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EDITORIAL

Give The Mayor's GLBT Task Force Official Standing

Monday, June 28 marks the thirtieth anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, which launched the Gay and Lesbian rights movement.

On that day, Tucson's Mayor and Council will consider a proposal to give Mayor George Miller's Task Force on GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender) issues official standing.

Mayor Miller's Task Force was formed in October 1998, after the Tucson memorial for the slain, Gay University of Wyoming student, Matthew Shepard. The Mayor told the crowd assembled on the University of Arizona mall that he wanted to address GLBT issues, and not just talk about them. With Miller's address, the Task Force became a reality.

More than three dozen individuals serve on the Mayor's Task Force, which consists of three subcommittees: Legal, Education and Social Services.

After the initial meeting with Mayor Miller, these subcommittees went to work.

For the Legal Subcommittee was the city's then 21-year-old anti discrimination ordinance. Updated language, increased protections and penalties were drawn up by members of the subcommittee. The Mayor and Council unanimously approved the recommendations. Also included were protections for the Transgendered community, a first in the nation.

A survey of government social services agencies by the Social Services Subcommittee began. This survey was to see if Gays and Lesbians received proper treatment and results.

Many meetings, between members of the Educational Subcommittee and local school superintendents and principals have taken place, to bring home the message that Gay and Lesbian students, teachers, employees and administrators should feel and be safe on their respective campuses and to have the same rights as others.

Much has been accomplished by the Mayor's GLBT Task Force in the eight months it has been in existence. Many projects are ongoing by the three subcommittees. So why the need for the Mayor and Council to consider a proposal to give the Task Force official standing?

Time. In the Spring of this year, Mayor Miller announced his intentions to not run for a third term. With that announcement, when Miller's term expires on December 6, so does the Task Force, since it was created by Miller.

Any proposals that the Task Force comes up with must go through the City of Tucson Human Relations Commission to get their approval before it can go to the Mayor and Council for consideration. This is because the Task Force does not have official standing in City government. Any proposals must have approval by a Citizens Advisory Committee with standing before being taken up by the Mayor and Council. That means the Mayor and Council must have officially recognized the committee, by a vote.

Citizens Advisory Committees play an integral part of the government of the City of Tucson. The Mayor and Council consider many recommendations by these citizen activists, who serve on the many Advisory Committees, covering issues ranging from bike paths to the police.

Why then doesn't the Mayor's GLBT Task Force simply operate under the auspices of the Human Relations Commission?

The Human Relations Commission covers the issue of civil rights for Tucsonans, while the Task Force covers more than just GLBT rights. Domestic partner benefits, job protections, insurance and overseeing funds for HIV/AIDS and GLBT organizations have become/or will be a part of the Task Force's duties and goals.

This proposal, if approved, would not be a unique thing for the City of Tucson.

Currently, there are two Citizens' Advisory Committees that deal with specific groups: the Women's Commission and the Native American Commission. Both have official standing with the city government.

Much has been accomplished in Tucson for Gays and Lesbians.

In 1977, the Mayor and Council adopted an anti discrimination ordinance, with protections for Gays and Lesbians, enforcement capabilities and full criminal penalties. Tucson became one of the first

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Gay West III Night At Old Tucson This Saturday, June 26 - 6:00 p.m.

TUCSON — Local organizations supporting the Gay and Lesbian community celebrate "Gay Pride Week" with "Gay West III," a western-themed fund raising event at Old Tucson Studios from 6:00 P.M. to midnight, Saturday, June 26.

Proceeds from "Gay West III" will go to non-profit organizations serving the Tucson Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community.

Moneys from this year's event will benefit:

Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), the Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA), Wingspan: Tucson's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center, Desert Voices Chorus, Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, Lesbian Health and Cancer Project, Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), Wingspan's Domestic Violence Committee, Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance (AZAPA), Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church and, Pet Watch.

Last year's event drew nearly 2,000 visitors, raising $6,000 for local charities. The event also increased community awareness related to the LGBT community.

Scheduled events include park shows, rides and attractions, along with a country western dance under the stars, a High NRG dance in the Grand Palace Saloon, Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, Desert Voices Chorus and Tex-Mex music and dancing. Participating organizations will present an information fair. The Pima County Health Department will offer free, anonymous HIV testing.

Wingspan will present "100 families/one family." Additionally, a special candlelight gathering, "Gay Pride: Honoring our Pioneers," will be presented by TIHAN.

TIHAN's event will take place at the "High Chaparral" stage. Candles will be provided by TIHAN to acknowledge and honor those living and passed away who have demonstrated courage, who have taught us lessons of acceptance and love, and who have fought battles that have paved the way for future generations.

Gay West III is a privately-sponsored charitable event that is open to the public. Tickets are $10 in advance from participating charitable organizations or at any Dillard's Box Office. Tickets may be purchased the day of the event for $12 at Old Tucson Studios' ticket office. Additional ticket information is available by calling Old Tucson Studios at (520) 883-0100, extension 0.

Old Tucson Studios is located in Tucson Mountain Park, 201 South Kinney Road, just minutes from Tucson. Take Interstate 10, exit Speedway Boulevard, (West) and follow the signs. Recreational vehicles must travel I-10 to I-19 South, exit Ajo Way (West) to Kinney Road and follow the signs.

Bank Of Scotland Issues Public Apology

EDINBURGH, Scotland (NJ) — That in its first formal public acknowledgment of regret, the Bank of Scotland issued an apology for the concern its association with American televangelist Pat Robertson had caused.

The bank canceled a multi-million pound direct banking tie-up with Robertson in early June after following an escalating protest campaign organized by religious leaders, Gay civil rights activists, women's groups and others. The final straw came when Robertson called Scotland a dark land overrun by homosexuals.

In a written statement, Bank of Scotland's Deputy Governor Sir John Shaw stressed the institution's commitment to tolerance, non-discrimination and equal opportunity.

"The board of the bank regrets any concern -- to customers, potential customers, proprietors and staff -- caused by the events of the past few weeks," read the statement. "As has been recognized from the outset, the concept of establishing a telephone banking operation in North America has considerable potential and we intend pursue the strategy through other relationships.

"We recognize that the bank's involvement was a mistake," Shaw said later in a meeting with company shareholders. "Our judgment was wrong, and for that the board apologizes." He said the bank was "naive" not to realize that Robertson's opinions would cause concern.

"The bank was well aware he was a controversial figure in the U.S., but we didn't expect the controversy would be transferred to a country where he has no business interests," Shaw said.

Shaw also took the opportunity to offer assurance to depositors and investors

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UPDATE

'It's Elementary' Under Attack In Phoenix; PFLAG Asks For Help

PHOENIX — KAET-PBS Channel 8 in Phoenix is being deluged with calls (including numerous bomb threats and threatened lawsuits) in an attempt to prevent the documentary It's Elementary--Talking About Gay Issues In School from being shown in the Phoenix market.

The appeal from the Phoenix chapter of Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays continues: "This is an urgent appeal for you to send an E-mail message, make a phone call, and/or write a letter to KAET in support of showing the film. Without our voices being heard, it simply won't happen." Apparently KAET started receiving E-mail messages, phone calls, and letters in opposition last March, when it was announced that the film would be made available. The station's major concern is possible loss of funding. While KAET depends on funding from the public (which could also be hurt), the major source of its funding comes from the Arizona legislature.

KAET is required by federal law to begin broadcasting in digital signals in 2000, and without the funds to do so, it could go off the air permanently. KAET can be reached by E-mail at KAET@asu.edu, by phone at (480) 965-2308, or by mail at P.O. Box 871405, Tempe, AZ 85287.

TPD Increasing Activity In Adult Bookstores

TUCSON — The Observer has received word from the Internet that the Tucson Police Department (TPD) is increasing their activity in the local adult bookstores.

According to theses reports, the police are allegedly looking up under the doors to see if patrons are masturbating and apparently making arrests.

Second City In Arizona To Offer DP Benefits

By Mark R. Kerr

TEMPE (ON) — The City of Tempe became the second city in Arizona to offer benefits to the domestic partners of their employees.

Tempe's Mayor and Council gave final approval to extend benefits at their June 10 meeting to approve a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The proposal had received initial approval at the April 28 Council meeting.

Under Tempe's proposal, medical benefits could be extended to both homosexual and unmarried heterosexual couples, of which one is a city employee. According to a city task force, it is expected that only 15 or 20 of the city's 1,500 employees will sign up for the benefits.

According to Dave Brown of the City of Tempe, the forms and process of payment of benefits are still being drawn up by the city's human resources department and must be approved at another Council meeting, which opponents of the proposal may try to derail the extension of benefits.

Position Open At SAAF

TUCSON — The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is seeking an individual for the following open position:

Gay Men's Health Project Outreach Specialist: Energetic individual sought for half-time (20 hours/week) position to provide outreach, recruitment and health education for Gay and Bisexual men in Southern Arizona. Applicants should be familiar with Gay bar culture and possess excellent communication skills. Salary range: $8,500 to $10.500; prorated benefits.

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AHRF Banquet Draws 800

SCOTTSDALE (ON) — More than 800 Gays, Lesbians and supporters attended the 1999 Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF) Banquet, held this past weekend at the Camelback Inn.

The banquet is the annual fund raiser for the state's Gay and Lesbian rights group. Proceeds from which help AHRF in their efforts to get favorable legislation passed by governments in the state and to elect candidates who more supportive of Gay, Lesbian and HIV/AIDS issues. With the silent auction, more than $100,000 was raised for the group.

Many political leaders were in attendance, including: Congressman Ed Pastor and Jim Kolbe, twenty five members of the state Legislature, including openly Gay State Representatives Ken Cheuvront and Steve May of Phoenix, Arizona Attorney General Janet Napolitano and the entire Maricopa Community College Governing Board.

AHRF honored 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 received the Barry Goldwater National Award. In her speech, she informed the crowd that she will be returning back to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Foundation to oversee a foundation named for her. State Representative Ken Cheuvront and Pat Boyd were recipients of the Arizona Human Rights Award.

Closing Of Graduate A TKO For Tucson Knight Owls

TUCSON — Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) made the Graduate its home bar for many years. TKO is now starting its third decade and a new era at the Venture-N.

TKO will begin celebrating its 20th Anniversary and its move to the Venture-N on Saturday, July 3. The 20th Anniversary Party will begin with a Ceremony of Posting of the Colors at the Venture-N at 3:00 P.M. All are invited to attend this moment in TKO history.

In July 1979, TKO was founded in Tucson. The group is a community, non-profit, non-political club which sponsors benefits and fund raising events for organizations and the community. TKO also works with other clubs with mutual interests. TKO works for the better of the community and is made up of members who come from throughout the community without regard to age, cultural/ethnic background or sexual orientation.

Inaugural Miss Gay Metropolis Pageant August 7

PHOENIX — The contestant search is on for the First Annual Miss Gay Metropolis 1999 Pageant.

This is a direct preliminary to Miss Gay Arizona-America 1999. It is open to contestants statewide. This pageant will be held Saturday, August 7 in Phoenix.

Those seeking an application should contact Richard Black/Celia Putty, (602) 266-0550.

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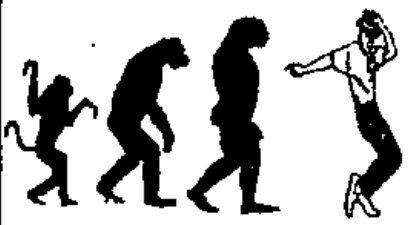

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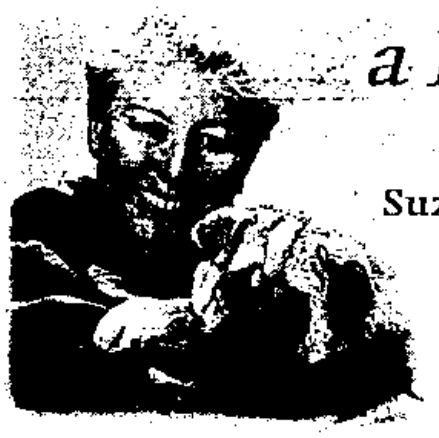

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SAAF UPDATE
SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION

By Anne Maley

This is an exciting month for SAAF. We have closed on our building at 375 South Euclid. Renovations have begun, and SAAF should be moved by August 1. The building will allow much better space for clients to access case managers, support groups, and the food pantry.

The capital campaign is progressing very well. We have raised 73% of our goal of $700,000 over three years. We are financing the remainder of the purchase price with a no-interest loan from the seller, Bill Pascoe.

In other fund-raising news, I would like to thank all of you who participated in the 12th Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling and Benefit Auction in May. You helped raise nearly $14,000 for services and programs for people affected by HIV/AIDS.

At our June Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved SAAF's budget for 1999-2000 of $2,497,024, which includes the budget for our housing programs (not previously shown on SAAF's agency budget).

We've recently had some changes in our Development staff. Matthew Palmer, events coordinator, has taken an exciting position with a capital campaign organization and is now in Fresno, California, putting together a plan to raise funds for the Fresno Art Museum. We will certainly miss Matt's organizational skills and wish him well in his new ventures. We are still searching for someone to take charge of SAAF's fund raising events.

Currently, we are also searching for a Client Advocate to assist clients with access to services within and outside of SAAF. This position also stays up to date with legislative action and community resources related to HIV/AIDS.

I hope you all are finding ways to stay cool this summer. Stop by and see us on Wednesday evenings, when we are open until 8:00 P.M., for case management, peer counseling, and Buyers Club, and from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. for Walk-In Wednesday, our drop in volunteer work parties.

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DEAR OBSERVER AND TUCSON COMMUNITY:

It is with much gratitude that we thank Dave Huff and Frank Schepis and everyone at The Graduate for their generous contribution of $933.50 from the proceeds of the auction on The Graduate's final day. We were honored to be chosen as a co-recipient, along with SAAF, of this historic event: the "curtain call" for Tucson's first Gay and Lesbian bar.

As Mark Kerr so aptly described, The Graduate was in many ways our "first Gay and Lesbian community center in Tucson," a gathering place, an information clearinghouse, a place to celebrate and to mourn, and also the site of countless fund raisers for HIV/AIDS services over the years.

To Dave and Frank, TIHAN is very grateful for your continued support. I would also like to thank the bar's staff and patrons who made the final auction such a success. Part of the legacy of The Graduate will be continued HIV education and continued support for people living with HIV/AIDS in Southern Arizona.

With gratitude,
Scott Blades
Executive Director
Tucson Interfaith
HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN)

DEAR EDITOR:

I have read and reread the letter from Eric Cuestas-Thompson MSW, about the stalking and assault witnessed by him and his partner on June 6, 1999.

The negligence seems to be on the part of the victim who refused to heed the advice of the police officer that suggested he move along (for his own safety). Had the officer stayed and been forced to use his gun to stop the attackers, he may have had to shoot the victim who stubbornly refused to clear his line of fire. The officer used good judgement in leaving the scene.

Jim Crouch

FTC Issues Warning That Internet HIV Tests Are Unreliable

WASHINGTON, DC (WS) — Home test kits for HIV that are purchased over the Internet are unreliable, according to a new warning issued by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

"The FTC recently tested HIV kits advertised and sold on the Internet for self-diagnosis at home. In every case, the kits showed a negative result when used on a known HIV-positive sample -- that is, when they should have shown a positive result," according to a statement issued by the agency.

"Using one of these kits could give a person who might be infected with HIV the false impression that he or she is not infected," FTC officials conclude.

The agency suggests that anyone who has used such a kit be re-tested for the virus that causes AIDS.

The kits are sold over the Internet and may claim or imply that they are approved by the World Health Organization (WHO) or the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which is untrue. Currently, there is no FDA-approved home test kit for HIV and WHO does not endorse such products.

The only kit approved by the FDA is the Home Access Express HIV-1 Test System, which allows a person to collect a blood sample at home and ship it to a laboratory for analysis.

"Safe, reliable HIV testing can be done only through a medical professional or a clinic, or through use of the Home Access Express HIV-1 Test System," according to the FTC.

The FTC statement notes that

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POLITICS 1999

by Mark R. Kerr

"$1.00 Is Too Much For This Political Buffet"

At a campaign stop in Los Angeles, Vice President Al Gore stopped a question and answer period with students at a local high school to comfort a Lesbian teen who had broken down while describing the abuse she endured from former classmates.

Jessie Funes began crying while describing the verbal attacks she put up with. Gore crossed the gymnasium to hug Funes. "How can anyone not be moved by such a sincere opening of her heart?" Gore said. "I believe that in the history of our nation we have grown in our understanding to what it is to be human. Now we have to expand the human circle of dignity to include Lesbians and Gays."

Talk about a photo-op for Gore, but what about people living with AIDS Mr. Vice President? Because . . .

Fifteen AIDS activists heckled Vice President Al Gore outside the Hamilton County, Tennessee, courthouse as he made his announcement kicking off his presidential campaign.

The protestors blew air horns and chanted, "Gore is killing Africans; AIDS drugs now." "Al Gore's devout loyalty to the drug industry is literally costing millions of lives," said Emily Winkelstein, a member of AIDS Drugs for Africa, a grassroots group.

The activists criticized Gore for threatening trade sanctions against South Africa if it enacts a law to allow for domestic production of AIDS drugs through compulsory licensing.

The protests continued. For the second day, activists disrupted a presidential campaign appearance by Gore.

A group of four AIDS Drugs for Africa activists managed to get close to Gore during an appearance in Manchester, New Hampshire, and shout at him for before a Secret Service agent approached the group.

A spokesman for the vice president, Chris Lehane, said that the Secret Service initially decided not to intervene because they did not believe the protesters posed a threat to Gore. This despite the fact the protestors were on the stage when Gore was speaking. Three times during the incident, Gore told the activists, "I'll be glad to talk with you afterward." So did he?. . .

By a vote of 216 - 210, the U.S. House of Representatives turned back a bill that would have blocked the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention from developing and distributing to schools the publication "Healing the Hate: A National Bias Crime Prevention Curriculum for Middle Schools." (Congressman Ed Pastor voted no and Congressman Jim Kolbe didn't vote. Oh, really?)

Representative Mark Souder, R-IN, had introduced the Consequences for Juvenile Offenders Act (HR 1501), which included a prohibition against the DOJ producing materials which would "discriminate against, denigrate or otherwise undermine the religious or moral beliefs" of any person involved in other programs authorized by the bill, including parents of children in school-based programs.

Supported by Jerry Falwell as well as Lou Sheldon's Traditional Values Coalition, this measure was designed to eliminate anti-homophobia training Falwell charged would constitute "a direct and aggressive attack on Biblical Christianity" and would be "used to indoctrinate the young" and "promote anti-Christian bigotry." Just like Tinky-Winky and Lillith Fair does!

Opponents of Souder's measure maintained that its language was over-broad. Over-blown could be said as well.

In a statement, Human Rights Campaign political director Winnie Stachelberg said, "It was a major victory in that Congress recognized the seriousness of hate-motivated violence in public schools and elected not to let politics undermine the safety of students. The Souder amendment [to the Child Safety and Youth Violence Prevention Act of 1999] would have jeopardized efforts to curb hate crimes against all public school students, including Gay and Lesbian students."

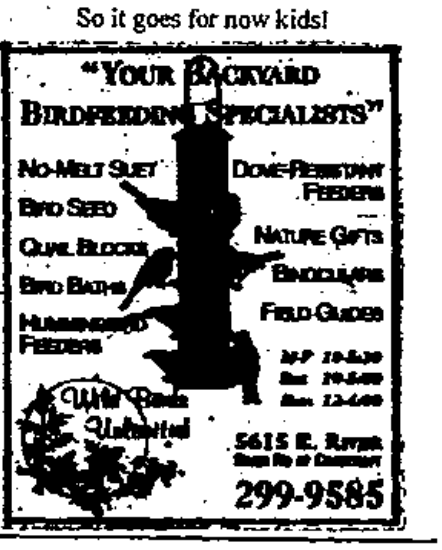
The U.S. Senate voted 99 - 0 to pass the Work Incentives Improvement Act (S 311), which would make it possible for people with disabilities to retain federal medical benefits even after returning to work. Current rules for Medicaid and other federal programs have served to stop people with HIV, among others, from working when they are able to do so, lest they lose access to needed treatment.

The Act would offer the states the option of participating in a Medicaid buy-in to increase people's access to health services, with implementation decisions to be made by the states, including the option of a time-limited demonstration project to test the program's effectiveness. The House companion measure last month unanimously passed the Commerce Committee. . . .

Former Arizona Governor and soon to be chef at the Denny's in Yuma, J. Fife Whitewash III, had his conviction on federal bank fraud charges overturned due to a looney lady being on his jury and then being kicked off during deliberations. After telling the assembled press, "neiner, neiner," and "I told you so," he thanked his lawyer, his wife (especially her big bank accounts) and God and said he is glad to live in the greatest country in the world.

He does. Especially if you're white, married and rich, or have access to moolah. Because in America, money talks and justice walks! . . .

So it goes for now kids!



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Ex-Policeman Wins Anti-Gay Harassment Suit

NEW YORK, NY (NYT) — James M. Quinn, a former Nassau County police officer who endured nine years of constant and often vicious harassment after his fellow officers and supervisors learned he was Gay, was awarded $380,000 in damages by a Federal jury.

Legal experts on discrimination law said the verdict marked the first time in New York State and one of the few times elsewhere in the United States that a jury has held the government liable for anti-Gay workplace harassment.

Quinn, who joined the Nassau County force in 1986, charged that when other officers at his precinct learned he was Gay in 1987, he became the subject of humiliating pranks, regular physical abuse, verbal harassment and defamation.

Quinn said his supervisors ignored repeated complaints about the treatment he was being subjected to and that the abuse did not stop when he left the force. He eventually moved upstate to escape his tormentors.

The jury deliberated for a day and a half before finding that the harassment of Quinn constituted an "ongoing practice of sexual-orientation discrimination." The jury ruled that Nassau's Police Commissioner, Donald Kane, was unaware of the harassment, but found that a lieutenant, Joseph Allen, and a sergeant, John Ryan, purposefully ignored Quinn's appeals for aid.

The jury found that two supervisors and another police officer, Phillip Rice, motivated "by a disliking or hateful discriminatory attitude toward homosexual men," had conspired to harass Quinn.

Quinn was awarded $250,000 in compensatory damages for emotional distress, and $60,000 in disputed back pay. The jury also assessed $30,000 in punitive damages against Officer Rice, $20,000 against Lieutenant Allen and $20,000 against Sergeant Ryan.

Proving a government entity liable for anti-Gay harassment has been extremely difficult under existing New York State and Federal laws. While New York City has municipal laws prohibiting anti-Gay harassment, no such protection is conferred in Nassau County or in many other areas around the state.

Last week a Suffolk County Judge dismissed a case brought by a Gay postal worker who was suing under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Judge Leonard D. Wexler ruled that the statute covered only discrimination "based upon sex," not upon sexual orientation.

Quinn's lawyers, Leonard Leeds and Rick Ostrove, opted to pursue a different strategy: They sued under a civil rights statute that bars a law enforcement officer from violating a citizen's constitutional rights, and argued that Gay people were entitled to protection from harassment under that statute through the constitutional guarantee of equal protection.

Judge Arthur D. Spatt of Federal District Court in Uniondale, N.Y., agreed. "This judge said homosexuality is protected," Ostrove said. "He's giving them the same exact level of protection as blacks and women. He said this was the worst harassment he'd ever seen on the bench, and called it a classic case of supervisory liability."

Teens Convicted In Stomping Murder

ORLANDO, FL (OS) — Two teens charged with the kicking and stomping death of Steven Goedereis were found guilty of murder by separate juries.

One of the youths aces life in prison, and the other could spend the next 30 years behind bars. The juries, weighing the fate of Bryan Donahue and William Dodge, both returned murder convictions that reflected their belief that Goedereis was attacked on April 27, 1998, because he was gay.

Donahue, 17, was found the most culpable. The jury deciding his case deliberated for a little more than an hour before finding him guilty of second-degree murder and robbery/hate crime -- a conviction that could mean life in prison.

Seven hours later, a separate jury returned from three-and-a-half hours of deliberation to convict 18-year-old Dodge of third-degree murder and hate crime. Dodge faces a maximum sentence of 30 years when both are sentenced on September 3.

"This shouldn't have happened. This shouldn't happen to anybody," Kevin Miller, Goedereis' friend and roommate said. He said he was pleased at the convictions rendered by the juries.

Prosecutor Renelda Mack called the two teen "head-hunters" out to teach an openly gay man a lesson. Defense attorneys, meanwhile, characterized the slaying as a tragic event inspired by fear and teen-age bravado.

Goedereis, 29, had just finished drinking with some friends after work and was walking home when he passed 16-year-old Donahue and commented on his looks. Donahue at first ignored the comment, then returned to punch Goedereis and stole his bookbag.

Prosecutors said Dodge and Donahue returned to the street becoming "hunters on the track of a lone and already hurt victim." Mack said the defendants attacked the victim with such force that Dodge's sneaker left an indelible imprint on his victim's forehead.

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Now, Wingspan is accepting nominations for this year's Award Recipient, to be honored at Wingspan's Second Annual Benefit Dinner, on Saturday, September 18 at the Marriott University Park Hotel.

If you'd like to nominate someone for this year's Award, please complete the form below 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.

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An Open Letter To Jerry Falwell From Mel White

Dear Jerry,

I've been reading your autobiography again. It still moves me. And I'm not just saying that because I wrote it. Strength for the Journey inspires and informs readers because you talk about your failures and not just your success.

I'm especially moved by those twenty short pages in Chapter Eleven that describe your transformation from 1964, when you were a staunch segregationist, to 1968, when you baptized the first black member of Thomas Road Baptist Church.

When I asked you what happened in four short years to change your mind about segregation, you told me stories about the African-Americans you had known and loved from childhood.

"It wasn't the Congress, the courts, or the demonstrators," you assured me. "It was Lewis, the shoeshine man, and Lump Jones, the mechanic, and David Brown, the sensitive, loving black man without a wife or family who lived for most of his adult life in the backroom of our large family home in Lynchburg."

It was obvious that you really cared about those black men, especially David Brown. "He was a good man," you told me. "He helped my mother with the cooking and cleaning. He cared for me and my brother Gene when we were children. He bathed and fed us both. He was like a member of our family."

Then, one day, you and Gene found David Brown lying unconscious and unattended in the lobby of Lynchburg's General Hospital. One portion of his head and face had been crushed from a severe blow with a dull pipe or the barrel of a pistol. He suffered cuts and bruises over his entire body; yet because he was black, he lay dying in that waiting room for forty-eight hours without medical help. You and your brother intervened but your friend was permanently damaged by the racist thugs who left him for dead and by the racist hospital policies that denied him treatment in time.

Do you remember how your eyes filled with tears when you told me, "I am sorry that I did not take a stand on behalf of the civil rights of David Brown and my other black friends and acquaintances during those early years."

I knew from the sound of your voice, Jerry, that you are still sorry that you did not take a stand for equality in those early years of ministry. Nevertheless, after condemning President Johnson's Civil Rights legislation as an act of "Civil wrong" and after preaching fervently against integration, you had the courage to acknowledge your sinfulness and to end your racist ways.

"In all those years," you told me, "it didn't cross my mind that segregation and its consequences for the human family were evil. I was blind to that reality. I didn't realize it then, but if the church had done its job from the beginning of this nation's history, there would have been no need for the civil rights movement."

Well said, friend. But now I have to ask you one more time. Has it ever crossed your mind that you might be just as wrong about homosexuality as you were about segregation? Could it be that you are blind to a tragic new reality, that the consequences of your anti-homosexual rhetoric are as evil for the human family as were your sermons against integration? Have you even thought about the possibility that you are ruining lives, destroying families, and causing endless suffering with your false claims that we are "sick and sinful," that we "abuse and recruit children," that we "undermine family values."

In the 1950s and 60s, you misused the Bible to support segregation. In the 1990s you are misusing it again, this time to caricature and condemn God's Gay and Lesbian children. Once you denied black Christians the rights (and the rites) of church membership. Now it's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Christians you reject.

For ten years we've been collecting samples of your dangerous and misleading rhetoric against homosexuals. We have file drawers filled with your anti Gay mass-mailings to raise funds and mobilize volunteers. We have audio and video collections of your anti Gay sermons and your anti Gay radio and television broadcasts. Coupled with your regular appearances on Nightline, Geraldo, and Larry King Live, and your ability to attract media attention (as you did with Tinky Winky) you have become one of the nation's primary sources of misinformation about homosexuality and homosexuals. You are saying things about us that are NOT true, terrible things with tragic consequences in our lives and in the lives of those we love.

Please, Jerry, hear your own words about segregation and apply them to my homosexual sisters and brothers. "I can see from the earliest days of my new faith in Christ," you told me, "that God had tried to get me to understand and to acknowledge my own racial sinfulness. In Bible College, the Scriptures had been perfectly clear about the equality of all men and women, about loving all people equally, about fighting injustice, and about obeying God and standing against the immoral and dehumanizing traditions of man."

The Scriptures are still clear about the equality of all men and women. The Scriptures are still clear about loving all people equally. The Scriptures are still clear about fighting injustice and standing against the immoral and dehumanizing traditions of man. Why can't you apply those Scriptures to us instead of the six verses you misuse over and over again to clobber and condemn GLBT people?

For years you supported the "immoral and dehumanizing traditions" used to persecute people of color. Then, finally, the Spirit of Truth set you free. Now, you are a supporter of "immoral and dehumanizing traditions" used to persecute homosexuals. Please, Jerry, let the Spirit of Truth set you free again.

Thank you for meeting with me last year to hear the evidence that we are God's children, too, but it was obvious during our meeting (and in your avalanche of anti Gay rhetoric that followed) that you were not taking that evidence seriously.

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The Stonewall Riots As Seen Through The Eyes Of An Astrologer

By Charlene Liechtenstein

NEW YORK, NY — Astrologers are often consulted to give proper perspective and intelligent illumination to certain major events. For those of use who enjoy a little 20/20 hindsight, I modestly offer an astrological analysis of the events at Stonewall in 1969. I, for one, believe that the planets set the whole thing in motion.

June 28, 1969 at 1:20 A.M., an unexpected police raid was carried out on a bar in Greenwich Village, New York City. Usually, the patrons would submit to whatever humilities the police would dole out, but on that particular night, enough was enough.

The riots lasted five days and ultimately launched the Gay and Lesbian liberation movement. Was it the drinks? Was it the planets? What was it that night that made the Stonewall Riots the event it was and the turning point it turned out to be? What indeed?

Astrologically, the night was primed for revolution:

The Sun, which changes signs every 32 days or so and rules our life's ambitions and true personalities, was in sentimental and sensitive Cancer that night. It was quite true that emotions were exceptionally high during that period (Judy Garland's funeral was held the day before in New York City and it has been said that many in the community were devastated by her death.)

The Moon, which changes signs about every two days and rules our emotional reaction state, landed in Sagittarius on June 28. Mars, the planet of action and aggression was also in Sag at the time. Rebellious Sagittarius; Poke in the eye Sagittarius; Need I say more? Not only does this particular sign not listen to authority, but it absolutely revels in that wonderful type of "up yours" attitude.

Contemplative Mercury, in quick thinking, quick action Gemini, contributed to the highly charged energy and Venus, the planet of love, was in stubborn Taurus. Taurus the bull will not be put aside when it is finally pushed to the limit of patience.

"The Ascendant," which rules first impressions and beginnings of things, was in fiery, no holds barred Aries. Word of advice - Aries is the steamroller sign. Don't ever so no to an Aries.

"The MidHeaven," which is the sign that was in the highest spot in the sky at that time of night, was in Capricorn. Capricorn knows how to gain the long term advantage; what to do and how to do it. It is also one of those unstoppable signs once it gets going. The old goat knows just how far to push without getting totally squashed.

So what do we have so far? Highly charged emotions coupled with an "in your face, don't even try to hold me back" attitude just waiting for a justification to act. The true beauty of astrological analysis is the interaction between the planets, called "aspects." Aspects cause the energy to take off in one direction or another. It's what gives us our oomph. The planetary oomphs that night were fairly dramatic. Here are just a few of them:

The Sun had a pleasant aspect to Saturn. Saturn can be a hard taskmaster, but when it "sextiles" the Sun, one can experience a terrific learning experience. It can also set things in their proper direction. Stonewall set the entire movement in the right direction and there was no turning back. In addition, the Sun had a difficult face off with explosive and unpredictable Uranus; who we want to be becomes open to sudden, unexpected changes. We are not pretty during this time. We don't sit up and shut up.

Mercury and the Moon didn't see eye to eye, emotions and logical thoughts were not in synch. We do what we are compelled to do, rather than what is logically the most prudent (and respectful) thing to do.

Mars gives the energy and impetus to act. It had a few planetary tete a tetes that night and, with the exception of delusional Neptune, they were all good. Action produces lucky (Jupiter) and unexpected (Uranus) results. Need I point out that Mars was sitting in the area of the horoscope that affects sex and deep psychological revelations.

The planet that probably set the whole affair on the map is Pluto. Pluto was having some pretty major interactions with other planets that night:

1) conjunct Uranus and Jupiter with unexpected major transformations that prove to be very lucky; 2) sextile Neptune, not sure what to expect, but big, big, big; 3) square Moon and Mercury, resulting in allowing emotions and ideas to cause some pretty major changes; 4) trine Venus with big, beautiful transformations.

Pluto is unleashed, power and major change. There is no turning back with this planet. It erupts and changes the landscape. That night, it changed the landscape forever.

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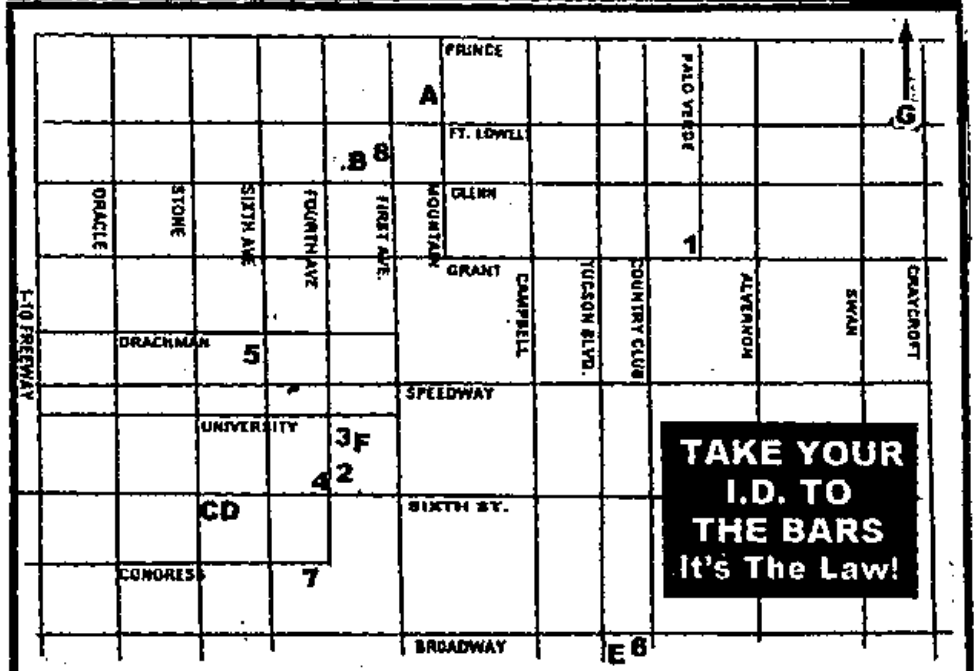

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

The Sun moves from intellectual Gemini to emotional Cancer this week, heralding in a new emphasis on our most private personal missions for the next month or so. Open your eyes and your heart but beware - the Crab has a very hard shell but a very soft and vulnerable center.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Pioneering, prideful Rams feel the tug and pull of home. Blame it on Sun in Cancer when you snuggle into your jammies on a Saturday night and crash in front of the TV. Call it recharging your batteries or call it a reflection and review of your private situation. Whatever it is, you'll emerge rested and far more in control of your personal agenda. Then go out and raise a little hell again.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Your mind is crystal clear and your communication is measured and thoughtful. Thank the Sun in Cancer for weaving it's magic in your words. Queer Bulls can either put their own thoughts on paper or take up a good Gay cause and become spokesbull du jour. Whatever you do, be sure to exercise those brain cells with study or witty repartee. Can you say it in French? Or Greek?

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Is money the key to success and happiness? It may be so for all proud Twins when the Sun is in Cancer. Self worth is measured in dollars and cents now (avoid the pennies . . .). A drawback to all of this crass materialism is that deep down you'll realize that an insecure personality is an insecure personality no matter how many bucks bolster it up. But have fun in the meantime!

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

The Sun in your own sign pushes you into center stage. Charisma peaks and even shy pink Crabs can charm just about anyone. Appreciation is sought for new ideas, but don't wait for others to give you approval before you act; You have thirty days to launch personal projects off the ground. After that, you'll be content to laze the rest of the summer away with your paunch.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud Lions are revived by the powerful energy of Sun in Cancer. Explore your spiritual side and discover who you really are beneath all that glamour and greasepaint. If your closet door squeaks open, don't be afraid of opening it wider. There is nothing to worry about. The worry is, of course, when you hide your true feelings from the world . . . and maybe from yourself. Liberty!

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

If proud Virgins feel like the great crusaders of Gay rights, chalk it up to the Sun in Cancer. Become a rainbow flag waver and get involved with the group effort. The danger here is that your desire to belong may cause you to sublimate your personal desires in order to blend with the group think, but don't compromise cousin! Not all great Gay crusaders have to think alike.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Sun in Cancer lights a fire under you professionally. Gay Libras become more obsessed with career accomplishments and the need to "make it big" in the eyes of others. In fact, this solar placement urges you to make your mark on the world and seek approval from those in power. Dive into the corporate shark tank and kanoodle with the suits. You may emerge unbitten and victorious.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Life is a pilgrimage for queer Scorps when the Sun enters Cancer. Expand your horizons by traveling to new and exotic vistas or embarking on a brand new course of study. Although the sky is the limit, don't forget to focus on the individual trees in addition to the entire forest. Live for the immediate payoff rather than deferring choices and focusing on some distant philosophy.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Even amiable Gay Archers become more intense and possessive when the Sun is in Cancer. Deep psychological revelations are possible now for those who dare to plumb their psyche. Sexually, you can wade into that steaming hot tub and emerge relaxed and refreshed. Seek a deeper connection to others, and I don't mean a warm handshake, buddy. Wear a bathing cap. . .

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Relationships become the be all end all for all serious Gay Goats. Sun in Cancer underscores the importance of a significant other in your life. Cherish your partner. If you're still searching for that special soul mate, check out a few promising venues and look sincere. Give away your heart freely, but don't give away your soul. We are looking for a partnership, not a proprietorship.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Even picture perfect Aqueerians can use a nip and tuck. What better opportunity to achieve the sublime than when the Sun enters Cancer? Work, work, work, cousin! Revamp your exercise regime or begin one you lazy thing! What about your diet? Your body is a temple, after all. The time is also ripe to finish off day to day tasks. Sometimes we find the answer to life while cleaning the toilet.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Sun in Cancer is said to be naturally placed in your chart which means even sensitive achy pink Fish can't help but feel pretty darn good. Tap into the creative muse through active participation in the arts. Can't dance? Don't ask me but try other outlets like sports. The most important thing is to relax and have fun. There is also the chance of a little feisty romance now so be prepared!

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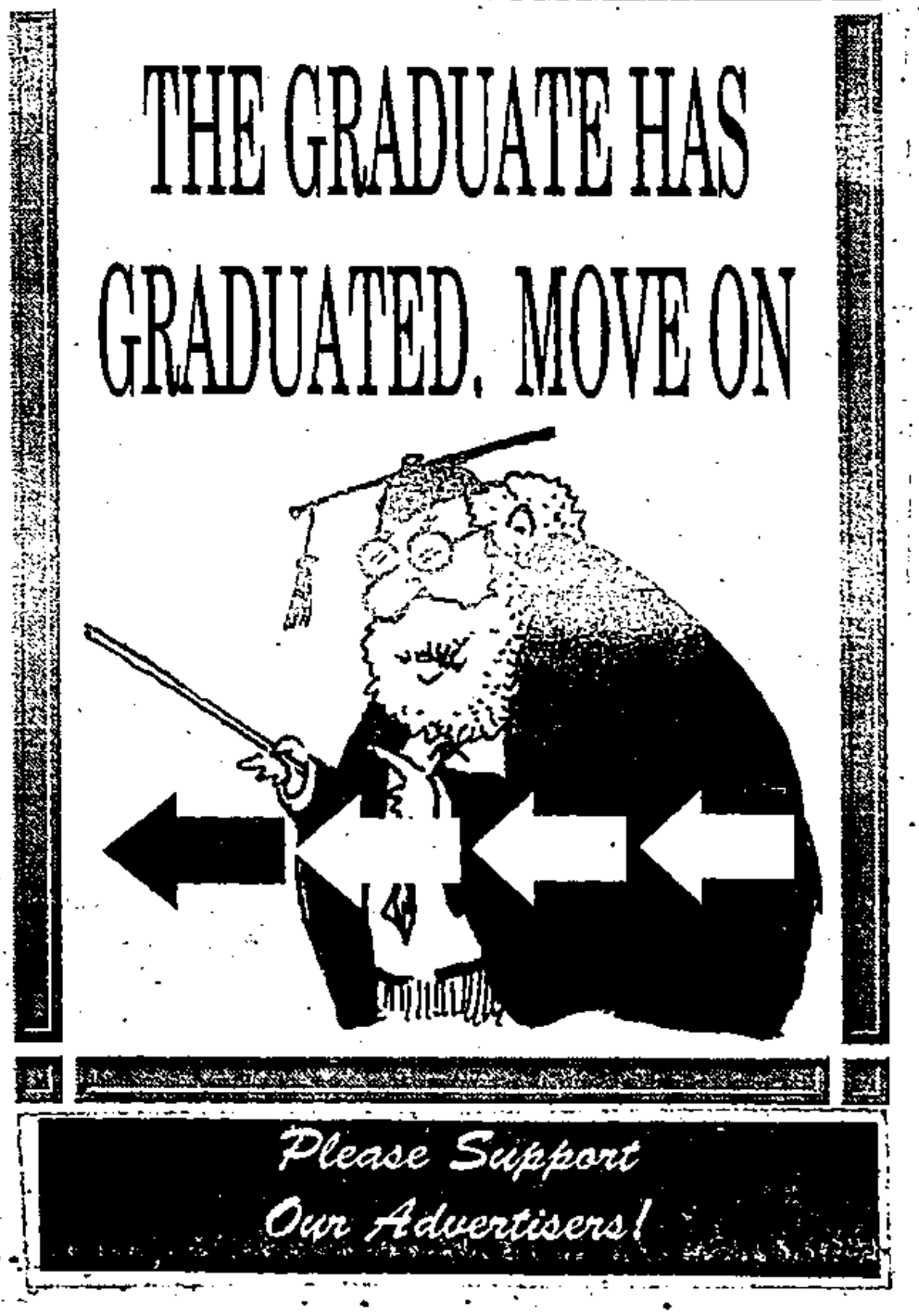

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Rev. Delores Berry

TUCSON — Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church announced that the Rev. Delores P. Berry will perform at the Grand Palace during the Gay West III celebration, June 26.

Rev. Berry has been a full time soloist and evangelist since 1987 with her ministry. She has traveled extensively throughout North America and Europe, preaching and performing her music, ranging from traditional African-American spirituals to contemporary and exuberant. Berry has received numerous awards for excellence from the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), and currently serves on several key committees for the church. She was also a co-founder of the National Coalition of Black and Lesbian Gays.

Rev. Berry will be in Tucson this weekend to present a concert at Water of Life MCC, 3269 North Mountain Avenue, Friday, June 25, 7:00 P.M. She will also be providing special music and will be speaking at both of the Sunday morning worship services, 9:15 A.M. and 11:15 A.M. "We are very excited to once again host one of the most dynamic ministers within the UFMCC," said Rev. Joyce Cook, pastor of Water of Life MCC.

A potluck luncheon is planned to follow the 11:15 A.M. service. A special, Sunday evening Healing Service is planned at 6:00 P.M. All of the activities are open to the public, and the congregation of Water of Life MCC invites everyone to come out and share in these pride celebrations and for an inspiring weekend of music and God's message of love for all people.

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My question is, "Why do I do things I know aren't good for me?" It would be different if I didn't know better and acted out of ignorance.

But I do know better. I also know that God's ways are not our ways. And so to do what is right, to emulate Christ, I must go against that which comes naturally to me. The Apostle Paul writes, "I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do, I do not do, but what I hate, I do." (Romans 7:15). You see each one of us is born with a sin nature. So sinning comes easy to us, and not sinning takes work. But thank God, he made a way for us. A way for us to not only win more of the sin battles here on Earth than we lose, but also to be victorious over sin forever. God sent his son Jesus to Earth. He died on a cross as payment for our sins. We need only to believe and call on Jesus to enter our lives and we are guaranteed eternity in Heaven. And until we get called "home," we have the Holy Spirit living within us to help us win those battles with sin. The Holy Spirit helps me see what choices I have and which one is the best, the best one for me and the one which will bring glory to God.

Yesterday, I chose not to listen to the Holy Spirit. I didn't care which decision was in my best interest. I did what I wanted to do. And now, today, I am paying the price. I thank God he is forgiving and provides us with so many second chances. I hope and pray that the next time I'm face with the same situation, I will chose the best response even if it seems less enjoyable at the moment, because I will remember how much I hate the consequences and not bringing glory to God.

How about you? Any struggles lately? Perhaps you feel as if you will never conquer your problem, so why even try? To you, I have this to say: Don't give up. With God there is hope. He has proved that to me, time and time again. Turn to God, ask Jesus into your life, and then lean on him to help you overcome even the impossible. Our God is able, more than able. Why not give him a try?

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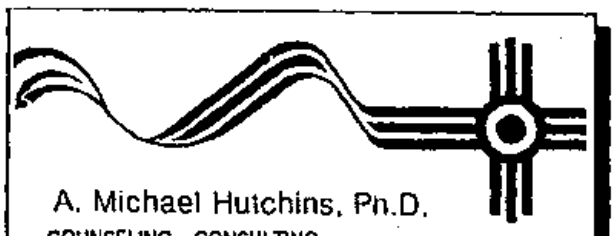

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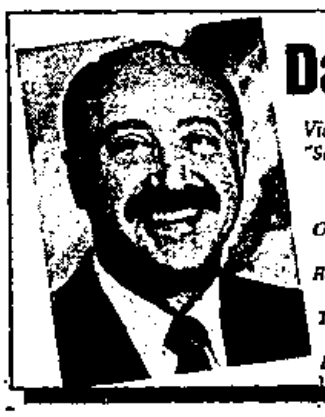

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An Open Letter To Jerry Falwell

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more time. Where I am wrong, correct me and I will confess my error. I hope you will do the same. Let this be a genuine public dialogue. I'm hoping that together we can negotiate an end to your tragic misinformation campaign against us. If you refuse to hear the evidence again, if you insist on continuing your false and inflammatory rhetoric, then we will have no other option but to mobilize people of faith across this nation to conduct a serious nonviolent direct action against your Untruths in the spirit of Gandhi and King.

In this series of open letters, I'm going to do my best to summarize the psychological, psychiatric, scientific, medical, historical, personal and biblical evidence that demonstrates clearly that homosexuality is neither a sickness nor a sin. I'm putting all this material together one more time in the hopes that God will change your mind and heart about us. In the meantime, you learned that it wasn't data that changed your mind about segregation. It was knowing its victims and sharing their suffering.

How many Lesbian or Gay people do you know, Jerry? Have you invited closeted Gay or Lesbian members of your staff and congregation to tell you what it feels like to be ridiculed and condemned endlessly by their pastor? Have you invited closeted Gay or Lesbian students at Liberty or Liberty graduates to share the pain your endless attacks have caused them? We know at least one Gay student who killed himself after being expelled from your university because of his sexual orientation. Your eyes filled with tears when you thought of a black man lying unattended in a Lynchburg hospital. How will you feel when you finally realize that you have been the source of even worse suffering in the lives of those you love and serve.

Please, Jerry, read Chapter Eleven of your autobiography once again. After years of blindly and enthusiastically supporting segregation, you heard God's voice, admitted your error, and changed your ways. Now, after years of blindly and enthusiastically supporting anti homosexual ignorance and bigotry, will you stop long enough to hear God's voice again?

Sincerely,
Mel

[In 1997, the Rev. Dr. Mel White received the ACLU's National Civil Liberties Award for applying the 'soul force' principles of Gandhi and King to the liberation of sexual minorities. He is a co-founder of Soulforce, Inc. and the author of Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay and Christian in America. In 1986, while Mel was taking aversive therapy and electric shock treatments to "overcome" his own homosexuality, he worked for Simon & Schuster as ghostwriter for Jerry Falwell's autobiography, Strength for the Journey.

Mel is currently training more than 4,000 people through an email Journey into Soulforce to assist him in taking a Direct Action in the spirit of Gandhi and King against the rhetoric of Falwell, Robertson, Dobson, and the other primary religious leaders who are waging this war against GLBT people. This is the opening public shot in his campaign against the rhetoric of Jerry Falwell.]

Body Positive To Host New Educational Health Fair June 24

PHOENIX — Phoenix Body Positive is sponsoring Health & You!, a new and innovative national health fair targeting HIV and other chronic illnesses, Thursday, June 24, 5:30 P.M., at the Cullen Auditorium at St. Joseph Hospital, 350 W. Thomas Road. This event is free to the public.

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The fair provides patients with the latest information about current HIV treatments and about how those with HIV or other illnesses can combine current medical treatments with proper nutrition and exercise to improve their quality of life.

Health & You! brings together a panel of leading medical experts, including a dietitian, physical trainer and physician experienced in cutting-edge HIV treatments. Massages, acupuncture and exercise training will be available to attendees. Local gyms have donated memberships to be given away in a drawing. A light dinner will also be provided.

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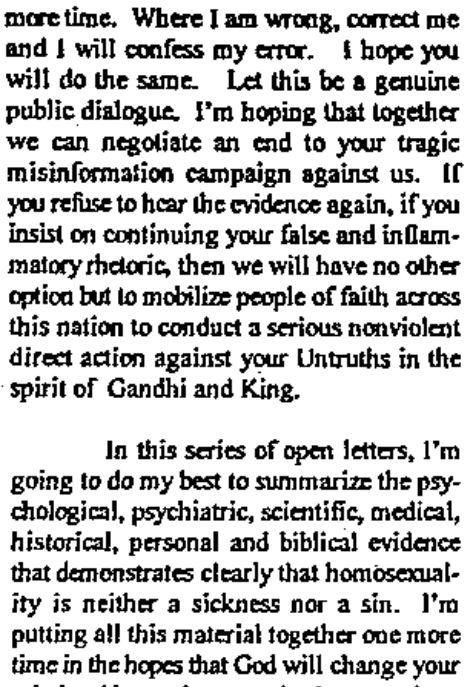

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Entertainment News . . . . .

The line forever associated with Lesbian film diva of the 1930's Greta Garbo is, "I want to be alone," and her family tricked the media into keeping her long-delayed interment a private affair.

Although she was cremated after her death in 1990, her niece Gray Reisfield dithered for years as to where her final resting place should be. After finally settling this month on the Skogskyrkogaarden (Woodland Cemetery) in southern Stockholm, where Garbo's parents are buried, the media were told that the ceremony would be on June 17. In fact it was the day before that a handful of friends and family gathered to lower the urn into the ground with ribbons in the blue and gold of Sweden's flag. A stone marks the spot bearing her signature in gold.

A more public memorial service was held on June 17 which was broadcast on Swedish television, although only 35 people were in attendance, one of them the U.S. ambassador. Garbo was #5 among the women on the American Film Institute's new listing of the 50 greatest film legends (we're still counting up the LesBiGays who appear on it). . . .

Gay heartthrob Rupert Everett, his star already burning hot thanks to critical raves for his performance in the imminent "An Ideal Husband" and his turn alongside Madonna in the upcoming "The Next Best Thing," is expected to shine in the comic thriller "Unconditional Love." Everett, who would play the lover of a slain rock star who investigates the murder with the help of fan Kathy Bates, will reportedly nab over $1-million for his work, a career high for the actor. . . .

OK, guys, which is it? A season or two ago the producers of TV's megahit Friends vehemently denied that fussy Chandler Bing is Gay or at least headed in that direction. Now in Daily Variety that Friends is using the Gay angle to angle for Emmys. In a giant-size ad in the showbiz bible, Joey tells his longtime roommate, "You know what, I feel like I don't even know you anymore. Look, I'm just gonna ask you this once. And whatever you say, I'll believe you. Were you or were you not on a Gay cruise?" . . .

Garry Trudeau's nationally syndicated comic strip, "Doonesbury," is boasting a Gay-themed story line. The strip has Mark, the DJ, set to marry his lover, with a minister agreeing to perform the ceremony. . . .

A book that takes readers behind the scenes of the making of the classic film All About Eve has been optioned to be made into a movie. Producers Carolyn Schroedr and Greg Ptacek were intrigued by the dishy history of Eve, a '50s favorite that starred Bette Davis in a tale of rampant backstabbing on Broadway, after catching an excerpt of All About Eve in Vanity Fair last year. . . .

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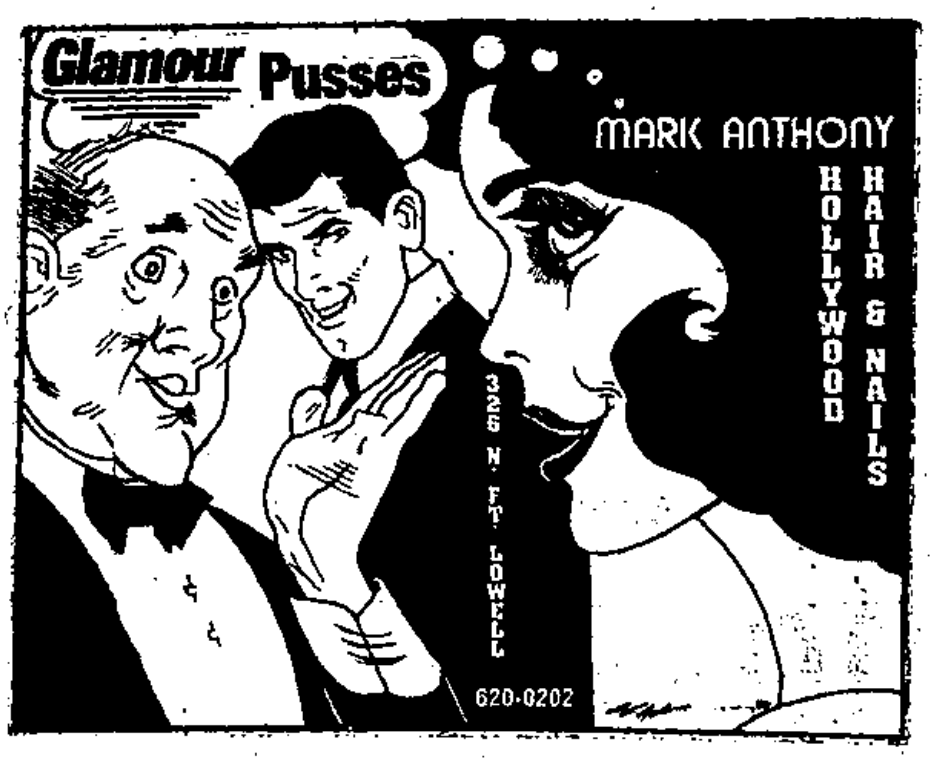

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Florida County's DP Finalized

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL (NP) — Six months after giving its initial approval, the Broward County Board of Supervisors have enacted a domestic partnership measure by a vote of 6 - 1.

There are three elements to the law: a domestic partners registry maintained by the County Records Division, open to all unmarried couples; domestic partners health benefits for county employees; and a bidding advantage for companies providing their own workers with domestic partners benefits on county contracts of $100,000 or more. A Florida judge last month turned back a legal challenge by a religious right group which charged that the measure violated the state's so-called Defense of Marriage Act, but that court struggle is expected to continue.

The domestic partners registry will open on July 12, but the forms are already available on-line (in PDF format, or for information see http://www.co.broward.fl.us/cri02800.htm) and will be available from the county in hard copy. The two-page Declaration of Domestic Partnership documents that both parties are at least 18 years old, not otherwise married or partnered, and share expenses. Once notarized and filed with the county for a fee of $20, the document allows partners the status of family members for purposes of hospital and jail visitation and for making health care decisions for a disabled partner.

For county employees, registration qualifies their partners for health benefits. To amend the declaration at a later date requires a filing fee of $10.50, and to terminate the registered partnership requires a filing fee of $6. County Commissioners believe these fees will more than compensate for the costs of maintaining the registry and so generate income for the county.

Lesbian attorney Robin Bodiford, who has worked on the law from its beginnings, plans to distribute the registration forms at pride events this month and hopes to see dozens of couples sign up on the registry's opening day.

Despite the months of research that went into the new law, according to one report the County has just noticed that its employees will be liable for federal income tax for the value of the health benefits their partners receive, although this is the case for all of the thousands of U.S. workers now receiving domestic partner benefits. Legally married couples do not experience the same tax liability, but as long as the federal Defense of Marriage Act is in effect, at least same-gender domestic partners will.

More Controversy At Gay Inn In Maine

OGUNQUIT, ME (WS) — The Gay owners of an inn in the resort town are locked in a fight with city officials again, one year after a controversy about their displaying a rainbow flag.

The town has posted a work order outside the Admiral's Inn, owned by David Mills and Garry John, because of what town officials describe as illegal renovations. The pair is planning a $125,000 expansion of the inn. Last week the men removed a sign that accused town officials of discrimination. They had posted a similar sign last year after a town official ordered them to remove a rainbow flag because it violated an ordinance against displaying banners.

Mills said that he believes the current problem is retaliation for a speech he gave after receiving an award for activism. Paul Hagen, chairman of the planning board, denied the allegation. "This is ridiculous," he said. "There are Gay members on the board." Hagen said that the project was a "clear violation" of the building permit granted to Mills and John.

Man About Town

Man About Town Here: In case you have not noticed, located on Fourth Avenue between a jeans store and quite possibly the best Pizza Restaurant (really, try it out) in Tucson, there has been a quiet opening of the Old Pueblo's newest establishment. The place is called STARS, and as far as heavenly bodies go, it lives up to its name.

STARS opened up last week with a look, promise and hope of a different kind of Gay establishment which is not foreign to our town's recipients, but none the less haven't had a taste of it here at home.

This reporter had the pleasure of conversing with one of the key persona who are spearheading the former home of Jaime's. As I walked in through the beautiful brass lined door (with a gecko for a handle, no less), pictures of old movies flashed through my head. Charlie Scaglione and Brian Stark, along with a staff of familiar faces are greeting you at every turn and assuring that your visit to their establishment is a memory, as well as a moment.

Mr. Scaglione gave this reporter the grand tour and later talked about the aspirations of this new haven in Tucson.

Charlie Scaglione

No stranger to the bar scene, Mr. Scaglione once had the pleasure of running the top Piano Bar in New York (those of you from back home, remember Rounds?). He carries 15-years of experience with the upscale Gay community, so he is no stranger to what is in the classy genre regarding Gay ambiance. As I sat with him to converse, all I could do was marvel at a bar with the look, feel and flavor of class. The bamboo seats encircling the small tables give a Casbah feel to the brass and wood main bar, which looks like it came right out of 1920's pub magazine. Mirrors with Mayan overlays run parallel to the bar as the softest lighting in town (trust me, I probably look really good in there) adds a hint of romanticism. The staff are properly attired to assure you their service is not only personal, but visual as well. Then of course, you can't miss the piano at the end of the bar. It gives you automatic assurance of the kind of place you have entered.

Sitting down to converse with Mr. Scaglione (my smile in tact of course from the tour), we talked about the beautiful place.

JD: What is it that you aim to bring, with this establishment to the Old Pueblo?

CS: After running Rounds for 15 years, I wanted to focus a repeat ambiance of the upscale Gay piano bar. I want to cater to the upscale Gay community and give them a spot to hear soft music, see soft lighting, have a plush atmosphere, and be able to talk romantic.

JD: As far as bars go, this one will not automatically fit in the norm of the ones here in town already?

CS: I want an adult Gay man to be able to come in here and know he can hear those around him talk to him. He will be able to interact with the piano player and have a good feeling about coming to an upscale place and leave satisfied.

JD: So the clientele will not be as wide range as most establishments?

CS: The upscale Gay male is the main focus for this bar. It's not being judgmental or discriminative, that is just the type of place we wanted to make, and we feel there are folks out there who look for a place such as this. (As we converse, the piano player begins another set)

JD: Tell me about the role of the piano player has here?

CS: We want the piano player to be an ambassador for STARS. They have to interact with the clientele as well as entertain. Just playing won't be the norm as our players will all interact and make the clientele feel that they are a part of the show. Dancing is not encouraged, although it is not forbidden. You can sit down with the piano player and enjoy the music as much as becoming a part of it?

JD: So the piano playing is an intricate part of the bar?

CS: We plan to have 7 nights of playing in a scheduled rotation. They will play from 7:00 P.M. to midnight, in sets ranging from a half-an-hour to 45 minutes. We want them to be at their best as they represent the heart of STARS.

JD: And when there is downtime between sets?

CS: We do have a jukebox for when there is no piano playing. We don't want overkill. The ambiance is key to the place we are bringing forth. For someone to feel the quality of STARS, there has to be key components. The patron must feel safe, warmth, comfortable, and overall important to the establishment. All these elements make up the scene we want to present here.

JD: What do you see in the future as far as STARS goes?

CS: All I want to do is present my idea for the upscale community. If all goes as planned I will be able to do that for as long as they give me a lease. I think this will be a place where not only local residents, but visitors will also revel in. They will be able to look when they are traveling to Tucson and note that there is a place like the one they have a home to relax, enjoy good music and have the feel and ambiance they can get back in their big city.

JD: Well, it looks like you have the makings of a grand place here.

CS: That all we are aiming for. The goal is simple. We just want all to know what we have here.

My thanks go to Charlie Scaglione, Brian Stark, and the staff at STARS for making my visit a memorable and pleasurable one. They are hard working and show a level of professionalism that is not seen in just any establishment. I hope, I painted the correct picture of them for you and I do hope you take the time to drop in, if it is the scene that you seek. It was a pleasure interviewing, in a calm, relaxing atmosphere (beats all those sport stories I used to do). So if you're feeling like the quiet, safe, calm route is where you want to go tonight, and you want to rub elbows without being forced to rub elbows, then STARS is the place to be. Check it out.

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Presentations by Wingspan, TIHAN and Tucson Public Library
The Pima County Health Department will offer free, anonymous HIV testing

$10 in advance
$12 at the gate

Tickets available at:
Antigone Books▼Bentley's House of Coffee & Tea▼SAAF▼Hide's Leather Shop▼Rainbow Planet Coffee House▼TIHAN▼Water of Life MCC▼TLGA▼Reveille▼Desert Voices▼Tucson Trunk▼all Dillard's locations statewide

201 S. Kinney Road ▼ Tucson

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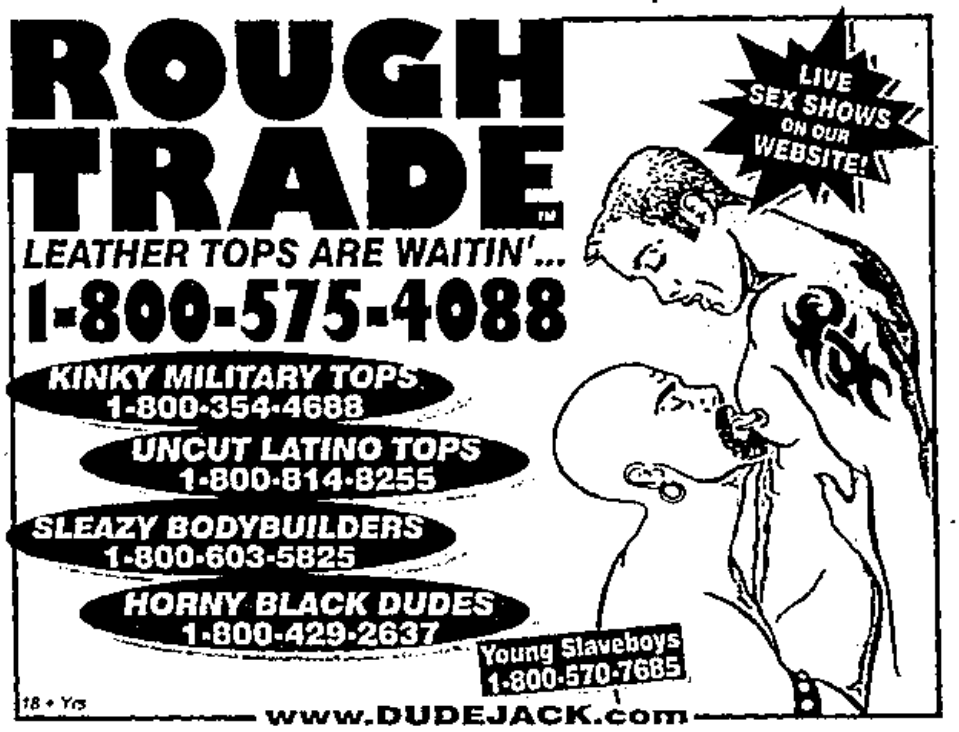
Diamond Fire

Call 883-0100 for information



Stonewall Day On KXCI Radio June 23

TUCSON — KXCI 91.3 FM is gearing for Stonewall Day with a full day of Gay and Lesbian radio program on Wednesday, June 23, starting at 10:00 A.M.

Listen to the sounds of your community all day long. Music. Interviews with authors, community leaders and Gay and Lesbian groups. Some news bits and maybe some gossip. Requests and dedications! It's all for you, in honor of Pride Week and to remember the Stonewall Riots.

If you are in business and would like to help underwrite Stonewall Day, since KXCI is a community radio station, take out an ad by calling Michael Hyatt, (520) 623-1000 extension 15. If you have a public service announcement for a non-profit group, you can send your announcement to: KXCI Stonewall Day, c/o Michael Hyatt, 220 South Fourth Avenue, Tucson, AZ, 85701, or call him at the above men-

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Internet ads for home-use kits say that they are for sale outside the US only, but "consumers in the US have been able to purchase these kits."

Bank Of Scotland

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that it was responsive to its diverse customer base. "We have a long-standing commitment to ethical values, tolerance, equal opportunity and non-discrimination in all our dealings," Shaw said.

Mayor's Task Force

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cities in the nation to have such an ordinance.

Tucson's Mayor and Council have supported the fight against AIDS by allocating grant moneys for the local AIDS Service Organizations.

In 1995, the Mayor and Council approved a municipal hate crime's ordinance, with protections for Gays and Lesbians.

Then Tucson Mayor, Tom Volgy, issued the first Gay and Lesbian Pride Week Proclamation in 1987. Mayor George Miller followed suit in 1991 and ever since.

In 1997, Tucson's Mayor and Council extended medical and dental benefits to the domestic partners of Gay and Lesbian city employees, becoming the first government entity in the state to offer benefits.

Much has been done here in the Old Pueblo, but the work continues. With the help of the Mayor's Task Force and the approval of the Tucson Mayor and Council granting official standing, that work can be finished.

The community's help is needed so that a GLBT commission is created to address the issues of concern. Contact the Tucson Mayor and Council and leave messages urging them to support the proposal to create the commission.

Mayor, George Miller - 791-4201

Ward 1 Councilmember, Jose Ibarra - 791-4040

Ward 2 Councilmember, Janet Marcus - 791-4687

Ward 3 Councilmember, Jerry Anderson - 791-4711

Ward 4 Councilmember, Shirley Scott - 791-3199

Ward 5 Councilmember, Steve Leal - 791-4231

Ward 6 Councilmember, Fred Ronstadt - 791-4601

You can also E-mail the Mayor and Council by going to the city's Web site, http://www.ci.tucson.az.us/mcc and then clicking on the mayor and council.

It's time that Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgendered and people living with HIV/AIDS have an official, permanent voice in the City of Tucson government. By contacting the Mayor and Council, that can become a reality on the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots.

SF Bathhouses Likely To Remain Closed

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (SFE) — The City of San Francisco's Health Commission will not even consider a request to reopen San Francisco's bathhouses -- a move that in effect ends official debate over the controversial proposal that's been trumpeted by a small but vocal group of Gay activists.

Without debating the issue itself, the commission decided to place the burden of decision making on Dr. Mitch Katz, director of The City's Department of Public Health.

Commissioners, citing local and state laws, said that as The City's top health officer, Katz -- not commissioners -- has sole authority to determine the best regulations for controlling the spread of venereal disease.

Katz has been adamant about retaining the 15-year-old ban on bathhouses -- venues frequented by some Gay men that are open to the public.

In bathhouses, which still operate in a handful of other cities, sexual activity is allowed to take place behind closed doors in private rooms, away from the eyes of monitors who are on hand to make sure safer-sex practices are adhered to.

Such a setting, Katz argued, can contribute to the spread of AIDS. Bathhouse boosters dispute that argument.

Current San Francisco public health policy allows other sex clubs with stricter rules to operate. They are required to provide condoms and monitor sexual activity to ensure safer-sex rules are followed. And at those sex clubs, participants typically gather in large common rooms that afford no privacy.

Commissioner Ron Hill, who described himself as the only commissioner on the seven-member panel who is Gay and has AIDS, said he fully backs the health chief's position to keep bathhouses outlawed.

Commission President Lee Ann Monfredini echoed the sentiment.

"We do stand by Dr. Katz's decision," she said.

The majority of other commissioners voiced similar support, although they never voted on the matter.

"I appreciate the supportive statements expressed by members of my commission," Katz said after the discussion.

"With evidence that unsafe sex has been increasing among Gay and bisexual men. It is important to do all we can to promote safer-sex behavior. Our regulations on congregant sex establishments are an important part of our HIV prevention."

Bathhouse proponents, however, say the Health Department is going too far.

"It's a slap in the face to Gay men in this community," said Gil Criswell, representing the group Community United for Sexual Privacy, which formed to fight the local ban on bathhouses. "This is a discriminatory policy that is an intrusion into Gay men's sexuality."

Katz said one of the government's roles is to promote and protect public health. The bathhouse ban, he said, is one such effort.

Criswell and other proponents also argue that lack of privacy at sex clubs may lead men to engage in sexual activity in parks and cars where safer sex is even less likely.

At least at bathhouses, they say, there are readily available condoms and information on safer-sex practices.

Despite the Health Commission's opinion to keep the status quo, Criswell and his cohorts are moving forward with a proposed ballot initiative to overturn the bathhouse prohibition.

It is unclear whether backers will be able to gather enough signatures to qualify the proposal for the November ballot. If they don't prevail, they may try for the March ballot.

The debate has divided the Gay community, which is what happened when The City shut the bathhouses in 1984 at the height of the AIDS epidemic.

Earlier this month, the HIV Prevention Planning Council, which makes recommendations on HIV policy to the Health Commission, urged the Health Department to rescind the policy that forbids private spaces in commercial sex establishments "unless clear and compelling evidence exists to demonstrate that private spaces in commercial/public sex environments increases the rate of HIV infection."

Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

NOW PLAYING

The City Players Theatre Company will open its new experimental Studio Theatre Thursday, June 24 with Ivan Mendchell's brilliant comedy, "The Cemetery Club". The intimate, 25-seat performance space is located at 37 West 33rd Street (just West of 6th Avenue), and will provide a comfortable, cool and quiet new home for the company and its audience. "The Cemetery Club" is a comic story of three Jewish widows in New York City, who visit their husbands' graves once a month and, like the "Golden Girls", just want to have fun. The company will preview both Thursday and Friday evening, June 24-25, and will and begin its regular run Saturday, June 26, 8:00 p.m. as well, through July 18.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

Phoenix Body Positive is sponsoring "Health & You" a new and innovative national health fair targeting HIV and other chronic illnesses. It will take place in Phoenix at St. Joseph Hospital, 350 W. Thomas Road. This event is free to the public. The Fair will provide patients with the latest information about current HIV treatments and about how those with HIV or other illnesses can combine current medical treatments with proper nutrition and exercise to improve their quality of life. For more information contact Phoenix Body Positive, (602)955-4673.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

Tucson Prime Timers annual meeting and outing, 4:00 p.m. Call 584-0280 for information and directions.

Gay West III at Old Tucson Studios. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. A Gay community fund raising event. Celebrate Gay and Lesbian Pride with all of the fun, games, rides, food, entertainment and excitement of Old Tucson Studios, plus special performances featuring Desert Voices, Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, a variety show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and a live performance by Gospel singer Delores Berry. Plus live music and dancing. Country & Western dance under the stars with the sounds of Diamond Fire. Rare Breed brings the hot sound of Tex-Mex to Gay West for the first time plus high NRG dance in the Grand Palace. Check out the Old Tucson Ad on page nine of this issue of the Observer or see the complete hour-by-hour schedule elsewhere in this issue. Tickets are $10.00 in advance, $12.00 at the gate. Tickets are available at various places throughout the city. Call 883-0100 for information.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

Cronies Social club lunch at 12:00 noon. Eclectic Cafe, 7053 Tanque Verde Road. After lunch the group will tour two cactus green houses nearby.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

IBT'S - The Girlie Show hosted by Alja Simone and featuring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Teri Steele and Ciera Steele.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Classic Rock 'n Roll with DJ Darrin 9:00 p.m. to closing.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

IBT'S - 8:00 p.m. The return of the outrageous and hilarious De La Mor. Special show start time. Arrive early. Limited seating. (Rudy will not appear on the 17th as was advertised in last week's issue of Observer).

VENTURE-N - Leather Pride Nite.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Muscles of Steel erotic male dancers 10:00 p.m. No Cover.

SUNDAY, JULY 27

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que/Beer Bust 5:30-8:00 p.m. for PFLAG. Karaoke on the patio 4:30-7:30. Then at 9:00 P.M. Male 'Revue' - Hot Guys Perform For You!!!

STONEWALL/EAGLE - The "Goddess" Show starring Mr. Kenneth Blake has been postponed until July 11th. Sorry for the inconvenience!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

IBT'S - Special 'Girlie Show' and 'Puttin' On The Lips' Lip sync contest hosted by Lucinda Holliday with Felice Renard and Adrienne Alexander. $50 first place prize. To enter call Lucinda at 327-1576.

SUNDAY, JULY 4

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Grand Opening of "In And Out" Gift Shop on the patio.

MONDAY, JULY 5

IBT'S - Karaoke is now here on Mondays too. 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. with Billy Dee. Check it out.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Dance Studio. Come by for sing-up details.

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.

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 2-6p.m. Karaoke 8pm-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.

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. Karaoke on the patio with Billy Dee 7:30-10:30pm 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. Bike Monday!! $2 Well and Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Skyy shots $2 (w/juice $2.25). Dart Tourney 8pm

Tuesday

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

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. 8 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. House Hi-Nergy Dance 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.

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. W/creamy cowgirls & $2.50 Tequila Rose.

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

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

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

VENTURE-N - Open 6am $2 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Patio Bar open 5pm. Foster's 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

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...

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 6pm. Dart Tournament 8pm

Gay West III Schedule Of Events

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00-12
Western BBQ Meal # 40 - *Stage 2*	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼		
Coyote and The Stars # 34 - *Storyteller Theatre*				▼	▼ (8:15)		
Raise A Ruckus! # 22 - *Grand Palace Saloon*	▼ (6:15)						
Wingspan's 100 Families/One Family # 40 - *Stage 2*	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	
Rare Breed: Live Tex-Mex Music & Dancing #25 - *Cowboy Café*							▼
Desert Voices #22 - *Grand Palace*			▼ (7:15)				
Tucson-Pima Public Library presents Puppet Show Videos # 4 - *Arizona Theatre*	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	
Treasure of Santa Maria # 30 - *Mission Plaza*					▼		
Gospel Singer Rev. Delores Berry # 22 *Grand Palace*		▼ (6:45)					
Free Anonymous HIV Testing by PCHD # 40 - *Stage 2*			▼	▼	▼	▼	▼ (until 10:00)
High NRG Dance # 22 - *Grand Palace*							▼
Reveille Gay Mens Chorus # 22 - *Grand Palace*				▼ (7:45)			
Lucinda Holliday presents "Lipstick and Lashes" # 41 - *Carousel Theatre*			▼	▼	▼	▼	▼ (until 11:00)
TIHAN Presents: An AIDS Remembrance # 36 - *High Chaparral*						▼	
Ambush at The High Chaparral # 36 - *High Chaparral*			▼ (7:15)				
Non-Profit Info Booths # 40 - *Stage 2*	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	
Diamond Fire: Live Country & Western Dance # 40 - *Stage 2*							▼

27 June GATEWAY VILLAS

Splash Party '99, 2pm-?, 228 N. 4th Ave., 740-0767

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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 mandmtuzz@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 35264, Tucson, AZ 85740-5264. 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.

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

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

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

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 th[illegible]otherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also [illegible]Me: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-9020

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

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

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

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

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Rona 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

CROMES 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.

MAKE 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. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

NOTICES

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3266 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 690-0565 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 Barbie 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 page 291-9602.

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

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON TUESDAYS AND SATURDAYS. Competitive but fun play. Intermediate or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park from 5:30 - sundown Tuesdays; 4pm - sundown 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 Beltrano 886-4595 or Cheri Jacobs 323-9066.

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 (ewelton@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 XXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Explore gender with us on the 1st Monday (Desert Girls) and 3rd Wednesday (Desert Boys) of every month. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagaemail

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 man 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.

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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 615-1687.

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, 889-4076 or pager [illegible]

NOTICES

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

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

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6624.

WOMEN'S OUT OF THE CLOSET GROUP. Welcome to women in all stages of the coming-out process. We are here to support the Lesbians, Bisexuals and straight women of all races, religions and ages. Meeting times are the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30pm at Wingspan at 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779. Call Wendy Bailey at 235-1893 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

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS: Confidential individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual or Trans men who are victims/survivors of domestic violence. For more information call 624-0438 (24-hour line)

GAY CRISIS LINE: (520)577-3760; 1-888-774-9200; P.O. Box 126, Tucson, AZ 85705. Volunteers - Donations urgently needed.

PERSONALS

FEMALE IMPERSONATORS: The contestant search is on for the 1st annual Miss Gay Metropolis 1999, a direct preliminary to Miss Gay Arizona-America 1999 (open to contestants statewide). The pageant will be held Saturday, August 7th in Phoenix. Those seeking an application should contact Richard Black/Celia Putty, (602)266-0550. 781

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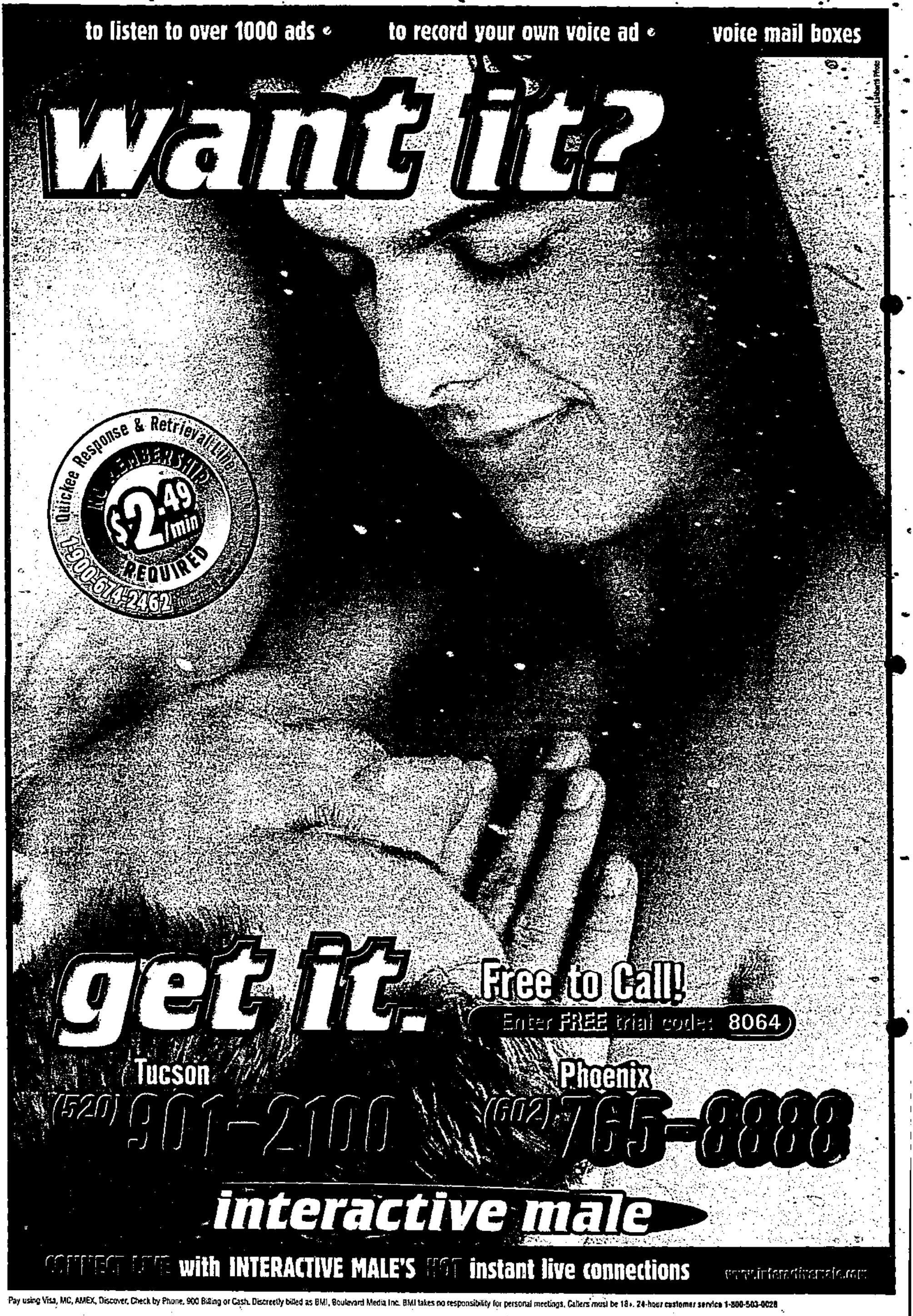

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