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Lesbian Raises Awareness Of Doctor's Bias

LOS ANGELES, CA (CT) — Last June, Michelle DuPont's life seemed to be going pretty well.

She had a new job as a counselor in a school for abused teenagers, a job that brought with it a quality package of health-care benefits. She even had a new commitment to a long-term personal relationship.

With her life coming together, DuPont sought out a new primary care physician for a check-up, including a gynecological exam and a Pap smear. That brought her to Dr. Ronald Axtell and the Bristol Park Medical Group in Mission Viejo, Calif.

When she filled out the routine information form before the examination, DuPont came upon the line marked: spouse's name. She wrote: Lisa Voisard.

DuPont recalled that when Axtell saw the form, a quizzical look crossed his face.

"Then he asked me what I used for birth control," she said. "I said I did not use birth control. When he asked me why, I said I did not need it because I am a Lesbian."

Axtell went on to examine her and afterward gave her a prescription and delivered what she said Axtell referred to as a "bombshell."

Axtell said he would not treat DuPont, offering her the name of two physicians who might take her on. He explained that he did not want her as a patient because he did not agree with her "lifestyle."

"He said, 'I don't approve of what you are,' " DuPont said. When she asked him if he was talking about the fact that she was a Lesbian, the doctor replied: "Yes," DuPont said.

DuPont decided to take Axtell to court.

With the help of the American Civil Liberties Union, DuPont is suing Axtell, Bristol Park Medical Group and Health Net Insurance Co., using a California law that makes it illegal to discriminate against a person because of her sexual orientation.

American Medical Association guidelines ban many specific forms of discrimination, including that based on sexual orientation. The AMA also urges members to take necessary steps to develop sensitivity toward the needs and requirements of Gays and Lesbians.

"It (Axtell's alleged behavior) is against the AMA code of ethics," said Dr. Richard Corlin, a Santa Monica, Calif., physician and speaker of the AMA's House of Delegates. "Making a patient feel uncomfortable is unacceptable. There are no exceptions."

According to doctors and legal experts, such discrimination is widespread but very rarely challenged.

"It is a very prevalent problem," said Jon Davidson, supervising attorney at the Lambda Legal and Educational Fund, a national legal organization specializing in advising Gays and Lesbians, "but there have not been that many lawsuits filed about discrimination in health care.

"I think people don't come forward because they are embarrassed, or don't know it is illegal," Davidson said.

DuPont's suit is based in part on a California law that makes it illegal to discriminate against individuals because of sexual orientation. Nine other states--Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Hawaii, New Jersey, Vermont, Minnesota, Rhode Island, New Hampshire– and the District of Columbia have similar laws. There is no federal statute specifically outlawing such discrimination.

The AMA, aware of a lack of sensitivity on the part of some physicians toward homosexuals, as well as certain racial and ethnic groups, will publish a book this summer that it hopes will help educate doctors about the specific needs of diverse groups.

"There is probably more insensitivity than we would like but less than there was before," said Corlin.

Rev. Louis Sheldon, chairman of the Traditional Values Coalition, a national group representing 43,000 conservative Christian churches across the country, said he supported the doctor's decision to reject DuPont as a patient.

"If a person has a sincerely held religious belief, the First Amendment defends that," Sheldon said. "But now there is a consensus that says that you must be politically correct and not say anything that goes against homosexuals.

"It was not that she was dying, or that there were not other doctors she could go to, even Lesbian doctors."

While there have been only a few studies done, the data available support the notion that many Gays and Lesbians avoid going to doctors because they are reluctant to be honest about their sexuality.

A 1995 survey of 13,543 Lesbian

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Chastity Bono In Tucson Appearance June 10

TUCSON — In honor of National Gay and Lesbian Book Month, the Tucson-Pima Public Library presents an evening with Chastity Bono Thursday, June 10, 7:00 P.M., Main Library - Lower Level Meeting Room, 101 North Stone.

Bono will speak about coming out and Gay and Lesbian portrayals in the media. Seating is strictly limited to the first 250 people. She will also speak Friday, June 11, at the University of Arizona.

Daughter of the famous duo Sonny and Cher, Chastity Bono has become a national spokesperson for Gay and Lesbian rights. Bono came out in 1995; she has worked as a columnist for The Advocate, a spokesperson for the Coming Out Project of the Human Rights Campaign, as entertainment media director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD).

Bono's book "Family Outing" (Little, Brown 1998) is a collection of stories about families confronting coming out issues. She narrates her own struggle to come out and the reactions of her parents, as well as interviewing others.

The lecture will be followed by a book-signing.

Circuit City Short Circuits

By Paul Mueller

RICHMOND, VA (GFN) — Does the nation's largest retailer really offer "good prices" on their appliances and electronics for Gays and Lesbians?

With over 500 retail Superstores, Circuit City (NYSE: CC) is not only the largest U.S. retailer of brand name consumer electronics and major appliances, but the electronics giant is also a leading retailer of computers and music software. The company's concept of an electronics and appliance "superstore" in the mid-70s, coupled with its low prices and high levels of customer service, set the stage for Circuit City's explosive growth in the last two decades, a growth trend that ended 1998 on a financially-rewarding note. Circuit City reported total sales for the month of December 1998 rose 18 percent to $1.57 billion from $1.32 billion for the same period just one year earlier.

In the market for a big-screen television, satellite system, VCR or a home stereo? Circuit City's got all that and more. And for many of us, a CC store is just a short drive away. But before you decide which electronics retailer you're going to make that big purchase from, you may want to hear this first.

Many of you know, gfn.com has been writing company profiles since day one and up until now, have always been able to inform you with information of interest primarily targeting Gay and Lesbian investors.

The information provided is an integral component of the gfn.com 500, a database which highlights important information on employment policies, employee benefits, diversity training and advertising methods in addressing the needs and concerns of the Gay and Lesbian community.

In response to the gfn.com 500 survey we sent Circuit City, Ann Collier, Vice President of Financial and Public Relations, refused to answer our request. "I regret that we are unable to participate in the survey. We receive so many surveys that time does not permit us to complete each one with proper attention. Again, I am sorry that we cannot contribute to what, I am sure, is a meaningful project."

Despite many attempts, Circuit City officials refused to share its internal practices with the media at all.

"We're somewhat private in the way we don't openly discuss the particulars of our Human Resources policies regardless of who is asking," said Morgan Stewart, a public relations officer. "This is a very long standing policy of ours."

So what does a potential Circuit City consumer or investor who looks at more than just the Sunday sale circular do when there's no access to company information?

While many Gay investors and consumers believe in socially responsible investing and supporting companies that are Gay-friendly with policies prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation with an offering of diversity training, Circuit City executives say they can't be bothered by that and don't care to actively pursue that market.

Official further added that internal policies are "strictly confidential."

Of course, it is the company's right to withhold any information it deems private and confidential, but at what price?

Shouldn't investors, as part-owners of the company, or consumers for that matter, have the right know the policies of the company they are spending their money in or invest?

Kim Mills, spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest Lesbian and Gay political

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UPDATE

POZ Cafe Serves Lunch June 17

TUCSON — All HIV-positive adults are invited to Poz Cafe Thursday, June 17, from Noon to 3:00 P.M. Poz (pronounced "paws" or "pause"; short for positive, as in HIV-positive) Cafe is a monthly lunch and social event initiated by TIHAN.

Each month, TIHAN volunteers provide a delicious and nutritious lunch for HIV+ persons. This is followed by a time to "hang out" and chat, or participate in a variety of social activities, such as card games, arts & crafts, board games, bingo, etc. Each HIV+ person may have one guest accompany them if they choose. (Each guest - partner, spouse, friend, volunteer - will be reminded of confidentiality concerns.)

There is no cost to attend Poz Cafe. But reservations are requested so that TIHAN can have an idea of how much to cook. The cafe is at St. Francis in the Foothill Church, a Gay-friendly church at the corner (Swan and River Roads).

If you are HIV+ and want to get out and meet others in a fun, casual atmosphere, join us for lunch at Poz Cafe. For more information about Poz Cafe, or to make your reservations or request transportation, call TIHAN, (520) 299-6647. Let us also know if you want to bring a friend!

AHRF Awards Dinner 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.

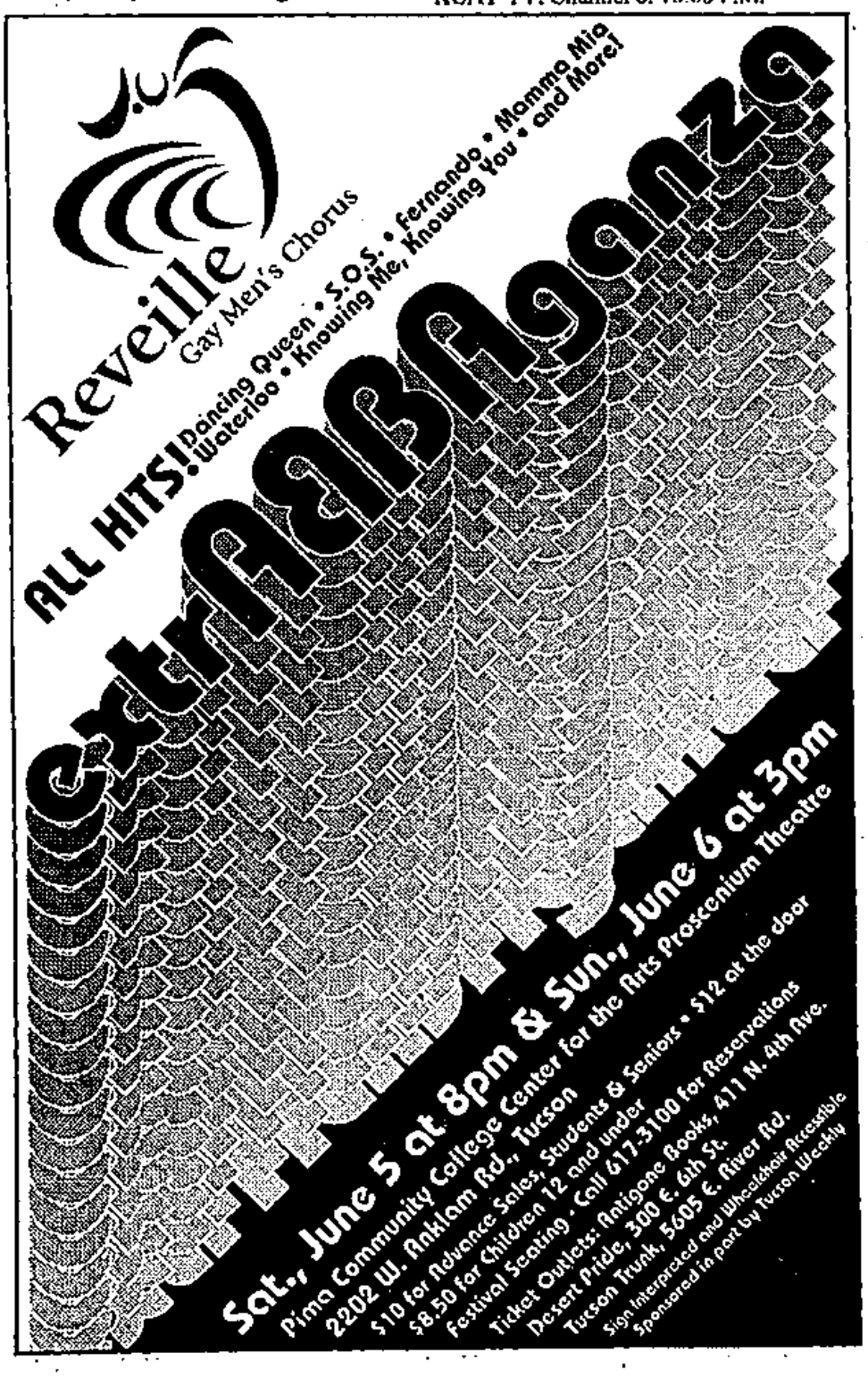
Tickets are $160 each (two checks - $125 payable to AHRF, $35 payable to AHRF-PAC). Corporations can only make payments to AHRF and not to AHRF-PAC. Please RSVP by June 10. Send checks to AHRF, POB 25044, Phoenix, AZ 85002-5044. Business or festive attire. For more information, please call (602) 650-0900.

'Golden Threads' On KUAT-TV June 8

TUCSON — If ever someone has embodied the maxim, "age is a state of mind," it's 90-year-old Christine Burton. After decades of personal struggle, she reinvented her own life at age 80 by founding Golden Threads, an international network for older Lesbian women.

Join film makers Lucy Winer and Karen Eaton as they probe mid-life crisis and our collective fear of aging by enlisting Christina as their fearless, funny and irascible spiritual guide. She's a tireless leader, who, even when ambushed by daunting physical challenges, transforms herself and others with her own unquenchable zest for live.

Golden Threads will air on KUAT-TV, Channel 6, 10:00 P.M.



TIHAN Seeks Positive Speakers

TUCSON — The Tucson Interfaith HIV/-AIDS Network (TIHAN) is seeking additional persons living with HIV/AIDS who are willing to share their stories by speaking out.

If you have experience speaking in front of small groups, or would like to help us convey our message of HIV awareness, understanding, and compassion, please call Scott at TIHAN, (520) 299-6647.

Because of you: misconceptions can be corrected, minds can be opened, hearts can be touched and communities can be made stronger.

SAAF Announces Officers for 1999-2000

TUCSON — At its annual meeting, the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) elected the following officers of its Board of Directors:

President - Ken Foster, Director UA Presents; First Vice President - Clyde Kunz, Executive Director, Tucson Symphony Orchestra; Second Vice President - Steven Boyer, SAAF Volunteer; Secretary/Treasurer - Charlene Forbes, Chief Financial Officer - Arizona Children's Association; Chair, Nominating Committee: Emily Rosenberg Pollock, Community Volunteer; Member at Large - V. Carole Smith, Administrator, Tucson Unified School District.

Other Board members for 1999-2000 are: Guillermo Bernal, Linda Breck, Robert Gomez, Steve Gottlieb, Susan Gregory, Robert Lemos, Jr., Nancy March, Joey Martinez, Denise McDonald, Karmen McQuitty, Steve Rabkin, MD, Nina Jila Trasoff and Raina Wagner.

For more information about services, call (520) 322-6226.

Position Opening At SAAF

TUCSON — The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is seeking a Client Advocate (.75 FTE).

A SAAF Client Advocate conducts client service evaluations, investigate resources, organize advisory groups, and advocate for service delivery for people with AIDS. HIV+ highly desirable. Requires education/experience in public policy, HIV/AIDS issues, group facilitation, and supervision/training.

Up to $19,000/year, excellent benefits. To apply, pick up job description and application instructions, M-F 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., at 151 South Tucson Blvd., #211, or call (520) 322-6226 to have them faxed to you. Open until filled. AA/EOE

Position Opening At TIHAN

TUCSON — The Tucson Interfaith HIV/-AIDS Network seeks a half-time administrative assistant to oversee the functioning of the office.

Preferred background in office administration, and experience working with volunteers. Strong computer skills necessary. Twenty hours/week, with flexible hours, $7.50/hour. Call (520) 299-6647 to have job description mailed/faxed.

Submit resume and list of three references to TIHAN, 4625 East River Road, Tucson, AZ 85718. AA/EOE

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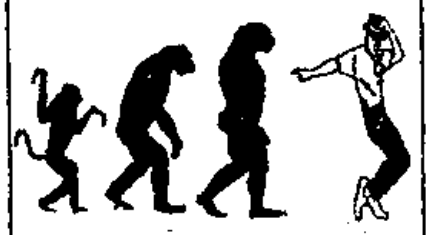

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Quilt: A Musical Celebration June 11-12

TUCSON — Back by popular demand! Tucson High Magnet School and American Airlines present Quilt: A Musical Celebration, with a presentation by the playwright, Jim Morgan.

The performances will take place, Friday and Saturday, June 11-12, 7:00 P.M., at Tucson High Magnet School Auditorium, 400 North Second Avenue. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation.

"The greatest feeling possible is to be laughing and crying at the same time." These words by playwright Jim Morgan about attending memorial services in the 1980's for friends who had died of AIDS describes the experience of watching his play, Quilt: A Musical Celebration.

Quilt: A Musical Celebration, reprised on June 11-12 by the fine cast and crew at Tucson High, brings to life the moving, the hilarious, and the painful stories of people who have been memorialized in the Names Project Memorial Quilt. In addition to the play, American Airlines is sponsoring the attendance of playwright Jim Morgan, who will address the audience after each performance.

Tucson High's original production of Quilt in March was a huge success, with much demand for another run. While raising money for the school's arts programs, Tucson High also donated $800 of proceeds to the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. The play was the corner stone of a total school effort featuring panels from the Names Project Memorial Quilt, class projects in all subjects on the topic of AIDS, and education on HIV prevention by educators from the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

Tickets are $7 general, $5 for seniors and students, and are available at the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, 151 South Tucson Blvd., Ste. 211; How Sweet It Was, 419 North Fourth Ave.

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus: Björn To Sing!

TUCSON — And Anni, Benny and Agnetha, too!

Twenty-five years ago this month two married couples from Sweden won the Eurovision Song Contest with a jumpy tune they called "Waterloo." It marked the beginning of a string of recorded hits by ABBA that in total outsold the Beatles in Europe. The four members of the Swedish group lent their first initials to form the famous name: Anni-Frid Lyngstad, Benny Andersson, Björn Ulvaeus and Agnetha Fultskög.

Although only one of ABBA's hits achieved the coveted No. 1 position on U.S. charts ("Dancing Queen" topped the Billboard Hot 100 in November 1976), their unique sound produced numerous hits that made it into the U.S. Top 20.

In honor of this pop-music phenomenon, Reveille Gay Men's Chorus (RGMC) of Tucson will present "extrABBAganza" June 5 and 6 in the Proscenium Theatre of Pima Community College's Center for the Performing Arts at 2202 W. Anklam Road.

The choral compilation of ABBA hits was arranged by David Maddux of Seattle and first performed to sold-out houses by the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, and just recently by the San Diego Gay Men's Chorus. The program includes "Take a Chance on Me," "S.O.S," "The Winner Takes It All," "Fernando," "Knowing You, Knowing Me," "Waterloo," "Mamma Mia," and, of course, "Dancing Queen." Lyrics take on a special meaning when Reveille spoofs "When I Kissed the Teacher" and "Does Your Mother Know That You're Out."

RGMC's "extrABBAganza" will be directed by James Gall in performances at 8:00 P.M., June 5 and at 3:00 P.M., June 6. Tickets are $10 in advance from any RGMC member or at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Avenue, Desert Pride, 300 E. 6th Street, and the Tucson Trunk, River and Craycroft. Reservations may also be phoned into 617-3100. Admission at the door will be $12 ($10 seniors and students; $8.50 for children 12 and under). Both performances are festival-style seating (except for season ticket holders) and are wheelchair accessible and sign interpreted.

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) community arts organization.

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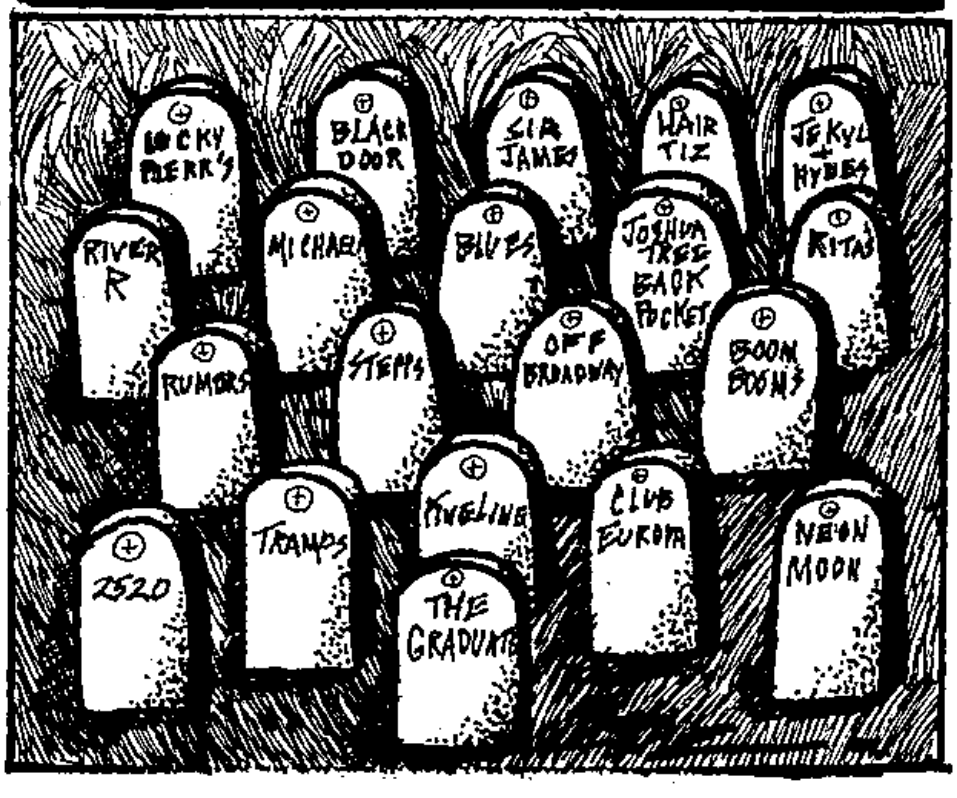

Saving On Your Car Insurance

By Paul Mueller

LOS ANGELES, CA (GFN) — Have you ever compared how much you and your partner pay to insure your car versus John and Jane Doe down the street? That's exactly what one Gay man did and now he's seeing red.

Ted Hayeck lives with his partner, David, of 24 years. After talking with a straight couple who live in the neighborhood, Hayeck unexpectedly realized he and his partner were paying "about 300 percent more" for their car insurance than their neighbors. (They pay $7,000 versus the neighbor's $2,000 per year on car insurance.)

"I think simply because we're Gay we pay more for auto insurance," Hayeck said. Hayeck and his partner pay Farmer's Insurance $15,000 each year for home, life and auto insurance.

"When I pointed out the difference in price between us and our neighbors, my agent told me that the feeling in the business is that my partner and I are in an unstable relationship and one might steal the car from the other. As long as I have both names on those cars, then it's a flag."

His reaction's agent has Hayeck dumbfounded. "I'm not particularly happy about this since my relationship is more stable than a majority of the marriages around," he said. "It gets me in the gut when the fellow in the office next to mine has a wife and three teenagers driving the cars and they're paying one-half of what I'm paying and he's got one car more."

Hayeck and his partner have three cars: a 1986 Cadillac Fleetwood, a 1985 Oldsmobile Sierra and a 1993 Jeep Cherokee. "I've got one car in my name, one in David's name, and the other in both our names. And no discount."

And the difference in price can't be attributed to bad driving, since both Hayeck and his partner maintain almost spotless driving records. Hayeck hasn't had an accident in over forty years, while Brian had only one in the last two decades.

WHO RATES BEST

You pay a premium, and in exchange, the insurance company promises to pay for specific car-related financial losses during the term of the policy. And there are numerous factors which can affect your rate. They include, but are not limited to, where you keep and drive your car; the make and model of your car; your driving record; your age; and how you car is used, among other things.

So just how do you know which auto insurance company is right for you? First, if you're interested in the financial strength of the company, you should turn to A.M. Best, an over 100-year-old company which rates the financial strength of insurance companies. Best's rating is an independent third-party evaluation which gives an indication of how the company is expected to perform in the future. And experts agree that one of the best ways to pick an insurance company is to choose one that is financially strong.

Ratings have also become an increasingly important factor in consumers' decisions to purchase insurance. According to the company, "Best's Ratings provide these consumers with the information necessary for an educated buying decision."

So for this story, we randomly chose five auto insurance companies and decided to put them to the domestic partner test. But first, we turned to A.M. Best and here's what they had to say.

Keep in mind that "Superior" is the highest rating a company can receive, while "Excellent" is just one notch below the "Superior" rating.

Allstate (NYSE: ALL) - SUPERIOR. Progressive (NYSE: PGR) - SUPERIOR. Hartford (NYSE: HIG) - SUPERIOR. GEICO - SUPERIOR

ARE YOU REALLY IN GOOD HANDS?

You're constantly reminded that you're in 'good hands' with Allstate's 'for as long as anyone can remember' advertising campaign, but just how good if you're Gay or Lesbian?

Allstate insures one out of every eight cars in the U.S., and it's the largest publicly owned personal lines company nationwide. The company has nearly 20,000 claims employees with 250 claim service offices and 680 drive-in centers throughout the U.S. and Canada. And it's been around for over 65 years. Last but not least, they do offer discount to domestic partners in certain states.

Remember to keep in mind that someone who lives in Minnesota, for example, may have a different policy than a person who lives in New York simply because of the underwriting insurance laws of that state. The way policies are set-up and the manner in which they are rated have to be approved by the Board of Insurance for each state. That's what determines whether an insurance company will offer domestic partners a married rate.

GEICO Insurance, for example, now offers a discount to domestic partners in Texas after a recent change in that state's insurance laws. "You'd get a single rate if you had a domestic partner unless they are over age 25. Depending on some sates, people over age 25 can get an 'all other rate" which is the same as the married rate," said a GEICO customer service representative.

But regardless of which state you live in, you could, as their slogan says, save up to 15 percent or more on your car insurance with direct service to you 24 hours a day.

GEICO is one of the infants of the insurance industry. The company began by serving government workers exclusively and then in 1985, it began serving the public, as well. Another first, GEICO became the first insurer to provide 24-hour customer service. Today, GEICO ranks as the seventh-largest private passenger auto insurance company in the U.S. and insures over 4.5 million autos.

The GEICO representative said the reason for the price discrepancy with Hayeck is that no two insured are alike. "You'd have to be an identical clone with the exact same car, age, driving history, features on your car, discounts, and even the same occupation," he said. "It's not merely that simple. There are hundreds of factors which determine one single rate.

And then there's the 60 year-old Progressive Insurance. No can do for domestic partner discounts. "If it's a state-recognized common-law marriage and a male and female who have lived together for more than six months, then we'd give them a discount," said a customer service representative, "but not for two men living together as domestic partners."

When asked about domestic partner discounts, a media representative re-

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EDITOR:

As we get ready for our season finale this coming weekend (June 5&6), the Board of Directors wish to thank the many people who came out to IBT's last Sunday for the two back-to-back fund raisers benefitting Reveille Gay Men's Chorus.

Thanks to Dave & Frank for hosting the event, Chef Roger for his usual culinary magic, songmeister Billy D for keepin' the hits comin', and all the Reveille volunteers who took and delivered orders to the starving masses. Congratulations to the top three karaoke singers, each of whom won complimentary tickets to see Reveille's production of "extrABBAganza" this coming weekend.

Then, Miss Ajia Simone hosted the "Dancing Queen" contest, which raised an additional $130 in tips, which were generously donated to the Chorus by the contestants. The first place winner, Brandy, won $100 cash and a spotlight appearance during the encore of this Saturday night's "extrABBAganza" show. Second place winner, Brian, won $50, and all the contestants received pairs of tickets to the show of their choice. Kudos to the amazing Miss Ajia, who turned the proverbial sow's ear into a purse. Thanks, darlin', you are the best.

We look forward to seeing all your faithful readers this weekend at Pima Community College West Campus for our all-hit ABBA show, which was recently performed to sold-out houses by the Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego. Advance tickets are just $10 each and are available at Antigone Books, Desert Pride and Tucson Trunk, or by calling the hotline, (520) 617-3100.

Warmest regards,
Terry L. Dean
President, RGMC

EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity and thank all of you who came out to the Stonewall/Eagle last Thursday evening for the 1999 Miss Latina Arizona Regional NCC Pageant. Your love and support is, as always, most appreciated! I congratulate all three contestants: Daisy Dukes, America and Stella Virgin for their job well done. Your hard work and dedication were certainly unforgettable.

A special congratulations goes out to Miss Daisy Dukes for winning Miss Latina Arizona Regional NCC 1999. Your style, grace and overall beauty are most deserving of this crowned title. Welcome to the NCC family.

Now I'd like to briefly comment on the evenings crowning ceremony. All I can say to you Daisy is, I sincerely wish this could have been a better experience for you. The behavior and comments of the crowd were completely uncalled for, and on the behalf of myself and Javier Arevalo, Mr. Gay Latino 1998-99, our offerings of sincere apologies and best wishes for your continual growth in the art of female impersonation!

Sincerely,
Bunny Fu Fu,
Miss Southern Regions NCC 1998
First Alternate (Miss Gay Tucson America 1999)

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.

POLITICS 1999

by Mark R. Kerr

"But Next. . .Sandy Plodding Through A Worthless Cotton Field!"

Same crap as usual. Even after a long, three day weekend which many traveled and few remembered the reason for the holiday in the first place.

Another Memorial Day is for the ages and people have grumbled their way to their collective rat-race. At least one half of Congress, the U.S. House, are back, pointing fingers and raring to launch more investigations! The U.S. Senate gets a longer, taxpayer-funded break, going back to filibustering on June 7. Whoopee.

Despite that, yet another update on legislation and issues of concern pending before the 106th Congress.

With the month of June here, all eyes turn to next year's federal budget and the inevitable government shutdown, er funding for programs for Y2K, in this era of the multibillion dollar budget surplus.

Recently, House and Senate Budget Committees released figures, known as 602 (b) allocations, which will govern the amount of money that each appropriation's subcommittee will have to fund the programs and services under their jurisdiction. Because of the budget caps included in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, these allocations require spending for programs to be much lower than last year's, enacted level.

What does this mean? Drastic cuts to public health programs, including HIV prevention, care, and treatment. Even with a budget surplus?

Rep. C.W. Young, R-FL, the House Appropriations Committee Chair, said in an interview that passing the spending bills within the limits of the budget allocations will be virtually impossible. House Labor/HHS subcommittee chair, Rep. John Porter, R-IL, voiced his opinion that he could not get a bill out of his subcommittee if the budget caps were maintained. Well?

So far, the Budget Committees and House and Senate leadership have ignored these concerns, despite the multibillion dollar budget surplus as the budget process continues to unfold. Yes Alex, I'll take "Tax Cuts for Big Business?" for three billion please!

If these figures are used, the House will have to cut health funding 21 percent across the board, and the Senate will have to cut 16 percent. In human terms, this means 4-million people could be denied health care, including recipients of Ryan White CARE Act services and other programs funded by the Health Resources ad Services Administration; and millions of people could be denied immunizations, breast cancer screening, and essential HIV prevention services they receive through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

This would have a devastating effect on Arizonans living with HIV/AIDS, since the state health department gets federal funding (Ryan White and Title II) based on a formula of the number of AIDS cases reported. As one health official put it, AIDS services in Arizona are already a "leaking boat and if the cutbacks do take place, it won't be a pretty picture."

Several versions of managed care reform legislation have been introduced in Congress this year. As reported last week, one of which is the Patients Bill of Rights Act, (S. 6/H.R. 358). This legislation would prohibit discrimination against plan enrollees and providers based on genetic information, sexual orientation, and disability. It would also establish a number of key quality standards and other protections.

Under this bill, managed care plans should be required to:

Provide access to health care providers who have the expertise to treat people with special needs and allow individuals to designate a specialist to serve as their primary care physician. Allow women direct access to ob/gyn care and allow women to designate their ob/gyn as their primary care provider.

Allow health care professionals to prescribe non-formulary prescription drugs when medically necessary. (This is particularly important for people living with HIV/-AIDS because of the complexity and evolving state of HIV drug treatments.) Provide an external appeals process for individuals to challenge plan care and coverage decisions. Individuals with life-threatening conditions would also have access to an expedited appeals process.

Seth Kilborn of the Human Rights Campaign stated he expects this measure to get hearings. Just like the Hate Crimes Prevention Act?!

As reported previously, the reintroduction of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) is expected in the next couple of weeks. Like last year, the year before and so on, the 1999 bill would prohibit workplace discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Over 100 Representatives have said that they will support ENDA.

What will happen? Susan Lucci finally won an Emmy? ENDA may pass? Oh puh-leeze! . . .

So it goes for now kids!

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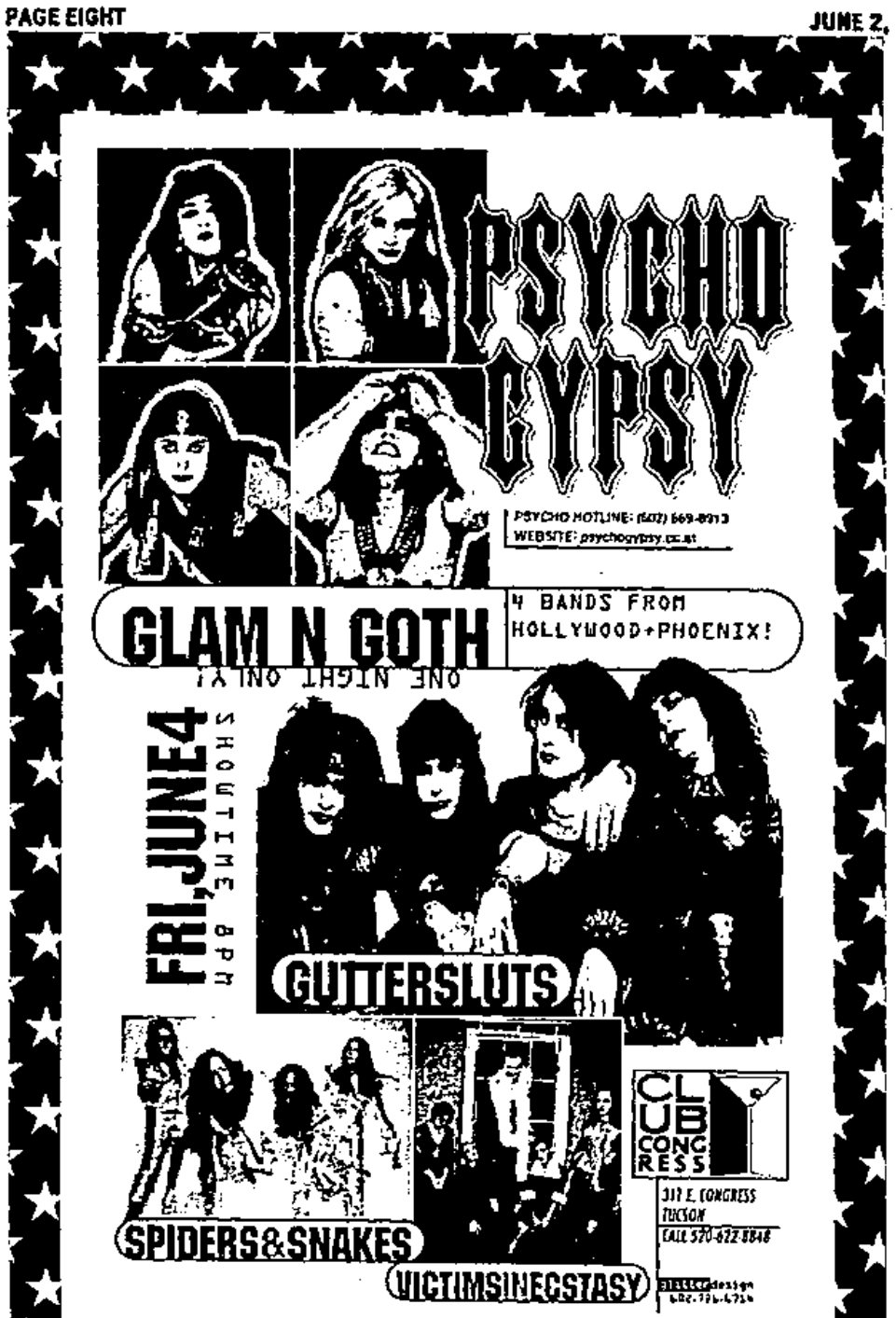

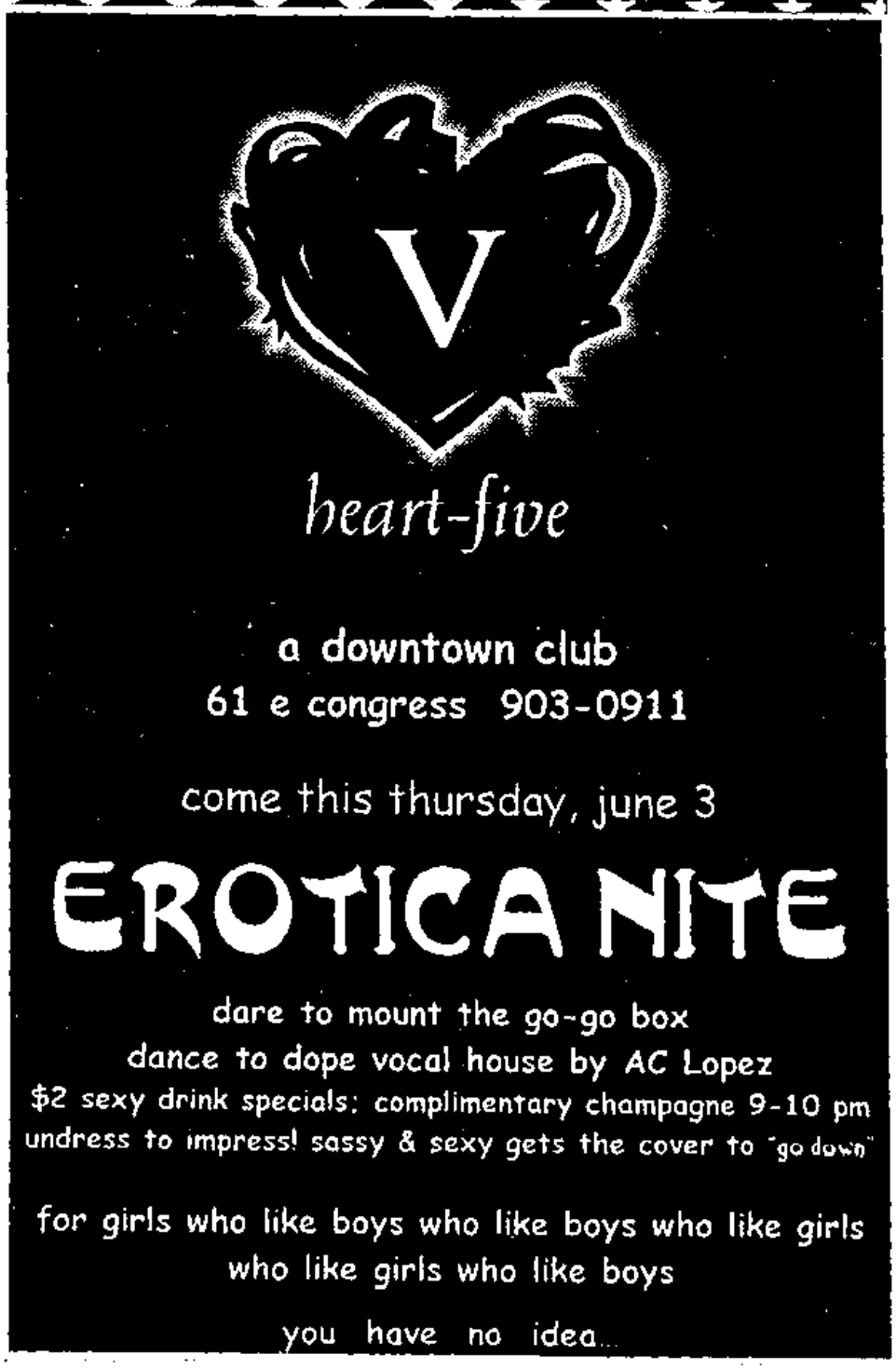

HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Pride month revs up with a rollicking planetary charge. Lucky Jupiter opposes feisty Mercury throughout the month stoking our actions with affirming oomph. There will be Outrageous opportunities to combine fun with fulfillment. See you in the pride parade, cousin ... and at the party afterwards.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Are your ears burning? Partners have some choice comments for you this Pride month. Remember dear queer Ram that these honest souls have your best interests at heart. Frankly you could use some improvement particularly in the fashion department. (Is qiana back in fashion?) If you can take it all to heart, I can almost guarantee that your metamorphosis will be fabulous.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Come out, come out wherever you are. Gay Bulls are blown out of their closets this Pride month. Make sure that you are appropriately dressed for the occasion; this is the time to transform your life. Everything matters now, so shore up your diet and exercise regime and make it work for the proud new you. Summer is not far off dear; can you strut that butt?

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Friends figure prominently in your life in Pride month. They open up new vistas and bring you to new levels of enlightenment. Queer Twins can enter this wonderland naively wide eyed or they can try to boss the course. I suggest you allow yourself to be taken by the hand. Think of it as a trip to the moon on gossamer wings and not just one of those things.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Pink Crabs may have the professional rug pulled out from under them as career changes come fast and furious. This shifting of the corporate landscape is frightening, but altogether necessary. Begging for your tender vittles from the fat cats is often good for the soul and gives you a cold dose of reality for future survival. Adjust now to rule the roost later.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Gay Lions are in their Pride perfection this June when global, far reaching ideas reach a wider, more appreciative audience. Speak loudly, proudly and queer my dear to let 'em know who's who and what's what. I personally appoint you the great Gay Marshall of the parade. Lead us to salvation . . . and perhaps into temptation as well.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

They say that the smell of money is intoxicating so why not release the fragrance and see who bites? Pride month can bring in a bevy of sexual opportunities for proud Virgins who know the meaning of the word generous. But waste not, want not cousin. Don't fritter resources on wasteful dalliances. Find out if they will respect you in the morning before you blow the wad.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Pride month teaches you a valuable lesson on the give and take of relationships. Proud Libras can be very cavalier about needing companionship and in doing so can fail to balance their personal freedom with the needs of partners. Now you may receive a powerful lesson on the importance of sharing. Wasn't it Sartre who said, "In love, one plus one equals one"?

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Sometimes a bolt out of the blue is just what is needed to knock down barriers and saw through mental blocks. Expect such a bolt in Pride month when projects that might have held you up or brought you down suddenly go your way. Queer Scorps should not be afraid to open up their closet door and air the darn thing out. You have nothing to fear but your chains.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Friends have a way of rolling Out the good times this Pride month so join (or lead) the group dynamic and dance the night away. Expect the unexpected through in any fun endeavor when Jupiter transforms the trite into the masterpiece. Proud Archers may find more than they bargained for in any light flirtation. Who knows what can develop with a little piece of cheesecake?

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

The secret of success this Pride month is to balance professional obligations with personal needs. Balance is the operative word, pal; there is no escaping the fact that one area of your life affects the other now. Gay Caps may have to defer one goal in order to fulfill another. The sad fact of life is that we cannot have it all. For now, just take half.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aquecrians must get something off their chests. This Pride month encourages you to grab any opportunity to express yourself fully and proudly. Your words pack a punch and can reach global proportions. Don't waste this perfect planetary energy on ego inflating pursuits. I command you to sound the Gay clarion call and take our cause one giant step further.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Gay Fish are in for a psychological reevaluation this Pride month. Suddenly you awake to find that all that glitters is not gold; there is more to life than fealty to the almighty dollar. This is not to say that you will suddenly give away all your possessions and begin to talk to the birds, but you will no longer be at the mercy of the gold standards of others. Freedom!

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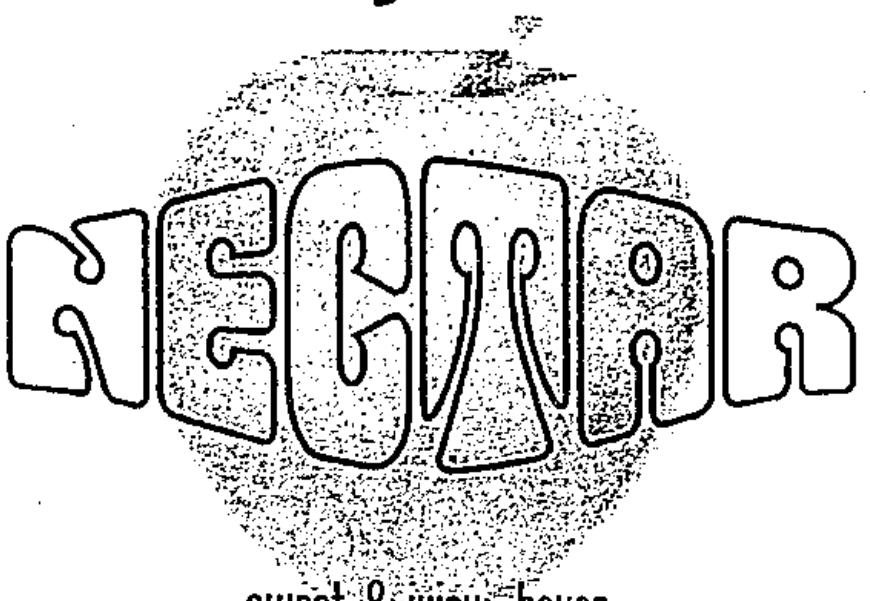

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Circuit City Short Circuits

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organization, said that one of its goals for the 105th Congress is protecting Americans from job discrimination based on sexual orientation.

"If a company has policies that promote fairness and equal treatment, they should be happy to talk to whoever asks that question since these are not trade secrets," Mills said. "I don't see why a company would be unwilling to say whether they have a nondiscrimination policy and who it covers or whether it offers domestic partner benefits. These are questions to which consumers want to know the answers, certainly GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered) consumers who want to know these answers."

"We disclose all the information that is required by law and if you read our annual report, you see all the information we do disclose," said Stewart. "Unfortunately, I just don't have anything to add to your story."

Others ask that when Gays and Lesbians take issues like diversity and efforts against discrimination into consideration when deciding to invest, don't they have a right to know whether the company is promoting the well-being and security of all of its employees?

How is an investor to know these things if the information is kept under lock and key?

The answer, quite simply, is investors won't know until Circuit City becomes as open with their employee practices as it is with great sales.

Since Circuit City declined to answer our survey, gfn.com tried an alternative way of obtaining the information. By making a press request, we thought we'd able to obtain the same information, albeit the same way labeled as a different request.

The result of that is shown here — no information to share with you. By questioning the legitimacy of my profession and doubting who I was as a reporter, Stewart said he couldn't provide information through this means either. He said he had checked out the gfn.com site, but obviously neglected to read my bio stating my past and present journalistic endeavors.

An admirable attempt on Stewart's behalf, although it lacked a solid argument.

What matters here, though, is not my opinion or Stewart's for that matter, since we all have one, but your interpretation of the privacy issue and whether you are a socially responsible investor, with an eye towards a company's openness to diversification and its willingness to share information with you.

Just a couple of things to take into consideration when you realize that Circuit City beats the competitor's price on that new home stereo system by $20, but again, at what price?

Back in December, Circuit City announced its third quarter results with a 46 percent increase in earnings for its consumer electronics business to $38.3 million from $26.2 million in last year's third quarter. The consumer electronics business also produced earnings per share of 38 cents, a 46 percent increase from 26 cents in last year's third quarter.

And the company's geographic expansion program continues as well, another indication of favorable earnings and a long-term trend. Circuit City opened 12 new stores in November, including four Superstores in the New York metropolitan market and two stores in Indianapolis.

First Call has a mean consensus recommendation of 1.6 on Circuit City, indicating a buy-buy/hold status. Earnings estimates for 1998 came in at $1.13, with First Call forecasting $1.41 for fiscal year 1999 and $2.21 for fiscal year 2000.

In addition, CC's average long-term growth rate predicting by contributing factors stands at a strong 17.3 percent. A strong growth rate, indeed, as consumers continue to make Circuit City the nation's largest retailer of electronics. Someday soon, we hope, the short-circuit at Circuit City will be corrected and information will be available to both consumers and investors alike who choose to make socially responsible investments and purchases.

Poll Shows Gay Bias Linked To Student Violence

NEW YORK, NY — The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) said a national Gallup Poll linking anti-Gay and racist attitudes with student-on-student violence should send a clear message to school administrators that these bias and harassment issues need urgently to be addressed.

The nationwide poll revealed high school students who are aware of "violence-prone"groups in their schools believe these groups pose a particular threat to Gay students. Fifty-eight percent affirmed that "violence-prone" groups could be dangerous to Gay students, with fifty percent reporting to have heard these groups espouse "hatred of Gays."

Fifty-one percent of the students also stated that "violence-prone" groups could be dangerous to black, Hispanic or other minority students.

"These findings strongly suggest that countering anti-Gay bias and racism in the classroom goes hand in hand with countering violence in schools. You can't do one without the other," said GLSEN Executive Director Kevin Jennings. "In post Columbine America, school officials must realize that tolerating anti-Gay bias and racism in the school community creates a learning environment that is ultimately unsafe for every student."

GLSEN notes that while this poll points only to the potential for violence, studies show that Gay students and those perceived to be Gay or Lesbian face harassment on a near-daily basis.

The Massachusetts State Department of Education and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently found that Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual students are more than seven times as likely as their heterosexual classmates to be threatened with a weapon at school. They are also more than five times as likely to skip school due to feeling unsafe at or en route to school. GLSEN studies indicate that the average high school student hears anti-Gay epithets 25 times a day.

"The anti-Gay attitudes expressed in this study are not surprising - certainly not to us and probably not to the students who were polled," said Jennings. "We can no longer afford to be surprised, or to lose these lessons on the very people responsible for keeping our students safe."

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VENTURING OUT by Sasha Alyson

A Guide To Gay And Lesbian Travel

Top Travel Tips

We all know (or assume) that more money will buy you a better vacation. But over the years, I've discovered that some of the best ways to get more from your vacation don't require extra cash — merely a bit of effort. The following tips are among my favorite rules of thumb for travelers. Most of them are based on the idea that people, within reason and with few exceptions, want to get along. You want to show respect for your host culture, and they want to share their way of life. Our differences make us interesting, even vital, to each other.

Make a native friend before you go. Have someone to look up when you arrive. Traveling to Thailand? Tell the waitress at the local Thai restaurant. She may have a brother in Bangkok. New Zealand? Many Gay organizations there host a website. France? You must know someone who spent a year in Paris. Once you have a few names, and assuming you have a common language, call or email them. Let them know when you'll be in town, and make a courteous request. Could you take them out for coffee for an hour? Most people will say yes. If you know of common interests, mention them. Then see what good things happen.

Break the ice. You're waiting at the airport, a restaurant, or a castle. If you greet both locals and other travelers, you might make a new friend. Learning just a dozen words of the native language will smooth your journey: Hello, Good-bye. Thank you. Please. Sir, Ma'am, Miss. And, finally, learn to ask, "Do you speak English?" If they do, they probably want to practice. If they do not, then you've avoided the obnoxious travel sin of assuming that they should.

Learn basic local customs. Tipping is the first one to learn about. Even the small Berlitz guides include a few pages on this subject, and that's enough to prevent major embarrassments. Some actions, even simple hand signals that are common at home, can deeply offend someone in your host country. Don't make the O.K. sign in Italy; it's comparable to flipping your middle finger at someone in the States. Tipping is not expected in Japan. Pointing your feet at someone (when you sit on a temple floor for example) is highly insulting to Thais. Do yourself a big favor and read those few pages once before you depart — and again after you've been in a new country for a day or two.

Take time to browse. You cannot absorb French culture from the top of the Eiffel Tower. Sure, you want to see the Parisian skyline, but also peruse the narrow streets, browse the local food markets, shops and cafes; study the local craftspeople at work, even if you are not buying. People-watch from an outdoor cafe or a park bench. Even if you do not speak the language, a visit to a bookstore showcases the culture and its values. It's a fascinating experience, one of the best places to learn. Enjoy your position as an outsider to make observations about the local culture.

Ask for information. Most people want to help a confused traveler. Beyond that, you will find that a simple request often affects a more generous exchange. I once asked for directions to a cafe, and was invited into someone's home for coffee instead! While these experiences are among my most treasured, I still regard such generosity with healthy caution. The instinct to help is sometimes too strong. Someone uncertain of the right way to the train station may point down the wrong road, only because they are so eager to assist you. I routinely ask directions twice, after I have passed the eyeshot of my first advisor.

Prepare for the unexpected. Murphy's Law is international, and things can go wrong on a trip. Carry several credit cards, and keep them in different places: One in your wallet in your back pocket, one in your fanny pack, a third in your suitcase. I organize traveler's checks and vital information in the same fashion. For a critical item such as your passport, designate a special place. After use, always return it to that spot as soon as possible.

A great vacation is not the perfect destination. It's an attitude! Wherever you travel, keep an open mind and smile. You may find that you save money and add great value by making new friends.

Betty Degeneres Joins San Diego's 25th Pride Anniversary Celebration

SAN DIEGO, CA — Known to many as the loving mom who stood by her famous daughter's side after she boldly "came out" in the national press, Betty DeGeneres will serve as parade grand marshal for this year's 25th anniversary of San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride.

The colorful, mile-long parade through Hillcrest (noon, July 24) is part of a series of well-sponsored events scheduled for San Diego Pride weekend, July 23-25.

DeGeneres, a retired speech therapist and devoted mother to madcap comedienne Ellen DeGeneres, is currently a leading spokesperson for the National Coming Out Project of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC). The program offers educational outreach to families of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people.

The widespread homophobia DeGeneres witnessed after Ellen's self-outing last year quickly motivated her into becoming a national Gay rights activist — one who achieves her objectives through tenacity and compassion. Through numerous speaking engagements, she delivers a sound message of tolerance to schools, churches, parent organizations and various media, including a widely embraced public service announcement released last year by the HRC entitled, "For Our Families."

In her recently released book, "Love, Ellen: A Mother-Daughter Journey," DeGeneres poignantly describes how she came to terms with her daughter's sexuality while focusing on issues of acceptance.

"For too long, Gay Americans have suffered discrimination," says DeGeneres. "And as long as our sons and daughters are excluded from the basic protection of the law, we must share that burden as a family.

San Diego Pride Executive Director Mandy Schultz says, "DeGeneres is a high profile crusader for equal rights. She touches all age groups by greatly helping to

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Tucson's Gay Pride Week

Call for Participation

The Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance is proud to announce this years Call for Participation for Tucson's Gay Pride Week **June 19 though June 27.**

For any organization or business that wants to participate in Tucsons' Gay Pride Week please call the OUTline at 520-622-3200 and leave a message with the following information:

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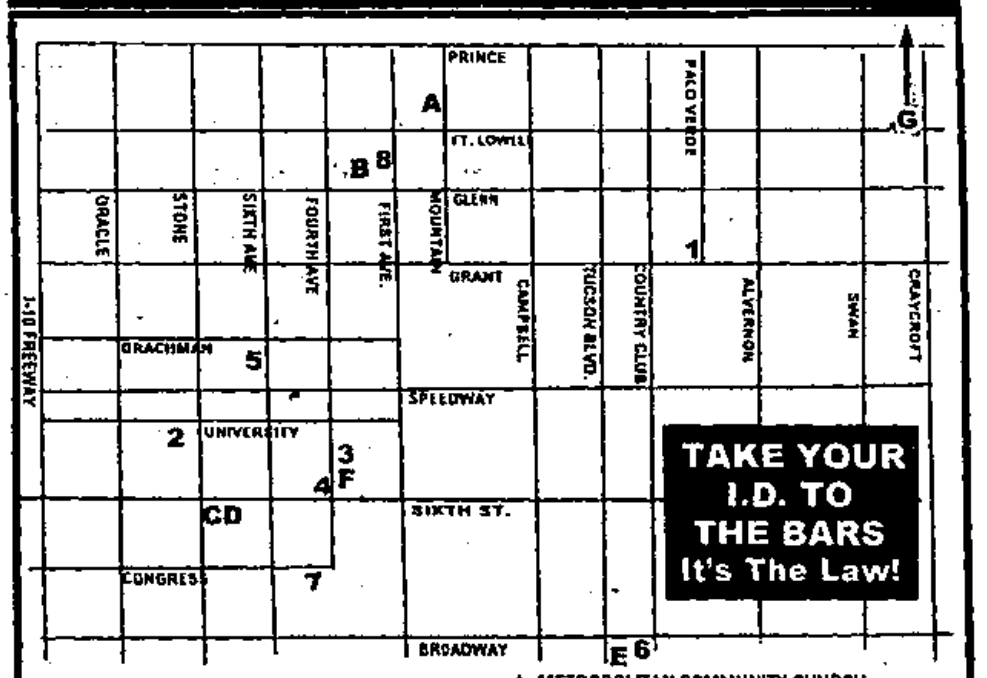

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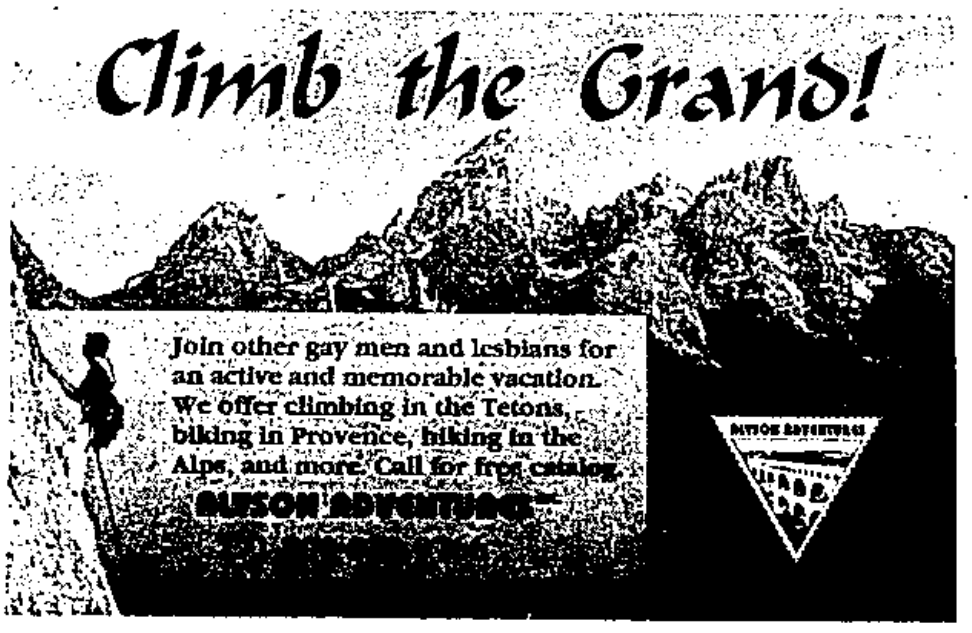

Man About Town by Jerry Diaz

Man About Town here. I hope everyone had a good Memorial Day and remembered our sisters and brothers who are no longer with us on this plain (for whatever reason). I, of course have my own list and miss them all dearly.

On to happier thoughts though. This weekend, as always, had me observing that which some of us take for granted. There should be a Memorial Day, once a week, for us to think of our own lives and truly see the life we live.

Friday, I went to see a good friend of mine (hello Antonietta) perform at the yearly Freak Show Event. The ad read "dress like a freak and get $1 off admission. I don't what a freak would wear at an event like this, so I didn't get the discount. You see, I don't think I know anyone who I would label a freak, and this even solidified that thought as being one, I do not share alone. Most folks came in elaborate, colorful costuming, although not a one would label themselves a freak. The event was an awesome mixture of song, dance (my friend and her troupe performed an eclectic number that was amazing), some hip-hop and all things that made for a "freaky" time. Just a side thought on giving labels. For those of you who believe: Do you think God asked Adam to label the people as he created them?

With the Monday holiday, a lot of people were out and about on Sunday night. Reveille Gay Men's Chorus held a benefit at IBT's, along with weekly karaoke. Reveille is all set to put on its ABBA special this weekend, so don't miss it. (I'll be at the Sunday show). The show, a brand of teamwork that overshadows any obstacle. A force of one is powerful, a force of many is empowered.

Just a personal thought before I go. It has to do with obsession. Sure, it's a great fragrance, but in persona it can be an ugly thing. If we were as obsessive about our doings as we were about those we pursue, Bill Gates would not be the only billionaire geek in this world. When you deal with someone else, that automatically makes it a two-way street. Which means traffic can hit you from the other side! Obsession is a rude, demeaning, and even sometimes law-breaking emotion. To be adult is to know to say no, to be complete is to let those who say no be. I think I made that up, feel free to repeat it as much as you like. You still see me out more and more as time goes on. Let me hear what you think. Have a great week Tucson.

Saving On Your Car Insurance

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sponded by saying she'd have to check with all 48 state representatives.

Now, the best for the last. When it comes to auto insurance, there's no better company for Gays and Lesbians to turn than the Hartford Financial Services Group (NYSE: HIG). The Hartford, Connecticut-based company has served the insurance needs of Americans for 188 years and now in an effort to drum up new business, it's targeting the Gay market - a market statistically proven to be financially sound.

It's called "Diverse Household Initiatives." For the past two years, the Hartford has offered auto insurance to same- and opposite-sex domestic partners at a savings of up to 25 percent. To qualify, same-sex domestic partners should live together in a committed and mutually caring relationship, jointly responsible for their expenses and expect their relationship to be long-term.

If you and your partner live together and are in a committed relationship, you may qualify to insure your vehicle on a single family auto policy.

"Most insurance companies sell to straight white men," said Bruce Hall, assistant vice president of diversity marketing, "but that's not really a growing segment. We've made a conscious decision to increase our penetration in non-traditional markets since only 26 percent of American households are married couples with children under the age of 18 at home."

Insurance companies have traditionally assessed lower premiums to married couples rather than singles since 'having someone to come home to lessens your insurance rate collectively.' But the Hartford realizes that offering discounted rates to same-sex domestic partner makes financial sense.

"We determined that what made a person a good risk had everything to do with coming home to someone," said Hall. "So we determined there were a number of different groups that had good risk profiles and Gays and Lesbians were one of them."

"This is good business," says Ron Nash, a Hartford agent in Camarillo, California. "John and Joe are probably both working and odds are they are both professional people, have a lot of disposable income, nice cars, and nice homes."

With the Hartford, you and your partner can put both of your cars on one policy and you'll get the multi-car discount. With the other insurance companies, Nash says, Joe and John would normally be required to be co-owners on the registration of the cars.

And in the meantime, Ted Hayeck wonders whether he'll be making a change in his auto insurance. After we told him several companies offered discounts to domestic partners, he told us he may very well take advantage of that newfound knowledge.

"I think offering discounts to domestic partners is a great idea," Hayeck said. "All I know is that I can remember when I was 18 and 19 years old, those so-called danger years, the expensive years. The thing is, my insurance has done nothing but go up ever since then."

Maybe that will now change.

THE GLAAD BULLETIN

GAY & LESBIAN ALLIANCE AGAINST DEFAMATION, INC.

Ignorance is Dangerous: Richard Lessner's editorial "High-School Hijinks: Homosexual Group at West; Lawsuit in Concord" in the May 18 edition of the Union Leader (Manchester, NH) was an exercise in journalistic ignorance.

Students at Manchester's West High requested a support group for Gay and Lesbian teens and were turned down by their principal. Their request is now before the school board. Lessner tosses off this request as a bit of nonsense, since "the last thing they need in such circumstances is a "support group" to add to their confusion by endorsing their supposed sexual orientation."

Further, as the author of this piece is a journalist, we would have thought that he could get the facts straight. Among his gaffes, he maintains that "[n]o evidence suggests that homosexuality is genetic," and argues that "it is a myth that homosexuality is untreatable." It is shocking that a staff member of a newspaper in the very same state where Gov. Jean Shaheen has just repealed a ban against Gay adoption treats part of his readership with utter contempt and compromises the safety of its youth in a most cavalier fashion.

Please let the Union Leader know that this column was offensive, defamatory and dismissive. Contact: Jim Linehan, Managing Editor, Union Leader, P.O. Box 9555, Manchester, NH 03108-9555, fax: 603.668.0382. . . .

The Rev. Jimmy Creech Keeps On Keepin'_On: In the May 15 Charlotte Observer Anna Griffin profiled the Rev. Jimmy Creech, one of a half-dozen United Methodist ministers around the country who performs same-sex marriage ceremonies.

Griffin chronicles Creech's evolution from a civil rights activist during the late 1960s to a young pastor in North Carolina to a pastor who marched in Gay rights parades and preaches tolerance. While Creech doesn't see himself as a Gay rights activist, per se, he was swayed in 1984 by a member of his parish who withdrew in protest of a church order that held homosexuality to be unacceptable.

From that point on Creech spoken out on behalf of his Lesbian and Gay parishioners, has addressed organizations such as Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG), and has continued to challenge church doctrine by performing same-sex ceremonies. Ms. Griffin delved into Rev. Creech's past with care, spoke with those whose lives he has touched and has elicited dynamic quotes from the pastor himself: "My cause is the soul of my church." In this article she has managed to illustrate how a mainstream (and heterosexual) pastor has reconciled faith with respect for all.

Please commend the Charlotte Observer for this nuanced and inspiring portrayal of the Rev. Jimmy Creech. Contact: Jennie Buckner, Editor, Charlotte Observer, P.O. Box 30308, Charlotte, NC 28230 fax: 704.358.5022, e-mail: opinion@charlotte.com. . . .

Epithets By Ex-Gay Go Unchallenged On WUSA: On Monday, May 17, WUSA, the Washington, DC affiliate of CBS ran an interview segment following a protest that Parents & Friends of Ex-Gays (P-FOX) recently mounted against the American Psychiatric Association (APA), for its recent statement condemning reparative therapy.

Moderator Gordon Peterson invited two guests to discuss the recent ex-Gay ads, which began airing this past Mother's Day, and the APA's condemnation of 'conversion therapy.' The national director of P-Fox, Tony Falzarano, had the floor first. In the course of a few q&a's he made the following egregious statements: "Most people don't realize that 75% of homosexuals have been molested or raped as children." "The average male homosexual [is dead from AIDS] at the age of 42." Unfortunately, these statements went uncontested. Dr. Andrew Cutler of the APA was unprepared to dispute these defamatory remarks levied at the Gay community. As a result, since these charges went unchecked, viewers at home might then hold them to be true.

Please voice your concerns that this segment was unbalanced and that it privileged P-Fox by presenting only their contact information at the close of the telecast. Note: GLAAD has since met with WUSA, which plans to prepare a piece on ex-ex-Gays. Tell them that you look forward to such a segment. Contact: Paul Irvin, News Director, WUSA Channel 9, 4100 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC, 20016-2807, 202-895-5999, e-mail: 9news@wusatv9.com.

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Suit Filed Against Florida Gay Adoption Plan

MIAMI, FL — The American Civil Liberties Union filed a class-action lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Key West to challenge Florida's law against Gay adoptions, the only remaining legislative ban on Gay adoptions in the nation.

"What we're looking for is for potential adoptive parents to be judged on a case-by case basis on their fitness to provide a loving, stable, adoptive home," said Howard Simon, ACLU executive director in Florida. "The only way to do that is to remove the blanket prohibition that exists in the law."

The lead plaintiff in the Florida suit is Steve Lofton, a 41-year-old man, who with his partner of 15 years has raised three foster children ages 8 to 11 from birth. Two are HIV-positive; the third, born positive, no longer tests positive for the virus that causes AIDS. They are joined by several children's advocacy groups.

Child welfare groups in Florida say more than 1,000 children currently in state foster programs could have found homes if Gay men and Lesbians were allowed to adopt.

"They trust Gays and Lesbians to be foster care parents but not adoptive parents," said Simon. "What we want is to remove that blanket prohibition . . . so that they would be evaluated as to their fitness and suitability to be adoptive parents just like everybody else."

After the New Hampshire repeal, Florida was the only state in the country left with an explicit legislative ban on Gay adoption. A number of state agencies, however, use procedural guidelines to make it difficult, if not impossible, for would be Gay parents to adopt.

Arkansas and Utah use such agency rules to bar Lesbian and Gay heads of household from adoption eligibility, and a bill pending in the Texas Legislature would prohibit the state's Child Protective Services agency from releasing children in its care into Gay homes. A similar bill is pending in Oklahoma.

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PERSPECTIVE

By Katrina C. Rose

Advocating For The Transgendered

The title is what I do. I'm Transsexual. I'm an attorney.

I'm also Lesbian. Does this mean that I will be covered by an ENDA that does not protect gender variance as well as sexual orientation?

Absolutely not.

I've been following the current Advocate poll on whether Transgendered people should be a part of the Gay movement with great interest as you might imagine.

I'm heartened by the responses in favor of Transgender inclusion - and dumbfounded by some of those against. For instance - an anonymous Gay man who voted "no" said, "I don't have anything implicitly in common with a Transgendered person except for the fact that society generally regards my sexuality as inappropriate."

So, Q.E.D. - Transgendered people should be excluded?

His words should be proof that a "yes" answer in the Advocate poll should be appropriate. All of us are acting - or, in some cases, simply being - in a manner that radical Christian religionists have deemed to be inappropriate for members of the gender to which we were assigned upon emerging from the womb. As poll respondent Sue Anderson wrote, "When someone discriminates or commits a hate crime, it is often as much about us not fitting gender stereotypes as it is about homophobia."

Translation of all of this into sex-ese? Some of us suck cock. Some of us rearrange cock.

If gender identity is not included in our - and I mean OUR - civil rights legislation then gender variance will be the radical right's next weapon of choice - easily useable against all but the straightest-looking, straightest-acting homosexuals. It is those straightest-looking, straightest-acting homosexuals that tend to have the most problem with Transgender inclusion (a few of whom are Gay males who are still complaining about "and Lesbian" being added to "Gay").

From Mary Ann Horton "If Transpeople are excluded, then only Gays and Lesbians who can pass for straight are included."

I am glad that I was not the only person who recognized this reality.

Of course, I've been chided for stating that gender variance would be the next weapon used against non-Transgendered homosexuals. The claim is that there is no proof of this happening where non-inclusive employment protection exists.

Proof is what you want it to be.

Religionists use their own concocted perception of homosexuals being all highly paid and affluent as "proof" that there is no discrimination against homosexuals - ignoring the fact that, absent employment protection law, those high-paying jobs can be yanked out from under those highly-paid homosexuals with impunity. Likewise for Transsexuals. All of this, of course, also ignores the homosexuals and Transsexuals that are never hired for high-paying jobs for which they are qualified - either because they don't "pass" or are simply honest about who they are.

If Title VII was interpreted properly by the courts, the words "because of sex" would already cover not only sexual orientation but also gender variance. Why would anyone think that "sexual orientation" would be expansively interpreted by a court?

There is no evidence of gender variance being used against non-Transgendered homosexuals for the same reason that there is almost no official proof (Translated: statistics - government-approved or otherwise) regarding discrimination against Transsexuals in general: if gender variance is actually given as the reason for the job discrimination, the discriminatee likely knows that there is no recourse to the courts. Searching for a new job becomes the top priority. Getting canned often makes activism become secondary to eating - understandably so.

Those who say that there is no discrimination are able to do so because they are not in the class of people to which it is ever likely to happen. They are either straight, or they pass as such.

Convenient, eh?

Perhaps the Trans-excluders, who seem to be mostly Republicans and Republicans who pass as Democrats, would do well to go back and review one of Ronald Reagan's 1984 re-election commercials.

Ronald Reagan. A Republican who welcomed Jerry Falwell into the White House with open arms. Remember him?

The star of the commercial was not Reagan himself, but, rather, a bear. The bear just ambled about in the woods, but a voice over announcer intoned a warning obviously intended to invoke a fear of the USSR - but without ever mentioning Russia or Commies or the pro-nuke message that it, in reality, was.

It went something like this:

Some people say that there is a dangerous bear in the woods. Other people say that there is no bear. Shouldn't we be prepared, just in case there is a bear?

On the matter of including gender variance with sexual orientation, the matter is quite clear. There is a bear. In fact, there is not simply one bear - but many. These bears - the armies of right-wing attorneys funded by Pat Robertson and James Dobson - exist and are constantly devising ways to eviscerate the newly-recognized rights of homosexuals and Transsexuals alike.

If you think for one second that they will not use gender variance as an end-run around federal protection based on sexual orientation, then you cannot see the bear that is about to bite your head off.

Elizabeth Birch, Barney Frank and all of the other Trans-excluders don't seem to be worried about the bear. Rather, they worry about Transgendered people being "too much" for ENDA. The only reason that Transgendered people are "too much" to be included in ENDA is because we are never included in ENDA - a vicious circle.

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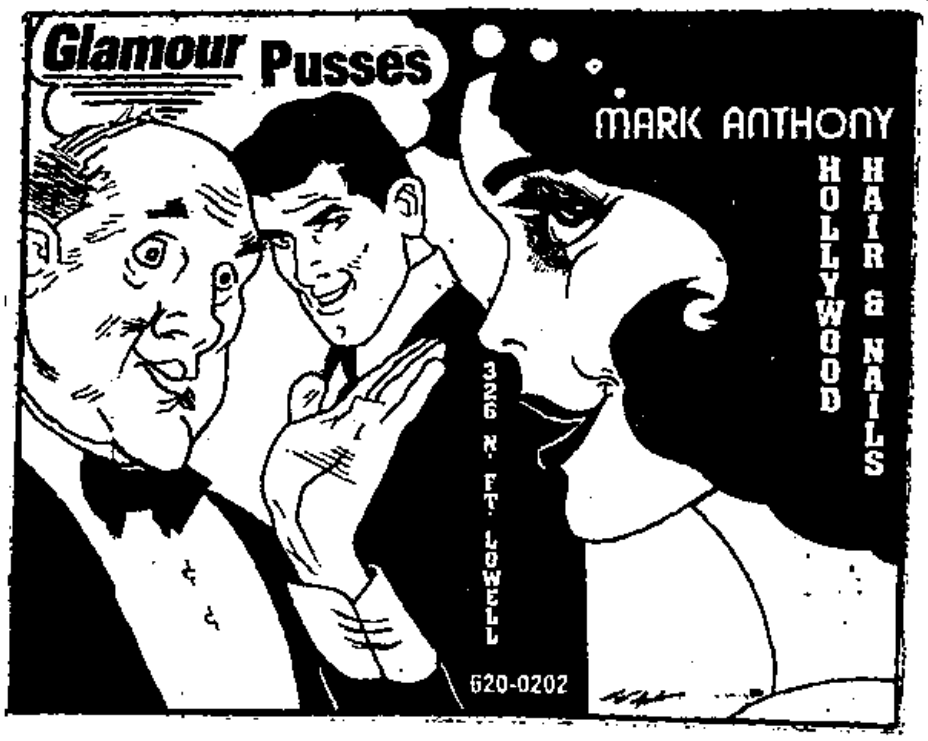

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Lesbian Raises Awareness Of Doctor's Bias

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woman conducted by Stanford University indicated that 84 percent were hesitant to return to doctors because of what they perceived as discriminatory treatment.

Earlier this year the Institute of Medicine, a division of the National Academy of Science, issued a federal report that concluded Lesbians were at greater risk of diseases such as cancer and heart disease because they avoid regular medical examinations.

"I have patients who say they have not been to a doctor in 17 years, or I haven't been to a doctor in 10 years," said Marki Knox, a gynecologist at the Lambda Medical Group, a Los Angeles medical clinic that specializes in the treatment of Gays and Lesbians.

"I have seen women who have major problems that would have been far easier to take care of if they had been seen earlier," she said.

Among the procedures Lesbians frequently put off are Pap smears, mammograms and cholesterol tests.

Rather than face potentially embarrassing questions, experts say, Gays and Lesbians usually give false or misleading information about their sex lives, or avoid doctors altogether.

Problems also occur when people lie about their sexual orientation, or mislead doctors, Lambda's Knox said, because physicians can't properly treat patients unless they have accurate information.

Doctors working in clinics that specialize in the care of Gays and Lesbians say patients recount a wide variety of reactions from physicians when they reveal their sexual orientation.

"(It is) everything from simply being grilled, like; 'Why don't you use birth control?' 'Because I don't sleep with men,' to being asked not to come back, to being referred to a psychiatrist, to being told to take hormones," said Knox. She said one woman she now treats recounted that when she told a previous doctor that she was a Lesbian, the male physician told her she needed to have sex with a man.

"This happens far more often than even I would have imagined," Knox said.

Privacy is a key issue to many. Even if a person feels comfortable being open with a doctor, they worry some information might be placed in their medical records that they would not want to see shared with others.

That is what happened in DuPont's case.

After the examination, Axtell made several notations in DuPont's medical record including, according to a photocopy accompanying her lawsuit, the following:

"At the end of the visit, I told the pt (patient) that I felt uncomfortable treating her because of her lifestyle," Axtell wrote.

"I gave her the names of Dr. Tracy and Dr. Reuland to see in my place. The pt was very offended that I was being prejudiced against her and was upset about that. I told her that I felt that since I was uncomfortable treating her and I have too many patients to begin with, I felt that she should seek other physicians in the group and since she has been told my position, I felt that she would not want to come back and see me as well."

DuPont said she decided to take her case to court to raise awareness of the issue.

"I really want the public to be aware that (there are) people like Dr. Axtell with that mindset," DuPont said.

Calls to Axtell and Bristol Park Medical Group were referred to Alain Jourdier, a vice president of marketing for St. Joseph's Health Systems, the parent company of Bristol Park.

"Because it is in litigation we won't be making any comments or granting interviews," he said.

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.

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.

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Desert Vision

by Rev. Louis F. Kavar, PhD

Where Do I Begin?

Spirituality is one of those things many people talk about today. That definitely wasn't the case ten or fifteen years ago. Because there's so much talk about spirituality from so many different perspectives, I'm not surprised when people ask me where to begin there own spiritual path.

I suspect most people haven't spent much time reading or thinking about spirituality. Some people go to church because they've always gone to church or because they like something about the church they go to. Others don't find that church, discussion groups, or things usually associated with spirituality are important to them. How does a person who's never considered themselves "spiritual" or has never had much interest in anything "spiritual" or "religious" begin to explore the spiritual dimension of life.

I generally suggest that people begin by making an assumption. Even if you think that there is no such thing a spirituality or don't believe you've ever had any kind of spiritual experience, for the sake of argument try to suspend your judgment. Consider, at least for a little while, that there really is something called "spirituality" or a "spiritual dimension" to life. If your not open to the possibility of spirituality, you'll probably not find it. The first place to begin is to be open to the possibility of something new.

Secondly, take some time to look back over your life and consider times when you had a sense of well-being. That can mean lots of different things. It may have been a time you felt good about your life or a time when you felt in touch with something that was larger than just you. Perhaps it was standing on the rim of the Grand Canyon and feeling in awe of what was before you. Or maybe it's the experience of calm you feel when you run or jog. It may have even been the experience of being loved by someone. What was that experience?

Thirdly, once you've remembered and thought about a few different experiences where you felt a sense of well-being, ask yourself what you can learn from them. What about those things gave you a sense of meaning, purpose, or value?

When we begin to understand what in our lives give us a sense of meaning, purpose and value, then we are able to take steps towards understanding how our lives really do have meaning, purpose, and value. We come to understand the larger meaning and purpose of our lives by first finding meaning and purpose in ordinary, day to day activities. That is the heart of spirituality.

Spirituality is not the same as, "spiritualism." Spiritualism is a belief in a dimension of life with spirits and forces and other-worldly beings. A person's spirituality may include spiritualism. But a person's spirituality is primarily about life in the here and now. Spirituality is that dimension in life where we grapple with issues of meaning and purpose. Spirituality provides us with a sense of value to our life.

Where do I begin to figure out what spirituality means in my life? Begin with your life, how you live it, and how you find a sense of wholeness and well-being. That's where the spiritual path begins.

[The Rev. Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D., is a counselor and spiritual director in private practice in Tucson. He can be contacted at 290-1591 or by e-mail at LouKavar@aol.com.]

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Last week I wrote about my ultimate goal, living in Heaven for eternity. And I wrote that I have that assurance because I am a follower of Jesus. With that in mind, I feel compelled to share one more time how very simple it is to become a believer in Jesus Christ.

In the Bible we read "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that whomsoever will believe in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) I consider myself a "whomsoever" and know in my heart that God's plan of salvation is for me as well as anyone else.

Yet I know that many of you reading this article have been told that God cannot love you, or that he can't love you unless you stop being Gay. I believe that I was born Gay and yet also know in my heart that God not only loves be but that I am "saved" because I have given my life to Jesus. You don't need to be mislead any longer. Neither Jesus nor writers of the Bible ever condemned homosexuality. Unfortunately many well-meaning Christians over the centuries have taken passages of the Bible out of context and said that what the writers were referring to were homosexuals, like we might think today.

In fact, any references to homosexuality are in regards to the homosexual acts being done as a part of idle worship or the conquering of an enemy. That certainly does not sum up my homosexual life. I am in a monogamous relationship and am committed for life to my spouse. I try to put God first in my life and have spent the better part of the past 13 years serving him. I see my life as lining up to Scriptural standards not going against them.

The Bible says in Paul's letter to the Romans, ". . . if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." It's plain and it's simple. We must first acknowledge that we are sinners. Next, admit we cannot stop being sinners in and of ourselves. Then, trust that when Jesus died on the cross, it was payment for our sins and believe that he rose from the dead and is now in Heaven. And finally, we must ask Jesus into our lives and our hearts. And that's it. If you do this simple yet faith-filled act, you will receive the reassurance and peace that comes with realizing that you do have a future beyond this life. A future in Heaven with Jesus Christ forever! And you won't be relegated to the "Gay" section of Heaven nor receive less blessings than your "straight" counterparts.

No, you and I will stand side by side with thousands, perhaps even millions of other Christians who spent a lifetime saying we could never have made a relationship with God through his son Jesus, unless we stopped being who we were created to be.

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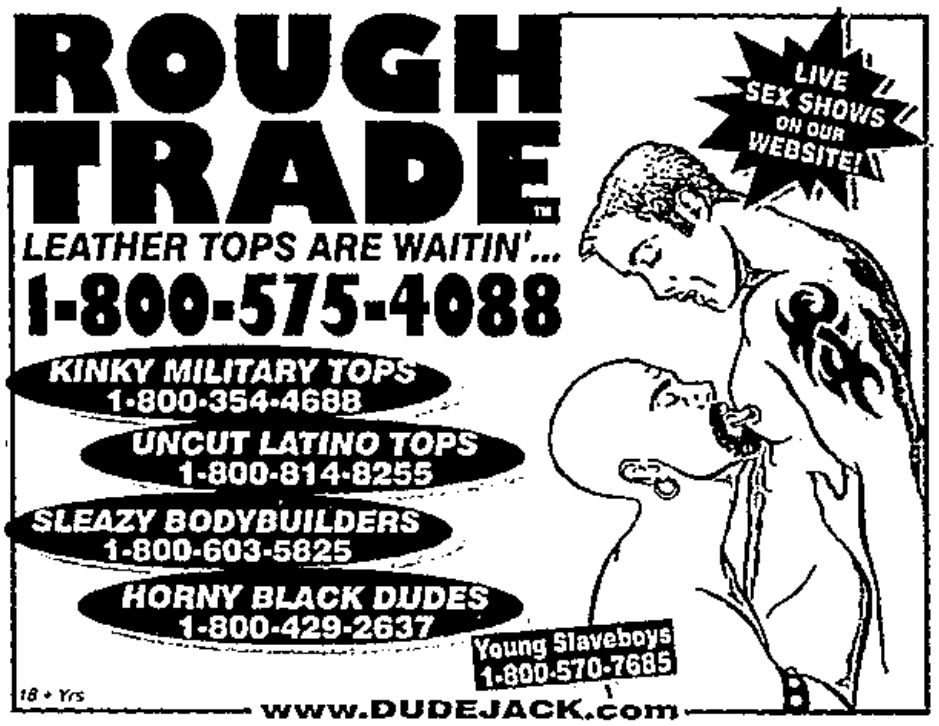

Perspective

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I worry, though. I worry not just because the Transphobia bear has bitten me - forcing me to leave my home state to find employment - but because I have concern about the entire community of which I am a part. I know that passing an ENDA that does not include gender variance will ultimately be as efficient at bear-trapping as using bubble gum would be to do algebra.

Sexual orientation protection must include gender variance to be effective. And, when it comes to protection, using a little sun screen never hurts either - but, that really is a non-Gay issue.

[Katrina C. Rose is an openly Transgendered attorney currently practicing in Houston, Texas, though she is soon to relocate to Minnesota due to the oppressively anti-Transgender employment climate of Texas.]

View From The Rock

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If you have questions about your spiritual walk and would like to discuss reconciling your homosexuality with your Christianity, please feel free to call our church for an appointment. Knowing where you are going is of great comfort and not something we should put off for another day. After all, no one has the assurance of tomorrow.

I would like to end with the words to a song I recently heard. It is written as though someone who had died and gone to Heaven is explaining how it is to be there. These words could be yours someday as well if you will just believe.

"If you could see me now, I'm walking streets of gold. If you could see me now, I'm standing tall and whole. If you could see me now, you'd know I've seen his face. If you could see me now, all pain has been erased. You wouldn't want me to leave this place, if you could see me now."

Betty Degeneres

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dispel the misconceptions that families sometimes place on their Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender children. We're extremely proud to have her join us for this exciting anniversary celebration."

In addition to heading up the San Diego Pride parade, DeGeneres will also speak at Pride's annual "Spirit of Stonewall Rally," at 8:00 P.M., July 24 at the New Center, located at 3909 Centre Street. The outdoor rally is the official kickoff for Pride weekend, titled this year: "San Diego Pride 25! Celebrate the Past, Create the Future."

For a list of events and festival entertainment, call the Pride office at: (619) 297-7683, or visit the Web Site at: http://www.sdpride.org.

Entertainment Briefs. . . .

ABC Plans Two New Shows with Gays: ABC, erstwhile home of "Ellen," has announced plans for the fall season, including two new shows with Gay characters -- the only new shows with Gay characters announced so far (ABC, NBC and WB having spoken, with CBS and FOX still to be heard from), as the networks pitch for the 85% of their advertising that's sold before the season begins.

Picture this: a half-dozen assorted 20-somethings living and dating in Manhattan -- would you call it "Friends?" Well, that being taken, it's "Wasteland," the creation of Gay Kevin Williamson, who's already given the world WB's "Dawson's Creek" (still Wednesdays in the new season, btw) with its pioneering Gay teen character. Also unlike "Friends," "Wasteland" is an hour-long drama and features Brad Rowe -- the object of Sean B. Hayes' (now Jack on "Will & Grace") character's desire in "Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss." "Wasteland" should be relatively cheap for ABC since it comes from fellow Disney property Miramax Television. So what's the downside? Going head-to-head with NBC's powerhouse "Frasier" (which could indeed be a "wasteland").

The second show really is a half-hour comedy, "Oh Grow Up," with three male friends described as a womanizer, a Gay man and an artist (artists, of course, never being either of the other things) sharing a domicile where they're soon joined by one's 18-year-old daughter. So what's the upside? Following ABC's strongest comedy "The Drew Carey Show" as a lead-in -- where "Ellen" used to live; but as DeGeneres pointed out, that cross-over audience, though large, was not necessarily compatible.

Meanwhile, "Spin City" with Michael Boatman's excellent work as an African-American Gay regular, is moving to the Tuesday time slot emptied by "Home Improvement." And if you drooled over Gina Gershon in "Bound," she'll be co-starring with Paula Marshall ("Cupid") as a high-tech P.I. in L.A. in the hour-long youth-oriented comedy/drama "Snoops" from David Kelley ("Ally McBeal," "The Practice" and "Chicago Hope") on Sundays. . . .

Strand Releasing grabs Beefcake: Strand Releasing, noted for producing many Gay-themed films, has landed the rights to director Thom Fitzgerald's comedy Beefcake. The film, described as a campy look at he-man magazines of the '50s, premiered earlier this year at the Sundance Film Festival. . . .

Video Releases: Some admired Gay films are now fresh video releases. "Gods and Monsters," with Gay Sir Ian McKellen's multi-award winning, Oscar-nominated performance as Gay film director James Whale, was released earlier this month (although a special DVD edition will be out in a couple of weeks), and now he's also on video as a former Nazi in "Apt Pupil." For a different angle on Nazi Germany, showing the victimization of Gays in the Holocaust, there's Sean Mathias' film realization of Martin Sherman's famous 1979 play "Bent."

The prize-winning Canadian film "The Hanging Garden," critically acclaimed but not very accessible in the U.S. until now, describes a Gay man's return home after a decade away from the family and town that had driven him to suicide (more humorous than you might expect). There's also Todd Solondz' "Happiness," for those willing to be amused by a story about a child molester. . . .

Versace Book Withdrawn: Don't go looking for "Undressed," Christopher Mason's "tell-all" bio of the late great Gay designer Gianni Versace, unless you're pals with one of the reviewers who'd received an advance copy. Little, Brown withdrew it pretty much without comment. Mason both gets to keep his six-figure advance and to shop the manuscript around to other publishers, which may help to make up for what was reportedly a rather hellish project for him, turned in a year behind schedule.

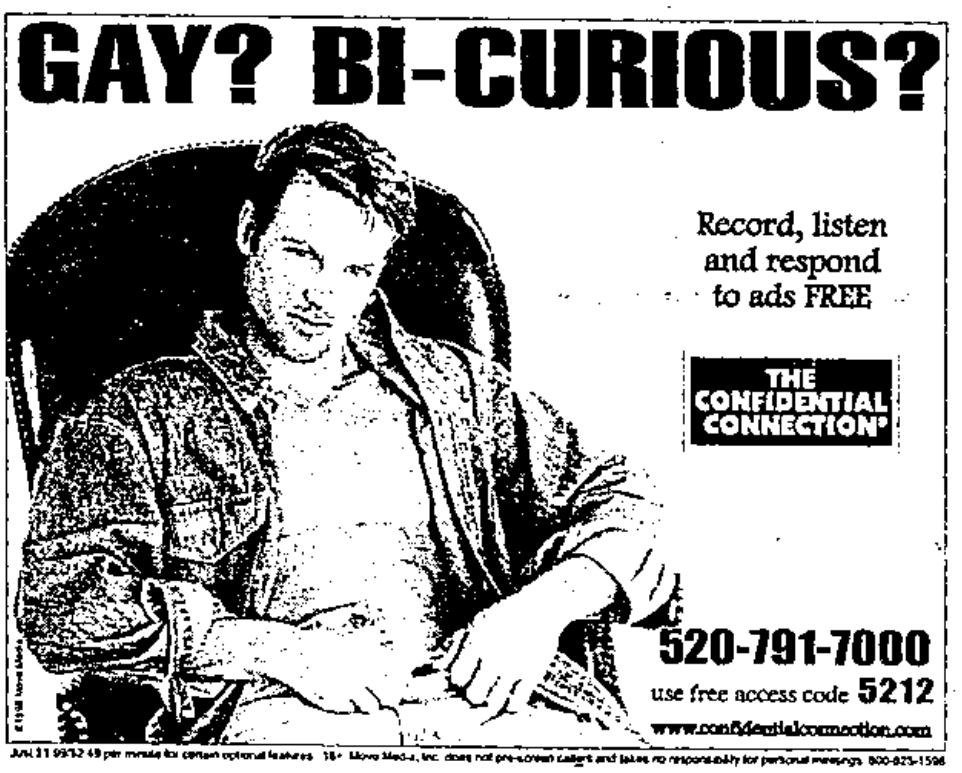
The rumor mill has it that pressure from Versace's family shut the mouths of many important informants and made the publisher think they'd lose more in lawsuits than they'd gain in sales. It's also rumored that it isn't exactly a gem of a book, parts having been subcontracted to ghost writers -- although we don't have one of those review copies to comment.

Protest At University Of Rhode Island

KINGSTON, RI (WS) — About 50 people demonstrated outside a fraternity house at the University of Rhode Island to protest an anti Gay slur spray-painted on the side of the house.

"Unfortunately, this violent act against the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual community and against ideals of tolerance was not an isolated or unusual one here at the university," said Andrew Winters, an adviser to the university's Gay student group. "They are part of a continuum of violence that affects the quality of life of all of us."

The group called for the creation of an office to deal with the concerns of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual students and staff. University president Robert Carothers was among those at the rally. The fraternity house had been closed earlier in the year because of alcohol violations: "I want to make this clear, that this stuff is over," Carothers said. "Anybody that persists in this kind of behavior" will be expelled, he added.



Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a Topic of Discussion regarding Gay Kids (us)/Straight Parents. For reservations and directions, call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 5 & 6

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus in concert "extrABBAganza" at Pima Community College Center for the Arts ProsceniumTheatre, 2202 W. Anklam Rd. Saturday performance at 8:00 p.m. and the Sunday performance will be at 3:00 in the afternoon. $10 for advance sales, students and seniors ($12 at the door). $8.50 for children 12 and under. Festival seating. Call 617-3100 for reservations. Ticket outlets Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave., Desert Pride, 300 E. 5th St., Tucson Trunk, 5605 E. River Rd.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Potluck & Social Gathering as we sit down to eat with some of the nicest gay guys in town (like you!). You're invited to come and share your favorite dish with the men such as yourself. Join us at 6801 N. Oracle (Casas Adobes Congregational Church). Please call Jerry at 690-9565 for directions and any questions you June have.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 3:00 p.m. Join our brothers in Reveille for their ~ concert at the Pima Community College on Anklam. All things ABBA is the theme. Tickets are $10 in advance, $12 at the door.

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). 6:00 p.m. It's D-Day, the Sixth of June, so that can mean only one thing: A Doris Day Double Feature. At 6, we'll show Pillow Talk", followed by "Lover Come Back" at 8. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

MONDAY, JUNE7

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. We celebrate Melchor Ruiz' gallery showing at Wingspan. Everyone is encouraged to come and look at his provocative, beautiful work. Wingspan is located at 300 E. 6th Street.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

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 John at 743-8138.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join John as he hosts 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 John at 743-8138.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bill invites you to the MSN premiere of "The Opposite of Sex". This "hilariously nasty" comedy follows Dedee Truitt as she comes to live with her gay, half-brother-and proceeds to wreck havoc. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

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.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Join Dan for a Puzzling Dinner as he hosts a buffet dinner followed by a mystery puzzle. Space is limited to 6 participants, so call early. 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. The Book Club will be discussing "The Magician's Tale" by David Hunt. Even if you don't read the selection, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, please call Steve at 388-4849.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take be held at Les & Jerry's home. Simply bring $4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565. Please note: reservations *should* be made by Thursday, June 17 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill as he hosts a new event for MS N-Pinochle Night. If you're a fan of the game, this is the place to go. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll help you out. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

IBT'S - The Girlie Show featuring Victoria Du Puis, Bunny FuFu, Faith Michaels, Ajia Simone and Lucinda Holliday. 9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Latin Dance Party with DJ Eduardo. Salad es Poder presents Fuerza Latina 2000 with special guest Miss Hay Tucson 1999 Tori Steele. 10:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

HOURS - Girls Nite Out Softball Tem Benefit Cook-Out stating at 2:00 p.m. and will feature Adrianne's Fry Bread! Come on down!

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

GRADUATE - GRADUATION DAY FOR THE GRADUATE. 4:00 P.M. AN AUCTION of Graduate memorabilia and memories to benefit TIHAN and SAAF.! Drink specials all day!

IBT'S - Bar-B-Que/Beer Bust to benefit G.L.S.E.N.. New hours 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Then at 9:00 p.m. a fundraiser for OUTeberFEST 'Purple Team' Gilda Falsle and Kenneth Blake. Who will be headline the show along with Bunny FuFu and specials guests.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - The Jewel Box Revue starring Tammi Caprice, Aletta Whoremoans, Misti Malone. New songs, new costumes, new production. 10:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Chef Darrin's Spaghetti and Meatballs also Fellucccine Alfredo 7-9 p.m. Benefits SAAF.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

IBT'S - A special Girlie Show with featuring Barbra Seville, Phaedra and Faith PLUS the Lipsinc Contest To register to enter the contest call Lucinda at 327-1576

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Country dance music tonight 9:00 p.m. to closing.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

IBT'S - Benefit for Arizona Angels Ball team.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Desert La Cage starring Crystal Abrams, Mama Reyna, Faith Michaels, Jalissa Michaels. 10:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

STONEWALL/EAGLE - The Rainbow Revue featuring Tommie & The Marlettes. 10:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Live Band in Concert. Blues/Jazz. Lori Davidson & The Intruders. 10:00 p.m. No Cover.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

IBT'S - Rudy De La Mor show. Mark your calendars and see this terrific entertainer.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

IBT'S - It's Pride Beach Party time again! Watch for details.

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2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). TBA Jorge leads of group to the Circus! The Ringling Bros.IBarnum & Bailey Circus is in town, and Jorge encourages you to run off and join them tonight. At press time, the show times were not known, so please call Jorge at 887-4055 for details.

3. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Desert Voices' 10th Anniversary Concert, Legacy, is performed at the Temple of Music and Art. For tickets, please call Davey at 886-1208. Tickets are $10 in advance, $15 at the door

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 2:00 p.m. An ice cream social is planned at Frank's house on the northwest side of town. Just bring a pint/quart/half-gallon of your favorite ice cream (or sherbet or yogurt) to share with others. Bring your swim suit along if you'd like to swim as well. For reservations and directions, please call Frank at 579-9984.

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.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

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 John at 743-8138.

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 2-6pm. 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). Boss 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 Slyy shots $2 (w/juice $2.25). Dart Tourney 8pm

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool Journey 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 3-8pm. $1.50 well or domestic beer. Draft Beer Nite 8-close. $2 small/$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 3-8pm $1.50 well or domestic beer. Import Night $2.25 8pm-1am

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour Noon to 8pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. Mystery Night. $1.75 Bud Product 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. Wit=reamy 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 (part 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. Snackbar open til midnight

VENTURE-N - Open 6am $2 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Patio Bar open 5pm. Feature Bottles $1.75 from 9pm-midnight. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. $3 entry (Pot Matched). Hides Leather shop opens at 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

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 Hollman 577-8333 for more info.

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

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 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 791-7676.

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 Betrano 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 (evelten@ix.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 10th 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 218-2827. 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. Elke 581-8850 or Renn 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. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 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, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #345, Tucson, AZ 85719.

NOTICES

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

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet every Sunday morning and some weeknights for fun runs. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555 or e-mail mandmtuc@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 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

Lesbian and Gay 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.

LYCHEN 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. 579-9029

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. 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, Informational 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, 889-4078 or pager 448-5123.

NOTICES

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Medeiros 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 293-9624.

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 295-1893 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 Educatinn Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. 743-4800.

GAY CRISIS LINE now in operation. For crisis call (520)577-3760 or 1-888-774-9200. Crisis mailing address: P.O. Box 126, Tucson, AZ 85705. Also donations urgently needed. Mail to same address.

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If you are a Latino man who is having sex with other men and you want to help us to support and expand our programs for Latinos, call for a confidential interview at 322-6226 and ask for Ernie. 776

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DESERT PRIDE LLC is now accepting applications for P/T and Full Time work. Please submit resume in person at our store located at 300 E. 6th St, next to Wingspan. Computer competence in Microsoft Word and Excel required. 773

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

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