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Texas Hate Crimes Bill Dies

AUSTIN, TX (NP) — Nearly nine hours of closed-door negotiations and a Democratic filibuster on the Texas Senate floor failed to advance a House-passed hate crimes bill including sexual orientation before a midnight deadline, killing it for the remainder of the two-year state legislative session.

Democrats and Republicans are no more in agreement about what happened than they were about the bill itself, but Democrats have indicated that they won't be seeking vengeance in the remaining two weeks of the session.

What made this struggle of national interest was Republican Governor George Bush's Presidential aspirations, highlighted by both Democratic President Bill Clinton and Presidential hopeful Bill Bradley having both personally involved themselves in support of the Texas bill.

Bush denied that he had any problem with the inclusion of sexual orientation in the bill, despite many pundits' sense that the issue would force him to choose between conservative support key to winning Presidential primary elections and middle-of-the-road appeal necessary for winning a general election. Bush maintained that his choice largely to stand apart from discussion of the measure reflected the conscience nature of the issue for his fellow Republicans. He and his spokesperson also said that in the last few days of the conflict, he and his staff had offered some suggestions towards breaking the partisan stalemate on the bill, although they provided no specifics and no lawmaker made any reference to any such occurrence. He charged that his Presidential ambitions were becoming a universal scapegoat for everyone with a failed bill.

Senator David Sibley, R-Waco, said that Republicans shared Democrats' disappointment at their inability to achieve a compromise on the hate crimes bill. "I don't think we disagreed. We just ran out of time," he said. Bill sponsor Senator Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, was only barely accepting of defeat, still hinting that there could be a chance to get it through as an amendment to another measure. Failing that, he promised, "If it's too hot for you this session, don't worry, I'll be back."

The official position of Republican lawmakers was that they objected to the bill's naming of specific categories as a basis for bias motivation for crimes to receive harsher penalties. Some have also maintained that the existing Texas hate crimes law, which names no categories (as the result of a compromise over sexual orientation), should be adequate. But primarily because it does not name categories, the existing law has been deemed unenforceable, and has been called into play only twice in six years.

Democrats, however, pulled no punches in attributing the Republican blockage of the bill to its inclusion of sexual orientation and to preserving Bush from its potential for political fall-out.

Texas Democratic Party Chair Molly Beth Malcolm said the state's citizens should be ashamed of Republican Senators prioritizing politics over people's safety and condemned Bush's failure to show leadership on the hate crimes issue. Senator James Whitmire, D-Houston, said the blocking of the bill made for what might be "one of the worst days in the history of the Texas Senate," and charged that, "What we have here is a Presidential campaign taking place on the floor of the Senate." Whitmire said, "It all gets back to sexual orientation" and Republicans' "concern about elements in their party for whom this sort of thing is a political litmus test."

Senator Royce West, D-Dallas, said that James Byrd, Junior – the Jasper, Texas African-American murdered by white supremacists, in whose memory the hate crimes bill was named -- "is probably turning in his grave tonight. . . . We have not done what we needed to do to protect our citizens.". Before the Senate convened, most of Democratic Senators attended a prayer vigil being held in support of the bill in the Capitol rotunda, along with Byrd's nephew Darrell Verrett.

Even more irate were Gay and Lesbian activists. Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby of Texas executive director Dianne Hardy-Garcia said that Bush's "unconscionable, immoral lack of leadership on this issue is both tragic and exasperating." Reverend Michael Piazza of the Cathedral of Hope, the Dallas congregation of the Gay-affirming Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, said of Bush, "He wants the world to believe that he is a 'compassionate conservative.' We want the world to know that his compassion does not extend to all the citizens of Texas."

The American Jewish Congress issued a statement calling the failure to pass the bill an "horrendous mistake" and encouraging Bush to do "the right thing" – to use his power and ability to lead in the enactment of a hate crimes bill including sexual orientation.

Sodomy Law Faces Arkansas Supreme Court

LITTLE ROCK, AR (WS) — The Arkansas Supreme Court will hear a case challenging the state's ban against private, consensual sexual activities between Lesbians and Gay men, in a fight Gay and Lesbian civil rights advocates hope will topple another sodomy law in the American South.

The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund said that it will urge the Arkansas Supreme Court to review the

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12th Anual Jell-O Wrestling Raises Over $17,000 For SAAF

Referee David Zinke raises Little Richard's arm as victor in his tumble and toss match at the Jell-O Wrestling benefit Sunday.

Entrepreneur Dave Huff takes on Ajia Simone as his opponent. Ajia proved Dave was no threat as she pressed him in less than two minutes.

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) – More than $17,000 was raised at the twelfth annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza/Raffle and Auction for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

This annual event took place in the parking lot of The Graduate. The hot temperatures did not dampen the spirits of the standing room only crowd in attendance.

The fund raiser was the idea of the late Reno Gannon. Reno had initiated the idea of Jell-O Wrestling as a fund raiser for the Shanti Foundation eleven years ago. Gannon lost his battle to AIDS in 1989.

This event has raised a large amount of money for the AIDS Service Organization.

According to Anne Maley, executive director of SAAF, more than $100,000 had been raised from this event over the years.

Maley went on to say that next to the Festival for Life and the AIDS Walk, the Jell-O Wrestling is the third biggest fund raiser for SAAF.

This year's event was hosted by The Graduate and their owners, Dave Huff and Frank Schlepis. Gilda Fatale and Lucinda Holliday emceed the event. Miss Fatale and the "Queen of Comedy," Lucinda, regaled the audience with jokes and raised money for SAAF through auctions and raffles. Assisting the two were Ajia Simone and Mr. Kenneth Blake, the current Miss Gay Arizona.

So what was the flavor of the Jell-O?

In 1998, the flavor was Orange, according to Dave Huff, who said at the time it was changed from Lime to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the invention Jell-O. This year's flavor was "Smurfalicious."

In addition to the wrestling, audience members had the opportunity to participate in raffles, including one where the grand prize was two airline tickets to San Diego, and live auctions for items, ranging from "male erotica," portraits/artwork, "Cartoons by Fitz," to Bud Light chairs and barbecues.

Anne Maley said the monies raised helps SAAF to serve a greater number people living with HIV/AIDS.

Matthew Palmer, Jell-O event coordinator stated that the support means the world to all of those living with HIV/-AIDS in the community.

People cheered, bid on terrific items and the Jell-O flew this past Sunday, all for a good cause.

Decline In AIDS Deaths Slowing In NYC

NEW YORK, NY (RNS) — Between 1995 and the end of 1997, the number of AIDS deaths in New York City fell by 63%, according to researchers at the New York City Department of Health. But by 1998, this rate of decline began to slow down.

The increased availability of new antiretroviral therapies played a role in the

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UPDATE

April Share Bears Report

TUCSON — The following is the financial report for the Share Bears program operated by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

INCOME

April Contributions	$95.50
Previous Balance	$894.32
TOTAL AVAILABLE	$989.82

MONEY WAS GRANTED

Utilities	$346.47
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TOTAL SPENT	$386.47

Two clients were served.

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TLGA Logo Contest Extended To May 28

TUCSON — The Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance has extended the deadline for their 1999 Pride Logo Contest: OUToberFEST '99, "Reflections of Pride and Progress."

Entries must be received no later than May 28, and must include the following information in the proposed artwork: OUToberFEST '99; "Reflections of Pride and Progress"; TLGA or Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance; October 16, 1999; Tucson, Arizona.

Entrants may use as many colors as he or she wishes. Please keep in mind that the winning logo will also be used for polo shirts, caps, and b/w advertising. All entries become the property of the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance. The winning entrant will receive a check for $100.

Mail entries to: Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance, POB 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717-0301. For further information, call the OUTline, (520) 622-3200.

SAAF Needs Massage Therapists

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Glam Slam Event June 4

TUCSON — Club Congress will be hosting "The Glam Slam," Friday, June 4, 9:00 P.M. Admission to the Slam is $5.

Phoenix's "Drag Queen Rockers," Psycho Gypsy, who recently appeared at the 1999 Phoenix Gay Pride Festival will be featured. Also on the bill will be the Guttersluts, straight from the gutters of Hollywood, California.

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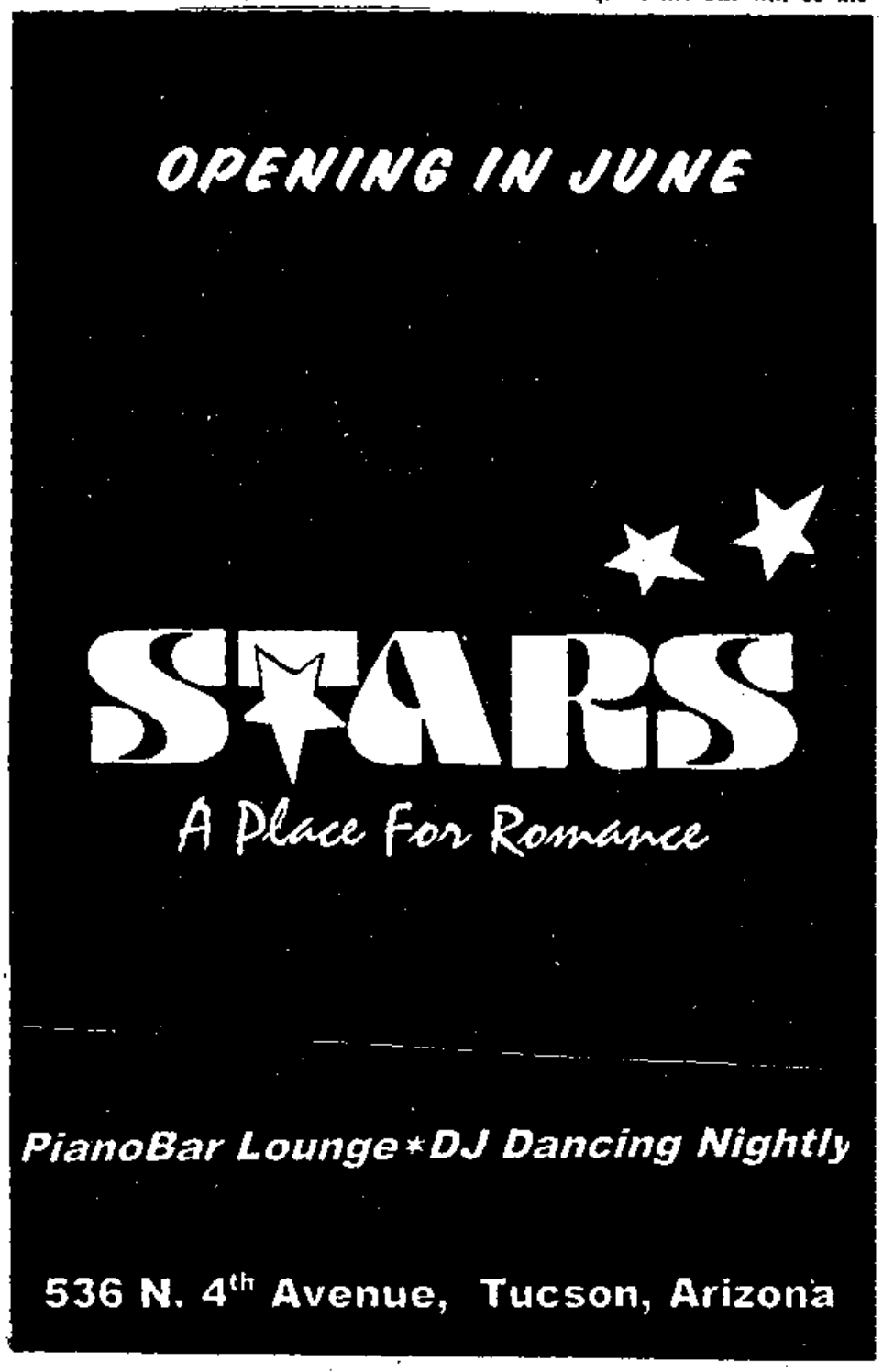

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM ELLSWORTH
4/8/64 - 5/10/99

William N. Ellsworth passed away on May 10 and is now on his next journey.

He is remembered by his mother (Ma) Mary Jane, partner Christopher Miller, brother Manny, his sister in law and best friend, Shannon, his best friends: Art Herran, Cork Osentoroski and several other family and friends.

Bill is an inspiration of strength to all who knew him. He's in the arms of the Angels now. . .

Services were held at St. Philip's in the Hills, West Chapel.

MARY ANN GONZALEZ
5/1/65 - 5/15/99

A tragic auto accident occurred at 1:00 A.M., Saturday May 15. Mary Ann Gonzalez was killed when the car she was riding in was hit by a possible drunk driver.

Mary Ann was a loyal friend, dedicated daughter and faithful girlfriend. She will be missed by all those who life she touched.

She is survived by loving family and friends. There will be a benefit for Mary Ann on Wednesday, June 9, 7:00 P.M., at Ain't Nobody's Bizness. Pasion Final will play live, Latin music and all proceeds will go to cover funeral costs.

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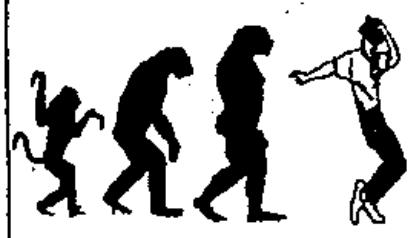

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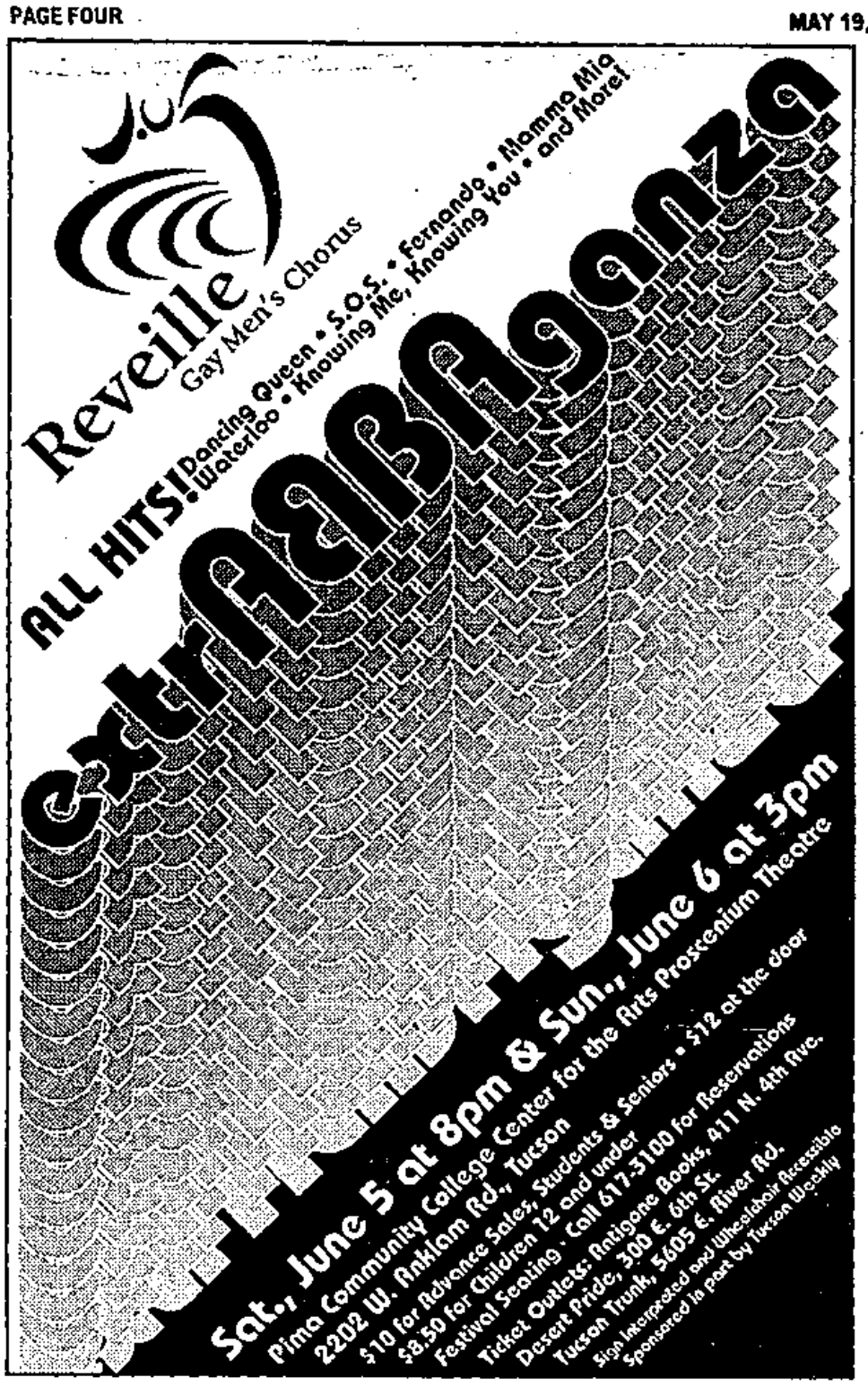

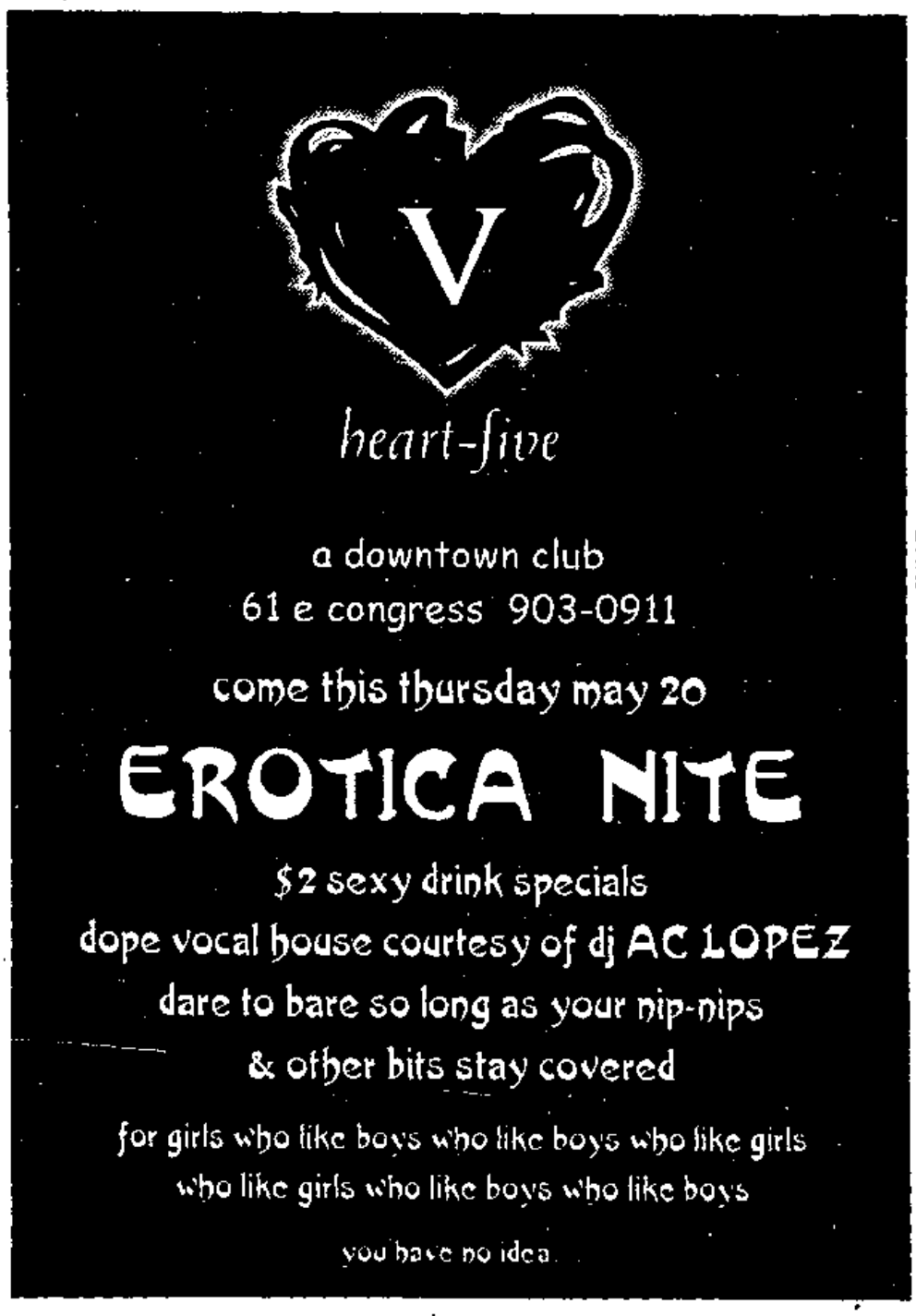

16th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Showed The Disease Is Still Here

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) — Young and old, Gay and straight, HIV+ and HIV- gathered at the Georges Demeester band shell in Reid Park to remind others that AIDS is still here, despite the advances made in the research and for medications to treat the disease.

Wingspan tried to change the misconceptions about "the end of AIDS" through the Sixteenth Annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial, which the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center coordinated.

Tucsonans, and people across the U.S. and the world, gathered on Saturday to send "A Message of Hope Through Awareness" about AIDS, the theme for this year's Memorial.

"Fact" one participant said, "there are 2,800 men in Pima County who have been diagnosed with HIV. There are 305 women in Pima County who have been diagnosed with HIV."

With new medications, such as protease inhibitors, people believe the AIDS epidemic has gone into remission and that it's no longer the "plague" that killed many in the 1980's.

Even with the medical advances, there is still no cure for the disease. AIDS can be brought under control, but it is still, highly contagious.

That is the case among young people (teens to early 20's), of which many have ignored safe-sex precautions, resulting in them becoming the fastest rising group to contract the AIDS virus, according to several recent studies. A young woman, Lahana Heyde, who has been living with AIDS since birth, told her story to the audience at the Memorial.

The Memorial also included performances by Mr. Kenneth Blake, the current Miss Gay Arizona, Desert Voices Chorus, Dance Incorporated of Phoenix and the France Academy of Dance. Also on the schedule was an interfaith prayer by the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network and an address by Tucson Mayor, George Miller.

In his speech, Miller said that all levels of government must contribute more to the effort of finding a cure for AIDS, and to help those who are living with the disease.

Mayor Miller then pledged to create a joint city/county commission to address Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender issues. In October 1998, Miller formed a task force to deal with such issues, this after a memorial held for the openly Gay, college student, Matthew Shepard, who was brutally murdered in Wyoming.

The service culminated in a reading of the names of people from Tucson and Pima County, who lost their battle, to AIDS, followed by an emotional; candle lighting ceremony to remember those people and others who've succumbed to this dreaded disease.

Panoramic Productions Update

TUCSON — Panoramic Productions is one of the newest and most dynamic theater companies in Tucson. Founded in 1996 and incorporated in 1997 by Rohno Geppert, Suzi Robertson, and Lee Willets, they have consistently strived to present high quality productions at an affordable price.

While virtually all of the board officers are members of the Gay community, this company seeks to reach a diverse audience by offering productions which have a broad range of appeal. "Part of our mission statement as an organization is to present pieces to un- or under-represented audiences," according to Rohno Geppert, Artistic Director for the company. Earlier this season Tucson saw the premier of local playwright Mark Brady's piece "Shifted Gaze" which was an artistic and financial success.

Panoramic Productions is also proud to present the Tucson premier of the Tony award-winning play: Love! Valour! Compassion! by Terrence McNally at the Tucson Center for the Performing Arts through May 23. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:00 P.M., and Sunday at 4:00 P.M. Tickets are $10 with discounts available for students, seniors, groups of five or more, and people living with a disability or disease at Antigone Books or at the door. For reservations, call (520) 293-5397. This show features an ensemble case starring

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AS I SEE IT..... BY CLARK

Two Lesbian Mothers Sue for Visitation

CHICAGO, IL (NP) — Lambda takes the lead in Illinois and Florida child visitation cases against bio-moms who are relying on discriminatory laws to deny their former partners' parental rights.

It's starting to happen so often -- Lesbian versus Lesbian child custody cases in which the biological mother's defense depends upon the absence of alternative families in the law -- that the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund argued cases in both Illinois and Florida.

In each instance, Lambda stepped in to appeal trial court rulings that denied the non-biological mothers standing to seek visitation with the children over their former partners' objections; in neither case did the trial court even allow a hearing to determine the children's best interest.

"Amanda" (as she is identified in court documents) is asking the Illinois Appellate Court to order just such a hearing. She and her partner of nine years (with whom she had a church commitment ceremony in 1991), "Helen," decided to have a child and agreed that "Helen" would be the biological mother by artificial insemination.

The couple attended Lamaze class together and "Amanda" was on hand for the delivery; the real name of the child (referred to as "Cathy" in the proceedings) contains "Amanda's" surname. Lambda attorney Heather Sawyer, representing "Amanda," said that, "It's clear they intended to raise her together," and that's how they proceeded, with "Amanda" serving as the household's sole breadwinner and sharing the parental responsibilities, until "Helen" ended their relationship.

Even after "Helen" took "Cathy" and moved to another state, "Amanda" continued to pay child support and to visit. However, when "Cathy" was 3-years-old the now heterosexually-married "Helen" halted all contact with "Amanda," who sued for visitation rights in Cook County Court.

The lower court's decision that "Amanda" has no standing since she is not the child's parent, sibling or grandparent -- the only relatives authorized by statute to petition for visitation -- was echoed in the oral arguments of defense attorney Leon Finkel, who said that "Amanda" and "Cathy" are "strangers, from a legal perspective." He went on to deny that there was any discrimination involved, maintaining that, "If Amanda were Fred and we had the same set of facts ... the legal theories don't change."

However, Sawyer countered that, "In Illinois, case law has established that heterosexual parents like Amanda should be allowed to seek visitation. The same principles also apply to protect the children of Lesbian and Gay parents seeking visitation after a separation."

When a question from Justice John N. Hourihane seemed to pick up on Finkel's allegation that a decision in "Amanda's" favor would lead to a wave of visitation and custody claims coming from anybody from neighbors to nannies who could say they had a close relationship with a child, Sawyer responded that, unlike Finkel's examples, "Amanda" had lived up to the principles that would normally be used to establish parenthood: a parent-like relationship with the child with the biological parent's consent, residence in the same home in a family situation, and the assumption of all the financial and social obligations of parenthood.

In view of the state legislature's inaction regarding the rights of same-gender parents, Sawyer challenged the justices with the warning, "If the law does not account for Gay and Lesbian parents and Gay and Lesbian families, then we will see cases in which the courts are called upon to deal with the equities of the situation."

In the Florida case, Penny Kazmierazak and former partner Pamela Query had taken additional steps to ensure that Kazmierazak, as the non-biological mother, would have legal ties to the child they planned to raise together.

Kazmierazak was not only present for daughter Zoey's birth, she is named as a parent on the birth certificate; the couple also executed a "delegation of parental authority" to Penny. (Florida has a law prohibiting adoptions by Lesbians and Gays.) Lambda staff attorney Stephen Scarborough further stressed in his arguments before the Fourth District Court of Appeal on Kazmierazak's behalf that his client was Zoey's primary caretaker before the couple split up, particularly while Query was caring for an ailing relative.

Nevertheless, Query first began restricting and then cut off Kazmierazak's contact with Zoey completely about a year after the couple's relationship dissolved.

Like "Amanda" in the Illinois case, Kazmierazak's appeal only seeks the opportunity to present evidence of her bond with Zoey in court. Scarborough is emphasizing the psychological aspects of the mother-daughter relationship, saying, "Biology cannot erase Penny's important relationship with her daughter. Motherhood means so much more than that."

Over a thousand miles away in the other courtroom, Sawyer said, "At bottom, the issue here is not whether or not there was a formal adoption, but whether or not we can serve the best interests of the minor child. The answer should be yes."

Panoramic Update

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Marin Chandler, Glenn Coffman, Douglas Hill, Kevin Johnson, David Johnston, Alonso Minjarez and Harry Susser, with direction from Terry John Erbe and choreography by Rick Tackett.

Later this season, the company will produce the Tucson Director's Festival, in which directors will compete in four categories (adult, Hispanic adult, other minority adult and youth, 16-20). Interested directors should send their resume to 200 E. Pastime, Tucson, AZ 85705. Next season, Panoramic Productions will send up a piece done completely in American Sign Language as an outreach to the deaf community, and a new folk-rock musical produced as a fund raiser for SAAF's Alternative Therapies Program. Look for "Barking Dogs" by Rohno Geppert next March!

Panoramic Productions is also seeking individuals to serve as board members. No specific talent is required only a desire to help out. Call (520) 293-5397 to request a board member application packet and we'll see you at the box office.

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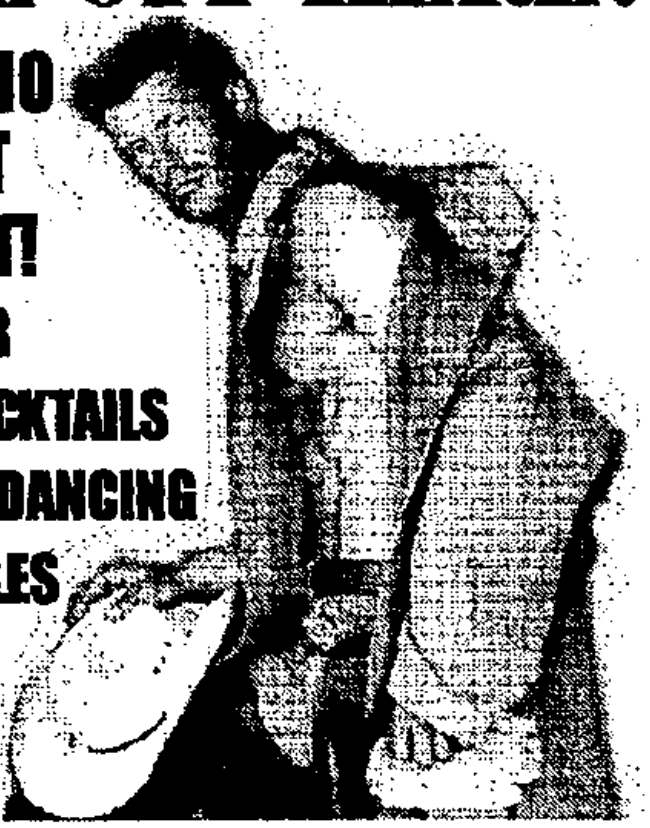

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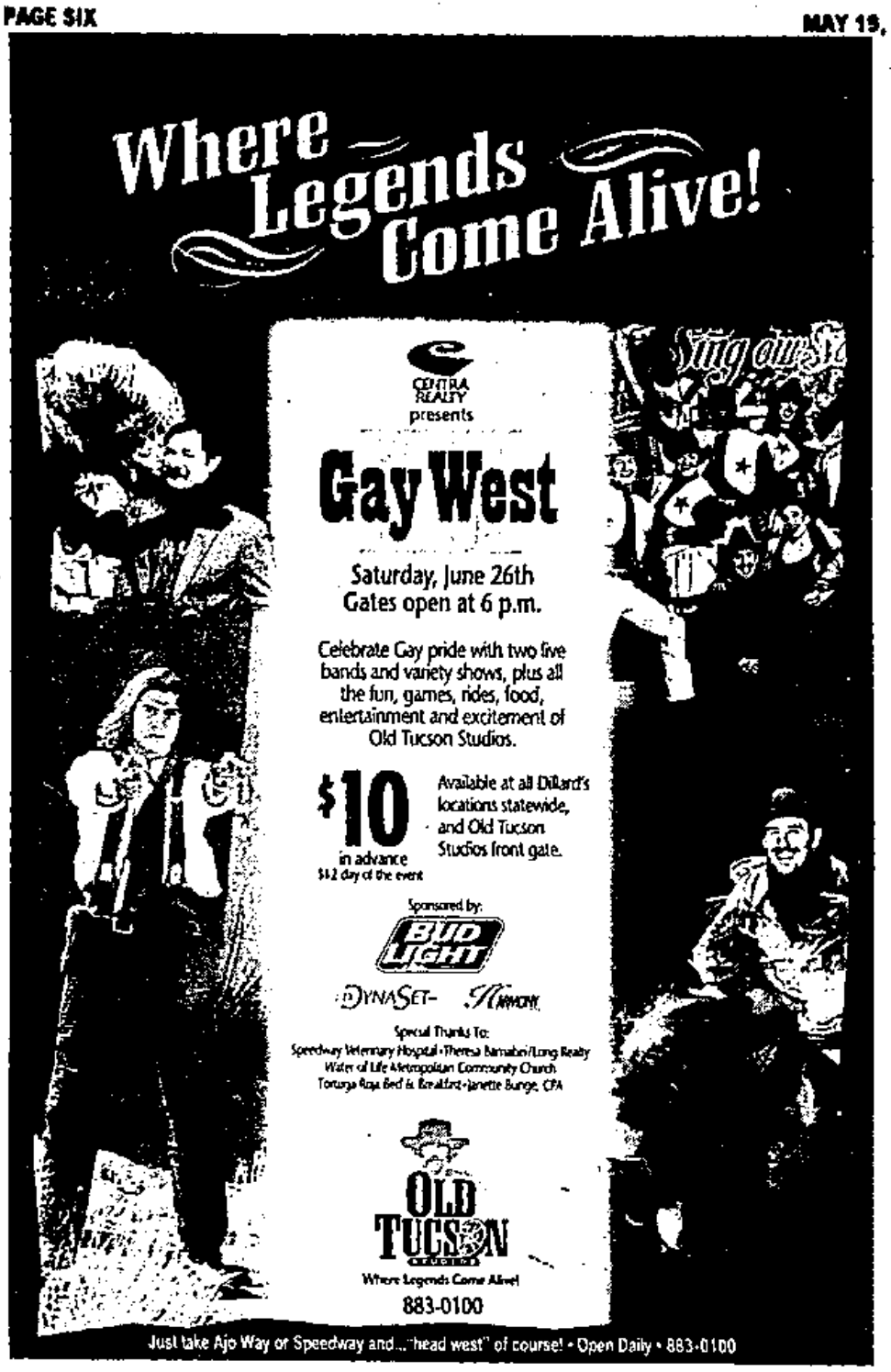

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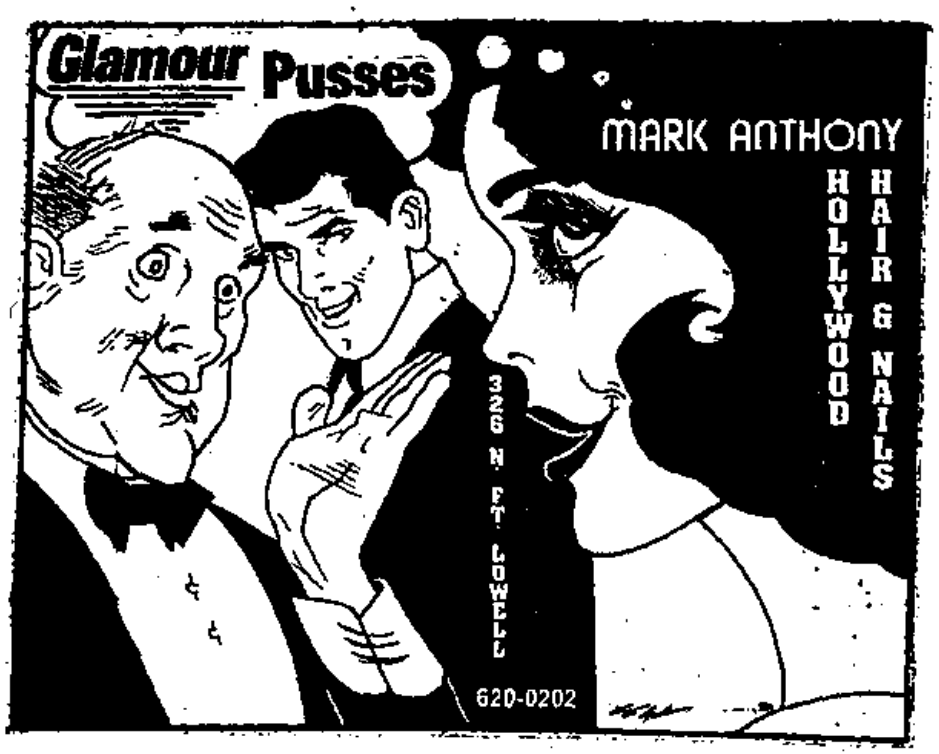

Insanity Defense May Be Used In Second Shepard Murder Trial

LARAMIE, WY (RMN) — Attorneys representing Aaron McKinney, the second defendant in the murder of Matthew Shepard, hinted on Monday they might file an insanity plea in a bid to spare the 21-year-old's life.

The hint came during a hearing when lawyers for McKinney advised him not to answer a judge's question about his mental condition. District Judge Barton Voight has given McKinney's court appointed attorneys until late May to file a motion if they intend to change his not-guilty plea to not guilty by reason of mental illness or deficiency.

McKinney is accused of kidnapping and fatally beating Shepard, a Gay University of Wyoming student, in October 1998. Shepard, who was hit 18 times in the head with the butt of a revolver and left tied to a fence in freezing temperatures, died of his injuries five days after he was found.

McKinney faces the death penalty if convicted of first-degree murder, kidnapping and robbery. Co-defendant Russell Henderson, also 21, copped a guilty plea last month and was sentenced to two consecutive life terms in prison.

Judge Voight asked McKinney whether he understood that his decision to keep the murder trial in Laramie was binding. He then asked the defendant if he was "suffering from any mental illnesses."

"We're going to advise him not to answer that," attorney Dion Custis replied. He said no decision had been reached whether McKinney might seek to change his plea.

The flow of public information about the Shepard trial became more restrictive when Voight granted a prosecution motion to seal McKinney's court file. In the wake of a series of widely reported recriminations between attorneys in the case, the judge last month issued a gag order barring discussion of the case with the media.

According to court documents, McKinney once boasted to his girlfriend that he killed a man in California. He also threatened a judge and the attorney of girlfriend Kristen Price and made several threats to a plumber who was working in the Albany County Jail, according to court documents.

His trial is scheduled to begin Aug. 9.

In other news, a trial for one of two women charged with covering up evidence in the murder has been delayed, a court official said.

No new trial date was immediately set for Kristen Price, 19, whose case had been set for jury trial May 24. "Both sides stipulated for continuance," said Dean Jessup, spokesman for district judge Jeffrey Donnell.

Price was charged with accessory after the fact to first-degree murder for helping to throw away clothing that was bloodied during the attack on Shepard last October. If convicted, she could receive up to three years in prison and a fine of up to $3,000.

Lawyers In Louima Case Silent On Gay Sex Charge

NEW YORK, NY (WS) — Defense attorneys in the Abner Louima police brutality case suffered a major setback when a New York City police officer broke "the blue wall of silence" and testified against his fellow officers in the case.

The dramatic testimony offered by Detective Eric Turetzky followed a week of attempts by the defense to damage Louima's credibility. Under intense cross-examination, Louima was asked him to recall precisely where he was punched, to recount every exchange of conversation, and how long he was forced to stand in a particular spot. One defense lawyer even asked Louima if he was being secretly coached in his answers by a courtroom spectator.

But for the hundreds of questions posed by defense attorneys, noticeable in their absence were questions about Louima's sex life. Last week, during opening arguments in federal court in Brooklyn, a lawyer for the officer accused of driving a stick into Louima's rectum suggested that Louima's extensive internal injuries were caused by consensual Gay sex.

The suggestion, made by Officer Justin Volpe's lawyer, Marvyn M. Kornberg, provoked a storm of controversy from scores of outraged Gay and Lesbian civil rights advocates in the city.

At a news conference held outside the courthouse, Richard Haymes, the executive director of the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, labeled the defense contention "a vile fantasy" adding, "We are now supposed to believe that Officer Volpe and his colleagues had nothing to do with Mr. Louima's torn rectum and punctured bladder."

Kornberg told jurors last week that a trace of Louima's feces –found in the police precinct bathroom where the alleged assault occurred – contained "the DNA of another male." He also said Louima's injuries were "not consistent" with "non-consensual insertion" -- an argument that prompted prosecutors to ask Louima about his wife and children, presumably to deflect the idea that he had sex with a man.

Kornberg concluded more than eight hours of questioning without asking Louima about his sex life. Kornberg declined to discuss why he had not raised the subject, but others involved in the defense of his client, Officer Justin Volpe, said that the silence was a calculated tactic.

"There is an answer to that, but I'm not prepared to give it," Les Levine, a private investigator for Kornberg, said when asked why Louima had not been questioned about his sex life ."It's not an oversight," said Robert Volpe, Officer Volpe's father. "You're at the beginning of the movie," he said winking. "Let the movie play."

A lawyer for another of the five police officers charged with violating Louima's civil rights said it was too risky to raise the subject with Louima. No doubt, Louima would have denied the contention, said the lawyer, who did not want to be identified. And in the absence of contradictory testimony, such questions might be

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Overkill: The Grand Guignol Murder Of A Gay Man In Virginia

by Guy Trebay

RICHMOND, VA — Eddie Northington was the type of guy a lot of people would probably have liked to kill. He was big. He was aggressive. He was a wiseass and a loudmouth. Lack of expertise didn't stop him from holding opinions on a variety of topics, and he was not the least bit shy about speaking his mind.

He was less inhibited still when he'd been drinking, which, over the past couple of years, was a good deal of the time. Once Eddie Northington had knocked back a six-pack of whatever bargain beer was on special at the local Winn-Dixie, he got to running his mouth. The things that came out were not destined to win anyone a popularity contest. He sometimes called Gay people faggots and black people niggers and, unlike a goodly number of his Richmond neighbors, he did not do so exclusively behind closed doors.

A psychiatrist might talk about an Eddie Northington in terms of compulsivity or distorted affect or deficient impulse control. Being less occupationally compelled by the subtle shadings of human nature, bartenders routinely eighty-sixed him. Over the past couple years Northington had been tossed from several Richmond hangouts for pawing fellow patrons. He was someone who remained unpersuaded by a definitive no. "He seemed clueless," says one bartender. "He was friendly to the point of being obnoxious. Then he didn't understand why people got so mad at him."

On March 1, someone apparently got enraged enough at Eddie Northington to end his existence. Now, more than months after his death, Richmond police have still failed to release the cause of death and the local medical examiner has yet to issue an autopsy report. It has been suggested by some that Northington's body had been found badly beaten. It has been rumored that a note was found stuffed in the dead man's mouth. The need for further messagery struck some people as moot after the killing made local, if not national, headlines. Its savagery, they said, came with a pretty potent symbolism of its own.

Unsatisfied merely with taking the 39-year-old Northington's life, the person or persons who attacked him also cut off his head. Then they carried the severed head a half mile through scrub woods in a public park, climbed 65 tower stairs to a railroad overpass and placed it squarely in the middle of a public walkway. It was discovered there the following day by a young couple exercising a dog. As it happens, the concrete overpass where Eddie Northington's severed head was found is located in the middle of Richmond's most popular Gay cruising area. As it happens, Eddie Northington was Gay.

"IT'S ONE THING TO KILL SOMEONE, IT'S ANOTHER TO CUT THEIR HEAD OFF."

"It's one thing to kill someone, it's another to cut their head off," police detective Thomas T. Leonard told the Richmond Times Dispatch shortly after the murder, adding that, "it may be a hate crime, it may be a sex crime, it may be a ritualistic crime. We really don't have anything concrete—no set way to go." The beheading came in the wake of the February 19 bludgeoning and burning death of 39-year-old Billy Jack Gaither in Sylacauga, Alabama; it occurred the week jury selection began for the trial of Russell Henderson, one of two men accused in the murder of Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyoming. Yet despite the fact that the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force asserted that the Richmond killing "rings an alarm," both the FBI and local police declined to classify the killing as a crime with roots in bias.

Some in the local community found no such ambiguity. "I mean, it's way, way overkill to cut someone's head off," says Paige Armstrong, a bartender at the Gay nightclub Fieldens, where Northington was once a regular. "The fact that they left the head at the Rocks"— as the cruising area is known— "isn't an 'accident.' Nobody here wants another Matthew Shepard circus, but to suggest that it's not a hate crime is just mind-boggling." Yet, in the weeks following the murder, there were no angry protests in Richmond, no handbill campaigns, no demonstrators from the capital city's sizeable Gay population taking to the streets in rage. There are reasons for this and, as they always are, they were cultural.

Richmond, according to Sarah Chinn, an activist and Lesbian who teaches at nearby Randolph-Macon College, "is a very insular place. Everything is covert. You get along here and you don't make a fuss." The fact that a Gay man could be found murdered in a Gay cruising area with his head placed in the middle of a walkway without arousing much local outrage would seem to strain the limits of dispassion. "Not a hate crime?" says Chinn. "How can you possibly talk about this and not say it's about him being Gay?"

You can do it in a variety of ways. You can suggest, as some did, that Northington was semi-crazy, occasionally homeless, alcoholic, and so perhaps in a sense had it coming to him. You can ignore the symbolism and pretend that the crime was a fluke or aberration. You can suggest, as Loree Erickson, a student at Virginia Commonwealth University, and an activist with the school's Sexual Minority Student Alliance, does, that, while you are "definitely struck by the horror of the killing," there is not enough "information to make any clear actions." You can imply, as Jeremy M. Lazarus, a staff writer at the city's largest black newspaper, the Richmond Free Press, did to a reporter, that "it's just as likely to be homeless guys who got into an argument and one made his point plain to the other permanently." You can insist, as Marcus J. Miller, general manager of Fieldens, does, that "if I thought it was a hate crime I'd be the first one standing on the tallest building and screaming the loudest, but let's just don't jump to conclusions."

" . . .A TOLERANT CITY WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITS"

Richmond, as Miller goes on to say, is a tolerant city within certain limits. The shape of those limits, though, is not always clear. The state of Virginia still maintains a 49-year-old statute making a felony of that "crime against nature" involving carnal knowledge of another person by or with the anus or mouth. But anti sodomy laws are the least of it, really;

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by Mark R. Kerr

The Real Meaning Of Life? Covering Your Hands With Your Face!

Despite "glossy" reports from the "Evil City to the North," all is quiet at the Arizona Legislature. No bills languishing. Sine die rules!

So now what? Tucson has a municipal election ahead, with ballot initiatives plus Tucson's Mayor and three Council seats up for grabs. Yawn!

In the wacky world politics, the focus is now on the land of special prosecutors, subpoenas, spin and sound bites, the nation's capital, Hiatt-Steele, D.C. Go figure. The 106th Congress is rolling along in partisan bickering, and there are proposals (or the lack there) of concern to Gays, Lesbians and people living with HIV/AIDS.

Recently, House Democratic Leader, Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-MO, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-CA and Senator Robert Torricelli, D-NJ, introduced the Early Treatment for HIV Act. S.902 and H.R. 1591 for those playing the home game.

The proposal would give states the option to expand their Medicaid programs to provide treatment for low-income, HIV-positive individuals who have not yet developed symptoms of AIDS.

What would Congress be without homophobic legislation being proposed?

Last year, it was Rep. Joel Hefley, R-CO, who had introduced a bill to overturn President Clinton's executive order prohibiting discrimination based sexual orientation in the federal civilian workplace, which was defeated. This time, Senator Jesse Helms, R-NC, takes up the charge with S. 45.

Helms' waste of taxpayers money is titled, "the Freedom of Speech Act." S.45's purpose is to overturn President Clinton's executive order and prohibits anyone in the federal government, from establishing a policy of nondiscrimination, for a class of people not already specifically covered by federal law. This would leave out Gays and Lesbians. What a shocker!

What would Congress be without the Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA) being introduced? Well?

ENDA would give protection from discrimination in the workplace to Gays and Lesbians. According to most recent polls, Americans support this idea. Another version of ENDA made it to the floor of the U.S. Senate a couple of years ago, a first. It lost by a 50-49 vote.

In the recent Human Rights Campaign magazine, the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian political rights group, praised Reps. Michael Forbes, R-NY and John Conyers, D-MI, for cosponsoring ENDA.

A small problem, it hasn't been introduced in the 106th Congress.

Legislation that has been introduced, but with problems, is the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, (HCPA), H.R. 1082 and S.622. The Senate Judiciary Committee actually held hearings on S. 622. Sponsored by Senators Arlen Specter, R-PA and Edward Kennedy, D-MA, the bill would add disability, gender and sexual orientation to federal civil rights law and make it easier for the Justice Department to investigate and prosecute.

Testimony was headed by Judy Shepard the mother of the murdered Gay college student, Matthew Shepard and Deputy U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder.

During the hearings, Senator Orrin Hatch, R-UT, chair of the committee, asked Holder for additional data on bias crimes. Responding, Holder said authorities need to gain a better understanding of hate crimes in this country because "the data we have are inadequate." Isn't that an admitted violation of the federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act?

What about House hearings on HCPA? According to Shari Freeman of the House Judiciary Committee, where the House version - H.R. 1082, gathers dust, hearings will be held, but no date has been set. Oh sure!

Will these bills succeed or fail? Get another hearing? Perhaps get some press coverage? . . .

Of course being the nation's capital, the race to be the next occupant of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Y2K is off and stumbling. Speaking of, a tale of two front runners and pride, the Gay and Lesbian version.

The Democratic Vice President, Al Gore, recently released a statement in support of Gay and Lesbian Pride. He stated that he would continue to support "the right of every American to succeed without the burden of prejudice, discrimination, or persecution not only in government, but in all walks of life."

Then there is the Texas Governor, the presumptive front runner for the GOP Y2K Presidential nomination, Dubya "Shrub" Bush. This past week, a bill before the Texas Legislature which would've added protections under the state's hate crimes law, for Gays and Lesbians, died. Shrub got blamed for the failure of the bill. Dubya denied that he had any problem with the inclusion of sexual orientation in the proposed law. Oh really?

At a luncheon speech, March 25, before the Texas Daily Newspaper Association, Bush said he was opposed to expanding the state's hate crimes law to cover sexual orientation. To top that off, the guv added that he's also against Gay and Lesbian adoptions. "I think adoptions ought to be between a married man and woman," Bush blathered.

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EDITOR:

It is with great sorrow that I have to announce that our landlord has given The Graduate notice to vacate the building by the end of June. Our last day of business will be June 6.

All of us have personal memories dear to each of us. Frank and I first visited The Graduate in 1980. To that end, we will hold an auction of the memorabilia at The Graduate to benefit TIHAN and SAAF, Sunday, June 6.

(I request those who want something to remember The Graduate not take souvenirs as that would be taking from the community. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.)

Please watch our ad's for details as to the events leading to this closing.

Thank you,
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EDITOR:

Re: "Bowl-A-Thon"

I'm not late. Just want you to understand that the deadline for submitting sponsor sheets was May 15. I announced at our bowling banquet, May 12, that I'd have an article in The Observer detailing the "Bowl-A-Thon."

First, let me thank the Wednesday night bowlers. If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't have had the event. We have 37 AGRA members and only two showed up to bowl. Thank you, Ron S. and Bill D. Also, many thanks to David of Stonewall/Eagle, David of IBT's and Jim of Venture-N for allowing 69 cent certificates to be honored at their clubs. Thank you to Mike at Golden Pin Lanes for allowing our event at their establishment. To Bob and Gary of the Observer, for putting up with my calls and articles. And, to Michael V., recently moved to Tucson, winner of the 50/50 drawing, and donating his winnings back to AGRA.

Forty-three people committed, 28 bowled at $10 per bowler. The house got half. So, we made $140. Plus, $100 from the 50/50, plus $16.50 donated back by the bowlers and cash on had was $81.50. We paid out $37 for strikes in the set up position. $11 for strikes with colored pins in the head position and $2 to Ken M., for bowling a 200 (and better) game. So, we ended with $288.

May 15, we were to have our regular scheduled meeting at Stonewall/Eagle at 5:00 P.M. I was there at 4:30 P.M. as I was to collect sponsor sheets to finalize our event. The meeting was cancelled. I was not notified. I'm beginning to believe what some ex-members have said of our Board, "do nothings" behind titles.

I have notified AGRA of my resignation a fund raiser organizer. I have $103 from sponsors. AGRA has until Friday to collect it from me. I'm tired of doing all the running around. Saturday, May 22, money goes back to the sponsors.

Thank you again for all that supported the event.

One last item. Congratulations to the new officers of the Coyotes Bowling League. President: Health H.; Vice President: Paul K.; Secretary/Treasurer: Mark R. Hope to see some of the Monday night bowlers in our summer league. League starts June 16 at 7:00 P.M., then after at 8:00 P.M. More info? Call (520) 628-7834 or me, (520) 577-3565.

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Eddie Gallego

EDITOR:

Frank and I would like to thank our friends who have put in many hours of work to make the Graduate/IBT's Jell-O Fund Raiser so successful.

Events of this size require hundreds of hours of preparation and for the past four years, these friends have unselfishly given of their time and talent. As a result, the funds raised have increased each year with the 1999 Reno Gannon Jell-O Wrestling Benefit, bringing the largest at $17,000.

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Disciplinarian Saturn "squares" delusional Neptune this week providing a sharp rap on the knuckles for any wistful day dreams or foolish vagaries. Disappointments block constructive actions. My advice: don't take things too seriously. There's plenty of time to sprout a few stressful grey hairs next week. Let's hope they're not in your nose.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20
Friends may provide Gay Rams with some disappointing moments this week as stern Saturn squares foggy Neptune. The cause of platonic strife may involve money, or lack thereof. It may also involve a clash of personal philosophies. Why not chart your own course this week and avoid any possible misunderstandings. Hug a bosom buddy next week!

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21
Corporate mandates may chaff at your pinstripped collar this week when serious Saturn squares dizzy Neptune. Before you get a rash, plan a short get away and step out of the stress. The worst thing you can do is let off some steam at the powers that be. Proud Bulls don't make the best revolutionaries; the food is simply too awful and the accommodations even worse!

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21
Don't let your intuition goad you into inappropriate action when surly Saturn squares delusional Neptune. Things are not what they appear, pink Twin, so remain focused, sensible and close to home base. Taking off on tangents is not advisable now; it won't be particularly relaxing and you won't escape your demons. If you're itching to make a statement, make it a fashion statement.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23
Zesty pink Crabs may be tempted to mix friends with lovers, but hold off until after the Saturn/ Neptune square. You may be odd one out of the orgy which is not good on the ego, to say the least! Rather than tempt disappointment, why not arrange your social schedule so you can spend time with both parties, but not simultaneously. Create a sizzling Crab cocktail next week.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23
Partners may not be as supportive of your professional aims as you would like them to be this week. Blame their lack of enthusiasm on the Saturn/Neptune square and don't let it get you down. Instead of feeling insecure, pull back and become your own cheering section. Yell it Out loud, proud and queer, cousin. Let them hear you out in the bleachers.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23
The day to day job is bound to get you down during the Saturn/Neptune square. Maybe you think you are on the wrong track or maybe you feel that bosses don't appreciate you. These blues will pass proud Virgin. In the meantime, stick to your knitting and don't drop a stitch. Also pay attention to any nagging minor ailments now; a check-up can't hurt, pal. Try the body probe.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23
Lovers may find a way to pour cold water on a hot time when stern Saturn squares unfocused Neptune. Queer Libras are advised to not take on too many things at once or try to wedge in too many raucous events at the same time. Sensory overload is possible and you won't be able to fully enjoy yourself. Dried Libra should never be on the party menu.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22
They say home sweet home but this week, as surly Saturn squares dizzy Neptune, home is neither a refuge or a relaxation. Pink Scorps are liable to upset a delicate domestic balance with partners as things that never bothered you suddenly do - very much. Rather than crash and burn, why not escape with a short vacation? Separately or together, don't forget to pack the oil.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22
Foot in mouth disease strikes any cavalier Gay Archer with a job- related gripe. Now, as crabby Saturn squares clueless Neptune, you're tempted to say what's on your mind without regard to the nuclear fallout. Instead of upsetting the day to day applecart, why not wait until a more opportune time to push for changes? Now you would storm the barricades and stub your toe.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20
Careful queer Caps will find that not only do good times cost more than expected this week during the Saturn/Neptune square but the entire concept of "fun" is, well, not particularly fun. Chalk it up to a temporary lull and use this time to plow ahead on professional projects. There will be plenty of time next week to plug into the Gay party circuit. Watch the sparks!

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19
Aqueerians feel at odds with the world this week when stiff Saturn squares loosie-goosie Neptune. Avoid, if possible, meeting any new people or conducting any interviews. Less than flattering first impressions may have lasting impact. Try, instead, to hang around compadres; those who know you well will be able to forgive your more, ahem, unusual tantrums.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
If you wear your heart on your sleeve, it's bound to get scraped. The Saturn/Neptune square goads you into emotional outbursts that can will not have the desired effect. Pink Fish are advised to lower the volume on personal goals and put more effort into implementing rather than chit! chatting about them. You can't move a big boat on wind alone; turn on the motor, cousin.

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by Rev. Louis F. Kavar, PhD

Sexual Addiction Or Liberation; Which Is It?

In the 1980's, great controversy stirred in the Gay men's community as the term "sexual addiction" was used to describe certain patterns of sexual activity. Since that time, 12-step groups have grown in many cities (including Tucson) where those who find themselves addicted to sexual activity find ways to integrate sexual expression in more healthy ways. While the general public is more aware of sexual addiction today than it ever has been, Gay men often prefer to not to talk about compulsive sexual activity. Being sexually liberated as Gay men means we're free to have sex, doesn't it?

I believe that sexual expression, intimate connections, and the enjoyment of sexuality are very good things. I believe that our sexuality is a gift and is a way through which we can experience deep union with others.

Sexual addiction isn't about having too much sex. Being a sex addict is not about the number of orgasms one has. Nor is a sex addict simply a person with a large number of sexual partners. What makes sex an addiction is the role sex plays in an individual's life.

In brief, characteristics of sexual addiction include a preoccupation with sex. The sex addict is constantly searching for new sexual opportunities. Sexual behavior is compulsive. That means the addict continues to engage in sexual activity despite harmful consequences or a desire to stop. For many sex addicts, there is a sense of guilt or shame over inability to control sexual behavior. While the sex addict is constantly seeking sexual activity, after sex the addict feels down on himself or somewhat depressed for having sex.

As with any addiction, the sex addict usually uses sexual expression as a distraction from some other hidden pain the person would rather avoid. Because there is some deep wound the person does not want to face, sexual activity becomes a way to cope with the pain. That's true for other addictions, like addictions to food, alcohol, drugs, or work.

Many sexual addicts were introduced to sex at an early age, often through an incestuous relationship with a family member. Some addicts will look back to these childhood sexual experiences with a certain kind of fondness, while for others they were traumatic. In either case, the child was introduced to sexual behavior in an inappropriate way and was never allowed the natural course of development to allow a healthier integration of sexual behavior to occur.

The Gay male subculture places a great deal of emphasis on sexual enticement and expression. Because of this, it's difficult to clearly see where sexual liberation ends and sexual addiction begins. A big clue that the line between the two is crossed is when a person regularly feels that they "have to have it now!" and will do everything possible to "get it."

Unfortunately, HIV risk reduction education rarely talks about sexual addiction. It's often seen as a taboo subject because HIV educators don't want to appear to be "down on sex." However, sex addicts are often willing to engage in very unsafe behavior without being able to change their behavior to minimize the consequences of a sexual encounter. That can easily lead to HIV transmission.

I firmly believe that sex is a beautiful part of life which is meant to give us both joy and satisfaction. While sex addicts have lots of sexual experiences, rarely do they experience either joy or satisfaction. But as with other problems in life, we humans have a quality for resiliency. We are able to find ways to reintegrate the painful aspects of life and create lives that are whole and healthy. Sex addicts can do this by seeking out appropriate support in 12-step programs, counseling, or rehab centers. When the cycle of addiction is broken, real sexual liberation is possible.

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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

"I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God." starts one rather popular Christian hymn. This song just ran through my mind and I thought about its words and meanings. The song speaks about how we are all so different yet we somehow learn to get along with, appreciate, and love each other because of our common bond. We are all believers and followers of Jesus Christ.

If I didn't know better I'd guess this song was written about Cornerstone Fellowship. We are truly an unique group complete with much diversity. Yet we are drawn together because of our love of Jesus. That's one thing that is so terrific about becoming a Christian...we can put our differences aside because at the very least we have one belief in common.

Granted the song is not about a small independent church of forty people but rather the world-wide collection of Christians called "the church" in the Bible. Yet that is even more amazing. The fact that even strangers can readily be drawn into relationship with one another simply because of their love of Jesus. Perhaps you're skeptical, but I have seen it happen as well as have been a part of it. I have spoken on many occasions to strangers about my Christianity and found a receptive audience because of shared beliefs. And I don't mean at a church function. I'm talking about those short discussions that arise while waiting in line at the bank or grocery store.

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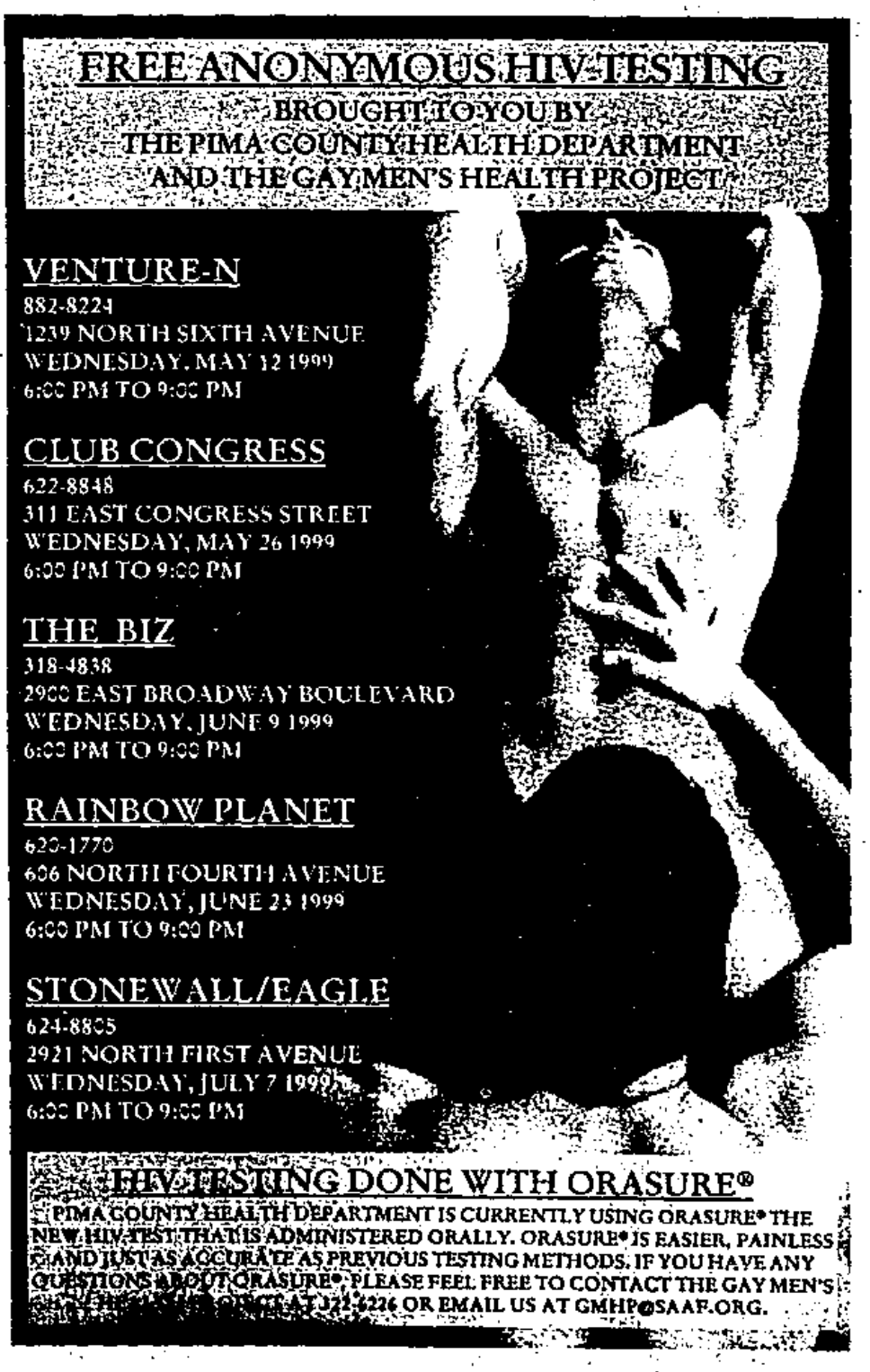

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Hello my dears. In this busy world, we are hearing a lot these days about Attention Deficit Disorder, or ADD. What people don't realize is that this is all too common a disorder, that has often been overlooked. It is not a symptom of low intelligence, rather, of being a bit too intelligent. Let me explain. ADD is being lost in the details. What happens is those people with it are so easily distracted by all the little details that they get lost in the maze of sights, sounds, and input their surroundings provides them. There are ways to conquer this mental setback.

The natural holistic remedies I describe are proven to have benefit. I have helped others by getting them to take them, and have used them myself. They are not limited for use by those with ADD, think of them as brain food. The natural formula Deep Thought, described as being "the ultimate Neuro-nutrient formula," made by KAL, is a lovely blend of herbs and natural supplements the brain needs for optimum functioning. Choline, a natural supplement for memory enhancement, is a part of this formula, along with a long list of natural supplements. Gingko Biloba, the wonderful brain herb, is good to use also, and is one of the ingredients in this blend. KAL Deep Thought is readily available at New Life Health and I have seen it at the Warehouse Vitamins over on Broadway across from Park Mall.

The blend Melissa Supreme, which is used for enhanced mental functioning, are calmative, soothing herbs which help you to function normally. Another lovely herbal blend, which is a liquid extract also, is a "Children's blend," called "Hakuna Matata," which is a nice trendy name for a blend of herbs someone created to help memory and concentration. It includes rosemary, an herb used for many centuries to help the memory. This is another cooking herb with proven medicinal qualities.

I also recommend the supplement Choline, or the herbal combination of Gingko Biloba and Gotu Kola, which helps the brain also. What these herbs do is improve cerebral circulation, and are beneficial herbs for those who want to keep themselves alert and energized throughout the day. They will not cause nervousness or problems with being over-energized like ephedra (ma huang) can.

My favorite formula is the Deep Thought formula, two capsules a day really do help. As a writer, I find it helps me be more focused and creative, and my memory seems sharper. I just feel more focused and "clear" somehow.

Improving memory and mental functioning should be a goal. If you have a poor memory, or are easily distracted, you can reinforce your memory by writing things down. You can re-train the mind to be more focused. I have seen subliminal tapes and CD's with music and subliminal suggestions to improve memory. I have a lovely New Age CD by Steven Halpern called Creativity. It is still available through a music store. I listen to it when I am writing, it is nice, relaxing music also.

Gingko biloba is very popular, and can be obtained at Walgreens, WalMart, or in various markets and health food stores. Older persons have had great results with it for improving memory. Also helpful is the blend Bilberry complex, which also improves micro circulation to the eyes, and I have used it with good result. Bilberry is also good for the prostate, but the complex I obtained at WalMart (which is carrying more herbs all the time, they are so popular these days) had gingko biloba and vitamin A, among other things, in it.

So give yourself a little mental boost. It helps a lot. Herbs are wonderful adjuncts to a healthy diet, but you should eat properly also, and get lots of rest. You won't be fresh if you deny yourself sleep and force yourself to drag through your day on coffee. So do yourself a favor and banish the brain food with a little brain boost.

What have you got to lose? Goddess bless. Till next time, Go in Good health. [Andrew Brooks can be reached by E-mail, at: paganbear30@hotmail.com]

Sodomy Law

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constitutional justification for prohibiting sex between two adults. The case is being fought on behalf of six Gay and Lesbian residents who hope to be instrumental in overturning the law.

"Our clients suffer from a serious and on-going threat of prosecution under the Arkansas sodomy law," said Lambda Senior Staff Attorney Suzanne B. Goldberg. "Even when no one is arrested under the law, it still brands Lesbian and Gay men in Arkansas as criminals and puts us at risk of losing our jobs, homes, and custody of our children," she said.

Urging the state high court to reject efforts to have the case, Bryant v. Picado, thrown out of court, Goldberg said, "Our clients are entitled to seek relief in court from the grave effects of this harmful, irrational law."

The defendants, the Arkansas Attorney General and the Pulaski County Prosecuting Attorney, are appealing a June 1998 decision by Chancery Court Judge Collins Kilgore denying their motion to dismiss the case.

In his ruling, Judge Kilgore found that because the plaintiffs "live and suffer harms associated with continuing threats of criminal prosecution under a constitutionally suspect scheme," there were sufficient grounds to challenge the law.

The Arkansas sodomy law, which forbids oral and anal sex between two adults of the same sex, carries a penalty of up to one year in jail and a fine of up to $1000. Becsuse the law does not apply to the same acts when done by different-sex couples, the plaintiffs argue that the sodomy ban treats Lesbians and Gay Arkansans as second-class citizens in violation of equal protection guarantees and privacy rights under the federal and state constitutions.

Lambda recently helped to overturn sodomy laws in Georgia, Montana, Tennessee, and Kentucky, and is also challenging the Texas sodomy law on behalf of two men arrested while having sex in a private apartment.

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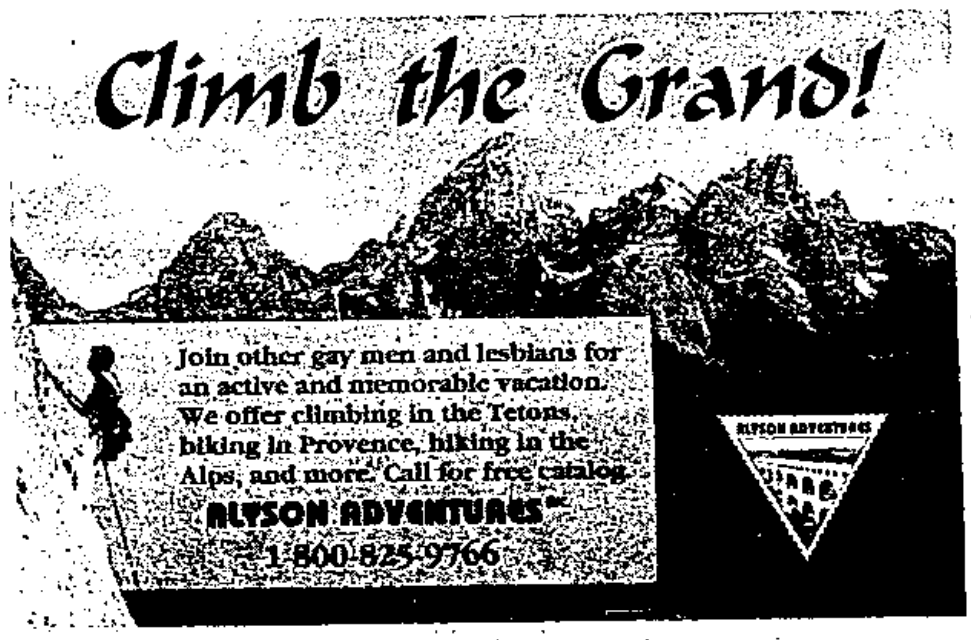

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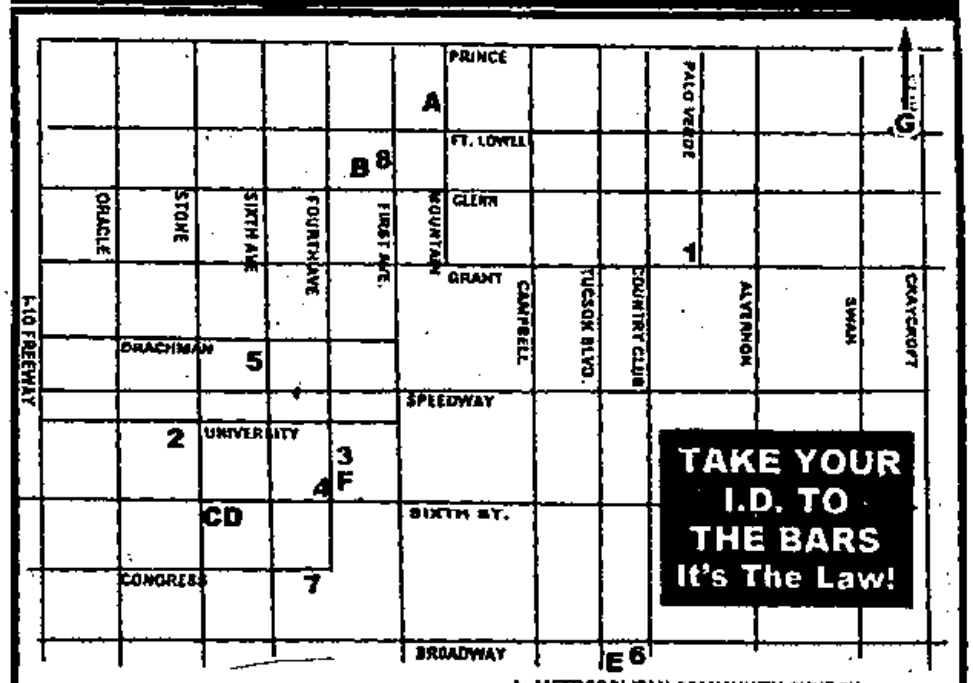

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Overkill: The Grand Guignol Murder Of A Gay Man In Virginia

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Richmond is a " 'You don't tell me your business and I won't tell you mine' kind of town," says Miller, not so much a closeted city as a muffled one. It is a place where the local ladies clubs that maintain plantings beneath an equestrian statue of Confederate hero Stonewall Jackson buy their flowers from Gay florists because, as Miller also notes, "the best caterers in town are Gay, and the best florists are Gay, and the best hair cutters are, and everybody knows it, but they don't make it into a big deal. It's a conservative town, but it's not a hate town."

During the days I spent in Richmond, a death-penalty trial was getting under way in another conservative town that is not a hate town several thousand miles west. While the killing of Eddie Northington merited a total of four stories in the Richmond press, the national media had descended on Laramie, Wyoming, to report on jury selection in the first of two proceedings to try the alleged killers of Matthew Shepard.

There was extensive real-time coverage of the Shepard case on Court TV and live feeds to the networks. While the press routinely referred to the trial of Russell Henderson as the "Gay Bashing Trial," none of the 71 Wyoming jurors summoned to the courthouse that first week of proceedings would ever hear the words homosexual or Gay. "They used code words," reported the Court TV correspondent. "They said 'lifestyle' instead." Defense attorneys told potential jurors that "this is not a hate crime. This is not about hate." The presiding judge had the courthouse lawn cordoned into sectors. One was for Gay demonstrators who, as it turned out, never arrived. Another was for parishioners from Reverend Fred Phelps's Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas, who rarely miss an opportunity to appear on national television waving placards that reiterate the message on their Web site (www.godhatesfags.com) that AIDS CURES FAGS.

Richmond is the husk of a once beautiful and soulful old city. Most of its late neoclassical buildings are oriented to the locks and canals of the broad James River. Plainly its center was once a prosperous place. Just as plainly something drew down the core population until the old buildings fell empty and the grand department stores on Broad and Grace streets were gradually shuttered. Now, in place of fancy spring suits, the windows of Miller & Rhoads, the town's largest emporium, are painted with chalky murals depicting the city's Bread Riots. Where shops with Art Moderne facades and marble bolection moldings once sold whatever passed in these parts for the latest fashions, there's now a place called Sixth Street Marketplace, a shed like multi-floor urban conversion whose retailing message is unyieldingly low-end.

Judging by the number of wig and barbershops on Broad Street, it's a town that takes serious interest in things tonsorial. But, of course, there's a subtext in all the barbershops, in the shoe stores selling $18 pumps and the emporia offering bargain mud cloth and frankincense. There is not enough incense in the world to support prime urban retail space; downtown Richmond is what a Southern city looks like after 30 years of white flight. That the people who filled in the vacancies left along Grace and Broad streets would certainly have had no place in downtown Richmond's glory days almost goes without saying.

There are three Gay bars on Grace Street. Each also operates, according to local liquor laws, as a restaurant. The largest, Casablanca, has three high-ceilinged rooms with wood booths and buttoned red vinyl stools and ferns in wall planters and two mannequins in the windows dressed in Ray-Bans and baseball caps to look "Gay." There is a wall-hung TV in the front room that, on the afternoon I visited, was tuned to Pat Robertson's 700 Club. Although I couldn't quite tell with the sound off what Robertson was saying, superimposed over his image was a quote from the prophet Isaiah: "They will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders."

Until he was banned one night a year ago, Casablanca was Eddie Northington's favorite bar. On that occasion the six-foot-four-inch Northington apparently came on so persistently to a local bodybuilder that, said a patron who was there that evening, "the guy finally said, 'If you put your hands on me one more time, I'm gonna punch you out.'" Northington took offense. "You don't want to talk to me, huh?" he said. Later that night the same bodybuilder showed up at Fieldens, and, the eyewitness said, "Eddie came in. As soon as Eddie came in, whether he knew it was the same guy or not, he went right for him. And the guy just decked him. It was a movie punch. He punched his lights out."

When I mention this story to the bartender at Casablanca, he says he's never heard it. He claims, in fact, to have no memory of Northington at all. And he hasn't heard about any protests or plans to demand that the local police make some kind of accounting of the murder. In fact, he says, his eyes flicking to the television set, "We're just waiting to see what the authorities say."

" . . .AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN SENDING A KIND OF ELECTION-YEAR MESSAGE"

In their own way the authorities have been sending a kind of election-year counter message to the Gay community of Richmond. Late last year the police staged a series of busts in city parks, among them the one where Northington's head was discovered. They called it Operation Park Clean Up. The busts specifically targeted men looking for sex with other men. Since at least the late 19th century, according to historian Allan Bérubé, "urban campaigns against homosexual meeting places have developed as a political strategy for attaining specific goals: election to office, larger police budgets, and new laws." Their success at preventing homosexuals— or, for that matter, men having sex with men— from gathering in public has been "at best short-lived," Bérubé says.

The Richmond police raised the ante of their campaign by mailing postcards to the 53 men they arrested, advising them to get tested for AIDS. "As a result of your arrest on [date]," read the cards, "the Richmond Police highly recommends that you be tested for AIDS and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases. Have your family tested also, as your behavior may have put them at risk, too. Thank you."

Four of those caught in the sting hired Richmond attorney Joseph McGrath to sue the Richmond police for defamation. "The intent," said police spokesperson Cynthia Price, "was that the spouse would see the postcard and say . . . 'Why'd you get this? What's going on?' "

But is that the only intent? Or is it a "coordinated effort to silence those who they think are in the Gay community," as Shirley Lesser, executive director of Virginians for Justice, an advocacy group of Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgendered people, and people with HIV and AIDS, suggests? "Richmond is filled with the walking wounded. They've so internalized the homophobic surroundings they don't even realize the oppression as what it is. Horrible things occur and people are able to distance themselves. The FBI won't say the Northington murder is a hate crime. The police don't know. But when I heard that the head was placed in the same park where the busts were, in the middle of a walkway, my ears perked up. If you ask me, do I personally think this was related to his sexuality? Yes. How else can you explain such overkill?"

"OVERKILL"

The word echoed again and again when people described the reaction to Northington's murder. "They must of was trying to make sure somebody saw that," says a woman in the local tourism office, "with that kind of overkill." Decapitation takes it to another level, says Dorothy Hamilton, director of Daily Planet, a homeless center near Richmond's waterfront. Hamilton had known Northington for three years. Although unaware that he came from a prominent family in Brodnax, a town of 400 in nearby Mecklenburg County; that he'd served in the navy; that he was a skilled musician; or that, until last year, he'd audited courses in telecommunications at VCU, she is quick to remark that Northington "was very polished. He was very intellectual. He could hold a conversation with anyone." Hamilton also knew that Northington was Gay and that he was being medicated for AIDS. "He picked up his medicine here." Everyone knew Eddie Northington's story. He made no secret of any of it.

Squeezing past an enormous man snoring in a corner, Hamilton pulls up a chair in a cramped office at the charity's Canal Street facility and says, "It wasn't like he flaunted himself or went out for people. It was how he carried himself. Not like he was swish swish." If anything, Northington was unstereotypical: broad shouldered and lanky, powerfully built and bullnecked, he was, says Fieldens bartender Armstrong, "handsome in his own way." He resembled a trucker. His last boyfriend, says Armstrong, was a "redneck type of guy." Northington was not someone, in other words, that it would be easy to take physical advantage of, no Matthew Shepard. "Whoever did that had to be strong," Hamilton says . "I don't know if it's a homosexual or a hate crime, but if homeless or Gay people don't like you they just don't like you, that's all. They don't behead you."

The killing took place at a section of riverbank located between the Variation and Hollywood rapids, half a mile below Mitchell's Gut. Scent dogs brought in to track the body found no trace of blood on the ground. There was some speculation that, after murdering Northington, the killer cut off his head and then held it underwater to drain out the blood. The headless corpse was discovered the next day a mile down river from James River Park.

Visiting the park one afternoon, I make my way across the footbridge where Northington's remains were found. I trot down the steps to the riverside park where, in better weather and better times, the Gay people of Richmond have gone to enjoy themselves.

Picking my way through the muck and scrub at the river's edge to a place where police believe that Northington met his end, I find myself imagining the degree of premeditation it would require to murder someone with such baroque fury. Fully a tenth of the average human's body weight is located above the shoulders: a bony mass of skull and all the delicate, spongy complex tissue encased within. Heads are heavy. It can't be easy to hack one off and drain it, then haul the thing like a lunchpail through a dark wood.

Although a soft rain is falling this late afternoon, the sun breaks through the gray skies abruptly and lights up the James River. The shallow water in a bankside canal suddenly becomes a long pewter ribbon. It occurs to me that hierarchies of worthlessness are deployed in order to render the killing of Eddie Northington an anomaly, another unsolvable episode in the ongoing Grand Guignol of the South. That its context is plain for anyone to see would hardly appear worth remarking. Yet the question comes up again and again: Was Northington murdered because he was Gay? "The problem," says academic Chinn, "is that there's no discursive space left for this guy. What kind of way can we talk about him? How can you discuss his murder and not say it's about him being Gay? He was Gay. He was murdered."

The hollow ring of tautology that creeps into conversation when people begin talking about specially categorized hate crimes was nowhere to be heard at Northington's memorial. The service was held at Richmond's Grace and Holy Trinity Church. It was attended, say those who were there, by people from communities in Richmond whose lives don't often overlap. Speaking from the lectern, Northington's sister, Deborah Clark, protested the fact that her brother's life and death were being paraded around for the satisfaction of those who "thrive on the grotesque." Eddie Northington had a saying, she told mourners: "Live life! You only shoot through once." Sure, Eddie had made mistakes in his life, Clark said. "But nobody deserves something like this. People, wake up! This could happen to you."

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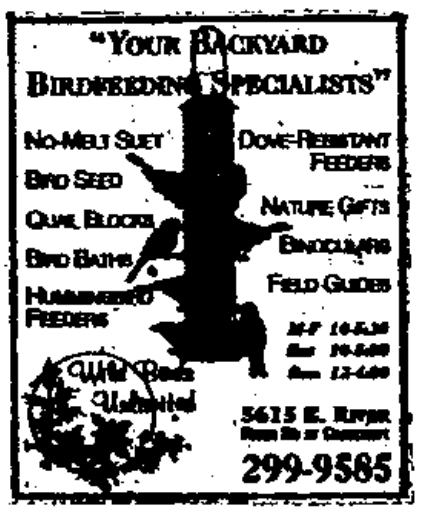

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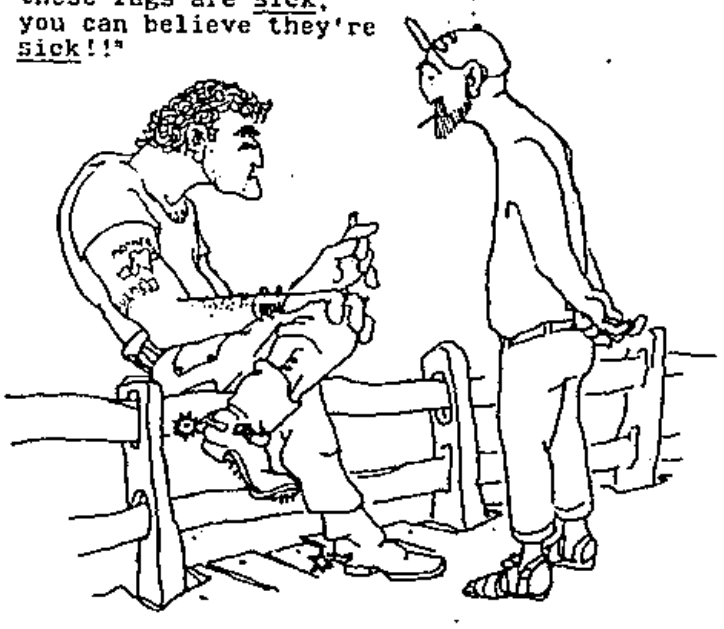
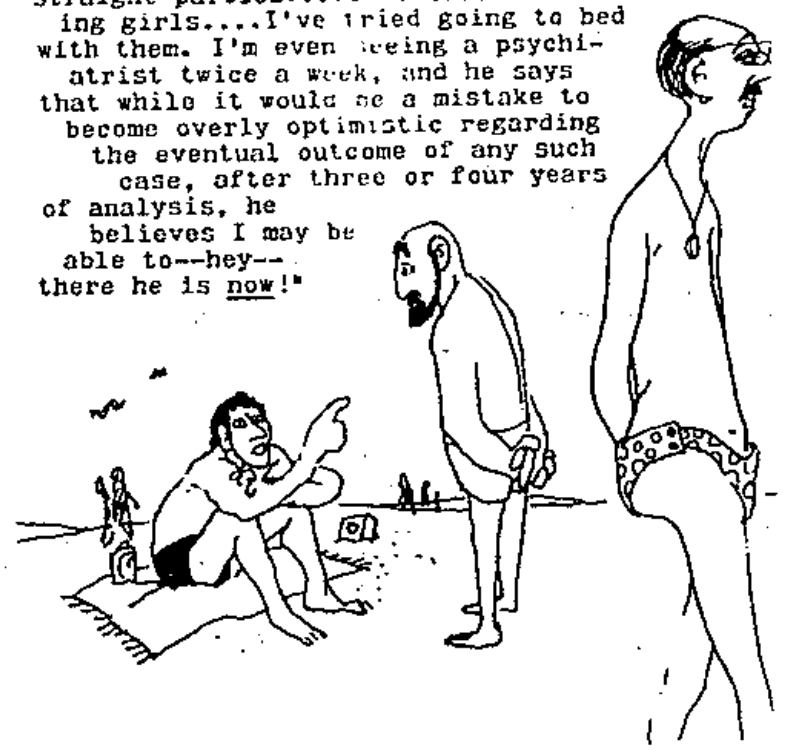


"Well, I suppose drawing cartoons for PLAYBOY isn't too bad.... It's the fellow who has to photograph all those naked girls I feel sorry for!"

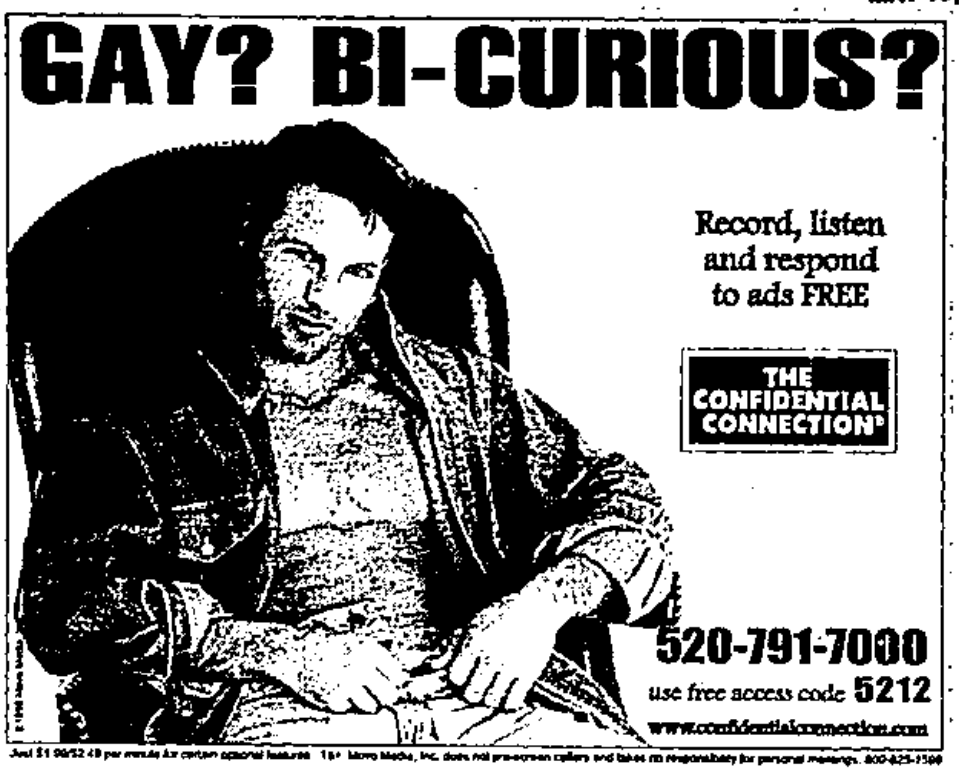
"Fifty years ago it was something special to be a homosexual: people were prejudiced against us...we were persecuted...we were social outcasts...we couldn't find work! Now we're everywhere: in positions of importance in Hollywood...of prominence in New York theater...of prestige on the national literary scene. Homosexuality is openly discussed and defended in the mass media--in major magazines, on radio and television; we also have our own publications, and national organizations and societies--we even have our own lobby in Washington. Today we're accepted in most liberal, upper-level sections of society; and in sophisticated circles, we're considered chic! We're not controversial any longer!...We don't shock anybody anymore!...And as a result, I'm seriously considering going straight!!"

"Don't think I haven't made a real effort to change the way I am...! I've gone to straight parties....I've tried dating girls....I've tried going to bed with them. I'm even seeing a psychiatrist twice a week, and he says that while it would be a mistake to become overly optimistic regarding the eventual outcome of any such case, after three or four years of analysis, he believes I may be able to--hey--there he is now!"



"Actually, we just use it for carrying the groceries--but it sure shakes everyone up!"

EDITORS NOTE: Shel Silverstein, cartoonist, poet, lyricist and author died of a heart attasck on May 10 at his home in Key West, Florida. Before turning to Children's poetry. Silverstein wrote verse for adults only. His career began as a writer and cartoonist for Playboy magazine in 1952. The drawings on this page were taken from Playboy in the 1960s. They have been on file for these many years. His sense of humor is readily discerned with these ribald and campy drawings and funny descriptions. We hope you enjoy, There is another group that will be published next week. Thank you Shel and Thank you Playboy.



Decline In AIDS Deaths Slowing In NYC

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"precipitous" decline in HIV/AIDS deaths, Dr. Mary Ann Chiasson and colleagues report in the Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes. But the slowing declines in HIV/AIDS deaths observed in 1998 suggest that "not all HIV-infected individuals are receiving adequate treatment or benefitting from it and that deaths due to HIV/AIDS will continue."

From the beginning of the epidemic, New York City has had one of the highest concentrations of HIV infections in the US, the investigators point out. The city, which accounts for 3% of the US population, has close to 16% of all reported US AIDS cases.

The researchers note that the annual number of HIV/AIDS deaths rose steadily from 1983 until 1995, when it stabilized at 7,046. AIDS deaths declined by 29% in 1996 and by 47% in 1997.

"Comparing data from 1997 with those from 1995, declines occurred in all demographic groups and in all major HIV transmission categories," Chiasson and colleagues report.

However, from 1995 through June 1998, "declines were smaller than they had been in previous 6-month intervals in all demographic groups except Hispanic males and those between 35 and 44 years of age," the investigators report. In addition, the number of New Yorkers living with AIDS increased by 22% between 1995 and July 1998.

"The challenge for the future will be to ensure adequate medical and social services for the increasing number of people living with HIV and AIDS," the research team concludes.

View From The Rock

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from all over town at Udall Park. The time of worship and fellowship at Udall Park will run from 9:00 a.m.until 12:00. Please join your local church (or us) to pray for the neighborhoods of Tucson and join with thousands of other Christians at the park following the prayer walk. Please contact our church or any other that plans on participating and get involved. You truly will be blessed!

Cornerstone Fellowship 622-4626

Louima Case

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perceived by jurors to be a cheap shot.

"There's no profit in it," the lawyer said. Philippe Tardieu, a lawyer who attended the testimony as a spectator, said bluntly: "You run the risk now of having the jury hate the defendant."

Detective Eric Turetzky's testimony against Officer Volpe and Officer Charles Schwarz will be hard for the defense to dislodge. Turetzky told the court he saw Officer Volpe emerge agitated and brandishing a stick from a restroom where prosecutors say Louima was brutalized. Turetzky said Louima when he saw him was "frowning and hunched over" and that his pants were "down below his knees."

Play Safe!

Entertainment Briefs. . . .

Kiss Bisexual Detective Tim Bayliss goodbye -- "Homicide" is history after this, its seventh season, goes out with a bang on May 21, NBC has confirmed.

The move was hardly unexpected, though fans including GLAAD (the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) were agitating and hoping for more. It's a case of cost/benefit analysis -- a new show would be cheaper, and seven years' worth of episodes is more than enough for syndication. The ratings peaked in 1995 - 96 at 12.4-million, and in this year of record low ratings overall for the broadcast giants, "Homicide" was down to 10.3-million. But in the course of its run, the cop drama won a prestigious Peabody Award and had a PBS documentary made about the episode entitled, "The Subway." . . .

Nathan Lane, star of the hit film "The Birdcage" and the recent NBC series flop Encore! Encore! is a leading contender to star in Mel Brooks's Broadway take on his beloved '60s comedy The Producers. Lane, next seen on-screen opposite Bette Midler in Isn't She Great, would tackle Zero Mostel's role in the original, from which came the unforgettable tune "Springtime for Hitler." . . .

Burger King is launching its current Teletubbies promotional give-away with Tinky Winky finger puppets -- one free with a $1.99 child's meal of small hamburger, small fries and small soft drink. (You'll know exactly which finger to wear it on should you happen to cross paths with Jerry Falwell — or more properly that rogue editor of his "Liberty Journal" who published the infamous Tinky-warning without Falwell's knowledge, he says.)

If you're a fan of the Tinkster, be warned that the other three Teletubbies will be following in succession, and if purple Teletubbies sell like grape iMacs, you shouldn't wait.

You should be aware, however, that humanoid Gay icon in this case is fronting for a business which has not yet adopted a policy against employment discrimination based on sexual orientation -- and that shareholder activists, led by New York City's Equality Project and encouraged by McDonald's recent adoption of such a policy, have now taken aim at Burger King (as well as Wendy's and Exxon). So you may wish to move your Tinky to your non-writing hand long enough to drop a letter expressing your opinion to Burger King Chair George Bull, Grand Metropolitan, Inc., 200 - 6th St., Minneapolis, MN 55402 (phone 612-330-4966). . . .

After a decreasingly successful stint on Thursdays, the NBC comedy Will & Grace returns to its original happy home, Tuesdays at 9:30 (8:30 P.M. Arizona time). Also in the works: Will star Eric McCormack appears with William Shatner in Free Enterprise, a feature coming from Regent Entertainment on June 15. In what is sure to be a campier performance than anything yet seen on Will & Grace, Shatner will sing "No Tears for Caesar" as a duet with rapper Rated R on the Free Enterprise sound track. . . .

According to recent news reports, Xena: Warrior Princess isn't the powerhouse it used to be. Recent Nielsen ratings reveal the show has slipped from third to seventh among weekly syndicated series, with audience share off by 30%. Meanwhile, the Lesbian icon's buddy Hercules still has muscle: Hercules: The Legendary Journeys rose 6% in the latest Nielsen reports. . . .

Las Vegas's Venice-themed Venetian Resort and Casino, which reportedly has had a mediocre record of booking rooms since its unofficial opening earlier this month, believes Cher just might be the ticket to draw guests. The pop diva is seriously considering an offer to be the first star to perform at the resort, just in time to help celebrate its grand opening fete June 10-12 . . .

This was the opening weekend for Franco Zeffirelli's "Tea with Mussolini," and although the critical reception has been rather lukewarm, we know that all of Lily Tomlin's fans will want to see it regardless, and not least because her archeologist character is a Lesbian, not only "out" but called "George" and described by Thelma Adams as so butch that she "makes Indiana Jones look femme."

The stunning ensemble includes Dame Judi Dench, Joan Plowright, Dame Maggie Smith, and Cher to boot -- hardly a film reviewer was able to avoid the word "divas," although most managed to escape referring to "Steel Magnolias."

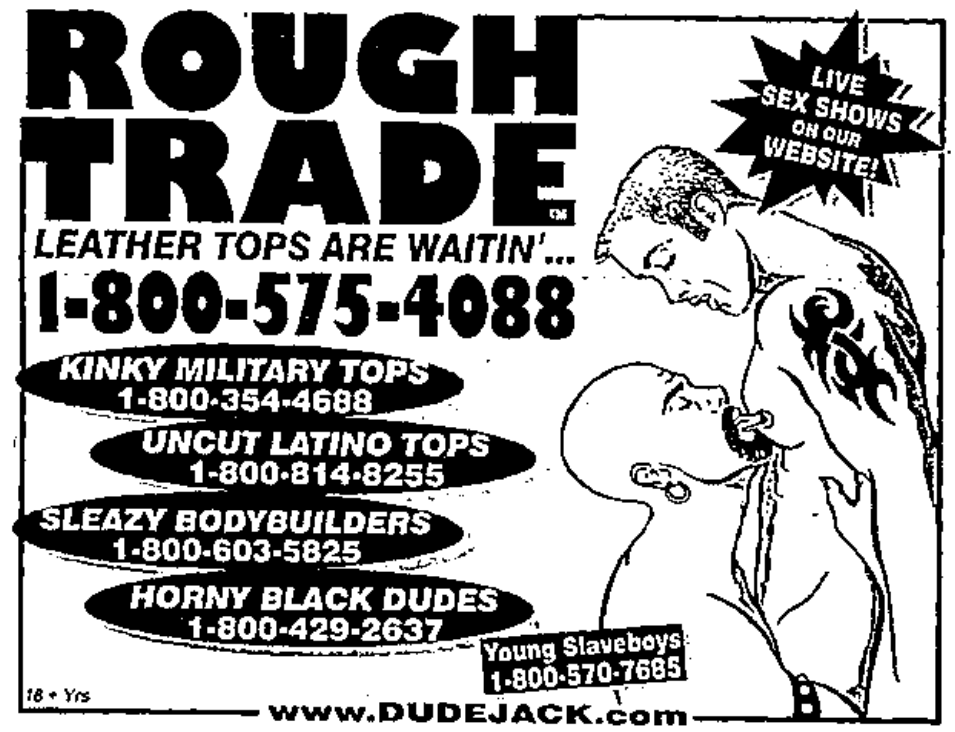
The Britons play a group of British widows and spinsters Zeffirelli recalls from his youth in Florence in the 1930's, who really didn't comprehend the rise of fascism until almost buried by it; they essentially adopt an illegitimate Italian boy based on Zeffirelli himself. The Americans play people Zeffirelli seems to have added to the version in his autobiography pretty much for the fun of it; Cher is a former showgirl. The title scene -- and yes, there is a tea with the dictator in the movie -- was reportedly inspired by a real-life meeting between Mussolini and the Lesbian British expatriate, Violet Trefusis.

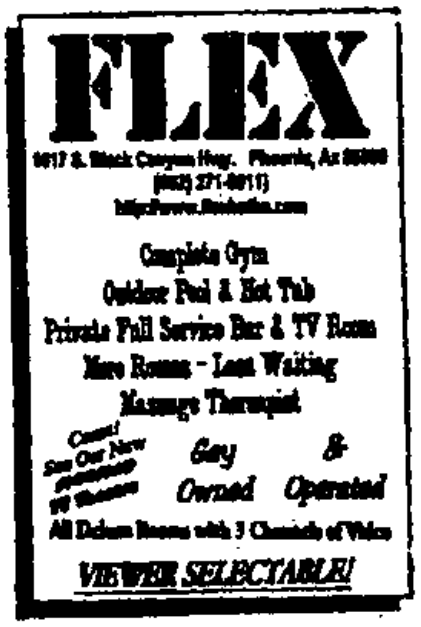
POZ Life Expo Tour In Phoenix May 21

PHOENIX — The POZ Life Expo Tour will be once again visiting Phoenix on May 21, at the St. Joseph's Hospital Campus.

Now in its fourth year, the POZ Life Expo Tour is a gathering of doctors, pharmaceutical companies, nutritional companies and others who offer products and services that are vital to the health of people living with HIV. Local, non-profit AIDS organizations and community groups to set up information tables at the Expo to inform the community on the array of services they provide. At a typical Expo, people with HIV are able to get free health screenings, free product samples and free advice and information, all in a supportive and empowering environment.

The 1999 POZ Life Expo Tour will be visiting: Miami, Philadelphia, Phoenix, New York City, Seattle, St. Louis, San Diego, San Francisco, Dallas and New Orleans.





Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

NOW PLAYING

Panoramic Productions winds up its presentation of "Love, Valour Compassion! The Tony Award-winning play by Terrence McNally at the Tucson Center for the Performing Arts this weekend. Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday May 23 at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are $10 with discounts for students, seniors, groups of five or more and people living with a disability or disease and are available at Antigone Books or at the door. For reservations call 293-5397. This show features an ensemble cast starring Marin chandler, Glenn Coffman, Douglas Hill, Kevin Johnson, David Johnston, Alonso Minjarez (the beefcake in the show!) And Harry Susser. It is directed by Terry John Erbe and choreographed by Rick Tackett.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our Classic Cinema as we showcase an older movie, along with a cartoon and a short. Tonight's feature is "Dial M for Murder" starring Grace Kelly & Ray Milland (directed by Alfred Hitchcock). For directions and reservations, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

The Men's Massage Group meets this evening. This is a good place to meet new friends and relax through the medium of laymans massages. It is a fun and lively group of 8-10 men. Call Marc in advance to reserve a place at 881-4562. Small fee.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). TBA A planned trip to Rocky Point gets under way today. If there is still space available, Bill can help you with all the details. For information, please contact Bill at 577-0645.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

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.

SUNDAY, MAY 23

4:00 p.m.,. Prime Timers of Tucson Meeting and Dinner at Mountain View Restaurant, 1220 E. Price Road. Call 54-0280 for details.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 5-7 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, MAY 24

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. Retro TV offering tonight: "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" episode where Phyllis brother takes interest in Rhoda, and "The Avengers" deal with "The Fear Merchants". For reservations & directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

TUESDAY, MAY 25

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 Dan at 327-5755.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Gordon offers Yoga classes to help you stretch you muscles and clear your mind. For directions and more information, please call Gordon at 321-9509.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

12:30, Prime Timers of Tucson luncheon at ELLE, 3048 E. Broadway (at Country Club). Call 584-0280 for details.

FRI-SAT-SUN, MAY 28-29-30

Queer Voice is a Queer youth program of SAAF, Wingspan and Pima County Health Dept. They will be holding an "All In Fun '99 Retreat!!!" Call Mike 798-0151.

SATURDAY, MAY 29

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 5:30 p.m. Saddle up and join the boys for a ride down the dusty trails as we have a Trail Ride & Dinner and a local stable. For details, reservations, and directions, please call Bob at 888-2725.

SUNDAY, MAY 30

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). TBA Our monthly hike will be held somewhere hikeable today. For details, please call Ron at 327-1052.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 5-7 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

3. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Laugh once more to the crazy antics of "There's Something About Mary". Check out the hair, watch that dog, and put down those binoculars! For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

MONDAY, MAY 31

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 2:00 p.m. Join Bruce, on the west side of town, for a fun Pool Party & Potluck. For reservations and details, please call Bruce at 743-3890.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. Special Benefit Show for Teri Steele, candidate for Miss Gay Arizona featuring Ajia Simone, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Veronica Lake, Deora Le Blanc, Clera Steele and Angela Washington.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Rock "N" Roll Night. 50s, 60s. 70s & 80s. Rock, Bop, Be-Bop, Disco. DJ Darrin.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

IBT'S - EXxxxtreme Male Dancers. 9:00 p.m. Direct from Phoenix

SATURDAY, MAY 22

GRADUATE - Beer Bust to benefit Arizona Angels Softball Team 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - TKO's famous Sloppy Joe Feed 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Happy Birthday Party! If you were born in May, stop by at 2:00 p.m. Free Gift, Drink Discounts, Monthly Drawing.

VENTURE-N - Tucson Knight Owls Benefit Car Wash 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. $3.00 donation to benefit TKO's Spring Fling #19.

SUNDAY, MAY 23

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust tobenefit PFLAG 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Then a Wet Short Contest 10:00 P.M. $150 First Place! And... Post-Pageant Party for Miss Gay Cosmopolitan 1999.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - The Jewel Box Revue starring Miss Tmml Caprice, featuring Alotta Whoremoans, Misti Malone with special guest Zipperman. 10:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

IBT'S - The Girlie Show featuring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Ajia Simone, Adrienne Alexander, Regina Reed and Nova Cane.

MONDAY, MAY 31

GRADUATE - 'Monday Morning Madness' - a truly decadent affair... only at the Graduate

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

GRADUATE - GRADUATION DAY AND AUCTION. WATCH FOR DETAILS!

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Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, $1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 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 1am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 Well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7pm. 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. Pool Tournament & Sirloin Burger Bust 2-8pm. Karaoke 9pm-close hosted by Billy Dee. Fabulous shows every Sunday. Call for info 624-8805. Snack Bar open til midnight

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee (pot matched). Beau Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. $1.50 Wells 8-midnight.

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. 9pm to closing, $1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Remixed 80's 9pm to closing. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 10am Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 'til 8pm. Party with Chuck in the evening. Free pool all day and night. Snack Bar open til midnight

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Blue Monday! $2 Well and Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Skyy shots $2 (w/juice $2.25). Dart Tourney 8pm

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm, $3 entry, pot matched, $1 longnecks for pool players. Funky disco w/DJ Starskee & DJ Butta Fly 9-1.

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

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-6pm. $1.50 well or domestic beer. Draft Beer Nite 8-close. $2 smalls/$4 large pitchers, Karaoke Night 9pm.

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 10am Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 8pm. Eight ball pool tourney, warm-up 6pm, play begins 7pm. Latin Dance Party w/ DJ Eduardo 9pm - 1am. Snack bar open til midnight

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. $2 Well drinks and longnecks 6am-12:30pm; Makers Mark $2 shot

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Free Pool 2-4. $1.50 Longnecks 8-midnight. Dance music with DJ Stephanie 9pm-1am.

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

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-6pm $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 Special 9 pm to close. Dance with David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 10am Daily Drink Specials. Happy Hour til 8pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close w/Billy Dee in the Eagle. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hottest dance music in town. Snack bar open til midnight

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Salsa Morning! $2 Well & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm. Cuervo Gold $2 and Cuervo 1800 $2.25 Open to close.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Melissa 9pm to close. Wicreamy cowgirls & $2.50 Tequila Rose.

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

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

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

STONEWALL\EAGLE - Open 10am Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 8pm. Latin Dance Party w/Eduardo in the Stonewall 9pm to close. Biweekly Travesti Show 10:30pm. Snack Bar open til midnight

VENTURE-N - Open 6am $2 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Patio Bar open 8pm. Fosters 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 8pm

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hill. Drink specials every 1/2 hour

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

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm $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 Susan & Tracey 5:30-8:30pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 10am Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 8pm. T.G.I.F. Free snacks 4:30-8pm The hottest dance music in town 9pm to close in the Stonewall. Snack Bar open til midnight

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. $2 Well & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Snacks served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 5:30pm $3 entry. Pot matched. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every half 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. Beer Bust & Happy Hour til 7pm. Free Pool noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. The hottest dance music in town. Snack Bar open til midnight

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 75¢ draft 3-7pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm. Dart Tournament 9pm

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NOTICES

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. Intermediate or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park from 3-5pm Saturdays.

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 Hollister 577-8333 for more info.

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

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7063.

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 299-6647.

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

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6676 or 327-4293.

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.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Eddie Serrano 888-4595 or Cheri Jacobs 323-9068.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (eveller@tc.netcom.com)

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:00 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 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 628-8659 or send email to: monkeydyke@earthling.net.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

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 216-2627. Wingspan Domestic Violence Project.

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

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

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

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline for info at 888-5541

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 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

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

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 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Stevenson (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 889-7298.

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

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

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

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

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3051 N. Campbell Ave. #305, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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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. 322-6228. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS. World wide web: http://www.saaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet every Sunday morning and some weeknights for fun runs. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555 or e-mail mandelman@worldnet.att.net

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 575-8860 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

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

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-9020

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

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

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

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

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.

"EVOLVERE" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held at Wingspan on 4th Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Call wingspan 624-1779 for more info.

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

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

TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, International Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. Call us at (520)617-4661, e-mail us at http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Heights/5066

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.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirte Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number.

GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL VETERANS meet at Wingspan every fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more info call Miguel Guzman, 888-4078 or pager 446-3123.

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TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6824.

WOMEN'S OUT OF THE CLOSET GROUP. Welcome to women in all stages of the coming-out process. We are here to support the Lesbians, Bisexuals and straight women of all races, religions and ages. Meeting times are the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30pm at Wingspan at 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779. Call Wendy Bailey at 235-1883 after 5pm for more information.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED -- FORMING CHAPTER FOR GAY/LESBIAN LUTHERANS. Write LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS - a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6219 (Phoenix)

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. 743-4800.

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WINGSPAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT (outreach services for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities) seeking Part-time male advocate to work with Gy, Bisexual and Transgender victims/survivors of domestic violence. Stipend salary. Call 624-0348 for more information.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. Part-time office assistant position for G/L film distribution company. Excellent entry level position. Flexible daytime hours. Data entry, phones, publicity and sales. 15-30 hours per week. Contact Michael 888-5421 or fax resume to 880-0443.

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NOTE: On each Memorial Day, the Gay and Lesbian Community of Tucson remembers its sisters and brothers who have passed on.

Although the great majority of them expired of complications due to AIDS, many died from other illnesses, natural causes, accidents, etc.

UPDATE

Nominations Being Accepted For 1999 Godat Award

TUCSON — Wingspan is currently accepting nominations for the 1999 Godat Award. The recipient will be honored at Wingspan's Second Annual Benefit Dinner, Saturday, September 18, at the Marriott University Park Hotel.

Last year at Wingspan's Tenth Anniversary Dinner, an award was inaugurated to recognize the extraordinary, long-term contribution by an individual to Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community. The first recipient, and the person after whom Wingspan has named this award was Ken Godat, past president of Wingspan.

If you would like to nominate someone for this year's Award, please complete the form (located in this issue of the Observer) and attach it to a single-page letter that explains why you think this person is a worthy recipient. Any individual may be nominated. A Wingspan nominating committee has been formed to review nominations and select the most deserving nominee.

To help you formulate your nomination, you might like to consider the following questions: How has this individual made an outstanding contribution - what needs have been met? What role did this person play and how did she/he demonstrate particular initiative? What has been this person's impact on the community? What special challenges did this person face in making his/her contribution? Are there any other reasons why you think this person deserves the Godat Award?

Please mail or hand deliver the form, along with your attached nominating letter, no later than 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 30 to: Godat Award Nominating Committee, Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street, Tucson, AZ 85705-8426. For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

Desert Coyotes Summer Bowling League Starts June 18

TUCSON — Starting Wednesday, June 16, the "Cool Fun During the Summer" will begin when the Desert Coyotes Bowling League starts their Summer season.

Tucson's Wednesday Gay and Lesbian bowling league will be bowling for ten weeks at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 West Miracle Mile. Their will be an organizational meeting at 7:00 P.M., June 16, to fill out the team rosters, consisting of three people per team. Bowling will commence at 8:00 P.M., and for the Wednesday's thereafter.

Skill is not important, having fun is the only requirement. For more information, call (520) 628-7834.

AHRF Awards Dinner Saturday, June 19

PHOENIX — The Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF) will be holding their annual awards dinner, Saturday, June 19, at the Marriot Camelback Inn.

Arizona's Gay and Lesbian rights group will be honoring those who have helped to advance the cause in the state. Virginia Apuzzo, the Assistant to the President for Management and Administration, the White House will received the Barry Goldwater National Award.

Tickets are $160 each (two checks - $125 payable to AHRF, $35 payable to AHRF-PAC). Corporations can only make payments to AHRF and not to AHRF-PAC. Please RSVP by June 10. Send checks to AHRF, POB 25044, Phoenix, AZ 85002-5044. Business or festive attire. For more information, please call (602) 650-0900.

AZAPA General Meeting Thursday, June 10

PHOENIX — The Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance (AZAPA) will be holding their general meeting, Thursday, June 10.

Bring your ideas and participate in discussions about what HIV/AIDS public policy do we envision for the 21st century and how will AZAPA participate in policy development at national, state and local levels.

The monthly meeting will take place from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., at the American Red Cross, 6135 N. Black Canyon Highway.

TLGA Logo Contest Extended To May 28

TUCSON — The Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance has extended the deadline for their 1999 Pride Logo Contest: OUToberFEST '99, "Reflections of Pride and Progress."

Entries must be received no later than May 28, and must include the following information in the proposed artwork: OUToberFEST '99; "Reflections of Pride and Progress"; TLGA or Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance; October 16, 1999; Tucson,

Man Gets Life In Prison After Beating Gay Man

LONGVIEW, WA (WS) — A man convicted of robbing and beating a Gay man has been sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole under the state's "three strikes" law.

Francis Elliott "Frank" Hickman, 25, is "an extremely violent individual whose violence has . . . escalated and, if not stopped now, could get worse," Cowlitz County chief deputy prosecutor Sue Baur said at Hickman's sentencing. "He's what the 'three strikes' law was meant for."

A jury last month convicted Hickman of five felonies in connection with September 29, 1998 attacks against Thomas Patrick Hill, 44, of Longview and two police officers. Hickman and Hill allegedly met while drinking in Portland, Oregon, and returned in Hickman's car to the Longview area. There Hickman allegedly became enraged, forced Hill to perform oral sex at knife point, cut off some of Hill's hair, robbed him, and kicked him.

IN MEMORIAM

ADELINA BORGARO
5/15/22 - 5/8/99

Adeline Borgaro entered eternal rest on May 8, after a long, cardia-related illness.

Her presence at the El Torero Restaurant, after all these years, will be missed.

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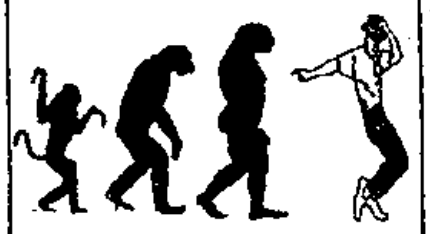

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A great opportunity to meet people while making a difference!

For information about the Share Bears program and other volunteer opportunities at SAAF, call Paul at 322-6226

Memorial Day Weekend!! Sunday, May 30th Be at IBT's!!!

Reveille
Gay Men's Chorus
presents

extrABBAganza
featuring ABBA's Greatest Hits!
June 5 & 6 at PCC West Campus

To get you in the mood for this fun-filled, all-hit concert, IBT's and The Tucson Weekly invite you to get on your boogie shoes & 70's disco attire for the

Dancing Queen Contest

Hosted by Miss Ajia Simone

1st Place Prize - $100 cash, a pair of tickets to see extrABBAganza and a spotlight appearance on stage during the encore!

2nd Place - $50 cash

PLUS - All contestants receive tickets to the show of their choice!

Get to IBT's early on Sunday, May 30th. From 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., the Beer Bust/Bar-B-Q/Karaoke will benefit RGMC - and there will be lots of ticket giveaways.

Enjoy a sandwich with all the fixin's and 5 draught beers for just $5.00

SIGN UP NOW!

Your friendly IBT's bartender has a "Dancing Queen" registration form.

Just fill it out and be at IBT's - in costume - no later than 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 30th.

Judging will be based upon Costume (50%), Talent (30%) and Audience Response (20%).

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