 Cover. Great Latin music follows with DJ Hill.

## FRIDAY, JULY 24

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Boogie Night at the Biz. '70s and '80s music all night. Special drink prices for those who wear retro clothes. Have fun! No cover.

## FRIDAY, JULY 31

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Latin Night (The last Friday of each month is Latin Night). DJ Hill spins the hottest Latin house plus a little top 40 dance. No cover. Lots of fun.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join the guys for a Lunch Out as we eat at Takamatsu. It's some of the best Japanese food in town. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 298-7415.

## THURSDAY, JULY 16

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jack as he hosts a seminar on how to manage your spending. Space is limited. For directions and reservations, please call Jack at 573-6653.

## FRIDAY, JULY 17

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take place at Les & Jerry's home. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, July 16 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

## SATURDAY, JULY 18

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Homer as he hosts a seminar on telemarketing fraud. You'll learn tips on what it is and how to avoid it. For more information, please contact Homer at 884-7337.

## SUNDAY, JULY 19

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

## MONDAY, JULY 20

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Bond films continue with the 4th movie, "Thunderball". Sean Connery stars. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

# 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 1pm. \$2 Bloody Marys & \$1.50 Screwdrivers all 8pm. Country music & dancing with FREE country dance instruction 7pm.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. \$1.75 pitchers 75¢ a glass. 1/4 lb. Burgers with cheese, potato salad & chips \$2 at 2pm-77 Pool Tourney 2pm w/Zippmann. Karaoke Night 8-close hosted by Billy Dee. Stonewall opens at 9pm with hot dance music with DJ Rayman

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched) Best Burgers served 5-7pm. Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 7pm.

## Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. Open Jan Session 8-1. \$1 Pitchers all night.

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.

IBTS - Open noon. Martial Monday all day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50/32oz pitchers. DJ Michael plays Hip Hop, R&B, House & swing 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Party with Rob in the evening. Doc's Dart Tourney 8pm in the Eagle. Free pool all day.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon.

## Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 pm. Free Pool 2-4pm. Pool Tournament 7:30 pot matched. \$1 longnecks for pool players. '70s/'80s dance music 9-1. Shot specials all night.

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. \$1.50 well or domestic beer. Draft Beer Mike 8-close. \$2 small \$4 large pitchers.

IBTS - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. 9pm to close \$1.75 well. Wear a Tank or T. DJ Michael plays Hip Hop, R&B, House and Swing 9-1.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Miller & Miller Like \$1.75 Cuervo Gold \$2 after 8pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well drinks and longnecks 6am - noon.

## Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free Pool 2-4. Beer Bust 9-midnight w/\$1.25 pitchers & 75¢ glasses. Alternative music 9-1.

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 \$1.50 well or domestic beer. Import Night \$2.25 8pm-1am

IBTS - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour Noon to 8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. Mystery Night. \$1.75 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. Dance with David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon. Cuervo Gold \$2 and Cuervo 1800 \$2.25 Open to close.

## Thursday

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

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

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well or domestic beer. 75¢ Schnapps 8pm to close. \$2 Cuervo shots and country/western dance at 9pm

IBTS - 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 (but check availability). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Latino Dance Party w/Eduardo at the Stonewall which opens at 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am \$1.50 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6am-noon. Patio Bar open 3pm. Football \$1.50 from 9pm-midnight. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-lsh. \$3 entry (Pot Matched). Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 8:30

## Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 5:30 - 7 free food. Top 40 dance music 9-1 w/DJ Hill.

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 \$1.50 well and domestic beer. Country Western Music and Dancing 9pm to 1am.

IBTS - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Live Jazz on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Food Buffet 6pm. If YOU wear a Stonewall/Eagle T-shirt YOU get happy hour prices all night. DJ Rayman 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon. Seatch served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 3pm. Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 8:30pm.

## 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.

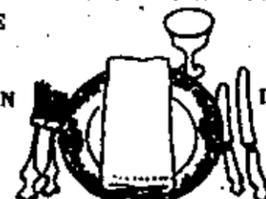
HOURS - Open 1pm. Small Pitchers \$2 & FREE pool 2-5. Xena on the big screen with pot luck at 6pm. Country Western Music all night.

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

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

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ draft 3-7pm. Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 8:30pm. Partnership Cricket Tournament 8:30pm \$3 entry (Pot Matched).

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COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (602)432-5581. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 578-8027 for more

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 43919, Tucson, AZ 85733-3919, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

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

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-AMON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Elin 581-8450 or Ronn 968-2364.

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

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-8466 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7298.

MALE MEN: Long-haired Gay male penpal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station 8, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P6C4

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

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

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

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #565, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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

MEM'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 590-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson 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 299-9963.

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.

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

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

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

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

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of soothing 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 7-6415 or Jesse Perri 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 622-3280.

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

TIKAM, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 293-6447.

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 797-3118 for more information and a membership fee.

LESBIAN/GAY/BISEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-8678 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 791-7676.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1808 N. Camino Pio Decline in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Erin 721-2963 or Anna Maria at the Parish office 885-3573.

NOTICES

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmoor Building). Office Hours 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 325-AIDS. World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. 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 M. Rich at 326-3555

P.F.L.A.G. - Partners and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8460 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85748-8264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers to Fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 584-0280, leave name and phone number.

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

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

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

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

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 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

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

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. Jean 742-8960.

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 Emmott 322-6057 (evellaw@ix.netcom.com)

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast each 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KKCI. 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 15th year! (1st in Tucson).

TRANSGENDER ISSUES: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on first Mondays for informal discussion of transgender topics. Hosted by Dezart Boyz. For information call Cory at 628-3659 or send email to: meebrydym@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) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85018 or call 682-278-4885.

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TUCSON'S FUNDANCE CLUB IS LOOKING FOR AN EXPERIENCED BARTENDER to join their staff. Call David Frank at WTA, 882-3853 or pick up an application at 616 N. 4th Avenue. 728

PERSONALS

Paul Koenigman, 48 is trying to get in touch with his mother Paula. To the best of his knowledge, she is still living in Tucson. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Paula Koenigman is asked to have her call 882-7800 to reunite her with her son Paul.

FREE CHATLINES! Heavy Duty Action 24 hr! (475)441-1146 / (212)796-3382 / (704)319-2071. Speeches: (213)980-7985. Daily list apply. 18+ 735

SWEDISH GUY 30, 187,75 (lawyer), tall, slim, educated, sport, swim, music, is looking for a friend/friend. Exchange visit possible after awhile. Reply in English, German or Dutch to: Tersten Leder, De Ester, 39,9235 KM Tysjaert, The Netherlands. 728.

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Si eres hombre que busca una o mas chicas y quieres ayudarnos a extender y apoyar los programas para Las Latinas, Escríbenos para una entrevista confidencial al 322-6226 y pregúntanos por Ernesto. 730

If you are a Latino man who is having sex with other men and you want to help us to support and expand our programs for Latinos, call for a confidential interview at 322-6226 and ask for Ernie. 730

NUDE MALE MODELS. Do you need pics for internet? For your boyfriend? Just for the hell of it? Amateur photographer seeks attractive young men to photograph. Male couples welcome. Call 624-2898. 728.

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