

Harsh Rebuff From Bush Has Log Cabiners Fuming

AUSTIN, TX (SFE) — The Log Cabin Republicans expressed anger over comments made by Texas Gov. George W. Bush in which the candidate stated he had no intention of meeting with the nation's largest Gay Republican organization.

"If you call yourself 'a uniter, not a divider,' and a 'compassionate conservative,' you would think you would meet with people," said Rich Tafel, who heads the Log Cabin group. "It is a very bad sign for a man who wants to be president to say, 'I'm not going to meet with people who don't agree with me,'" Tafel said.

Tafel warned that failure to win an endorsement from the Gay Republican group in next year's election would cost the candidate not only Gay votes but also the support of millions of moderate swing voters who take issue with the GOP's social conservatism.

The controversy came on the heels of Gov. Bush's appearance on NBC's "Meet the Press." Asked whether the leading candidate for the Republican nomination for president would meet with the Log Cabin Republicans, Bush said, "probably not," explaining, "It creates a huge political scene." He added such a meeting would only prove divisive, "all that does is create kind of a huge political, you know, nightmare for people," he said.

When asked what made the issue divisive, officials at Bush campaign headquarters in Austin said that the governor believes it would prompt a polarizing debate on issues such as Gay marriage, Gay adoption and hate-crime legislation — all of which he opposes.

"Gov. Bush doesn't want to politicize this issue and their agenda," said Scott McClellan, a Bush spokesman. Asked if Bush would accept the group's money or endorsement, McClellan said that the Governor "welcomes the support of all people. (But) I can't imagine that they would want to (endorse him)."

Tafel said the rebuff may be part of a calculated effort on Bush's part to woo conservative voters. "This raises serious questions about Gov. Bush that go beyond the Gay issue," Tafel said. "He said meeting with Gay Republicans would create a political nightmare for people, and the only people he could be referring to are those on the far right that his campaign is busy claiming Bush is not captive to."

Arizona Sen. John McCain, who is also seeking the Republican presidential nomination, met with the Log Cabin Republicans in Washington two weeks ago. McCain also opposes Gay marriage and adoption and new hate-crime laws, but told the group he would work to end discrimination, adding "I am unashamed, unembarr-

assed and proud to work with you."

In other campaign news: Bush has been sent a letter by the Washington, D.C.-based group AIDS Action asking him to say the word "AIDS" in public.

AIDS Action officials say the presidential hopeful has never said the word as part of a public appearance, speech, or media interview. "Millions of Americans affected by HIV and AIDS deserve to hear the voice of a leading governor and presidential candidate," said Daniel Zingale, AIDS Action executive director. "Compassion begins with a willingness to talk."

High Court To Consider Constitutionality Of Hate Crimes Penalties

WASHINGTON, DC (WS) — The Supreme Court has decided to accept a case that could determine the constitutionality of hate-crimes penalties, including those targeting anti Gay attacks.

The court said it will hear a New Jersey man's argument that a jury, not the judge, must decide whether racial bias was a motive when he fired shots into a black family's home.

Charles C. Apprendi Jr. was arrested in 1994 after shots were fired into the home of a black family living in his otherwise all-white neighborhood in Vineland, N.J. No one was injured in the shooting.

Apprendi admitted to police he fired four or five shots into the house, and said he wanted to give family members a message that they did not belong in his neighborhood.

But he later said he was unfairly pressured into making that false statement to police, and that his gunfire really had been randomly directed when the house's purple front door caught his eye.

There was no racial intent in the shooting, his lawyers said in court papers.

Apprendi pleaded guilty to a firearm violation and possessing a bomb in his house, which carried a maximum 10-year prison sentence. At the plea hearing, he admitted his purpose for shooting at the house was to frighten the family.

Prosecutors sought an enhanced sentence under New Jersey's hate-crime law. The judge imposed a 12-year term, saying prosecutors had shown that Apprendi's act was racially motivated.

Apprendi appealed the sentence, saying that issue should be decided by the

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World AIDS Day To Be Observed In Tucson

TUCSON — World AIDS Day will be observed in Tucson Wednesday, December 1, noon to 1:00 P.M., at the Downtown Main Library, 101 N. Stone.

This year's theme is "AIDS - End the Silence: Listen, Learn, Live!" A program will run from noon to 12:30 P.M., during which people living with HIV/AIDS will speak and youth from Queer Voice - a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered youth group - will perform a skit with a prevention message.

Sponsors of the program include Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), Pima County Health Department, and UMC Section of Infectious Disease.

In addition to the program, a block (consisting of 8 quilt panels) from the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be hung in the lobby of the Main Library for the week of November 29.

TIHAN is sponsoring a special commemoration of World AIDS Day in an interfaith service of healing and hope at St. Philip's in the Hills, 4440 N. Campbell. The service will feature the St. Philip's Choir, along with speakers, music and

prayers from the diversity of the many faiths. The lighting of candles will serve as a symbolic act of hope and remembrance.

The theme, "AIDS - End the Silence. Listen, Learn, Live!" seeks to encourage people, particularly adolescents and young adults, to open new lines of communication concerning the AIDS epidemic. AIDS is the second leading cause of death among adults ages 25-44, and approximately 40,000 people in the U.S. become infected each year; half of these are people under 25. Worldwide, nearly six million people became infected with HIV in 1998.

Other World AIDS Days events locally include AIDS awareness activities at San Xavier Mission by the Tohono O'odham Department of Human Services at 2:00 P.M., and HIV testing and speakers at the University of Arizona campus sponsored by ASUA-BGALA.

A number of local galleries and art venues will commemorate World AIDS Day. The UA Center for Creative Photography will feature works about the AIDS epidemic in Africa. The UA Museum of Art will display a special work and a statement of awareness.

Anti-G/L Groups Makes Crime A Rallying Call

ROGERS, AR (GFN) — Anti-Gay groups want to make the Arkansas case of two Gay men charged with raping and murdering a 13-year-old boy a rallying point, the head of one of the groups says.

Angered at what they consider excessive media coverage of the trials of the two Wyoming men convicted of killing Gay student Matthew Shepard, conservative campaigners are demanding the same level of national media attention for the gruesome death in September of Jesse Dirkhising.

Police said Jesse was bound to a mattress and repeatedly sodomized with objects before suffocating on a gag in an apartment in the northern Arkansas town of Rogers.

The two Gay men living in the apartment, Joshua Brown, 22, and Davis Carpenter, 38, were arrested and have been jailed without bond on charges of murder and rape. Prosecutors said they would seek the death penalty when the trial starts April 10.

Conservative activist Peter LaBarbera wants the Dirkhising case to be as much a rallying point for anti-Gay campaigners as he says the Shepard trial was for Gay rights.

"The national media, following the lead of homosexual activists, made Mat-

thew Shepard a household name for most Americans," said LaBarbera, head of a Washington-based group called Americans for Truth about Homosexuality and a writer for the Family Research Council, also based in Washington.

"When a homosexual is a victim, they've made that a major crime that everybody has to be educated on," LaBarbera said. "What about when homosexuals are perpetrators?"

"Either it is because there are a lot of Gay reporters, or they are sympathetic to Gay causes, but they paid tribute to all that the homosexual activists did," LaBarbera said of coverage of the trials of Shepard's killers, Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney.

The two men are serving life prison sentences for the October 1998 murder of Shepard outside Laramie, Wyo.

LaBarbera and the Family Research Council have been among a number of voices, which also include the Washington Times newspaper and right-wing Louisiana politician David Duke, asking why the Dirkhising murder received little national news coverage while the Shepard murder trials were front-page.

In response to the criticism, much of it by email, Time magazine's online

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Special Edition Of Poz Cafe December 19

TUCSON — Due to popular request, persons living with HIV are invited to celebrate the holidays with a special evening edition of Poz Cafe, Sunday, December 19, 6:00 to 8:30 P.M., at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church.

A casual holiday dinner buffet of turkey, honey-baked ham, vegetarian entrees will be featured, along with a variety of fresh vegetable side dishes, breads, desserts and beverages. The December meal is being provided by the compassionate members of St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church. After the meal, participants are welcomed to enjoy the campfire outdoors, stay inside and create holiday ornaments and candles (for your own home or as gift to others) or play card or board games.

All HIV+ adults are welcomed to attend, but advance reservations are required. Each HIV+ guest may bring one friend, partner, or family member. With SAAF's support, transportation can be arranged.

Come out and be a part of Poz Cafe's first evening edition, and celebrate the holidays with other HIV+ persons! For more information, or to make your reservation, call the TIHAN office, (520) 299-6647.

New Rights Group Formed

PHOENIX — A new group has been formed to help address the issues and unique

problems Transgender people face.

"It's Time, Arizona!" (ITAZ) is a statewide, grassroots advocacy organization that promotes civic, social and political changes for the benefit of Transgender Arizonans. ITAZ became officially incorporated in 1999, and since then, they have worked privately to help the community and lobbied state and federal legislators on bills of concern. The new group hopes to work closely with all aspects of Arizona society to build a new and brighter future for all Arizonans.

ITAZ will be holding their next meeting, Wednesday, January 8. Dana Rivers, the Transsexual who made national headlines over her legal battle to keep her job will be speaking. For more information, please write to ITAZ, P.O. Box 86332, Phoenix, AZ 85080.

La Cage & Art At The Bisbee Repertory

BISBEE — The Bisbee Repertory Theater will perform a production of La Cage Aux Folles, by Jerry Herman and Harvey Fierstein, January 14-16, 21-22, 28-29, February 4-5, 11-13 and 18-20, 2000.

Showtimes are: Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 7:30 P.M. There will be special Sunday matinee performance, February 20, at 3:00 P.M. The theater is located at 94 Main Street in Old Bisbee.

A collection of art by Jim Ru, "Gay, Lesbian and Transgendered Saints - Transcendent Faith," will be displayed in the Bisbee Repertory Theater gallery, January 14-20.

For ticket information, please call (520) 432-3786.

PFLAG Meeting January 5, 2000

TUCSON — The local chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will hold their first meeting of the new millennium, Wednesday, January 5, 2000, 7:00 P.M.

Join PFLAG for a confidential support group. Refreshments are served.

For more information, call (520) 575-8660.

Open House At Wingspan Domestic Violence Project

TUCSON — Wingspan's Domestic Violence will be holding an open house, Thursday, December 9, 4:00 to 6:00 P.M.

This open house will take place at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street.

For more information, please call (520) 624-0348.

TLGA To Hold Board Elections

TUCSON — Elections for the Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA) Board officers will take place on Tuesday, December 14, 7:00 P.M. at Wingspan.

TLGA encourages anyone interested in becoming involved with the organization that produces Tucson's Gay Pride Week and OUToberFEST to volunteer and become part of the team.

For more information, call the TLGA OUTline, (520) 622-3200.

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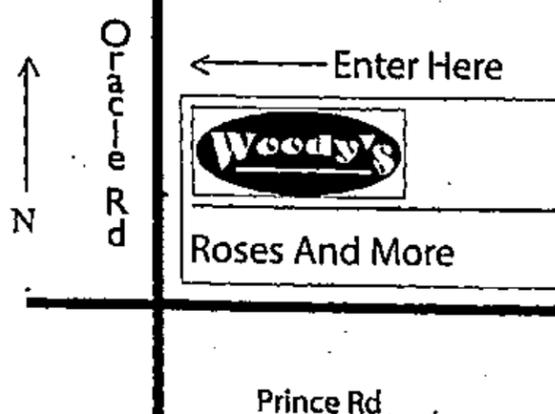
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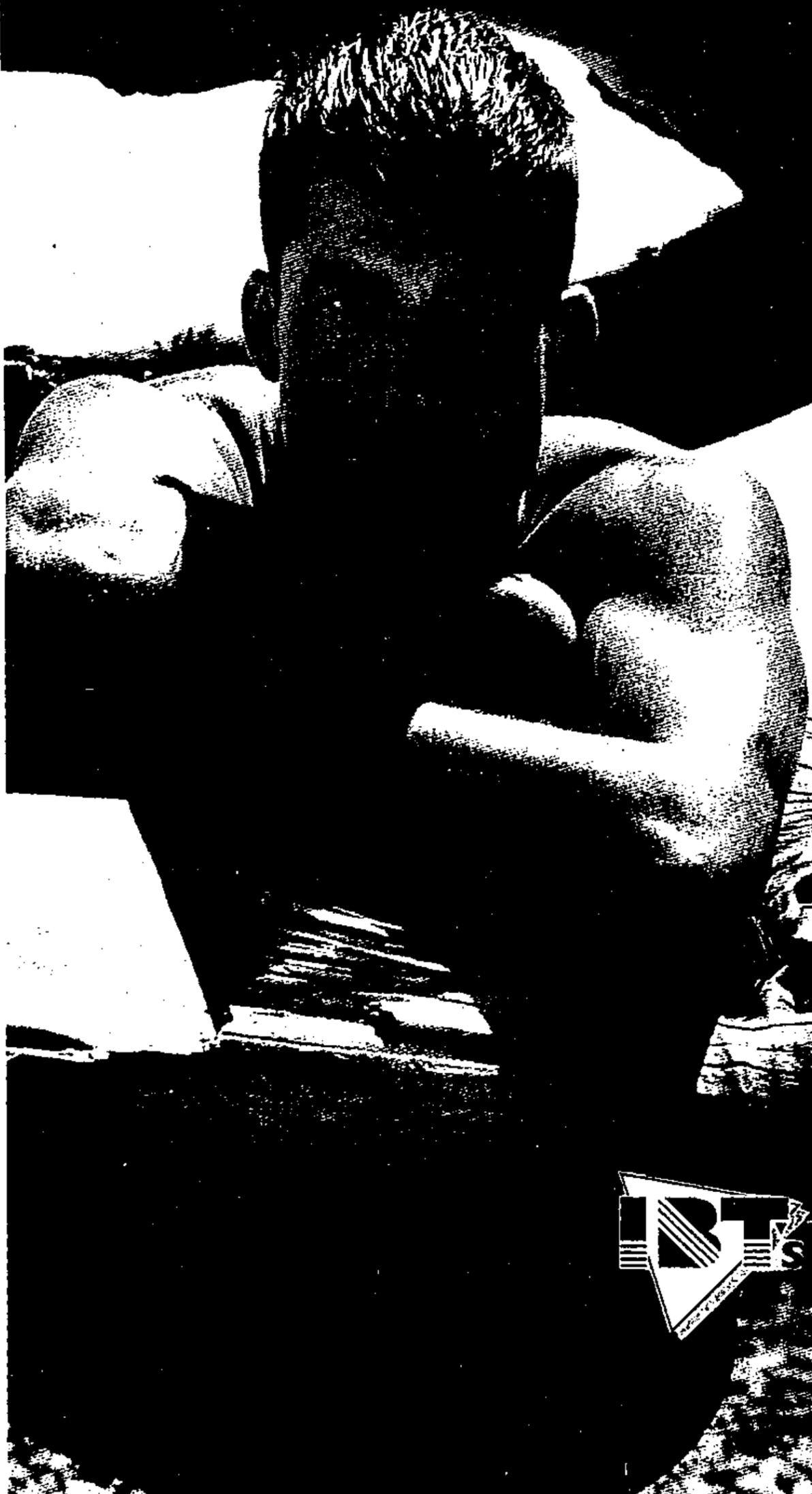


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Riverdance And The Mystery Of Irma Vep In Tucson

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) — One literary tribute and the "Lagan Cast" of a national tour will make a stop in the Old Pueblo.

Riverdance, the magical dance show, seen by more than six million people on stage and on video, will make its first Tucson performance, dancing through December 5 at Centennial Hall.

The show, produced by Moya Doherty and composed by Bill Whelan, primarily focuses on Irish dancing, but Spanish flamenco as well as Russian folk dancing and classical ballet is part of the legendary and thrilling show.

Riverdance is presented by UA Presents. Tickets run \$46-\$56. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the Centennial Hall box office, (520) 621-3341.

"The Mystery of Irma Vep," by Charles Ludlam, will unveil the mystery at the Temple of Music and Art.

"Irma Vep," is a genuine literary tribute, for which the Arizona Theater Company (ATC's) has made it is next offering on its fall schedule. The production was first performed in 1984 at the New York City's Ridiculous Theatre. It starred Ludlam, and ran for 300 performances, winning the Drama Desk and Obie awards for Best Play.

To explain the plot would be madness. Which would be the appropriate term to use for the wonderful play:

Lady Enid Hillcrest (R. Hamilton Wright) has come home to misty Mandacrest, the Gothic family mansion of her husband, Lord Edgar Hillcrest (Bob Sorenson). She just can't seem to feel comfortable there, thanks to the heavy presence of Lord Hillcrest's now deceased first wife.

The housekeeper, the Mrs. Danvers-like Jane Twisden (Sorenson), won't let the first Lady's memory die. Dear Jane seems to share some dark secrets with a Mandacrest groundskeeper, Nicodemus (Wright). Meanwhile, Lord Hillcrest takes a trek to Egypt's pyramids and is led to a mysterious mummy (Wright) by his shifty guide, Alcazar (also Wright). There is another character, Irma Vep, but that is a mystery.

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The "Mystery of Irma Vep" is revealed at the Temple of Music Art, running through December 18. Tickets are \$20 to \$32. For tickets or more information, please call (520) 622-2823.

High Court

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jury using the highest legal standard - whether prosecutors provided proof of racial bias beyond a reasonable doubt.

The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled against Apprendi and upheld his 12-year sentence.

In the appeal acted on, Apprendi's lawyers said his intent at the time of the crime "critically affects his sentence" and should have been treated as an element of the offense to be considered by the jury.

New Jersey Attorney General John J. Farmer Jr. said the state's hate-crime law punishes motive - traditionally is a sentencing issue decided by a judge, not a jury.

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MTV Announces Sex Poll Results

LONDON, UK (GFN) - MTV: Music Television has issued results of The 1999 MTV Sexual Behavior Poll encompassing research from 11 countries as well as a global commitment supporting HIV/AIDS education.

The announcement was made at a press conference in London by Bill Roedy, President of MTV/VH1 International & UNAIDS Ambassador, who spoke alongside Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS, the Joint UN Program on HIV/AIDS.

MTV and UNAIDS also unveiled two new co-produced public service announcements which will air on MTV's international channels. MTV reaches more than 300 million households across 83 territories with its network of 15 distinct, locally-programmed services. Additionally, MTV announced its global programming initiative behind World AIDS Day on 1st December that includes the U.S. premiere of "Director's Cut: World AIDS Day '99," a 30-minute show featuring winning films from the channel's first-ever World AIDS Day short film contest.

The PSAs and previously-produced "Staying Alive" documentary, hosted by George Michael, will be made available free to all broadcasters worldwide. Additionally, MTV has committed to increasing airtime for World AIDS Day-related programming by 10 percent in the year 2000.

"The majority of new HIV and AIDS cases affect young people under the age of 25," commented Roedy. "As this is the core of our audience, MTV is committed to providing its global reach of more than 300 million households accurate information and health messages to help fight the spread of the virus. Our research shows that three-quarters of our young adult viewers are worried about HIV and AIDS, yet only one-quarter say they know enough about it. Our goal is to increase awareness and education, while helping to reduce the stigma attached to the virus."

THE 1999 MTV SEXUAL BEHAVIOR POLL

During a four-month study conducted in 11 countries, MTV polled 896 viewers aged 16-24 to determine attitudes toward sexual behavior with an emphasis on opinions concerning HIV/AIDS. MTV found that 73 percent believe we should continue to be worried about HIV transmission, yet only 27 percent claim to know much about HIV and AIDS. Those that did claim to have learned much about AIDS said they did so by watching MTV (45 percent), with even higher scores of 60 percent in the U.S., 59 percent in Latin America, and 54 percent among 16-18 year-olds.

With HIV infection rates rising among 16-24 year-olds at a rate of 2.8 million people per year with 33.6 million projected to be infected with the virus by the year's end, the research yielded alarming information on the inaccurate perceptions that exist among these young people. Thirty-six percent believed that only people who share needles, such as IV drug users, get AIDS, while 17 percent believe only promiscuous people get AIDS. Fifteen percent believe that only homosexuals get AIDS, and 15 percent also believe that they will never become infected.

Additionally, 32 percent of those polled said they would lose friends if their friends knew they had AIDS. This research indicates that there still is a huge stigma

attached to AIDS, one which could help be alleviated by the communication of accurate health messages.

Countries represented by the study were the U.K., U.S., Brazil, Italy, India, France, Taiwan, Mexico, Germany, Argentina and the Philippines.

MTV/UNAIDS PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Building on its recent collaborations, MTV and UNAIDS have co-produced two new public service announcements that will air on MTV's international channels on World AIDS Day. MTV is also offering the PSAs free to all broadcasters worldwide along with a second UNAIDS-sponsored spot.

Available in :30 and :60 formats, the "Safe Sex 1999" PSA script is based on a poem written for the AIDS Poetry Project by American teenager Sheri Israel. The moving words, delivered by a diverse group of young people, express hope and self-exploration amidst the chaos and uncertainty of testing positive for HIV. It features real-life U.K.-based AIDS activist Clint Walters.

A second UNAIDS-sponsored PSA features famed Brazilian football player & UNAIDS Ambassador Ronaldo discussing the importance of safer sex. The spot is available in :30 and :45 versions and is in Portuguese with subtitled versions available in the following languages: Italian, Spanish, French, Haitian and English. The PSA is also available in formats allowing broadcasters to include their own subtitles and voiceovers.

WORLD AIDS DAY PROGRAMMING ON MTV

Now an MTV tradition, all 15 international channels across the U.S., Asia, Australia, Europe, Russia and Latin America will dedicate programming schedules on 1st December to World AIDS Day.

As part of this coordinated effort, each MTV channel will air the PSAs along with MTV-produced and acquired programs. Some highlights of the programming include:

"Director's Cut: World AIDS Day '99" - Produced in conjunction with the Kaiser Family Foundation and hosted by Jennifer Love Hewitt, MTV U.S. will debut the 30-minute show featuring the five selected film finalists from the channel's first-ever World AIDS Day short film contest.

The five finalists were selected from over 250 international submissions, and the films will be aired in their entirety during the show. In addition, the show will announce the contest's grand prize winner, who will be awarded \$2,500 and have their film featured at the AIDS Action National Leadership Awards in Washington on April 10, 2000. Celebrity film judges included Alison Anders, Coolio and Sharon Stone, among others.

"Staying Alive" - Produced by MTV Europe in association with UNAIDS and the World Bank, this half-hour 1998 documentary focuses on the experiences of six young people, each from six different countries and each uniquely affected by HIV/AIDS.

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Valentina's Events Calendar
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Saturday December 4th - Janec Starr, Faith Michaels, Paris St.Clair and Bunny Fu Fu - 10 P.M.

Saturday December 11th - "Benefit for Children's AIDS Foundation" with Faith Michaels, Janec Starr and "special Guest performers" 10 P.M.

Saturday December 18th - "SEARCH FOR THE STARS, TALENT COMPETITION" Singers, dancers, drag kings and queens and anything else you may consider TALENT within reason. 10 P.M. Hosted by Faith Michaels and Janec Starr

Friday December 31st - "Millennium Blast" (no cover charge) free food and party favors! Champagne Toast at Midnight
Show Featuring:
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World AIDS Day 1999

Nineteen years ago, the infectious disease known as AIDS was identified. Fear and confusion spread among Gay men in cities like New York, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. For many years, people in smaller cities and rural communities lived in a kind of denial, believing that AIDS would never find its way to their homes. Today, as we approach the new millennium, HIV/AIDS has become part of life throughout the world. Yet, after years of public education, many people know little about HIV/AIDS. Instead, denial, fear, and confusion remain.

On this World AIDS Day, the World Health Organization challenges people around the globe to end the silence about HIV/AIDS. Ending the silence of course begins by speaking the truth about HIV/AIDS. However, for many years people living with HIV/AIDS have been speaking the truth of their lives when faced with this syndrome. People with HIV/AIDS have boldly told their stories; have tirelessly lobbied for appropriate health care, treatment, and public policy; and have challenged researchers, civic and religious leaders, families and friends to act with justice and compassion. The lack of understanding about HIV/AIDS is not because the message has not been available. Instead, the truth about HIV/AIDS has not been heard.

To end the silence about HIV/AIDS, we must begin to:

1. Listen to the truth about HIV/AIDS from people with HIV/AIDS, health educators, and those most impacted by this syndrome.

2. Learn from both the facts and the stories of people's lives. By listening and learning, we can overcome denial, fear, confusion and prejudice about this illness. In so doing, compassionate treatment and effective prevention will be made possible.

3. Live with the reality of the HIV/AIDS in our midst. If one ever thought it was possible to deny the reality of AIDS, that day has past. Today, 1 in every 300 Americans is HIV-positive. Arizona ranks 20th in the number of cases of AIDS. Tucson ranks 45th in major metropolitan areas in the number of cases of AIDS.

December 1, 1999. World AIDS Day: End the Silence. Listen. Learn. Live. That is the challenge given us by the World Health Organization.

You can participate in World AIDS Day events here in Tucson at noon at the Tucson/Pima County Main Library downtown or at 7:30 P.M. at St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church for TIHAN's candlelight service. A display of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is also available for viewing and commemoration until December 3. Whether publicly or privately, commit yourself this World AIDS Day to ending the silence.

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The Trial Of Jimmy Creech: An Act Of Spiritual Violence Against God's GLBT Children

The Rev. Dr. Mel White

I will never forget the expression on Jimmy's face as he left the Trinity United Methodist Church in Grand Island, Nebraska, to face a wall of reporters and camera crews. Two hours earlier, a jury of his peers had found our friend, Jimmy Creech, guilty of conducting the holy union of two men in Raleigh, North Carolina. The November 17 trial had just ended with the jury's penalty decision. I met Jimmy as he and his wife, Chris, exited the sanctuary. Blinking back tears, he smiled a brave, sad smile and hugged me. But the look in his eyes haunts me still.

Jimmy Creech had served the United Methodist Church faithfully for a quarter of a century. He had preached powerfully and pastored with distinction. And though he knew that conducting a same-sex holy union had just become a "chargeable offense" for United Methodist clergy, he had broken that "unjust law" as an act of conscience.

The jury could have decided on a token penalty, a slap on the wrist, a warning. Instead, they chose to end Jimmy's career as a United Methodist cleric. For following his heart and doing justice for sexual minorities, the jury withdrew Jimmy's ordination to Christian ministry and revoked his license to preach and pastor.

As Jimmy and Chris walked down the stairs into the arms of his shocked and grieving friends, our Soulforce team went into action. One hundred-fifty volunteers had spent the last twenty-four hours in Grand Island, Nebraska, to support Jimmy and to protest this act of spiritual violence against all Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and

Transgendered people. Carrying lighted candles and wearing our matching "Stop Spiritual Violence" sweatshirts, we formed an honor guard around the Creech family. Just behind them, Sara Sherrard, a Transgendered Soulforce volunteer from Charlottesville, Virginia, carried the tall purple candle of the Holy Spirit as she led our procession away from the church where Jimmy Creech had been tried. Jimmy explained our symbolic act to the waiting media: "How can the Holy Spirit be present anyplace," he asked, "where all God's children are not welcome?"

The day before, November 16, Soulforce volunteers from twenty states had gathered in Grand Island for advanced training in civil disobedience guided by the principles of nonviolence as taught by Gandhi and King. Because no local church in Grand Island would provide us sanctuary, the local Holiday Inn became our "Soulforce Central."

That evening before the trial began, we invited the media to see the same holy union for which Jimmy Creech was being tried. The grooms, Larry Ellis and Jim Raymer, had agreed to this "renewal of vows" as a witness to the world. A dozen television crews filmed the service. Nebraska papers carried front page, full-color photos of the grooms with Jimmy and their witnesses.

That night we gathered on the steps of Trinity United Methodist where the trial would take place for an all-night candlelight vigil. We had bought a full-page ad in the Grand Island Independent to explain why the trial was an act of spiritual violence against sexual minorities. We promised to block the doors of the church

one hour before the trial began and invited bishops and jurists to join us in our act of conscience. At least a dozen UMC clergy and their families from Nebraska joined us on the steps that night.

The next morning at 7:45 A.M., motorcycle police escorted the bus carrying bishops and potential jurists to the door where the Soulforce delegation stood waiting. Camera crews and reporters rushed into action as we locked arms and blocked the entrance in an act of civil disobedience. Bishop William Grove approached us, thanked us for our act of conscience, then asked us to step aside so that he and the jury could "do their duty."

We didn't move. No one said a word. Bishop Joel Martinez, the United Methodist bishop for Nebraska, looked out on a sea of determined Soulforce faces including at least twelve of his own Nebraska clergy and their wives. After several minutes of absolute silence, Captain Bill Holloway of the Grand Island police spoke his first warning. "Move away or be arrested." No one moved. No one spoke. The first sound we heard after "You are under arrest" was the sound of our Soulforce friends applauding in support as we were led away.

One week has passed since our Soulforce Journey to Grand Island. I am still stunned by the arrogance of the United Methodist Church in their mean-spirited treatment of one of their best and brightest. With almost ten million members, the United Methodists are America's third largest Christian community (after Roman Catholics and Southern Baptists.) I had hoped that the United Methodists with their history of social concern would have real-

ized by now that we are God's children, too, worthy of full, unqualified membership in Christ's church. They have not.

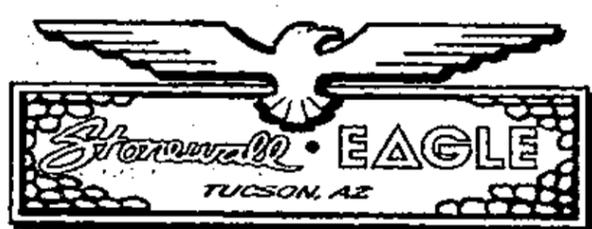
With every passing day I get more convinced that most of the Christian churches (Catholic and Protestant alike) are no closer to granting GLBT people full acceptance than they were twenty or thirty years ago. In many ways it's gotten worse. Except for the United Church of Christ (who have led the way in acceptance and understanding) there is a general crack-down in most denominations on clergy and laity who support us. Investigations are under way. Charges are made. Trials are conducted. Studies are commissioned and tabled. The debate goes on endlessly. And in the process, God's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered children continue to suffer the endless acts of spiritual violence against us.

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I'd rather suffer psychological or physical violence any day than be told over and over again the untruth that my sexual orientation is a sickness and a sin; that my Creator doesn't love me as I am; and that my fifteen year relationship with Gary Nixon isn't blessed by God so the United Methodist Church can't bless it either.

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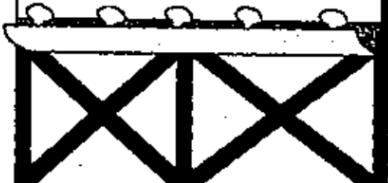
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ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

With visions of sugarplums dancing in their heads, Gay Rambos realize that they are on the verge of a major professional breakthrough. Grab for the glory as the new millennium beckons and take a calculated risk. You may experience a temporary financial setback but what the heck, sometimes giving up a little on the front end reaps bigger rewards on the backend... or so I've heard.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Even though their self confidence has taken a bit of a beating over the past couple of months, rainbow Bulls are full of plucky holiday spirit this December. Good luck is at hand throughout the month cousin so Out with the old in with the new! Clear away the cosmic debris and welcome 2000 like a newborn babe; with a bottle in your mouth and in need of a change of underwear.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Problems pop up unexpectedly and out of nowhere, but don't let small bumps in the road run you off the highway. December promises to be a month to remember for queer Twins with a bawdy sense of adventure. I predict either a randy Roman holiday with a few young bucks or an unforgettable evening with "roaming Randy" that costs a few bucks. Whatta choice!

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Most of December seems to revolve around your job, but even plucky pink Crabs can't concentrate on the day to day for long. Finish up old projects and close out the old year. Then after the 23rd, draw your attention to mergers and acquisitions... in partnerships. If you are still trawling for a big catch, use this time to bait your hook and stick your pole in the water. Feel a nibble??

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Anything having to do creative pastimes should be pursued with vigor this December. Transformative personal changes take place as your great Gay muse goes into overdrive. Gay Leos capture the imaginations of millions but may be reined in by time constraints between work and play after the 23rd. Remember that sometimes even divas scrub the bathroom and do laundry.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

An old broom sweeps clean for all meticulous queer Virgos this December. Pluto is demanding changes in your home life and you must obey. Whether this means a change of residential venue or a frank discussion with any homophobic relations, is up to you. Whatever project you undertake, tackle it before the 23rd. After that, it's party time and domestic harmony be damned.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Proud Libras may be faced with the daunting task of having to choose between the tried and true or the new and exciting in love this December. Which way will your heart and your flesh go? The planets spur you to an ultimate decision by electrifying your every word and creating monumental changes in your life with every slip of the tongue. Hmmm do tell, cousin!

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Can money buy happiness? You're tempted to buy gifts galore this December as the planets total up the bottom line. Queer Scorps may alienate partners with their mercenary meanderings if they exceed the spending limit. Demonstrate your devotion after the 23rd in time for the new year festivities or risk spending the 31st with your auntie instead of your sugar daddy or red hot momma.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Gay Archers manage to party hearty this party hearty season thanks to rowdy, no holds barred retrograde Jupiter. You're destined to make a big social splash this December so dress appropriately (no cellophane underwear unless requested...). At the same time, Saturn casts a few stones in your job path. Keep up on the day to day so you don't get bouldered over or dissipated.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

What's mine is mine and what's yours is mine. Isn't that the way things work? Pink Caps learn the hard way this December that the more they give the more they get. Karmic compensation demands that you dedicate holiday time to improving conditions in our community. I suspect that, by the 23rd, all your good Gay deeds will be amply rewarded. No, not with cold cash, dear.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aquarians may experience love on the job this December as Venus navigates through their charts. But beware of mistletoe at the office party, cousin; it may sweep you off your feet and cloud your better judgement. There are a few hidden things that demand inspection and clarification. Wait until after the 23rd and take a look before you leap. Then, if the world is your oyster, slurp it up!

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

December is the perfect month to reconnect with friends and get involved in group activities. Rainbow Fish are going through a transitional phase in their careers and can gain great insight and direction from others during this tumultuous time. Money is a source of surprises and excess. Try to rein it in so you have enough dough for some really expensive new years champagne.

For entertainment purposes only. For best results, read both your Sun sign and Ascendant. For a free calculation of your ascendant, email your birth date, time and place to Lichtenstein@AccessNewAge.com.

Crimes and Punishment.

An Atlanta man was handed a life sentence for the murder of a Gay man in 1998. Preston Lewis Harris told the court that he stabbed Tyrone Gay, who he met in a bus station, because Gay seduced him. Gay's parents attended the sentencing but declined to talk with reporters after the verdict. His mother, Rita Gay, told the court prior to sentencing that Tyrone Gay's 6-year-old son had one special Christmas wish: "He asked Santa to ask the Lord to bring his father back for Christmas." ...

Prosecutors in Tampa, Fla., say a Gay man there has raked in millions of dollars by using Transsexuals who assume both male and female identities to confuse and con victims out of money. Andrew Stephans, 30, has pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to make, possess, and utter counterfeit checks. Sheriff's detective Pam Hall said Stephans recruited Transsexuals to fraudulently open bank accounts and cash checks. "It's a very tight-knit community," Hall said of the 1,000 Transsexuals she estimates were involved in the fraud ring. "It's their own subculture, and they stick together." ...

Police in Maple Grove, Minn., have arrested two men suspected of assaulting a woman and calling her a Lesbian during a road rage incident. The men's pickup twice cut in front of a car, and when the two vehicles stopped, the driver of the truck started yelling and swearing, police said. When the woman driving the car tried to calm the man down, he pushed her down and punched her in the face, police said. When a second woman riding in the car told him to leave her friend alone, he called her a Lesbian, police said. The men are being held on suspicion of assault moti-

vated by bias, a gross misdemeanor, and disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor.

The prison sentence of Chasity Pasley, who helped Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney cover up evidence in the murder of Gay University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard, was suspended. Second district judge Jeffrey Donnell said that Pasley, who was sentenced last November to up to two years in prison, cooperated with authorities during her five months in jail. Prosecutor Cal Rerucha agreed to the reduction in time served. Pasley's attorney, Mary Elizabeth Galvan, had complained that Pasley, who was Henderson's girlfriend, received an unduly harsh sentence because she pleaded guilty when attention was focused on Shepard's death. A codefendant, Kristen Price, agreed to a plea bargain last month, after McKinney's conviction, and was given a suspended sentence with credit for the two months already served. ...

Officials in Richmond, Va., say the beating and decapitation murder of a Gay homeless man there last March is not connected to the similar murders of two middle-aged men in. "We've already been in contact with the police out there," said Richmond police detective Thomas Leonard. "Although there initially appeared to be similarities, there is no connection at this point." The severed head of 39-year-old Henry Edward Northington was found on a footbridge in Richmond on March 1. His body was found a half-mile away in the river. There are no suspects in the case. In Denver, seven homeless people, ages 42 to 62, have been found beaten to death since September. Two of the victims were found headless.



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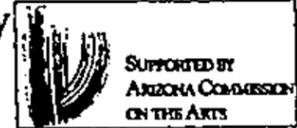
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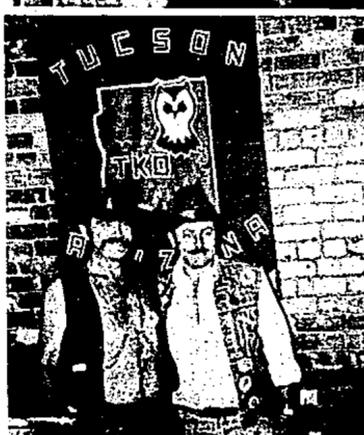
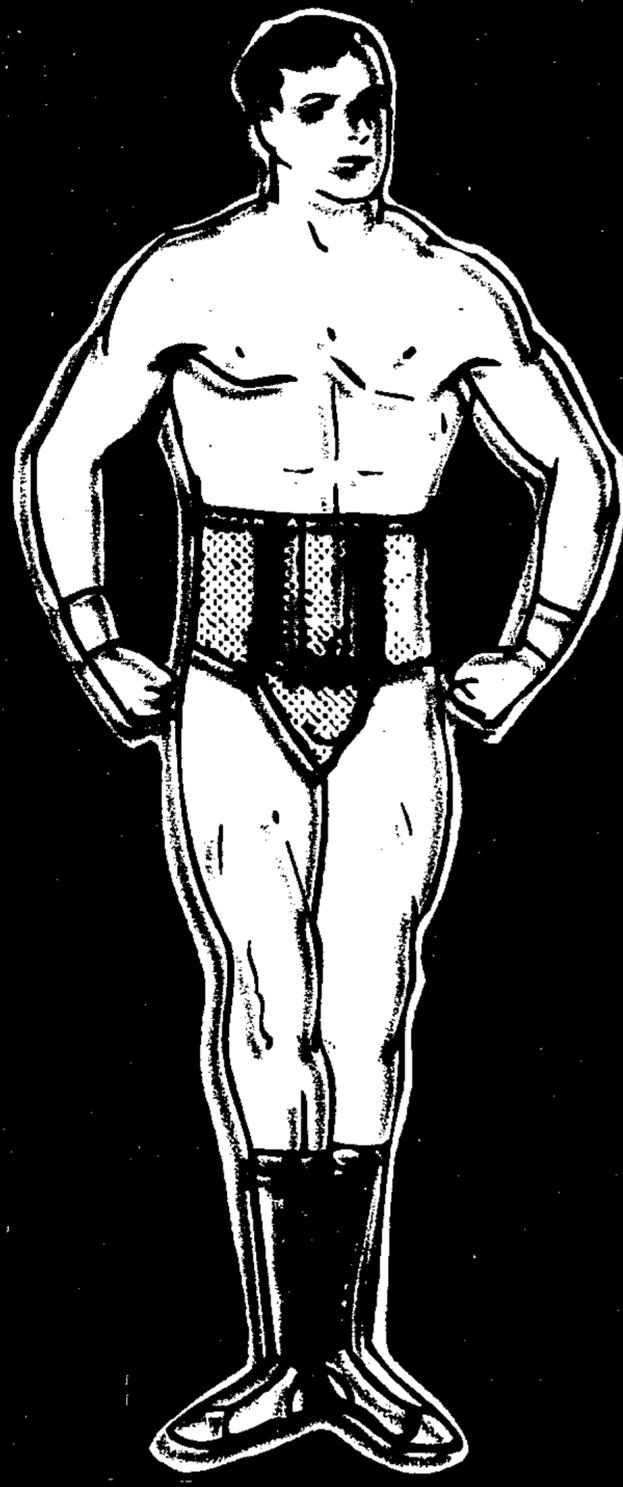
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TWENTY YEARS AGO

▼ Long-Time popular Gay bar in Phoenix, Diamond Lil's, was the victim of a daring mid-evening holdup. A trio of young black men in their 20s walked into the bar around 9:30 p.m. And were served draft beers. Upon returning from an errand to the back room, the bartender was confronted by a gun and the tri were wearing stocking masks. The cash register was robbed of its contents and Phil, the bartender, and five customers were forced to lie on the floor where they were robbed of money and jewelry. A trio of similar description were reported to have tried to enter the Incognito Lounge nearby, but were stopped at the door for lack of proper identification.

▼ February 15 was announced as the release date of the movie "Cruising" which has been the focal point of riots in New York where it is being filmed. The movie depicting a series of homosexual murders in New York City. It is rumored that sections of the "Cruising" dialogue tract will have to be re-recorded in the studio due to the amount of noise raised by protesters during the film.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

▼ Rita's Rendezvous on Grant Road changes hands. Rita and Vinny Cicciarelli just after celebrating the bar's 3rd anniversary, turned their keys over to Thom Swanson and Mac McKown Dec. 5.

▼ First Annual 'Twinkle Ball Gay-La' benefit hosted by the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee was held at the Santa Rita Hotel. Formal attire.

▼ Volleyball League Playoffs at Back Pocket.

▼ On Wednesdays, the Fineline featured 75¢ 'Tall Neck Beers' and 'Dynasty' on the big screen in the BFR.

TEN YEARS AGO

▼ Devina won the Miss Gay Arizona Crown 1989-90 December 3rd.

▼ The Infectious Disease Division of the University of Arizona was seeking HIV/AIDS volunteers for protocol of the investigational drug AS-101. The drug would be administered intravenously 1 or 3 or 5 time each week. All lab works and drugs are free.

▼ MCC/Tucson announces that on Dec. 12 the church will have been established nineteen years. They will be having a big birthday party at the church, 560 S. Stone Ave.

▼ Tucson's Metropolitan Community Chorus will present their winter concert "A Winter Serenade" at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Dec. 8th.

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GO IN GOOD HEALTH.
BY REV. ANDREW BROOKS

This week, I want to talk about herbalism. Herbalism is an ancient art of healing, using the medicinal properties of plants to cure illness. Far too many people are still skeptical of herbs, placing their faith instead in "modern medicine," which is touted as being far superior to all other forms of healing. In actuality, that is far from the truth. Doctors are quite fallible, and modern medicine, for all its dazzling technology and array of drugs, is still inadequate to cure many chronic ailments. Doctors do good work for traumatic injuries, and do save many lives. But when it comes to chronic ailments, herbs are often a superior approach. Most modern medicines are simply synthetic compounds that imitate natural ingredients found in plants. For example, aspirin, a common household drug, used for pain and fever, is a synthetic copy of salicylic acid, found naturally in herbs such as White Willow and Meadow-sweet. For some people, the gentle action of these herbs is superior to the harsher artificial aspirin, which can cause stomach upset and ulcers in some people.

Valium, a common drug, is a synthetic version of the herb Valerian. And it is widely known that penicillin, a commonly used antibiotic, was originally discovered in mold on bread! Modern medicine owes an enormous debt to herbal healing. Herbs are once more becoming popular as a form of healing, and more and more people are using them to supplement their healthcare. Herbalism is one way of taking back power over your own health, and doing something on your own to promote your well-being. There are so many wonderful herbs to choose from. There are many that are well-known, and others that are being discovered all the time. More and more research is proving conclusively that herbs do have wonderful healing effects. For the longest time, Milk Thistle, a common healing herb, has been used to help the liver. Research has proven that the active ingredient within it, silymarin, does contain potent elements that do indeed help to heal and protect the liver. Milk Thistle has been used by many to help repair their liver after suffering serious damage.

In this cold time of the year, many of us are beginning to suffer from colds, flu, and the usual viruses that plague us year after year. Two very popular herbs, Goldenseal and Echinacea, are useful in combating these ailments. When taken at the onset of an attack of illness, Echinacea can indeed help the body fight off the illness before it can take hold. The Chinese herb Astragalus is another good immune booster, though it is best to avoid it when a fever is present. Another wonderful herb that is good to use to fight off colds, the flu, and other viral ailments is Elderberry extract, which is also sold in a syrup form (not unlike the commercial cough syrups on the market) under the name "Sambucol." Research has shown that Elberberry has a strong healing effect and does indeed help fight off the flu. I have used it myself, and found it to be quite helpful. It did bring on a sweat, which can be useful in ridding the body of harmful toxins.

Herbs are a powerful form of healing, and can help the body immensely. Echinacea and Goldenseal have become very popular as healing herbs, and are found on the shelf in most health food stores, drugstores, and markets. Echinacea is often used in conjunction with Vitamin C and Zinc, which help to enhance immunity and promote healing effects also.

For those suffering from arthritis and chronic joint pain, two natural supplements, Glucosamine Chondroitin and MSM

have shown great promise. These help the joints to repair, and do have a restorative effect. Shop around, since Glucosamine can be rather expensive! I have found it at more affordable prices at Fry's market (near the pharmacy) and at Trader Joe's. There are many brands, some of which are quite exorbitant, so shop around for the best price.

Next week, I will begin an A-Z listing of some of the more common healing herbs, which are useful in self-healing. None of the information is provided as a substitute for competent medical care, but to inform you of some natural approaches to self-healing. Goddess Bless. Till next time, Go in Good Health.

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Entertainment Briefs...

Paris Barclay, an Emmy-winning openly Gay director of NYPD Blue—is about to make TV history again with the upcoming series City of Angels. Barclay is working as writer-director-producer along with veteran TV mastermind Stephen Bochco on the series, an ER-style medical melodrama with a mostly African-American cast. City of Angels was in development before this season's burst of protest by the NAACP and other organizations over the lack of racial diversity on TV. Now the Bochco-Barclay collaboration has become the object of intense scrutiny. The series is set to premiere early next year. Says Bochco: "What wakes me up at night is the thought that if this show doesn't succeed, I'm really afraid that a lot of programmers are going to say, 'Well, gee whiz, if Bochco and that talented crew couldn't succeed, why should we even make an attempt at it?' That worries me." ...

Though ABC said a few weeks back that it would merely pull the low-rated drama Wasteland from its schedule during November, the network has decided to cancel the show created by openly Gay Kevin Williamson. Wasteland, like Williamson's hit WB series Dawson's Creek, included a Gay character in its story line. ...

Journey to a Hate Free Millennium, the award-winning hate-crimes documentary that includes a look at the Matthew Shepard tragedy, will run December 11-12 at Laemmle's Sunset-5 Theatre in Los Angeles. The morning screenings will be followed by a talk with the film makers. ...

Groundbreaking Gay novelist Paul Bowles, author of The Sheltering Sky, has died of a heart attack in Tangier, Morocco, the country where he had spent more than half his life. He was 88. Bowles wrote and published many volumes of prose, poetry, essays, and letters. He was also a respected orchestral composer as well as a writer, having studied with Gay composer Aaron Copland in Paris in the 1930s and written the music for plays such as Tennessee Williams's Summer and Smoke. Bowles's best-known written work, The Sheltering Sky (1949), which focuses on Americans in North Africa after World War II, was made into a lush, panoramic film by Bernardo Bertolucci in 1990. His other novels include The Delicate Prey (1950), Let It Come Down (1952), The Spider's House (1955), and Up Above the World (1966). Gore Vidal said of Bowles, "as a short story writer, [Bowles] has had few equals in the second half of the 20th century." ...

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"An Informal, Dysfunctional, Dehydrated Turkey Dinner"

It's the week after, the Thanksgiving holiday.

People are recovering from visiting (and the travel costs) or getting visits from their contemptible, dysfunctional breeder relatives and the inevitable turkey dinner. Gravy? What gravy?

Speaking of heartburn: The U.S. Army served some dehydrated, dysfunctional turkey and stuffing this past week, when formally responding to the letter from Christopher Wolf, attorney for state Representative Steve May, R-Phoenix, under investigation for possible violations of the bankrupt, "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

Wolf had asked the Army to comment and drop their investigation of May. In the following letter, dated November 24, the U.S. Army formally responded to Mr. Wolf, sort of:

Dear Mr. Wolf:

I responded on behalf of the investigating officer, Major Patricia Maddox, to your correspondence dated November 15, 1999. As you requested, I am writing to confirm our telephone conversation of November 18, 1999.

As I stated during our telephone conversation, it is the position of this Command that Army regulations and Department of Defense policy mandate the investigation being conducted by Major Maddox. Based upon statements made by First Lieutenant Stephen May, this Command had no option but to initiate an informal fact-finding investigation. Thus, the investigation will not be terminated.

The remainder of this letter addresses several issues raised in your letter.

Major Maddox should complete the investigation within the next week. The commander who initiated the investigation will then review the report of the investigation. At this time, no commander has formed any intent or made any decision regarding the "discharge" of Lieutenant May. Furthermore, Army regulations mandate that, should any commander contemplate initiating any adverse administrative action based upon information obtained as a result of an investigation, the commander must first:

- 1) Notify the officer, in writing, of the proposed adverse action;
- 2) Provide the officer with a copy of the investigation report and supporting evidence on which the proposed adverse action is based;
- 3) Provide the officer a reasonable opportunity to reply in writing and to submit relevant rebuttal material; and,

4) Review and evaluate the response from the officer.

Thus, Lieutenant May will never be required to "defend himself against unspecified allegations." Furthermore, Lieutenant May would not be required to provide information "regarding his private sex life" as part of any reply or rebuttal material.

Major Maddox will consider, in conducting her informal investigation, the matter you raised on behalf of your client in the letter dated November 15, 1999.

Richard A. Weis
Captain, U.S. Army
Assistant Staff Judge Advocate
63rd Regional Support Command

May isn't required to "defend himself against unspecified allegations" based on unspecified "statements made by [himself]" during an already concluded, "informal investigation."

May doesn't have to provide information "regarding his private sex life" as part of any reply or rebuttal material during the "informal investigation."

What is the point of all this then?

More as this dysfunctional story develops. ...

The Tucson chapter of the Arizona Human Rights Fund will be hosting a fund raiser (from \$30 to \$256) for Steve May, Saturday, December 4, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. The event will take place at the home of Mark Gerson and Tom Black, 4507 N. Camino Kino. ...

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TUCSON, AZ— The Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) Christmas Choir will make their debut this Sunday, December 5, 1999 at both the 9:15 A.M. and the 11:15 A.M. worship services.

The Advent activities will culminate in the Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Celebration at 10:45 P.M. on December 24. A reception hosted by the Church's Board of Directors will follow the Christmas Eve Candlelight service.

Water of Life MCC is also celebrating the Christmas season with special liturgy in worship and with seasonal activities throughout the month of December. "Come One, Come All, Come Celebrate Christmas!" is the focus at Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), Tucson, at the regular Sunday 9:15 A.M. and 11:15 A.M. worship times.

Water of Life MCC is a member congregation of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), with headquarters in West Hollywood, California. While primarily focused in the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered communities, and their family and friends, Water of Life MCC is open to all people.

On the third Sunday of Advent, December 12, Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church will celebrate their 29th Anniversary of continuous ministry and service in the greater Tucson community. On the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 19, the church will host a special Christmas caroling service at 6:00 P.M.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1 Peter 3:15)

Scripture tells us to not only be ready to share the reason of our hope but to do it! So often we hide our hope where others can't see it and then wonder why we live in such a "hopeless" society.

The hope of a Christian is based on one's relationship with Jesus. The mere definition of a Christian is that one has made a personal relationship with God's Son, Jesus and believe fully in what he did for all people while on the earth. He died on a cross a sinless man. Yet he did so

because it was a final payment for the sins of each and every person. Its a difficult concept, but once someone is able to embrace the truths of Jesus and the salvation he offers each of us, then that person is free to be filled with hope.

My hope personally comes from believing that God is sovereign. In other words nothing happens in this world that is out of His knowledge or "Will." I derive great comfort in trying times just knowing that there is a reason I am having to endure the particular hardship. I also get hope from the fact that my time on this earth is temporary yet my time of being is eternal. And thanks be to God, that eternity can be spent in Heaven with the Lord rather than in Hell because of my relationship with Jesus Christ.

You may be in a difficult if not excruciating place in your life right now. You may be feeling your hope wain quickly away. But don't give up. Rather, turn to God and ask Him to make Jesus real to you. You won't be disappointed. In fact, I know from experience with God, there is always hope!

Mark your calendars for some upcoming events: Christmas Program (great singing and lots of laughs)- Saturday Dec. 18, 6:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Service-Friday Dec. 24, 7:00 P.M. Christmas Bible studies- Wed. 12/15 & 12/22 6:00 P.M. New Year's Bible study- Wed. 12/29 6:00 P.M.



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Desert Coyotes Resume Season

TUCSON — The Desert Coyotes, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian bowling league, will resume their 1999-2000 season this week.

The league took this past week off for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Action resumes Wednesday, December 1, to see which team will be the second quarter champions. The league bowls at 9:00 P.M., at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile.

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Season Ends For Mauresmo

NEW YORK, NY (NP) -- The Women's Tennis Association tour season ended for French Lesbian Amelie Mauresmo as world #2 Lindsay Davenport (US) knocked her out of the Chase Championships in Madison Square Garden 3-6, 6-3, 6-2. But Mauresmo will be getting a nice purse just for showing up at the \$2-million tournament, and it looks like she'll be ending the year as world #10, a great leap forward from #29 last year — and promising a great future ahead of her at age 20.

"I really want to try to stay in the top ten next year. I want to get my game more consistent for all the year, all the tournaments, all the matches. I'm very proud of what I've done this year," she told the Associated Press. It was defeating then-#1 Davenport in the semifinals at the Australian Open in January — and being openly affectionate there with her partner Sylvie Bourdon — that rocketed Mauresmo into the limelight. When Mauresmo went on to defeat then-and-now-#1 Martina Hingis in the quarter-finals at the Gaz de France, she achieved something no one else has yet done on the WTA tour: beat two #1's in a single season. After an injury-plagued summer, she finally won her first professional tournament last month, the Eurotel Slovak Indoor in Bratislava (Slovakia's first pro tennis event).

Mauresmo opened the tournament looking like a winner, while Davenport was hobbled by a strained thigh muscle. Whomping aces at up to 109 mph, Maures-

mo leaped out to a 5-1 lead and was up 40-15 on the set point when Davenport began to adjust to her pain. In the roller-coaster ninth game, Mauresmo hit both three aces and three double faults, two of the latter on set points, before finally winning the set. Then Davenport jumped out to a 3-0 lead, and while Mauresmo battled back, she never caught up. In the final set, Davenport again took an early lead, and Mauresmo's initially brilliant serve fell apart and she made errors. The match took an hour and 42 minutes.

"I'm a little bit disappointed, and I think I could have won this one. I think this match was a little bit up and down on both sides," said Mauresmo in her still-improving English. "Some of the games in the first set, I served pretty well. I held my serve pretty easily, except at the end of the first set. Then she started to make me doubt a little bit on my serve, she was returning so well. I should have tried to stay more into the court instead of starting to back up a little too much. I was really trying to keep my rhythm up. I should have tried to be more consistent on important points." Mauresmo was also less than happy with the Supreme indoor playing surface, saying, "On this surface, you know, you miss, you make a winner, it's up and down all the time."

Davenport, always generous, agreed with Mauresmo's analysis. "She served unbelievable and was hitting winners. Then she started missing a lot of those shots she was making. The second set was only one break, so there was a little luck to win the second set. The third set, I just got off to a good lead." Davenport won 76% of her first-service points, hit 33 winners and committed 19 unforced errors. Mauresmo ended up with ten aces and five double faults, 33 winners, and 22 unforced errors. Davenport now leads Mauresmo 3-2 in their career match-ups.

Mauresmo's last previous tournament was the \$520,000 Generali Ladies Open in Linz, Austria. She made it to the semi-finals after Austrian Barbara Schwartz withdrew with an arm injury while trailing 3-6, 7-5, 4-1. It was an all-French semi-finals, the first time one nation has held all four slots since 1994, but Mauresmo fell to top seed Mary Pierce 7-5, 6-3 on October 30. Pierce went on to win that tournament, her first of the year.

AS I SEE IT..... BY CLARK

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Rallying Call

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edition, Time.com, and the Washington Post's ombudsman, E.R. Shipp, have published defenses of the different treatment of the Shepard and Dirkhising cases.

"Matthew Shepard's death sparked public expressions of outrage that themselves became news. That Jesse Dirkhising's death has not done so to date is hardly the fault of The Washington Post," Shipp wrote Nov. 14.

The Washington Post and Time.com also drew a distinction between a hate crime, such as the fatal beating of the Gay Shepard, and sex crimes by heterosexual and homosexual predators.

That view is shared by the prosecutor who is seeking the death penalty in the Dirkhising case.

"Shepard was killed because he was a homosexual. This is a sex crime, but it is not a hate crime, and I think to compare it to the Shepard case is comparing apples and oranges," Benton County prosecuting attorney Brad Butler said.

He said he was aware there were groups who wanted to use the Dirkhising murder to air their views. "But I think it's wrong to use the death of a 13-year-old boy to voice them. These crimes are just the acts of two degenerates, sick people," Butler said.

Jimmy Creech

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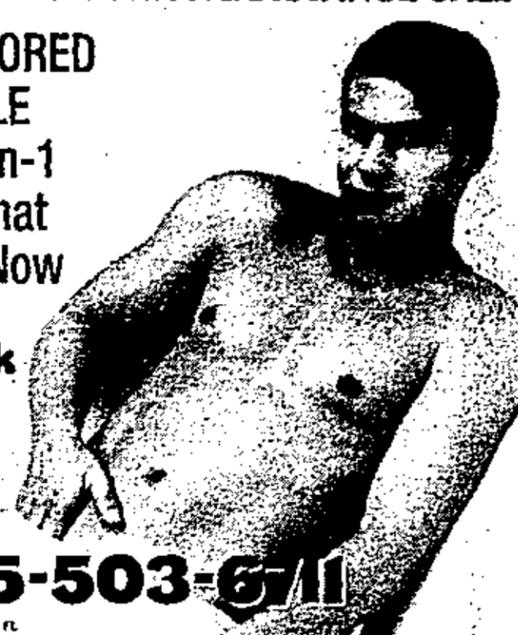
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2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Potluck & Social Gathering as we sit down to eat with some of the nicest Gay guys in town (like you!). Just bring your favorite dish to share with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

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus Holiday Concert "Don We Now Our Gay Apparel". Traditional music for the season, including the premiere of "Gloria" written for Reveille by James Gall, featuring guest soloist Regina Eising and the Heavy Metal Quintet. Also featured will be "Our Gay Apparel", describing just how difficult it is to find the "Right" thing to wear for the holidays. 8:00 p.m. at First Congregational United Church Of Christ, 824 N. Second Avenue at University, Tucson.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

12:30 p.m., Tucson Prime Timers Luncheon at Mosaic, 2455 N. Silverbell Rd. (NW corner Silverbell and Grant - next to McDonald's). Call 584-0280 for details.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our Topic of Discussion as we look at whether it's better to be single or coupled. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30-6:30 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 a.m. Join Jim & Ed for an informational gathering about a trip to the Greek Islands in 2000. For details, please call Jim at 577-1602.

12:30 p.m., Tucson Prime Timers Luncheon at Shooters Steakhouse and Saloon, 3115 E. Prince Road (Just east of Country Club) Call 584-0280 for details.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Party held at Jerry & Lee

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Latin Dance Party 9:00 to closing. Fuerza Latina 2000 Travesti Show 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

WOODY'S - 1st Annual Benefit Volleyball Tournament on their new volleyball court. 4-man teams in Mens / Mixed (2+2) / Women's. All proceeds to benefit SAAF, TIHAN, MPS Society and Wingspan. Registration 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

STARS - Live Reggae Music here this evening for your listening and dancing pleasure. Cover \$3.00.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Teddy Bear Raffle & Show for Rudi's Kids. 8:00 p.m.

WOODY'S - 1st Annual Benefit Volleyball Tournament on their new volleyball court. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., elimination rounds. 4-man teams in Mens / Mixed (2+2) / Women's. All proceeds to benefit SAAF, TIHAN, MPS Society and Wingspan.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. for GLSEN (Gay/Lesbian-Straight Educators Network), with Karaoke on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 with Billy Dee. Then at 9:00 p.m. it's the Men of IBT's Male Revue. Get there early!

WOODY'S - 1st Annual Benefit Volleyball Tournament on their new volleyball court. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Playoffs for Division Championships. 5:00 p.m. Awards presentation. All proceeds to benefit SAAF, TIHAN, MPS Society and Wingspan, with a benefit Bar-B-Que for all 4 organizations from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m..

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Boyz-R-U's. Comic Drag Revue. 10:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., The Girls Show with Lucinda Holliday, Aija Simone, Bunny FuFu, Victoria Du Puis and from Dallas, Texas Crystal Bleu.

THURS, FRI, SAT, SUN, DEC. 9-10-11-12

VENTURE-N - Venture-N's Anniversary Party and Mr. Venture-N Contest. Watch for more details. A nomination form is in their ad this week.

FRI-SAT-SUN, DECEMBER 10-11-12

IBT'S - 4th Avenue Winter Street Fair and Desert Diva's Shows. Saturday 3:00 p.m. and Sunday 3:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Come cruise the Avenue. Street Fair performers include Lucinda Holliday, Aija Simone, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Victoria Du Puis, Bunny FuFu, Devina, Virginia Sacrifice, Naomi Knight and Phaedra.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) present "Twisted Christmas" show at 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Desert La Cage. Starring Crystal Abrams. 10:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Adrian's Country/Western Hoedown. 9:00 to close.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Latin Dance Party 9:00 to closing. Fuerza Latina 2000 Travesti Show 10:30 p.m.

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

ADNT NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9-1. Shot specials all night.

IBT's - Open 11am-1am. Happy Hour 11-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. 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.

STARS - Open 5pm-1am. Happy Hour 5-7. STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. During Pool Tourney Beer Bust. No Tourney 2-8 only. Schnapps 1st 10 minutes of each hour 75¢ 9-12 only. Fabulous shows every Sunday. Call for info 824-8805.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. \$1.25 Tomato Juice Cocktails, Boilemakers. Beer Bust, BBQ and Drink Specials. Football on big screen. 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. WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm

Monday

ADNT NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. \$1.50 Well's 8-midnight.

IBT's - Open 10am. Martini Monday all day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well and domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm to closing, \$1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Karaoke Billy Dee 7:00-9:30pm. Retro 80's dance 9:30pm to closing. All drink specials not available during special events.

STARS - Open 5pm-1am. Happy Hour 5-7. STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. During Football game Bud & Bud Light longnecks \$2. Hot Dogs w/chips 75¢ Popcorn \$1. Comdogs \$1. VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Football on big screen. Food & Drink Specials. VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Blue Monday! \$2 Well and Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Skyy shots \$2 (w/juice \$2.25). Dart Tourney 8pm. WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close. And Football.

Tuesday

ADNT 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 Starline & DJ Butta Fly 9-1.

IBT's - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. 9 pm to close \$1.75 well. Wear an IBT's T-shirt get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. House Hi-Nergy Dance 9pm to closing.

STARS - Open 5pm-1am. Happy Hour 5-7. STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Beer Bust during Pool Tourney Pitchers \$1.75, Glass 75¢. If no tourney Beer Bust 7-10. Flavored Stoli 50¢ in Stonewall.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$2 Well drinks and longnecks 6am-12:30pm; Makers Mark \$2 shot. 1st Tuesday TKO Spaghetti Feed. WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Skyy's the limit \$2.25

Wednesday

ADNT 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.

IBT's - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am to 4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. \$1.75 Bud Products 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STARS - Open 5pm-1am. Happy Hour 5-7. STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Any flavor Schnapps 50¢ 1st 10 minutes of every hour 9-12. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hottest dance music in town.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am, Happy Hour til 7pm: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Free Pool 9pm-12:45am. Dance Mix.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Salsa Morning! \$2 Well & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 and Cuervo 1900 \$2.25 Open to close. Western Nite Drink specials if in Cowboy attire. WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm

Thursday

ADNT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Melissa 9pm to close. W/creamy cowgirls & \$2.50 Tequila Rosa.

IBT's - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 Well & domestic 4-9. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 well and \$1.75 domestic beer to those in their underwear (part check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STARS - Open 5pm-1am. Happy Hour 5-7. STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Bartender's Choice 9-12 only. In the Stonewall Hornitos shot or mix \$2 from 9-12 only.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Free Pool 9pm-12:45am. Dance Mix.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am \$2 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm. Patio Bar open 6pm. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-lsh. \$3 entry. Hides Leather shop opens at 8pm. WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm.

Friday

ADNT 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.

IBT's - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Tracey 5:30-8:30pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

STARS - Open 5pm-1am. Happy Hour 5-7. Entertainment 8-12. STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Bartender's Choice 9-12 only. Flavored Stoli in the Stonewall 50¢ discount 9-12 only.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Variety Dance Mix.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$2 Well & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Snacks served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens 8pm. WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm Martini Party - Well

Martinis \$2, Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close.

Saturday

ADNT NOBODY'S 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.

IBT's - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Patio bar 9-1. All drink specials not available during special events.

STARS - Open 5pm-1am. Happy Hour 5-7. Entertainment 8-12. STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. During Pool Tourney Beer Bust. No Tourney Beer Bust 2-8 only. Bartender's Choice 9-12. Stonewall opens 9pm. Schnapps 1st 10 minutes of each hour 75¢ 9-12 only.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Drag Shows. Dance.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ drafts, \$1.50 pitchers. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm. Cricket Dart Tournament 9pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm

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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 856-1208 or Brian at 882-4776 for information.

HME & MIKE DYKES. Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7239 for info.

LESBIAN SOCIAL DISCUSSION GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 pm. Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Come Chat!

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

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. Advertisers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Newricks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

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

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

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

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)327-1820 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. Etlia 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 8:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KKCI. 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). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Desert Girls (MTT) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Desert Boys meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAE@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagameat

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 802-415-1123. 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

TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, O&S and TV community. Call us at (520)817-4881, e-mail us at http://www.geocities.com/YesItsHollywood/Height5088

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

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

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

CRONES SOCIAL GROUP. A social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6768.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Garonimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-9247.

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

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Philips in the Hill 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 Army Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE 25 PER WORD \$5.00 MINIMUM



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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)534-8219 (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.

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 446-5123.

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at 55 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 Dee 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 624-0348 (24-hour line)

GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDERED Young Adults Support Group for people ages 20 to 30 meets for sharing, support and information. Meetings are every Saturday from 11am to 12:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779.

GAY SUICIDE PREVENTION. P.O. Box 64865, Tucson, AZ 85718-9998. Tele 520-577-3760. 1-888-774-9200, Fax 520-577-7443

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us!! Call 881-1389 to audition. 617-3100 for more info.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 890-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6847.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS and updates on Gay Games 2002, contact TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. 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. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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

F.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 38264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY? GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 4:30 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.

NOTICES

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 facilitates. Call 745-9977 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 Thursday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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 628-7223.

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.

THE MEN'S MESSAGE 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 681-4582 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 Holman 529-7542 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.

THAN, 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.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6678 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, 1438 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Eddie 888-4595.

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 (evz@net.com)

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