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Borderline Theatre Presents 'The Gene Pool' Jan. 13 - 31

TUCSON — Borderlands Theater will present the comedy, "The Gene Pool," January 13-31, by Christi Stewart-Brown, at the Pima Community College for the Arts Black Box Theatre, 2202 West Anklam Road.

Parenting isn't easy, especially for two women with a growing son! But for this nutty couple of loving moms, the real trouble starts when, upon his eighteenth birthday, asks: "Moms, who is my dad?" "The Gene Pool," is a light, zany comedy paying tribute to the heyday of the 60's T.V. "Icon Moms," but with many unexpected quirks and bumps along the way, including motorcycle chases and a bizarre kidnapping, and a search for the sperm donor dad! This is an outrageously funny play about real family values.

This production is directed by Chris Wilken. The cast includes Tucson stage veterans Suzi List and Carlisle Ellis as the loving moms, Michael Yarmea as their curious son, Danielle Coleman is the new girlfriend and recognized Dwayne Palmer plays the mysterious visitor.

"Christi Stewart-Brown is one of the freshest, funniest satirical voices I've encountered in years," says director Chris Wilken, who has steered many of the Borderlands comedies. "There is a great interplay between the serious issues of what constitutes 'family,' something we hear, read or even experience about every day, and the light-hearted format of the production."

Problems of parenting are not much different on this play, however, than other family TV comedies of the 60's. "One might think they were watching Donna Reed or Doris Day except the parents in this case a same-sex couple," says Borderlands Theater Managing Director Liane Hernandez.

PERFORMANCES SCHEDULE AND TICKET INFORMATION

Previews: January 13 and 14, 8:00 P.M. Preview tickets are $9 general; $7 students.

Opening Celebration: January 15, 8:00 P.M. Tickets are $15 (includes play and reception). Tickets are also available for the play only.

Regular Performances: Wednesdays & Thursdays: $11 general; $7 students. Friday & Saturday: $12 general; $7 student rush (student rush tickets available 15 minutes prior to curtain rising). All evening shows are at 8:00 P.M. Sundays: $11 general; $7 students, 2:00 P.M. show. The Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday senior rate is $9.

You can purchase tickets at: Antigone Books, 411 North Fourth Avenue. PCC Center for the Arts Box Office, 2202 West Anklam. Borderlands Theater Office, 240 North Stone Avenue.

SPECIAL SNEAK PREVIEW OF THE PLAY

Antigone Books will host a special, free sneak preview of The Gene Pool, Friday, January 8, 7:00 P.M.

Actors from the show will stage a reading of selections from the show.

For more information, call (520) 882-7406.

Public Still Uneasy About G/L Acceptance According To A New Poll

WASHINGTON, DC (WP) — While attitudes towards Gay men and women have changed dramatically, most people remain deeply conflicted and uncomfortable on the subject of Gay acceptance, according to a new poll by a Washington newspaper and the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and Harvard University.

The pollsters went out of their way to get around some of the wording problems that seem to plague other national surveys on subjects of Gay tolerance. The wildly divergent answers to differently phrased questions underscore the volatility of public sentiment.

For example, a majority of those polled, 57 percent, still say homosexuality is unacceptable. (29% say it is unacceptable, but should be tolerated by society; 28% say it is unacceptable and should not be tolerated). When the question is phrased as "Gay sex," opposition surges from 57 percent to 72 percent.

Most Americans are willing to grant Gay men and women basic rights such as freedom from harassment or the right to earn a living, but oppose laws they construe as giving moral sanction to Gay behavior.

In the national poll, 87 percent said Gay people should have equal rights in terms of job opportunities. Asked if sexual relations between consenting adults of any sex should be legalized, a much smaller majority, 55 percent, said yes, while 34 percent answered no. When pollsters reminded people that adults could be prosecuted for engaging in these activities in their own homes, more than half of those who said homosexuality should be illegal changed their minds.

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HIV Supressed By Cell Injections According To New Study

SEATTLE, WA (WS) — For the first time, researchers have suppressed HIV in infected patients by giving them injections of cells made from their own immune systems.

Thanks to the latest drugs, many patients show little sign of HIV infection in their blood but carry lingering traces of the AIDS virus in lymph nodes and other hard-to-reach places. The new approach could point to new paths for destroying such remnants of the virus, scientists say.

Though they say the new technique can't be used immediately to treat large numbers of patients, it is encouraging because it appears to curb the virus temporarily in lymph nodes.

"An area we want to consider is: Is it possible to rid somebody of infection?" said the study's chief author, virologist Scott Brodie at the University of Washington.

The new research will be published in the monthly journal Nature Medicine.

HIV propagates by attacking a kind of immune cell known as a helper T-cell. The researchers chose three patients and isolated from their bodies another type of white blood cell, known as a killer T-cell, which destroys HIV.

By cloning and other means, they grew huge numbers of each patient's killer T-cells in a laboratory and genetically engineered some with markers to trace their movement within the body. They then reinjected massive amounts back into each patient and traced the migrating cells to lymph nodes.

There, the new killer T-cells knocked down the number of infected helper T-cells, in some cases to undetectable levels, according to the researchers. The effect was temporary, though, as the new cells disappeared within three weeks.

Still, Dr. Roger Pomerantz, chief of infectious diseases at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, who is familiar with the research, called it an exciting early step toward eradicating HIV "where it hides."

While praising the long-term value of the work, Dr. Anthony Fauci, who is working on his own treatment to eradicate virus remnants, cautioned that the University of Washington technique is so advanced that it limits immediate practical use. "It's too expensive, it's too time-consuming, it's too complicated," he said.

Another AIDS study appearing in Nature Medicine points to a second approach in replenishing the immune system.

Researchers found that an HIV infection shortens the life span of both killer and helper T-cells to less than a third of normal, and production of replacement cells lags behind.

Many researchers have theorized that HIV irreparably breaks down the body's cell-replacement capacity through overuse.

This study, however, suggests otherwise: that the replacement capacity survives and can be refreshed with standard HIV treatment, known as a drug cocktail. The researchers said the standard treatment seems somehow to increase the production of immune cells by an average of three or four times.

Some scientists say this research will intensify the search for ways of reviving the body's ability to fight disease once it is damaged by AIDS.

The chief author, Dr. Marc Hellerstein of the University of California, San Francisco, said such research should ultimately show whether later-stage AIDS patients largely cleared of infection through drug therapy can "really regenerate normalcy in their immune systems."

Michael McCune, another member of the research team, suggested such approaches also might apply to cancer and other diseases.

Catholics Run Ad Pledging To Fight Anti-Gay Hatred

NEW YORK, NY (NYT) — Nearly 2,000 Catholics committed themselves to ending violence against Gay and Lesbian people in a public pledge issued as a full-page advertisement in the national edition of a New York newspaper.

The ad was placed by New Ways Ministry, a pro-Gay Catholic ministry group, and Pax Christi USA, a Catholic peace movement committed to non-violent social reform. The authors said the unprecedented statement was being issued in response to the murder of 21-year-old Matthew Shepard in Wyoming this past October and to what signatories labeled as the escalating campaign of verbal and political violence directed at Gay and Lesbian people.

Entitled "A Catholic Pledge to End Violence Against Gay and Lesbian People," the statement cites Catholic sources such as the Catechism, the Vatican, and the U.S. bishops' conference which denounce prejudice and discrimination against Gay and Lesbian people - discrimination

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1999 Road Runner Regional Rodeo Jan. 15-17

PHOENIX (ON) — Cowboys and cowgirls from across the U.S. and the world will converge on Phoenix for the 1999 Road Runner Regional Rodeo, January 15-17, Corona Fairgrounds, 29th Avenue and Baseline Road.

The Rodeo Runner Regional Rodeo is hosted by the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association - Phoenix Chapter, and is sanctioned by the International Gay Rodeo Association.

According to a press release, the schedule of events for the 1999 Road Runner Regional Rodeo is as follows:

Friday, January 15 - 6:00 P.M., Contestant, Entertainer and Grand Entry Registration. 7:00 P.M., Cocktail Show. 8:30 P.M., Presentation/Announcement of 1999 Royalty. Saturday, January 16 - 8:00 A.M., Arena/Chute Staff Meeting. 8:30 A.M., Contestant Meeting. Saturday/Sunday, June 16/17, 8:00 A.M. - Gates/Ticket Office Opens. 9:00 A.M., Rodeo Events Begin. Noon, Grand Entry. 1:00 P.M., Entertainment/Dancing. 6:00 P.M., Evening Entertainment Begins. Sunday, January 17 - 8:30 P.M., Rodeo Awards Ceremony.

For more information, call AGRA-Phoenix, (602) 265-0618.

SAAF To Offer Evening Hours For Clients

TUCSON — On January 13, the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) will offer services to clients on Wednesdays until 8:00 P.M.

The Buyers Club will also be open until 8:00 P.M. on Wednesdays, starting January 13 as well.

These new expanded hours are offering in response to request from clients who work during the day and are unable to come into SAAF for services during regular business hours.

On Wednesdays, a case manager and a peer counselor will be available to meet with clients, preferably by appointment. Some walk-ins can be accommodated, but to be sure you can be seen, please call for an appointment.

If you call to speak with a SAAF Client Services staff person on Wednesday evenings, call SAAF's regular number, (520) 322-6226, and while the after-hours message plays, press extension 233 to be connected with a peer counselor.

A Service of 'Night Prayer' Jan. 11

TUCSON — "A Service of Night Prayer" will take place, Monday, January 11, at St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church, 4400 North Campbell.

The service features a sermon by the Rev. John Hooker, and will include readings and liturgy celebrating the gifts that the Lesbian and Gay community brings to the spiritual life.

For more information, call the church (520) 299-6421.

HIV Cases To Reach 40 Million By 2000

GENEVA, Switzerland (WS) — The World Health Organization estimates that over 40 million people will be infected with HIV by year-end 1999.

According to WHO, there are more than 30 million people worldwide infected with HIV, almost six million of whom were infected in 1997. The organization also reports that every minute five people age 10 to 24 are infected with the virus.

Most of the HIV cases are in sub-Saharan Africa, where over 21 million people are believed to be infected with the virus. In Russia almost 3,300 people were reported to have been infected with HIV during the first 11 months of 1998, an 18% decline from the previous year. About 90% of the AIDS cases in the country have been reported among drug users.

Montana A.G. Backs Hate Crimes Measures

HELENA, MT (WS) — Montana state attorney general Joe Mazurek is promoting two measures that would classify attacks on Gays and Lesbians as hate crimes.

"We hope this would prevent people from committing what are already criminals acts against another person, solely because that person is Gay or Lesbian," Mazurek said. "What we're trying to do is ensure that people don't become victims simply for something they believe in or a lifestyle they lead."

While similar efforts have failed in the past, senate majority leader John Harp said he would keep an open mind about the new measures. Arlette Randash, a lobbyist for the conservative Eagle Forum, said the group would oppose the proposals because they are "being used as a front to move the homosexual agenda forward."

Sodomy Challenge In Texas Moves Forward

HOUSTON, TX (WS) — A judge in Houston refused to dismiss sodomy charges against John Lawrence and Tyrone Garner, clearing the way for a challenge to the state sodomy law in a state appeals court.

Judge Sherman A. Ross rejected a move by the defendants to dismiss the charges, fining the pair $200 each and allowing them to file an appeal immediately. Lawrence and Garner were arrested after Houston police burst into Lawrence's apartment following a false tip about a man with a gun called in by a neighbor feuding with the pair. Finding Lawrence and Garner having sex, the police arrested them.

Lawrence promises to fight the sodomy statute to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary. "I believe in the Constitution of the United States and I believe in the rights of all citizens," Lawrence said. "Would you like someone busting into your house?"

G/L Books Returned To High School Library

BARRO, WI (WS) — Three of four books about homosexuality have been returned for the time being to high school library shelves after being challenged for being vulgar.

The school board voted to restore The Drowning of Stephan Jones, Two Teenagers in Twenty, and When Someone You Know is Gay for 90 days. A fourth book, Baby Be-bop, was removed permanently, with the board instructing the school media director to find a non vulgar substitute.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin has indicated that it will sue the district in January for its actions.

Massachusettes Church Upset About Pro-Gay Episcopalians

MARLBOROUGH, MA (WS) — Holy Trinity Episcopal Church has decided to withhold its annual diocesan assessment of $1,925 because it objects to the diocese's support of Gay priests and same-sex unions.

"Our faith as we know it is in jeopardy, and we feel we had to take a stand," said Linda Brooks, the senior warden of the parish vestry.

The head of the diocese, Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, was one of a handful of Episcopal bishops at a worldwide Anglican conference to vote against a resolution that described homosexuality as "incompatible" with moral teachings. Shaw has not responded to the church's threat.

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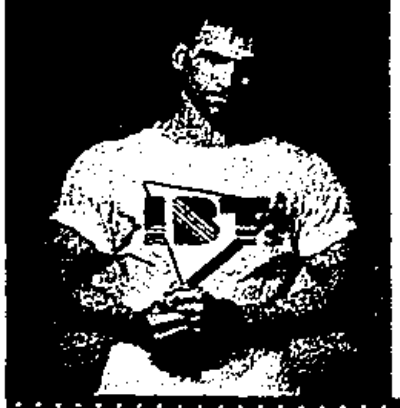

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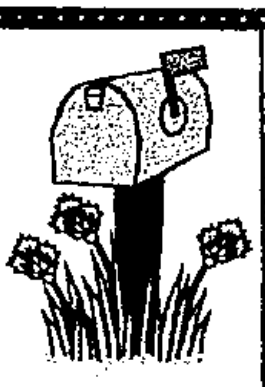

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Court Rules Against Another Navy Discharge

WASHINGTON, DC (WS) — A U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia ruled that the Navy's decision to uphold former Navy Petty Officer Jim Turner's discharge under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" regulations was "arbitrary and capricious" and in violation of the Administrative Procedure Act.

The decision marks the first time that a court has held that a military service branch has violated administrative law in its review of a case involving Gay-related dismissal from the service. Along with the case of Master Chief Petty Officer Timothy McVeigh, the decision also marks the second time this year that a federal court has ruled against the Navy for its handling of "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" cases.

District Judge Paul L. Friedman ruled that the Navy erred when a Deputy Assistant Secretary gave "no indication of the grounds" on which she refused to accept a finding by the civilian Board for Correction of Naval Records. The Board held the Navy's discharge of Turner suffered from numerous procedural and substantive failings and could not stand.

Judge Friedman remanded the case to the Secretary of the Navy, ruling that "the Secretary may conclude on his re-evaluation of the evidence and arguments presented that the Deputy Assistant Secretary Heath's rubber stamp ruling cannot in fact be sustained." The court also noted "recent indications that [the Navy's lead witness] might wish to recant his testimony."

"We welcome the court's decision," said C. Dixon Osburn, co-executive director of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network. "We have asked the Navy time and again to give sailors a fair hearing under 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue' rather than rush to judgment. The Navy has failed that standard repeatedly, forcing sailors to seek redress in court. The case of Master Chief Petty Officer Tim McVeigh was one example. This is another. We simply ask the Navy to act in good faith."

The decision by the district court culminates a four-year battle by Turner to clear his name. A 1988 sailor of the year, Turner's fortunes changed while serving on the USS Antietam in the Persian Gulf. In April 1994, three men accused Turner of soliciting homosexual conduct. Turner denied the allegations. Two weeks later, however, an administrative discharge board recommended that Turner receive an other than honorable discharge, even while acknowledging that one of Turner's accusers was not credible and that there was no evidence for several of the charges.

Turner petitioned to the Board for Correction of Naval Records, which ruled 2-1 that Turner's discharge was "based on suspicion and rumor and not on credible evidence" in violation of "don't ask, don't tell" regulations. The board also found it "extremely disturbing that an individual can be found guilty without a modicum of corroborative evidence." Deputy Secretary of the Navy Karen S. Heath, designated to review the matter by the Secretary of the Navy, rejected the board's findings without explanation. The court ruling challenged that decision.

"I feel vindicated," said Turner. "I was railroaded out of the Navy after an exemplary seven year career. Because of the rampant fear of homosexuality in my command, no one in the Navy wanted to look seriously at the allegations against me or the known unreliability of the people making the charges. I am grateful that the court has held he Navy accountable."

New DP Benefits Plan Threatened By Conservatives

COLUMBUS, OH (CPD) — A loose coalition of conservative opponents are trying to overturn a plan approved last month by the Columbus City Council to extend healthcare benefits to the Gay and unmarried straight partners of municipal employees.

The benefits change was unanimously approved on December 14, making Columbus the first Ohio city to provide healthcare coverage to the domestic partners of its employees. The legislation is due to take effect January 14. City workers can begin signing up their partners in February.

Mayor Greg Lashutka, who is not running this year for a third four-year term, supported the legislation, angering some fellow Republicans. Republican state Sen. Bruce Johnson of Columbus said he would seek to overturn the ordinance, possibly with a referendum vote by city residents.

Jay Meena said he was joining with Republicans and conservative Democrats in gathering signatures to push the councilmembers to reconsider the benefits action. He cited the estimated $550,000 cost and objected to the way city officials and union leaders worked so quietly on the plan that it didn't become public until hours before the vote.

Linda Harvey, spokeswoman for a local anti-Gay group called Mission: America, said the council move "legitimizes homosexuality and bisexuality by force of law and gives it legitimacy it should not have."

The leading proponent said the benefits change was handled like a routine matter. "To me, this is a healthcare issue," Democratic Councilman Matt Habash said. "We're trying to make sure we're not doing anything to discriminate in how we treat full-time employees."

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The Final Word by Craig Wilson
'Lick The Resolution Problem, For Good'

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Yes, dogs are responsibilities, but what's wrong with a little responsibility? FDR had time for Fala, his Scottie, and he was running a country at war.

Yes, you have to walk them, but what's wrong with a walk every morning? Built-in exercise.

Yes, you have to plan for their care when you go away. So? As any dog owner will tell you, it's a small price to pay for total devotion.

Get a dog.

You'll get more kisses than you ever imagined. You'll never be lonely again. You'll always have someone to talk to. Dogs are great listeners. Some of the best conversations I've ever had have been with my dog Murphy.

The whole tenor of your life will change - from the smell of the dog's warm breath on your face as she stands by the bed, silently announcing the beginning of your day, to the sound of four feet galloping down the hallway when you put the key in the door at night. These are good things. Again, trust me.

A dog will quickly turn you into a fool, but who cares? Better your dog than your boss. I'm a fool for my dog and proud of it.

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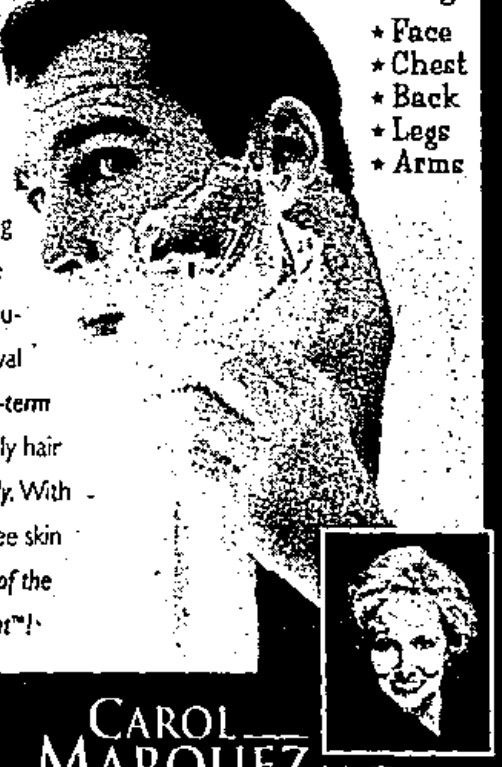

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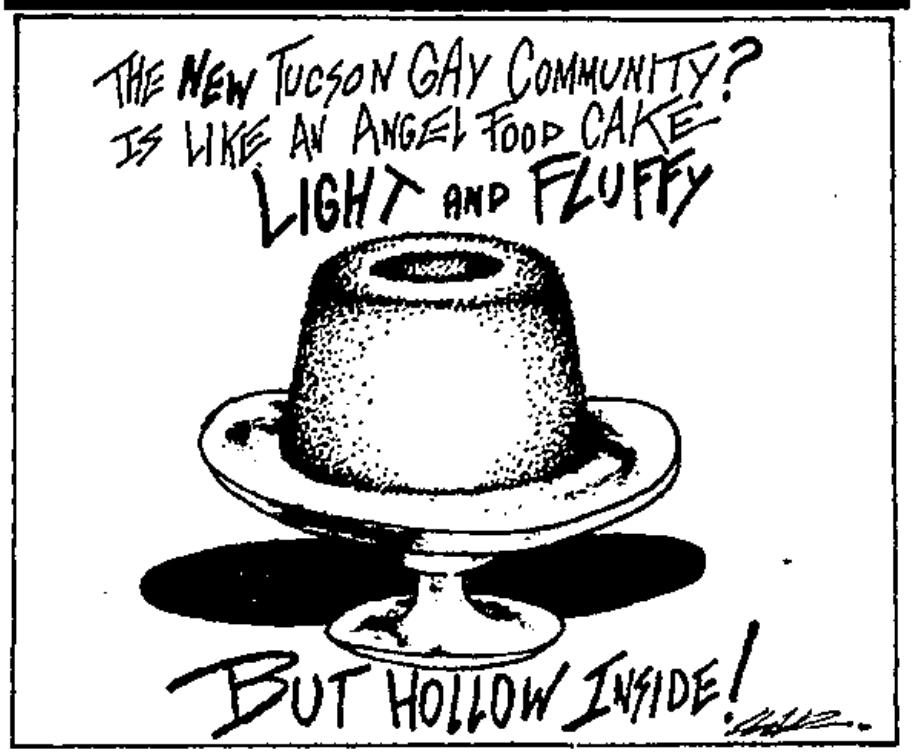

Home On The Range with AGRA/TUCSON

by Scott Weidamoyer

Hey Tucson! Happy New Year to all of you! I hope you all survived the holidays unscathed — a little liver damage, but over all it was a great holiday.

As many members have noticed, this past week you should have received a voting ballot for the 1999 AGRA Tucson, regardless of the date that you receive it, please complete the ballot and send it back in the envelope enclosed with the letter. AGRA-Tucson will announce and seat the new Board for Tucson at this month's Board and Membership meeting, January 22, at the Stonewall/Eagle.

Another reminder, if you have not renewed your membership by now, it is considered late and you need to remit a new membership fee rather than the renewal fee. I would like to thank all of you who have already renewed your memberships and thank you for your continued support of AGRA. I would like to let you know that the new AGRA Board will be trying many new things this year to keep our membership involved and to bring the fun and renewed energy back into the organization, please feel free to contact us at the AGRA office or let us know at the membership meeting.

Moving on, I would like to congratulate the recently seated AGRA State Board, which was announced at the state banquet, "Run of the Mill," held December 27. President — Bob Pimmentel; Vice President — Tommy Ragan; Secretary — Wes Clark. The Treasurer is a Board nominated position which will be announced at a later date.

Other awards handed out at the State Meeting included the President's Awards, given out by outgoing President, Dan Iversen. Our very own Patricia Terry was a recipient of one of these awards, and yours truly had the pleasure to present the award to her, here in Tucson. The only time in my life that I have actually seen Pat "speechless!" Congratulations Pat, you deserve it! The Stonewall/Eagle and IBT's, also received appreciation awards from Dan thanking them for their continued support for AGRA.

That is all of the news I have for now. I look forward to providing all of you with the most updated information on a weekly basis. If there is anything that you would like to see posted in this column, please contact the AGRA office or E-mail us at AGRATucson@aol.com.

Until next week, please remember to keep your pride and play safe in the saddle.

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Newsweek - Insult to Injury: In the December 21 issue of Newsweek magazine, Mark Miller writes "The Final Days and Nights of a Gay Martyr."

Instead of Miller using the more than 1,000 words to explore a hate crime that has left a nation still reeling, he uses the space to draw a gratuitous and unflattering picture of Matthew Shepard, with little or no valuable information or analysis added to the discussion surrounding his brutal death.

The article quotes "[e]xclusive interviews with some of his closest friends," who state that "Shepard was drinking more and fighting a slow slide into despair, even though he was taking prescription drugs to control depression." It then recounts one friend's tale of Shepard's having been sexually assaulted on a trip abroad, and on a night when they went out together, how he had planned to commit suicide by "taking all his meds," finally calming down after hours of talking. Miller also recounted the stories of a "limo driver," who had driven Shepard to a Gay bar in Colorado, and whom Shepard befriended shortly before his murder.

Miller describes Shepard as "lonely and eager for human contact," and writes that he may have been an easy target because of the depression, drugs and alcohol.

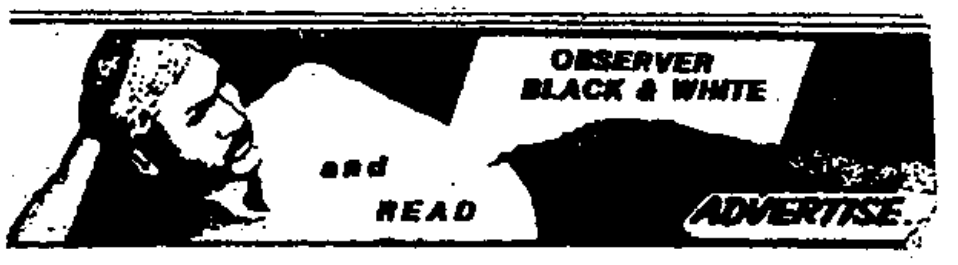
Sadly, what Newsweek has done is drawn a picture right out of Jacqueline Susann's "Valley of the Dolls," of a young man sliding towards his demise on a road strewn with emotional problems, substance abuse, and a "party boy" mentality. A more valuable story might have taken the opportunity to examine the loneliness and isolation that Shepard must have felt in Laramie as a young Gay man, and the difficulties many Gay youth have with these very issues.

The intent of the writer can only be conjectured: did he intended to deflate the "mythology" of Matthew Shepard? Did he mean to tell a cautionary tale, like "Looking Mr. Goodbar" for example?

Whatever their intent, Newsweek and Mark Miller manager to denigrate and insult the memory of a dead young man who suffered at the hands of two whose hatred knew no bounds, not because he liked to go out dancing and find friends, but because he was Gay and not ashamed.

Write to Newsweek and tell them this coverage was disrespectful and gratuitous. Contact: Mark Whitaker, Managing Editor, Newsweek, 251 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019, fax: (212) 445-4120, e-mail: letters@newsweek.com (be sure to include name, address, and phone number with all letters).

[The GLAADAlert is the activation tool of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). GLAAD promotes fair, accurate and inclusive representation in the media as a means of challenging homophobia and all forms of discrimination based on sexual orientation or identity.]



POLITICS 1999

by Mark R. Kerr

'Send Those Royalty Checks To Paisley Park, Minneapolis, Minnesota'

"Ring out the old, ring in the new." This wacky world did just that, marking the new year, with a billion or so boob-tubers watching the ball drop in New York's, Time's Square.

One cable T.V. network, MTV, rung in 1999 over and over, January 1 through January 3. No wonder, the music video network has force-fed the public: really bad music from one-hit wonders, vapid VJ's and the 1970's -- music and bad fashion, resulting in the mutation of the attention span of their viewers to just eight seconds. Gee, how time flies when you're before the "idiot box."

Speaking of time, for those playing the home game, it is the year of the same title of that old Prince song, which will be used in every conceivable way for the next 360 or so days until the Y2K computer bug-a-boo strikes. "Praise the Lord and pass the Pentium II Processor!"

Bad songs and computer glitches aside, it's a new year and the political show continues on its never-ending tour:

In the nation's Capitol, Monica D.C., the 106th session of Congress will convene this week. Even before Congress convened this week, two seats in the U.S. House are being vacated: One by former Speaker Newtie Gingrich, who resigned after the Republicans lost seats in the November '98 election, and is headed off to oblivion. The other, by Speaker-wanna bee, Bobby "Setting a Moral Example" Livingston of Louisiana, who couldn't settle with just his wife.

Former KKK leader David Duke has announced his bid for Livingston's seat, with the election to be held in the Summer of this year. Duke made a trip to Monica D.C., to appeal for backing from others who agree that the federal government is doing too much to advance the causes of "homosexuals, African-Americans, Jews and other minorities." Get those white bed sheets ready!

Will any notable legislation get passed during this session of Congress? Will proposals, such as the inevitable 1999 versions of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act and the Hate Crimes Act see the "proverbial light of day?" Fat chance! Can we say hard feelings from the impeachment hearings and votes?! Group hugs won't work now!

On the subject of Clinton's impeachment, as we last left our novella, Bill joined Andrew Johnson in the "Been Impeached Club," on a party-line vote. The impeachment is now before the U.S. Senate and the question is, "the trial, a short version or a long, drawn out affair?" Maybe longer than O.J.'s trial perhaps, but with no Lance Ito or Marsha Clark though.

Clinton's impeachment trial will start Thursday, January 7. A deal between Senate Majority Leader, Trent Lott, R-MS, and the Minority Leader, Tom Daschle for a two-week hearing by the Senate, fell apart due to the opposition of conservative Republican senators. Sound familiar?

Two of which, Majority Whip Don Nickles of Oklahoma and the Judiciary Committee Chair, Orrin Hatch of Friggum Young, blathered during several Sunday talk-show stops that a full trial must be held "out of respect for the U.S. House members who voted for impeachment." Gee, just like the U.S. House did, out of respect of the American electorate, who didn't want Clinton impeached?

A positive note for this session of Congress, the Independent Counsel Law, which created the Kenny Starr Follies, expires this year and won't get renewed. Yippie-skippie!

This year marks the beginning of the 2000 "Race for 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue," and not a moment too soon!

Vice President Al Gore has filed the proverbial papers with the Federal Elections Commission, starting his bid for the nod of the donkeys. "Yes, it's his party and he'll run if he wants to!" Former Democratic New Jersey Senator and star of many ESPN commercials, Bill Bradley, filed papers to form an exploratory presidential committee.

On the side of the elephants, two Senators have filed for the Y2K contest so far. Sen. Bob "Combover" Smith of New Hampshire filed his papers to run and become an answer to a future trivia question. Smith is a Jesse Helms clone and no friend to Gays and Lesbians.

The other GOP Senator, Arizona's own John McCain, who filed his papers to start a president exploratory committee. At a recent gathering of conservative activists in the "Evil City to the North," McCain blasted Vice President Leslie Gore, stating he was a part of broad-based ethical lapses of the Clinton administration. Ethical lapses? Interesting. This coming from an individual, who running for reelection to the Senate, this past year, said on several occasions that he wouldn't be seeking higher office. A little lapse there too, by chance?

With the new year, across the United States, new Governors were sworn into office. All eyes, especially with the national T.V. coverage, were on Minnesota when a former professional wrestler, Jesse Ventura, the victorious Reform Party candidate, was swom in as the state's 37th Governor. Now there's something new, a politician with integrity and new ideas! Keep your fingers crossed!

Arizona started the new year by making news with the swearing in of five women, a first anywhere in U.S., for the state's highest elected offices. Yes, our fab-five, Arizona's Spice Girls: Head Spice, Just-In-Case Spice, Prosecuting Spice, Money Spice and School Spice!

The changing of calendars marks the beginning of the Grand Inquisition, er 44th session of the Arizona Legislature, starting Monday, January 11 in the "Evil City to the North." State Representatives just got their committee assignments from Arizona House Speaker, Jeffie Groscost this week and only one week from the start of the frivolities!

Could it have been because Groscost was waiting on a vote, from state Rep. Silvia Laughter, D-Not Really from District 3 but from Mesa, perhaps? Laughter won her court battle over her residency. How? The lawyer for the Republican candidate, Libertarian bigwig, John Buttrick, didn't

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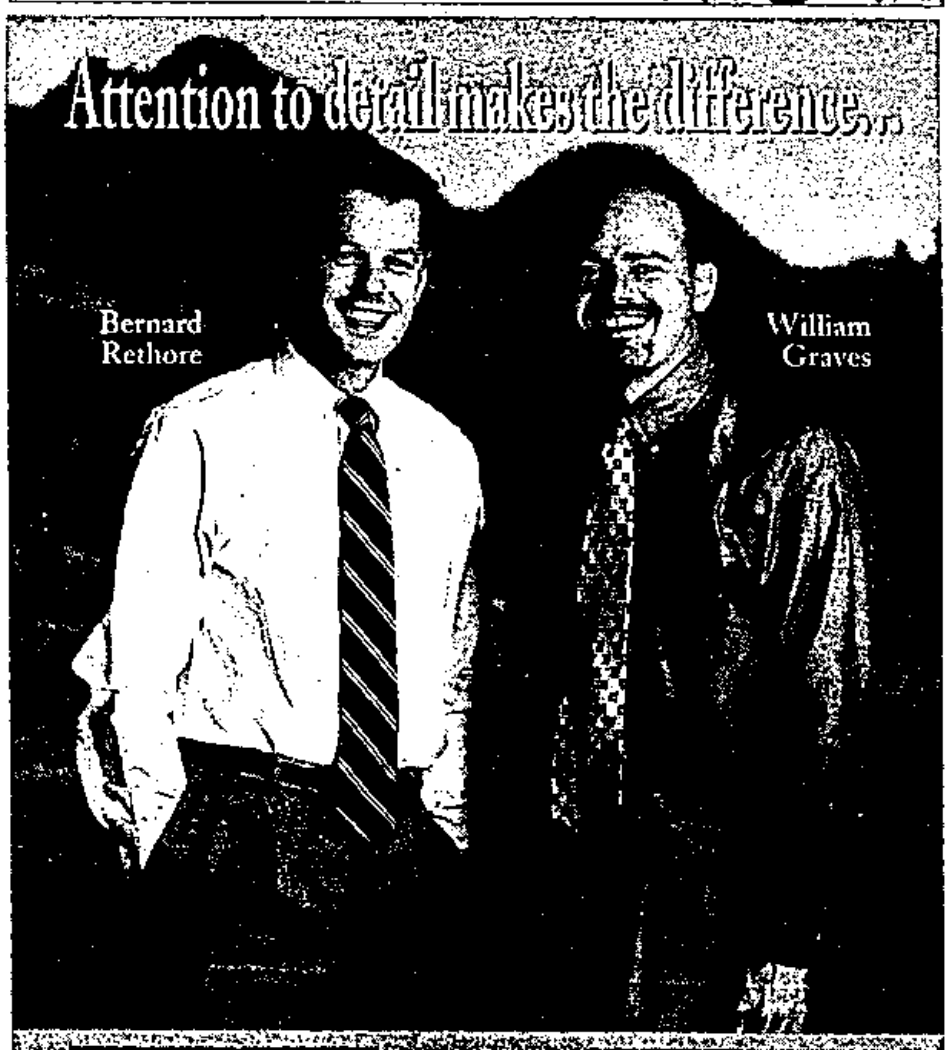

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HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Venus, the planet of love, crashes into delusional Neptune this week. Dreams of glory and enlightenment seem rather schlocky in the clear, harsh light of day. Do wish upon a star, friends, but be careful of what you wish; Melodious can turn malodorous the morning after.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Don't count on friends to be there when you need 'em as shallow Venus conjuncts dreamy Neptune. The best that Gay Rams can expect with this transit is a jolly time or two with more than enough grog to grog the memory. Eat, drink and be merry in moderation. Compadres are apt to leave you slumped in your messy, groggy pile as they head off to the next sordid adventure.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

You impressed your boss, but not in the way you think, queer Bull. Blame darling Venus' conjunction with foggy Neptune for your corporate faux pas. Thankfully this transit is transitory. The set back is only temporary. Pick yourself up off the bottom rung, dust yourself off and try kissing up the ladder again next week. Bosses have lousy memories these days anyway.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Adventure is in the air! (Do I smell something burning?) Expect the unexpected in any travel plans this week when delightful Venus crashes into spotty Neptune. Pink Twins may want to reconfirm reservations and only travel with carry-ons. Even then, an item or two can go astray. However, if you travel with a friend, you will never be without a toothbrush.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Want to see how quickly a hunk transforms into a troll? Wait until lusty Venus collides with delusional Neptune. Choose well lit bars this particular week, proud Crab, so you can clearly see who cruises by. Even then, scratch below the surface before you buy that first drink. You want to welcome 1999 in with a bang, but do it with a torpedo and not a nickel firecracker.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Gay Lions are keeping score with partners when romantic Venus conjuncts foggy Neptune. Some of you may wonder if you are getting as much as you are giving. (You may not think so now, but let the dander settle for a week before you let the fur fly.) Other Leos take a trip to the moon on gossamer wings, but delusional Neptune makes it just one of those things.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

The temptation is to overindulge in food and drink when delightful Venus conjuncts spacy Neptune. Avoid the urge; More than a mouthful is wasted anyway. Gay Virgins are usually fairly moderate but now the pull of the extreme will lead you close to the edge, even at work. You ache to take unnecessary risks but streaking through the office should not be one of them.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Fun can get totally out of control when lovely Venus thumps clueless Neptune. Proud Libras must temper their intake of alcohol, drugs or any other addictive additives this week when Neptune breaks the brakes. However, for those romantic souls who wear their hearts on their sleeves, this transit will provide an appreciative receiver. Ah, but will they call you afterwards?

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Queer Scorps are anxious to mend bridges with family as the Venus / Neptune conjunction gives you the impression that there can be a meeting of the minds. Sorry to say, you should wait at least one more week until this transit passes before you pass out olive branches and release the doves. Your dreams and desires out weigh your sense of timing. Debut next week.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Folks hang on your every word when delicious Venus conjuncts spiritual Neptune. Proud Archers sound almost otherworldly and learned now. Make good use of this transit cousin and don't waste your planetary gift on mere gab. Strike a stake in the heart of the far right immediately! Alas, this eloquence soon passes and by next week, you'll be back to old Sag hoof in mouth kaka.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Gay Caps anxiously finger their wallets this week when greedy Venus conjuncts delusional Neptune. The urge is to spend, spend, spend but save, save, save instead. Even risky investments are a no, no, no now. Goats should act like bears not bulls and wait until this transit clears before they pass the cash. There is plenty of time to carefully examine the bottom line next week.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Venus conjuncts Neptune in your own sign this week, sending Aqueerians into fits of panic. So much is happening and so many wonderful opportunities appear on your plate, you don't know which one to bite at first. Give yourself time to choose. By next week the fog will clear and you can better discern treasure from trash. After that, heck it's your choice, honey!

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Pink Fish feel especially magnanimous when lovely Venus conjuncts spiritual Neptune. Tap the urge to become more involved in good Gay community charities, but be sure that your efforts are put towards the greatest beneficial effect. Problems with this transit are dissipation, lack of follow through and lack of impact. By next week though, you're a Fish to be reckoned with.

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VENTURING OUT by Sasha Alyson
A Guide To Gay And Lesbian Travel

Traveling With HIV

HIV and AIDS needn't be a barrier to the world traveler. But some of the risks involved in travel change for those who are immuno-suppressed. Here are some of the major factors to consider for HIV-positive travelers.

Legal barriers to entry: Many of the countries you're most likely to visit, especially in Europe, have no specific prohibitions on entry by short-term visitors who are HIV-positive. For requirements of a specific country, call the embassy or consulate, or see the comprehensive listing at www.aegis.com/topics/travel.html.

Vaccines and prevention: Doctors don't always agree about when vaccines should be used by people with advanced HIV-related conditions. Vaccines are sometimes less effective for individuals with a weakened immune system. In most cases, immunization for measles, cholera, rabies, influenza, and pneumococcus are considered safe, if warranted by your choice of destination. Discuss this your doctor a couple of months before departing, to have time for whatever is needed. Yellow fever, a viral disease largely limited to tropical South America and sub-Saharan Africa and transmitted by mosquitoes, poses special concerns for travelers with HIV. The vaccine for yellow fever involves a live virus, and poses a theoretical risk of encephalitis for anyone with a suppressed immune system. HIV+ travelers to tropical South America or sub-Saharan Africa should read the CDC advisory at www.cdc.gov/travel/yelfever.htm.

Insurance: Some private insurance policies apply only in the country of origin; others will reimburse emergency expenses while you're abroad. Medicare and Medicaid will not cover you outside of the United States. If your policy does cover you, contact your insurance company as soon as possible after any emergency; failure to do so will generally limit your rights. Travel insurance, offered by tour companies and travel agents, will often cover what your regular insurance will not. To be covered against pre-existing conditions, most require you to sign up immediately after buying the tour or tickets, and you must be physically able to make the trip at the time you enroll. Read the small print carefully to be sure you're covered; some policies exclude HIV-related conditions. Extent of coverage varies; some, for example, will cover emergency evacuation back to the United States; others will not.

Many credit card companies offer medical assistance for travelers who encounter an emergency. None of these programs actually cover the cost of medical care away from home, but their advice, referrals, translation services, and network of English-speaking doctors could make a big difference.

Find out before you go what they offer, and whether it's offered in the countries you're visiting — it may be worthwhile to upgrade to a gold card to get extra benefits.

Food and drink: Travelers diarrhea (TD) is hardly limited to those with HIV, but a weakened immune system can make you more susceptible. Anyone who has vacationed south of the U.S. border has probably heard the precautions, and they apply in many other countries: Drink only bottled water from reliable sources, even for brushing your teeth. (Or sterilize water by boiling it, then allow to cool). Don't use ice; avoid dairy products; eat only fruits and vegetables that you can peel yourself before eating. This is one time when Mom does not recommend a fresh salad every day!

Canned foods are safest. Well-cooked food that is still hot is generally safe, but seafood, especially shellfish, should be suspect even when cooked. Certain antibiotics can reduce your risk of getting TD, but they are not recommended for people with HIV. However, your doctor can equip you with an antimicrobial such as ciprofloxacin, to shorten the misery if, despite your precautions, you come down with TD. Pepto-Bismol and Kaopectate work, too.

Transporting medications and syringes: Many immigration officials have the authority to keep out visitors for the flimsiest of reasons, including suspicion of "communicable" diseases. Keep drugs in their prescription bottles, but in an inconspicuous part of your luggage. Carry one copy of your prescription with the drugs, and another copy in a separate piece of luggage, to speed up replacement if they're lost. If you're carrying a syringe, bring a doctor's note for that, as well.

There's one thing all travelers can count on: The airline will one day lose your luggage. Pack enough medicine in your carry-on to last until you can get replacements, and always carry two copies of your prescription -- one with the medicine, one in your carry-on or fanny pack. If your drugs require refrigeration overnight, hotels in most developed countries have long experience handling such requests. A re-usable ice pack, and a hotel with a freezer, should be all you need. In developing areas, ask before you go, and be aware that power outages may thwart even the best-intentioned hotel. Do not plan to buy ice in convenience stores as you travel; in few other countries is ice as ubiquitous as in the U.S.

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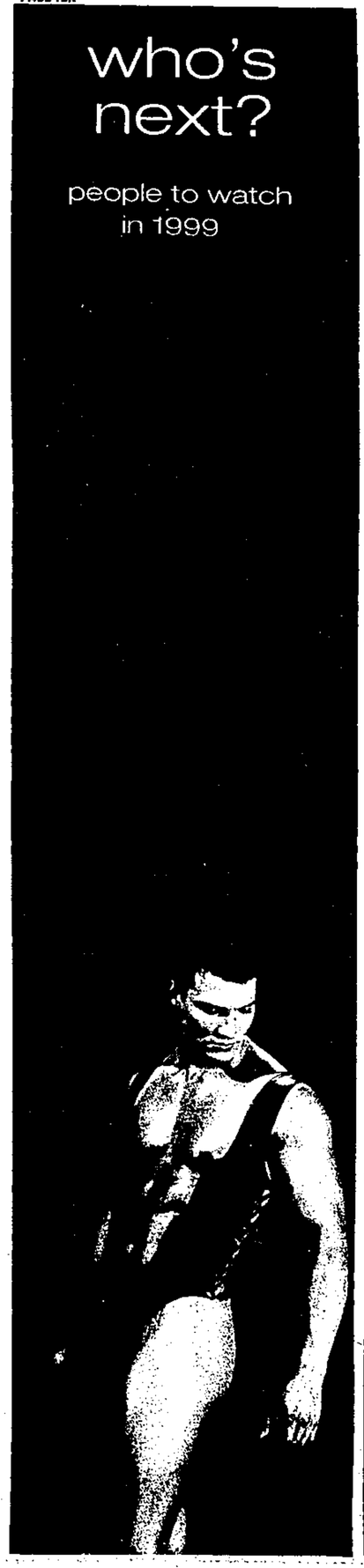

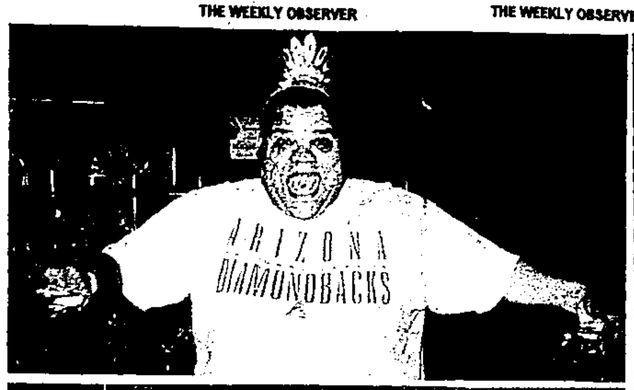

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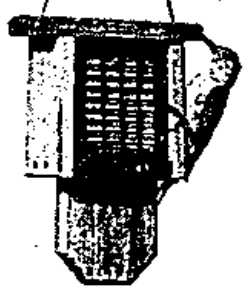

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TKO consists of full and associate memberships with no discrimination as to Age, Cultural/Ethnic background or Sexual Orientation. TKO works for the community betterment.

Coming Events

First Tuesday of each month - Spaghetti Feed at the Venture-N- from 5 to 7 PM for $2 00.

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Third Saturday of each month - Taco Bar at the Stonewall-Eagle from 1 - 4 PM. for $1 00 each.

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Columna Abierta — by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

¿Qué tal?; deseando que se encuentren descansados de tanta fiesta, celebración, posadas, "pachangas", como ustedes le llamen, y sobre todo que este año nuevo, el último del milenio, como algunas personas le llaman, sea de prosperidad y que el éxito sea su compañero a lo largo de los 365 días, sobre todo con mucha salud y positivismo...

Hicimos un viaje por los pueblos del Rio Bavispe; Huásabas y Granados donde pasamos el día último en compañia de finas personas amigas desde luego, por allá nos atendió como siempre el conocido y famoso fotógrafo Octavio Barceló en su "lugar sin limite"... donde saludamos al Sr. Alberto Barrera y a su Sra. Elsa Siqueiros, a la familia Provencio Durazo, a la familia Velarde, al Dr. Hector Orduño y a muchas otras no menos importantes personas que se encargan de hacer sentir "en su casa" a los visitantes... Y Con celebración "doble" ya que por diferencias políticas hubo dos "veladas" para despedir el '98; y sobre todo que se disfrutó de una temperatura cerca de los 70 grados durante el día y con luna llena por la noche, de verdad si tiene la oportunidad de visitar esa región sonorense se dará cuenta de la calidad de anfitriones y de buenos amigos que por alla les esperan...

Y considerando que ya tiene usted los propositos para el '99; no está poer demas compartir con usted las siguientes diez reglas para la salud las cuales pueden ser incluídas: **Come menos, mastica más; Descansa menos, camina más; Vístete menos, bañate más; Preocúpate menos, trabaja más; Descansa menos, juega más; Habla menos, piensa más; Desvélate menos, duerme más; Desperdicia menos, prodiga más; Preocúpate menos, ríete más; Habla menos, practica más...**

En lo que respecta a SIDA al Dia: El SIDA reduce en 20 años la esperanza de vida. La epidemia ha empezado a disminuir en los países desarrollados, pero su progresión en el Tercer Mundo es de tal magnitud que ha forzado a la ONU a revisar drásticamente a la baja sus previsiones de crecimiento demográfico para el próximo siglo. En los países africanos más castigados, el SIDA reducirá de 61 a 41 años la esperanza de vida para el 2005. La ONU rebajó su estimación de la población mundial para el año 2050 en 500 millones de personas. La expansión del virus alcanza cotas dramáticas en Botsuana y Zimbaue, donde más de del 25% de os adultos están infectados. En nueve países africanos, más del 10% dela población es portadora del virus y, en su mayoría, desarrollará la enfermedad en los próximos años. La posibilidad de frenar la epidemia en los países africanos es poco realista con los medicamentos en uso. Los antirretrovirales que han logrado revertir la tendencia en el mundo desarrollado son muy caros, y deben administrarse durante periodos muy prolongados. Algunos países africanos tienden ahora a estabilizar sus curvas poblacionales, pero debido a la más nefasta de las razones: a un incremento disparado de sus tasas de mortalidad, y no a la moderación en el ritmo de natalidad. El informe es el primero que incorpora en sus cálculos el ritmo de crecimiento de la epidemia de SIDA en los países en desarrollo.

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

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Politics

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use the campaign finance reports, (as reported first in this column), in his arguments or ease. Dooooh!

Despite the alleged deck stacking and stalling for that last vote, questions still abound for the upcoming session:

Anti-Gay, Lesbian and HIV/AIDS legislation, will it be introduced during the session and can the new, openly-Gay state Representative Steve May, R-Phoenix, have an impact and stop such legislation? Will areolas and "stiffies" be redefined? Dildos: will they finally be regulated? The state's AIDS Drug Assistance Program: will it get financed in lieu of the budget crunch from last year's court-mandated school finance solution?

Elections, we don't need no stinking elections! They do this year in the Old Pueblo. Crapaign '99 is raring to go. Puhleeze! Tucson's Mayor and three Council seats, from Wards 1, 2 and 4 are up this year.

Does Democratic Mayor George Miller run for another term, and if not, which of the more than 300 Democratic wanna bees salivating for the post, will? Is a fourth term in the cards for Councilmember Janet Marcus or will she retire back to her infamous pond? Do Councilmember's Jose Ibarra and Shirley Scott, who are both finishing their first terms, get another four years in the Tucson Channel 12 spotlight?

A Gay and Lesbian community forum with Congressman Jim Kolbe, sponsored by the Tucson Chapter of the Log Cabin Republicans, is supposed to take place this year. Does this mean we are finally being recognized as a constituency or will we still be "in the closet" in Kolbe's eyes? Out of sight, out of mind! . . .

Still on the subject of the "Baby New Year" crapping in its diaper, typos happen to all publications, big and small and anytime and this year is no exception. Case in point: the Sunday, January 3, Comment Section of the "morning fish wrap," was the following title for Molly Ivins, one of America's premier columnists' item, "How 1999 Could Be Worse? Celebrate those who made public life a monument to democracy in 1988." Whoops! . . .

So it goes for now kids!

Desert Vision

by Rev. Louis F. Kavar, PhD

Water In The Desert

By moving to the Desert Southwest, it was my hope to renew parts of me that seemed to have been lost over the last ten years of busyness. In the year I have lived in Tucson, I've had the opportunity to pray, reflect, grapple with emotions, and write. It's been a healing and challenging year.

Living in desert country has taught me two other important lessons. First, while the land is rugged and harsh, it is also very delicate. The balance of nature is finely tuned and easily upset. The delicate balance sustains life. The balance takes on unique beauty in the desert. The parched, dry land, with only a little rain, is quickly transformed into rich green life accented with colorful blossoms. So it is with us: there is a delicate balance that sustains our lives and can be easily upset. The balance includes the rough, rugged aspects of our lives. The rough, rugged aspects are as much a part of the beauty of life as the peaceful and happy times. When our lives are parched, they are transformed to the new life of green and fresh blooms when watered with support and tenderness from others. That is essential to sustaining our well-being.

Yet, it is not just what we receive from others that sustains us. Our rootedness in the depths of our being keep us on course. This is the second lesson of the desert. As I drive through the desert, I am struck how lush trees grow in dry river beds and arroyo's. Their roots have broken down into underground water that gives them life. Yes, there's plenty of water in this desert. You just need to know where to find it. Often, we prefer to just look at the surface rather than take the time to settle in and sink out roots deeply. That's hard work as our fragile roots need to push through dirt and around rocks to find the water. But that is how the trees and vegetation survives in the river beds. The rivers run very deep, refreshing the heart of life.

Over the last year, I have found a few very special places in Tucson that have nurtured me and helped me to sink roots to this refreshing water. These are places where I go on a regular basis to pray, reflect, and share my spiritual journey. It may be surprising to some readers that none of these places are considered to be Gay or Lesbian. Yet I have found great respect and openness among those I have met in these places.

In my next three articles, I will share with you the places I have found refreshment here in Tucson. Without them, I know that my sojourn in the desert would be dry and lifeless.

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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

I will lose 20 pounds. I will balance my check book. I will do this, do that. What are your New Year's resolutions? How many have you already broken? How many of last year's did you keep? How long was it before you gave up and said, "forget it, it can't be done?"

Most of the people I talk with, give up on nearly all of their promises to themselves within a couple of months. Some have even told me they have stopped making them, because it is hopeless; they can't do it so they won't even try anymore.

I use to have these frustrations myself. I would feel so good on January 1, and by January 30 I had fallen into a swamp of frustration, despair, and depression. All those "bad" things in my life were just too powerful, too overwhelming to be conquered. Then all the guilt and self recrimination set in.

But I have found the way to be successful at it. It works. Let me tell you how, for it is guaranteed to work for you too. News as good as this has to be shared! The first step was the realization that I couldn't do it by myself, and that I also had my priorities mixed up. I came to the knowledge that the only way was to start with a clean slate, to put the past behind me.

To do that I had to accept Jesus Christ as my personal savior because his blood shed for me on the cross was the only way to clear my past completely, to have all my indebtedness, all my sins forgiven. Then I realized that I still needed strength to move forward to write something, the right things, on this new blank slate I had.

I had everything which I needed. God not only "is able to save completely" (Hebrews 7:25), but Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you . . . " (Acts 1:8) to do that which is the right thing. The next step was to get my priorities in order. I found my list to be quite out of order, but Jesus had the list right for me, as the Father did for him when Jesus prayed to the Father, "not my will, but yours be done." (Luke 22:42)

I have found that as long as I put my faith completely in God through Jesus Christ and allow him to guide me, as long as I stay in his will, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength." (Phillipians 4:13)

But sometimes I still want to do my own thing my way, and when I go crying to my Lord, he answers me, as he told Paul on his first encounter with Jesus, "It is hard for you to kick against the goads (thorns) (Acts 26:14), isn't it?"

I have perfect peace in him as long as I follow his leading. That's when I find his "resolutions" for me have become my resolutions for me. On top of everything else, I know I have life more abundantly here, and the promise of eternal life with my Lord in Heaven forever. That's a gonga!

Well, my friend, if you are having trouble with your resolutions, life and you haven't been able to find a way to straighten it out, to find that peace and happiness you want so badly, I have shown you to declare all the old bills paid, all the sins forgiven.

Ask Jesus into your heart and watch what happens! Power to overcome drugs, alcohol, loneliness, and all the negative things in your life will be yours. The very windows of Heaven will be opened to you, and riches such as you have never dreamed of will be yours!

If you've ever wondered why those silly Christians are going around with those silly smiles, why they sing even when things seem to go wrong, why they are so happy, now you know! And this peace can be yours, too, free, just for the asking. If you want to know more about this Jesus, how he can be yours, call us or come by and talk with one of those people with that big smile. We'll be happy to share Jesus with you. There's enough of him and his blood to go around! Who so ever comes to him will never, never, never be turned away!

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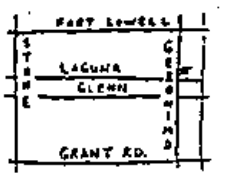

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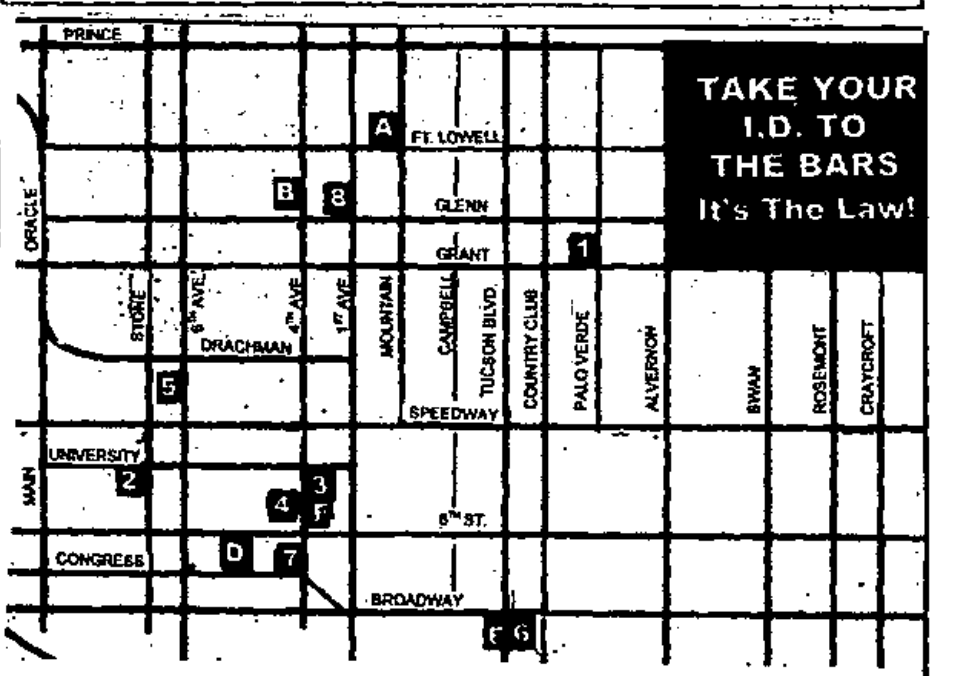

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IN FLIGHT . . . . . WINGSPAN

by Rich Muszynski

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Wingspan works. Volunteers work Wingspan. Phone calls get answered (hundreds of them every month). Bulletin boards are updated. Library books get organized. Art is hung in the gallery. Volunteers get oriented and trained. The doors are opened and closed again on Saturday nights for Queerflix. Youth groups get facilitated. Leaky faucets are tightened. Films are chosen for the festival. Press releases are written. Donations are counted and books are balanced. Supplies are purchased. Newsletters are laid out, printed and mailed. Events get organized, from the first planning meetings all the way through the clean up afterward. Fundraising phone calls are made. Grants are written. Future plans and current directions are thought about, debate, and argued. Also, there are always meetings to go to.

With the very recent exception of a consultant we hired for 10 hours, all the work done at Wingspan over the past 10 years has been the work of volunteers. I guess you can say it has been a labor of love. The work isn't always easy. Sometimes it's frustrating, and other times it's downright exhausting. And yet, Wingspan still works, because sometimes it's exhilarating. The work of Wingspan makes Tucson a better place for GLBT and straight people. Wingspan builds community.

The work described above is not the complete list of what gets done. And even so, we want to do more. We want to be more responsive to those who use our services and to our donors. We want to expand the services we offer to all segments of the GLBT community. Wingspan is currently working on expanding services for youth, particularly for leadership development and recreational activities, and possibly for the families of youth. Wingspan is exploring the possibility of providing physical and mental health services to the community. Wingspan hopes to soon provide a support group for young adults, modeled after the success of our youth support group.

The span of our wings is growing so long, however, that we've reached a point in our development that we need someone present at the center on a more consistent basis to coordinate all the work being done. That's no small task, and a task that we can no longer ask of volunteers. We need to hire a paid staff person in addition to all the volunteer workers. Of course, the next intermediate step is procuring the funding to provide the salary. We'll be busy trying to find a way to get the funding. Any increased contributions you can give are always appreciated to further this goal. Watch us grow, again. There's more fun work to be done.

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EDITOR:

To avoid embarrassing resignation traumas of the sort undergone by erstwhile House Speaker-nominee Bob Livingston, those who are in our congress might consider this admonition of Shakespeare's before they cast their first stone:

"If you can separate yourself and your misdemeanors, you are welcome to the house; if not, . . . she is very willing to bid you farewell." (Twelfth Night; II, 3)

Perhaps Reps. Henry Hyde, Dan Burton and Helen Chenoweth should follow Mr. Livingston's example.

Sincerely,
Lee Bolin
Tempe, Arizona

EDITOR:

Let me get this "straight."

My taxpayer dollars went to pay for Ken Starr's investigation against the president, to prove the president lied about sex. I believe the president lied about sex, but that has no bearing on his policies or ability to lead this nation.

As a Gay man, I have been forced to lie about sex as well as who I am for my entire life. It's the official policy of the United States military that Lesbian and Gay service members must continue to lie as part of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

I am confused. Which is it? Should we all lie about sex or shouldn't we?

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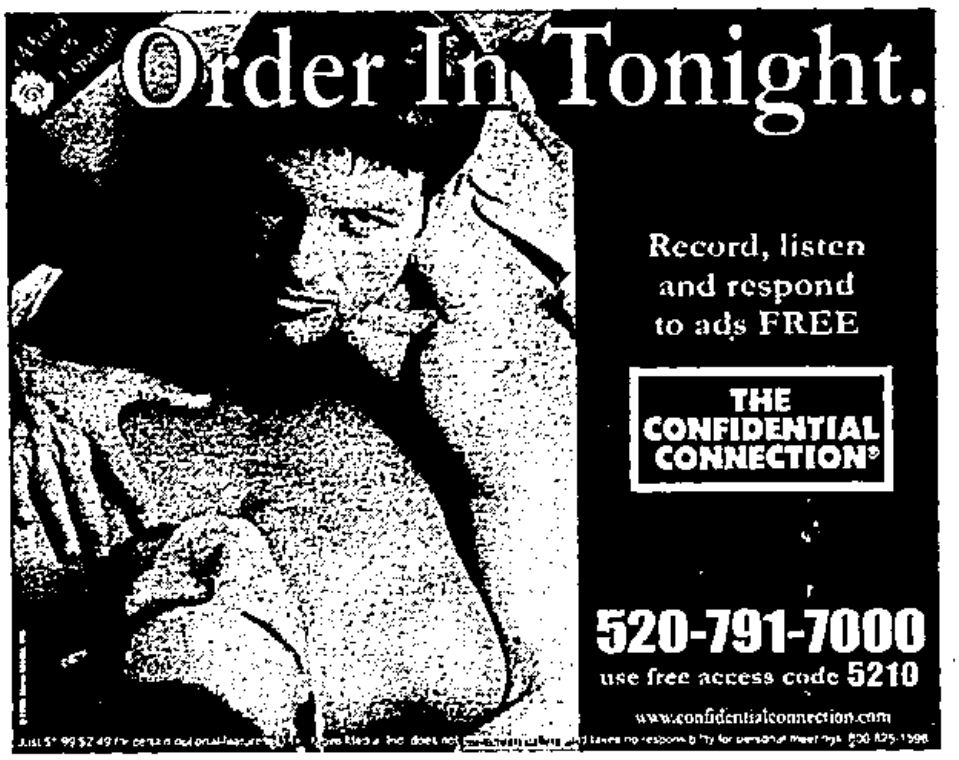

Lawmaker Calls For End To Compulsory Education

SALT LAKE CITY, UT (WS) — Since a federal court said last month that Utah's Nebo School District violated teacher Wendy Weaver's rights by restricting her freedom of speech and removing her from a coaching post solely because she is a Lesbian, conservatives in the state have been vowing to find some way around the prospect of allowing openly Gay teachers to educate Utah children.

Now state representative Bill Wright, a Republican, thinks he has a solution: Get rid of compulsory education.

The lawmaker plans to introduce a proposal to weaken or eliminate the state law mandating school attendance for children age six to 18. "Parents need to be able to choose to place [their children] with the environment of their choice," says Wright. The measure, which would give parents sole responsibility for their children's education, is backed by the Utah Coalition for Freedom in Education, a conservative group appealing the Weaver ruling.

Catholics Run Ad

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that can lead to the kind of horrible violence that murdered Shepard.

"If Catholics and all people of faith commit their hearts to acceptance and inclusion of Gay and Lesbian people, the escalation of violence can be overcome," said Francis DeBernardo, Executive Director of New Ways Ministry. "Misguided religious thought has fueled the homophobia which causes violence. True Christian charity can correct it," he added.

"This pledge is a clear indication that a growing number of Catholics are committed to ending homophobia and violence against Gay and Lesbian people," said Nancy Small, National Coordinator of Pax Christi USA. "Our actions challenge and invite people of all faiths to do the same."

Sixty-nine religious communities, 26 parish ministries, 54 regional groups, 13 national organizations, 7 families, and 9 bishops signed the declaration.

Public Still Uneasy

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Gay civil rights groups say signs of American ambivalence on the subject demonstrates that outright resistance to homosexuality is yielding and that a hesitancy to condemn Gay people shows movement toward acceptance. But the poll once again demonstrates a deep reluctance on the part of most people to embrace something they do not understand.

Only 23 percent support the idea of Gay marriage. "Marriage is between a man and a woman," said one of the participants in a focus group moderated by the newspaper. "You can't just open it up to whatever kind of person you're living with."

The answers to most questions posed to the focus group were "qualified, measured, adjusted." In each, participants in the group "displayed a struggle with modern pressures to change. They were accustomed to seeing Gay characters in sitcoms and movies, and they had absorbed corporate credos of tolerance at work. But many of them resisted becoming...the open minded, multicultural American of the future," said the newspaper.

A Personal History Of The Epidemic

By Jameson Currier

NEW YORK, NY — I have been actively writing about AIDS for fourteen years now, both in fiction and non-fiction, poetry and prose, grappling with issues and themes and searching for some sort of understanding to how the plague has shaped our lives.

The landscape of my personal life, particularly my years in New York City, is littered with ghosts of friends, clients, colleagues, boyfriends, and lovers who have died from AIDS. I clearly remember the day in Central Park, a summer morning in 1981, waiting to meet my friend Kevin and reading an item in The New York Times about a rare cancer being found in Gay men. That morning is entrained in my consciousness as vividly as the day I heard that Kennedy had been shot. My immediate reaction was one of confusion and skepticism, but I was also aware of being caught up in an historical moment, yet uncertain how the future would play itself out.

That feeling of being caught up in history is at the genesis of my writing my first novel, Where the Rainbow Ends, the story of a young Southern expatriate, Robbie Taylor, who, like myself, arrives optimistically in Manhattan in the late 1970s and meets a new circle of friends. Though the novel tackles many themes, among them the importance of family and friends to Gay men and Lesbians, the plot of the book follows the chronology of the first decade of the AIDS epidemic. Robbie's journey through these years finds him confronting many historical and personal markers of the plague: being tested for HIV, the unveiling of the AIDS Quilt, attending local Act Up meetings and national demonstrations.

Where the Rainbow Ends is also an outgrowth of the national discussions of family values which were present during the Presidential campaigns of 1992. Like the Biblical character of Job, Robbie assembles one family, loses it, and assembles another. My own personal years in the epidemic have followed a similar pattern; through the friends that I have lost, I have found other, new friends.

During the six years I spent writing the novel, however, I witnessed the epidemic change its disposition; when I had finished writing the first draft of my manuscript, somewhere around 1996, it was clear to me that the perception of HIV infection was not as bleak as when I had started the manuscript, thanks, in part, to the advancements of science and medicine and the introduction of prescriptive cocktails and protease inhibitors. As journalists and Gay writers began proclaiming the demise of the plague, I considered shelving the novel instead of rewriting it, worried that it did not reflect the prevailing optimistic notion that AIDS was being considered a manageable disease. But a friend, another writer, convinced me otherwise, telling me that I should not stop writing about AIDS, even if I had to approach my manuscript as an historical novel. These, he said, were stories that had to be told and retold, to prove that there had been men who have lived and loved and been lost at a too early age.

Things have surely improved since those early years when friends became ill and before AIDS and HIV could be named. But I must confess, even now, so many years later, I am still haunted by the first few friends who became sick. Their memories still come back to me as I walk back and forth through the city between jobs and appointments. I still remember the loft on 28th Street where Kevin lived, still remember Mike working out at the Body Center on Sixth Avenue before the gym was transformed into the high-tech one now operated by David Barton. I still remember the night Steve assembled a group of us at the Zeigfeld to watch a badly reviewed Warren Beatty movie. My anxiety during those years has now been replaced with a melancholy sorrow dulled even further by the passage of time. But often, while riding in a stuffy elevator filled with people in heavy winter coats and jammed in close together, I can still recall the first visit I made to a friend in the hospital and feeling the hot breaths of my fear bouncing against the face mask I wore and being forced back down my throat.

Not long ago a friend reminded me that the epidemic was not really over. He is HIV-positive and still fighting the same daily battle for health that he has been fighting since he found out his diagnosis twelve years before. AIDS is never over, he said, for any of us who have survived the loss of losing someone to this irrational infection. Like the characters I had created in my stories and my novel, my friend's personal history also incorporated the historical markers of the epidemic. He had bought tickets to that first fund- raiser at the circus at Madison Square Garden; he had delivered hot meals to homebound men in Hell's Kitchen; he had done the AIDS Walk in the rain; and he had demonstrated at the NIH.

My own personal history within the years of the epidemic are no different than any other man of my generation who has lived at ground zero and survived to tell the tales. I have volunteered, cared for, and buried more friends than I wish to admit. Another friend once commented to me before he died, that Gay life had come of age in dealing with this suffering; that Gay men had been changed forever, and that change should be what I must now address in my writing. My life today is certainly nothing like I expected it to be when I arrived in Manhattan all those years ago.

There are many reasons why I have never stopped writing about AIDS. AIDS summons up the greatest themes in literature, among them sex and death and faith, themes that are universal and prominent in every life. Anyone who has lost a loved one from death, untimely or by nature, can read about AIDS and understand the emotions it forces into place, anyone who has acted as a care-partner for someone who has been ill will understand the compassion necessary in tending the sick, anyone facing death from a life-threatening illness should be able to find strength and companionship in AIDS writing, anyone interested in uncovering the heart of the human soul should read writing about AIDS.

But more than any other reason my writing about AIDS is fueled by a combination of grief and guilt. I am an HIV-negative Gay man who has survived the epidemic thus far. Is there a reason why I have been spared when so many others have died? Have I endured simply because of luck or fate? I still write about AIDS not just because I have survived but because it is part of my history. AIDS has changed me even though HIV has not infected me. It has, nonetheless, impacted my world. It has made me the person I am today. I write about AIDS because I am still alive.

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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

Tucson Prime Timers luncheon at Shogun Restaurant, corner of River and Oracle, 12:30 p.m. Cal 584-02280 for details.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

Gays and Lesbians United (GLU) meeting will be held at the Metropolitan Community Church, 3269 N. Mountain (just North of Ft. Lowell Ave.) At 6:00 p.m. All Gay and Lesbian groups welcome. Bring your plans for Spring. This will be a good chance to update you on the progress of the Mayor's Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people. Please RSVP to David at 323-7943.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill on the east side as he shows "The Object Of My Affection" starring Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston, as a gay man and his straight roommate, and a look at their evolving relationship. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join offers you the chance to unload that tacky (or nice) present you just received from Aunt Minnie. Join Jon for a White Elephant Gift Exchange! Bring your wrapped gift, and hope for getting a better one. For reservations and directions, please call Jon at 881-5988.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

In celebration of Lesbian and Gay ministries, "A Service of Night Prayer" will take place this evening at 7:00 p.m. at St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church. The service features a sermon by The Rev. John Hooker, and will include readings and liturgy celebrating the gifts that the Lesbian and Gay community brings to spiritual life.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Terry at 577-3545.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing 2 selected magazine articles which are available from Steve. Even if you don't read the selection, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, please call Steve at 388-4849.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

ROAD RUNNER REGIONAL RODEO - JAN. 15 THRU JAN 17 at Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds, Phoenix. For more info call the AGRA Hotline (602)255-0618 or check out www.agra-phx.com

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take be held at Lex & 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, January 14 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).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 a.m. There will be a hike to Weaver's Needle in the Superstition Mountains. We'll be back to Tucson by late afternoon. The hike is about 5 miles round trip, and is rated moderate. For reservations and more information, please call Patrick at 615-1887.

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.

6:00 p.m. The Men's Massage Group meets for its first gathering of 1999. There are some new changes being made. This is a good place gto meet new men in a safe and non-intrusive environment. Call Marc at 881-4582 to reserve a place.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A fun evening devoted to all comedy series. If you've got a favorite comedy episode, just bring it to play for the others. This event is on the east side of town. For directions and reservations, please call Loren at 733-0072.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

Tucson Prime Timers Luncheon. Shogun Restaurant, River and Oracle, 12:30 p.m. Call 584-02280 for details.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for Dinner Out as we visit Sweet Tomatoes on Broadway. Please phone in your reservation to Bill as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant of the number of men attending. For directions and reservations, please contact Bill at 546-7539.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. "AIDS Alternatives" are discussed as we show a video, followed by a discussion about alternatives to current AIDS treatment. For details, directions and reservations, please contact James at 888-3344.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a night of conversation as we discuss "MSN in '99."

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. 'Girlie Show' hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Naomi Knight and Barbra Seville, Celia Putty and Phaedra.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Debuting tonight, the International Dance Hits (music from around the world) presented by DJ Eduardo. 9:00 p.m. to closing.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Latin Dance Party with DJ Eduardo 9:00 to closing. Fuerza Latina Travsti Show 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

GRADUATE - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) Beer Bust 2:00 - 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. Tucson's hottest new fun show - "Puttin' On The Lips" lipsinc contest hosted by Victoria Du Puis and Bunny FuFu. $50 first prize!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que / 16oz Beer Bust for the Reveille Gay Men's Chorus 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Karaoke on the Patio with Billy Dee 4:30 to 7:30 then at 9:00 p.m., the Postmaster returns. Special Male Box Nite 9:00 to closing. Play Post Office at IBT's and get lucky and win prizes.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) Taco Bar 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Beer Bust 1:00 to ????

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

STONEWALL / EAGLE - The Woody Show II. Watch for details.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Latin Dance Party with DJ Eduardo 9:00 to closing. Fuerza Latina Travsti Show 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

STONEWALL EAGLE - "Goddess" starring Mr. Kenneth Blake. Experience the Fantasy! 10:00 p.m.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JANUARY 29 & 30

STONEWALL / EAGLE - It's the 5th Anniversary at Stoneswall/Eagle this weekend. (Two fabulous shows) Watch for details!!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

IBT'S - Super Bowl Sunday Party. Watch for details.

What is the group doing right or wrong? What would you like to see us doing? Come and share your thoughts and ideas (and learn about the group). For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner and meeting at Mounain View Restaurant, 1220 E. Prince Road. 4:00 p.m. Call 584-0280 for details.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

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

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. A showing "Threesome". It's about three people sharing a dorm room-one girl and two guys-and how their relationships change. Join us for one or both of these events (but you don't have to help with the newsletter). For reservations & directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Terry at 577-3545.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Take a field trip to the Tumacacori National Historic Park. We'll explore old mission ruins along the Santa Cruz River area, have lunch in Tubac, and get in some shopping. For reservations and more information, please call Patrick at 615-1887.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for Game Night. Play a favorite card game or board game—the choice is yours. If you have a favorite you'd like to play, bring it along, but there will be plenty of games from which to choose. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 321-4387.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Classic Cinema. We'll showcase an old movie, along with a cartoon and a short. Tonight's feature is "Bell, Book and Candle" starring Kim Novack and Jimmy Stewart. She's a witch who seems to be falling for a mere mortal. For directions and reservations, 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 - Sunday Beer Bust and Food Bag 4-7pm. 50¢, $1.50 small pitchers. BBQ Beef Sandwich with Cheese & Potato Salad $1.50. Drink Specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm. $2 Bloody Marys & $1.50 Screwdrivers til 8pm. Country music & dancing.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 Well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 'til 7pm. BBQ 2-6. Hottest dance music in town. Snack Bar opens at noon

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee (pot matched). Boss Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 7pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 9-Ball tournament 6pm, $3 entry, pot matched. Monday Night Football - 3 screens. $2.50 Cuervo Gold all nite.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50 Draft $1.75 Domestic. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm-close. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Closed Mondays.

IBT's - Open noon. Martini Monday all day all call martinis's $2.50. Happy Hour noon-8pm, $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. 8pm to midnight, $1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Extreme dance with DJ Michael 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 'til 7pm. Party with Chuck in the evening. Doc's Dart Tourney 8pm in the Eagle. Free pool all day and night. Snack Bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. $1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 8am-12:30pm

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 Nite 8-close. $2 mug/34 large pitchers.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. 9 pm to close $1.75 well. Wear an IBT's T-shirt get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for $5 and get a complimentary drink. Extreme Dance with DJ Michael 9pm to closing.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. Eight Ball pool tourney, warm-up 6pm, play begins 7pm. Latin Dance Party w/ DJ Eduardo 9pm - 1am. Snack bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. $1.75 Well drinks and longnecks 8am - 12:30pm.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free Pool 2-4. $1.25 pitchers 8-midnight. Dance music with DJ Robyn 9pm-1am. Shot specials all night

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50; Domestic $1.75. 8 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

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily Drink Specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close w/Billy Dee in the Eagle. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hottest dance music in town. Snack bar opens at Noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. $1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 8am-12:30 pm. Cuervo Gold $2 and Cuervo 1800 $2.25 Open to close.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 25¢ well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 6:30 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 8pm

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8 pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Underwear Nite. $1.50 Well and $1.75 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear (paid check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. Latin Dance Party w/Eduardo in the Stonewall 9pm to close. Bimonthly Travesti Show 10:30pm. Snackbar opens at Noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am $1.75 Well Drinks & Longnecks 8am-12:30pm Patio Bar open 8pm. Feature Bottles $1.75 from 9pm-midnight. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. $3 entry (Pot Matched). Hides Leather shop opens 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.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Dukes of York 5-8pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. T.G.I.F. Free music 4:30-8pm The hottest dance music in town 9pm to close in the Stonewall. Snack Bar opens at Noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. $1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 8am-12:30 Snacks served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8:30pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Hi energy dance music from 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every ½ 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. Country Western Music all night.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. Free Pool noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. The hottest dance music in town. Snack Bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ draft 3-7pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8:30pm. Partnership Cricket Tournament 8:30pm $3 entry (Pot Matched).

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NOTICES

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. Intermediate or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 11 a.m. Check it out!

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

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 822-3288.

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. 694-7965.

TIHAN, 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 299-8647.

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 many from Tucson. Call 797-3118 for more information and a membership bio.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-8679 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 791-7678.

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7670 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 297-0602 or Sr. Joan 742-8906.

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 884-8820, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6457 (ovellus@ix.netcom.com)

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

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

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (Terrible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8419 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

TRANSGENDER ISSUES: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on first Mondays for informal discussion of transgender topics. Hosted by Desert Boyz. For information call Gary at 625-0459 or send email to: monkeydyke@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, 6623 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4985.

GAY MORMON, EX-MORMON. New support and discussion group. For information call 529-4580

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS. Individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual and Trans men who are victims/survivors in same-sex relationships. Group meets Tuesdays 7 to 8:30pm at a confidential location. For information or appointment call 216-2827. Wingspan Domestic Violence Project.

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-8828

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (602)432-5501. 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 876-0027 for more

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO — a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 42010, Tucson, AZ 85733-2010, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline for info at 888-8641

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 881-8858 or Rosa 968-2364.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 883, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)571-1182

CRONIES 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 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2962 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 888-7266.

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

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

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-6662.

NOTICES

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmoor Building). Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS. World wide web: http://www.saaf.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 Mitch at 326-3656

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-9660 or write P.O. Box 34284, Tucson, AZ 85740-4284. 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 340 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 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 584-8288, 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 - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

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

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. Call the church at Davey at 886-1298 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 2997, 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 1 to 3 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1298 for more info.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-8806 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 46894, 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. 322-5668. 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, Corbett, AZ 85652.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-0662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #368, Tucson, AZ 85718.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3200 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 886-8683 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 318-3418.

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 proselyting - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 298-9063.

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

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TUCSON'S RAINBOW RADIO is now on the air. Operating on 100.1 Mhz Stereo FM. Hours of operation 3:00 p.m. to Midnight. Join us for services to the Tucson Gay and Lesbian Community.

LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA. Local chapter of the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian Republican organization. Meets the first Tuesday evening of each month. For information, call Patrick at 615-1887.

PERSONALS

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Sir Elton Tops U.S. Concert $ List: Openly Gay British singer-songwriter Sir Elton John topped the list of money-makers among U.S. concert tours in 1998, according to the trade publication Pollstar. John's gigs pulled in a total of $46.2-million, putting him well ahead of the number-two Dave Matthews Band at $40.1-million. Gay-friendly Janet Jackson was number eight at $33.1-million, while the women's music Lilith Fair tour was number 12 at $28.3-million. . . .

Nigel Hawthorne to be Knighted: Openly Gay British actor Nigel Hawthorne is named on the Queen's New Year's Honours List to receive a knighthood. Hawthorne, who had the lead role in "The Madness of King George," currently holds the rank of Commander of the British Empire (CBE), and is best-known in Britain for starring in the TV series "Yes, Minister." . . .

Sheedy Honored for "High Art": The National Society of Film Critics (NSFC) announced its annual awards, including a Best Actress award for Ally Sheedy for her Lesbian role in Lisa Cholodenko's "High Art." Sheedy had already tied with Fernanda Montenegro ("Central Station") for the Los Angeles Film Critics Association's Best Actress nod, and been runner-up to Samantha Morton ("Under the Skin") in the Boston Film Critics Society's selections. Patricia Clarkson, who played Sheedy's character's heroin-addicted partner, was the NSFC's runner-up to Dame Judi Dench ("Shakespeare in Love") for Best Supporting Actress. Open Gay Sir Ian McKellen, who's already bagged several groups' Best Actor awards for his role as Gay director James Whale in "Gods and Monsters," was the NSFC's runner-up to Nick Nolte ("Affliction"). . . .

MAD Magazine Zaps Change Ads: The so-called "Truth in Love" ad campaign by a coalition of U.S. religious MAD magazine's list of "The 20 Dumbest People, Events and Things of '98." The ads touted the idea that Gays and Lesbians can change into heterosexuals, in what the MAD staff clearly viewed as a political move to undermine public support for civil rights protections from discrimination based on sexual orientation. MAD satirized the ads, using their same tone and format to urge recovery from homophobia, under the caption, "I'm living proof that untruths can win you votes."

MAD's first-person account describes a descent from boyhood jokes to collegiate gang bashings, until the day the writer prayed, "God, please help me to understand why I keep acting like a freakin' moron." With struggle, more prayer and the support of others, the writer declares that, "A homophobe no more, I was finally on the road to sanity!" The satire lists sponsoring groups including, "The Council of Americans Who Have Actually Read the Constitution, Federation of Clergymen Against Using God's Name to Further a Political Agenda, and Organization of NFL [National Football League] Fans Who Think Reggie White [the Green Bay Packer defense great featured in one "Truth in Love" ad] Suffered Some Sort of Head Injury or Why Else Would He Be Acting Like That, Inc."

Shepard Murder Trial Update

LARAMIE, WY (WS) — Defense lawyers for the two men accused of robbing and beating to death 21-year-old Matthew Shepard have labeled the state's intent to pursue the death penalty against their clients a politically motivated act.

Prosecutor Cal Rerucha announced that he will seek the death penalty against Aaron James McKinney and Russell Arthur Henderson for the brutal attack on Shepard last October.

"There have been other cases in this county that have been just as heinous or more heinous in which [Rerucha] has not requested the death penalty," said Wyatt Skaggs, an attorney for Henderson.

"To request the death penalty on an individual like Russell who does not have a significant criminal record and who does not have a juvenile history, and if convicted would be involved in basically his first criminal act is really heavy handed," said Skaggs.

Henderson's trial is to begin March 22. McKinney's trial will begin August 9. Henderson's girlfriend, Chasity Vera Pasley pleaded guilty to an accessory charge, while McKinney's girlfriend, Kristen LeAnn Price faces a May trial on an accessory charge. . . .

The body of Cindy Thompson Dizon, was found Sunday, January 3, on a road five miles north of Laramie. Albany County Coroner Julie Heggie said preliminary autopsy results revealed Dixon died of hypothermia.

Dizon was the mother of Russell Henderson, one of the two suspects awaiting trial in the murder of Matthew Shepard.

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[Jameson Currier is the author of the novel Where the Rainbow Ends, recently published by Overlook Press. He was awarded a fiction grant from the Arch and Bruce Brown Foundation for this work, which cited the novel for its historical depiction of the Gay and Lesbian community during the AIDS crisis. He is also the author of Dancing on the Moon: Short Stories about AIDS and the documentary film, Living Proof: HIV and the Pursuit of Happiness. He currently lives in Manhattan and is assistant editor of the New York Blade News.]

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