

Effort To Repeal Miami-Dade County Non-Discrimination Ordinance Fails

MIAMI, FL - A petition drive to repeal a Miami-Dade County law banning discrimination based on sexual orientation failed to gain enough signatures to qualify for the September ballot. While a skillful campaign by local Gay activists to discourage voters from signing the petitions led to the unsuccessful effort, the battle in Miami may be far from over, according to the Human Rights Campaign.

"The voters of Miami have sent a clear message that they are against discrimination and do not want a disruptive ballot measure that will divide the community," said HRC National Field Director Seth Kilbourn. "The leaders of SAVE Dade did a tremendous job educating voters and letting them know that the petitioners were asking them to support legalized discrimination. Once people learned what the petition was about they rejected it."

To place the repeal question before voters on the September ballot, anti-Gay activists faced a deadline to collect 32,582 petition signatures, or four percent of Dade County's registered voters. "Take Back Miami-Dade" - a coalition of anti-Gay groups including the Florida Family Asso-

ciation and the Christian Coalition that led the doomed repeal effort - has indicated that it will begin gathering signatures so the question can be asked on the November ballot. The group hopes to use the September primaries as a way to jump-start their stalled repeal campaign.

"There is no limit to the number of times they can try this," said Jorge Mursuli, SAVE Dade Chairman. "So it is a victory, but we see it as a temporary victory."

Miami-Dade County Commissioners voted 7-6 in December 1998 in favor of an ordinance that banned discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing and employment. According to the Miami Herald, 30 people have filed complaints since the law was enacted.

In 1977, orange juice spokesperson and beauty queen Anita Bryant led a successful crusade to overturn a nondiscrimination law similar to the one anti-Gay activists are trying to overturn today. Other Florida counties and cities with ordinances are: Broward County (Fort Lauderdale), Key West, Miami Beach, Palm Beach County, Tampa, West Palm Beach.

New Jersey Supreme Court Okays Co-Mom Visits

TRENTON, NJ (NP) - One of the strongest endorsements of Lesbian and Gay co-parents to date found that an ex-partner is a "psychological parent" to the twins born during her relationship.

"Once a third party has been determined to be the psychological parent to a child ... he or she stands in parity with the legal parent," according to a unanimous decision by the New Jersey Supreme Court, as it granted a non-biological Lesbian co-parent the right to visitation with the twins her former partner bore by artificial insemination. The co-parent might also have won joint custody had she not been out of the twins' lives for the four years the case has been in the legal system. It will be different for similar cases in the future, because the state's high court also laid out guidelines to aid in determining just what qualifies an individual as a "psychological parent." All told, it's one of the most ringing endorsements yet by a court that Lesbian and Gay co-parents are "real" parents.

As American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of New Jersey legal director Lenora Lapidus put it, "Children's relationships with people who function as their parents have to be protected, and the court has provided a framework for how that can be accomplished." The ACLU of New Jersey filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the case, as did the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the National Center for Lesbian Rights, and Lambda Families of New Jersey.

Background of the Case: According to her testimony, MJB had been planning and researching bearing a child by artificial insemination before she met VC. MJB and VC first dated and then moved in together in 1993. They purchased a house together and celebrated a religious commitment ceremony. VC attended Lamaze classes with MJB and was present when the fraternal twins were born in 1994. The two shared parenting activities until MJB broke off the relationship in August 1996, when the children were nearly two. VC continued to visit with them and contribute to their support until MJB cut her off in 1997, leading VC to file her lawsuit seeking not only visitation but joint custody - the authority to be involved in decision-making for the children.

It was the first case of its kind to go to trial in New Jersey, although three more followed soon after. In court, MJB's attorney sought to present VC as "more of a nanny" than an equal partner in child-rearing. Essex County Judge Philip Cummis compared VC's standing to that of a step-parent who had not legally adopted the child, but ruled in September 1998 that, "There is evidence the plaintiff participated in activities and responsibility surrounding the children, but this participation has not been proven to rise to the level of co-parent." He also wrote that, "New Jersey courts have typically held a third party seeking custody against the natural parent must prove unfitness or abandonment by the

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TIHAN Receives \$6,500 Grant From AGRA



TUCSON - In Phoenix last week to receive a check from the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association was a delegation from the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN). Pictured here are the Rev. Frank Bergen, Jim, Linda Girard and Noel. See story below.

TUCSON - People living with HIV and AIDS in Southern Arizona will benefit from the volunteer efforts of the Gay rodeo community.

At their monthly meeting this past Saturday, the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) announced that their membership voted unanimously to award a grant to the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN). The \$6,500 grant will be used to support Poz Cafe, a very successful and well-respected TIHAN program designed to enhance nutrition and socialization among persons living with HIV.

Bob Pimentel, President of the AGRA State Board, presented the check at Charlie's, the popular country-western bar in Phoenix, to a TIHAN contingent in Phoenix for the AGRA meeting.

The grant comes from the fund-raising proceeds of the Tucson Chapter of AGRA, which dissolved into the Phoenix chapter last year. "We're grateful to the members of AGRA and the Gay rodeo community in Tucson, Phoenix, and throughout the country," said Scott Blades, Executive Director of TIHAN. "These funds represent the hard work of AGRA volunteers from Gay rodeo events over the past years, and we're honored to be chosen to receive this grant. Be assured that we'll put these funds to good use to benefit people in our community."

With its beginnings in Reno in 1976, the Gay rodeo movement has grown substantially, and raises thousands of dollars for charity each year. The Arizona rodeo is among the longest-running and best-attended on the International Gay Rodeo Association circuit.

The local group's \$6,500 grant will be utilized to provide meals to HIV+ persons through Poz Cafe, a monthly lunch/dinner program established by TIHAN and its member congregations. Each month, volunteers from a TIHAN congregation provide a nutritious meal for people living with HIV, followed by a time

of socialization, games, arts and crafts, and other happenings. The monthly lunch takes place on the third Thursday of each month, with an evening dinner two months out of the year.

"Poz" is pronounced "paws," and is short for positive-as in HIV-positive. The program is for HIV+ adults, and each may bring a guest. It is free of charge, and transportation is provided as needed.

"Many people living with HIV/AIDS are doing better and feeling better due to new medications, and are looking for more social opportunities," said Blades. "In addition, we're increasingly realizing the importance of nutrition in managing HIV infection, maintaining health and well-being. So we combined these issues, and came up with Poz Cafe, a monthly lunch and social event."

Traveling to Phoenix to accept the check were Poz Cafe Planning Team members Noel and Jim, TIHAN Board members Linda Girard and the Rev. Frank Bergen, along with Executive Director Scott Blades. TIHAN is a non-for-profit coalition of faith communities providing a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS.

For more information about Poz Cafe or TIHAN, call (520) 299-6647. For more information about AGRA, call (602) 265-8166.

Day Of Silence Observed

LOS ANGELES, CA (NP) - Various campus activities for the world-wide demonstration-gave students a new understanding of how it feels when a person can't speak out.

April 5 marked the fifth annual observance of the Day of Silence by high school and college students on more than 150 campuses in the U.S., Canada and New Zealand, one of the largest youth-run demonstrations in the world. Participants refrained from speech from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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IN MEMORIAM

Tucson GLBT Commission Outreach Subcommittee Meeting April 17

TUCSON - The first meeting of the Outreach Subcommittee of the City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Commission will be held on Monday, April 17, 5:30 p.m.

This meeting will take place at the offices of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, 375 S. Euclid Avenue. Ample parking is available and this and any other meetings connected with the City of Tucson GLBT Commission are open to the public.

If you have any questions please contact Ana Lozano, Chair of the Outreach Committee, at testing@saaf.org or by phone at (520) 628-7223.

Women Want Men Who Are 'Just Gay Enough'

NEW YORK, NY (WS) - Talk magazine poses the question "Are you Gay enough?" in a story in its May issue about the great interest in sexually ambiguous males.

The magazine conducted a survey of "professional urban straight girls" and found out that young women want a man who is "just Gay enough" instead of "not quite Gay enough" or "just a little too Gay." Said one woman: "You like a man to be manly, but you also like [him] to have some feminine qualities."

According to the survey, if you have twin Jack Russell terriers, you're "just a little too Gay," but if you "never miss Felicity" and "you know midcentury modern designs as well as box scores," you're "just Gay enough." Celebrities who are "just Gay enough" include Jude Law, Matt Damon, Edward Norton, Scott Wolf, director Spike Jonze, and James Gandolfini (apparently women like his Sopranos character because even though he cheats on his wife, he's in therapy).

The article's writer Sam Sifton, says he's "not quite Gay enough" because he doesn't own an iron. But he does have the ability to "spot a Gucci pump at 50 paces." Therefore, he puts himself between openly Gay New York magazine deputy editor Maer Roshan and Maximum Golf editor Michael Caruso. Roshan responds: "Gee, I couldn't identify a Gucci pump. Maybe Sam isn't giving himself enough credit."

Galindo Reveals He's HIV+

BALTIMORE, MD - Rudy Galindo, the openly Gay 1996 U.S. national figure skating champion, told USA Today that he is HIV-positive.

Galindo told the paper he was diagnosed with HIV on March 1 while being treated for pneumonia. "People always think that it can't happen to them, but it can," the 30-year-old Galindo, told the newspaper. "I didn't want to hide this illness," he said. "I didn't want to live a lie. I've always wanted to be truthful."

Galindo left the tour briefly in February before returning for the Winter Goodwill Games that month. He had to withdraw midway through the event.

Galindo is taking three medications to combat the HIV, and resumed practicing last week in Reno. He has joined the spring Champions on Ice tour, which opens at Baltimore last week.

Galindo lost his brother and two coaches to AIDS.

Laramie Hate-Crimes Bill Nears Passage

LARAMIE, WY (WS) - More than a year after the beating death of University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard, the Laramie city council is prepared to pass a hate-crimes bill that does not increase penalties for bias-motivated crimes.

The bill the council is considering would require officers to be trained to recognize bias crimes and to issue a report on what they have found as a result. The crimes would include those motivated by sexual orientation bias. "It is looking better, but where the rubber hits the road in terms of political courage is on third reading," said Jeff Lockwood, chairman of Laramie's Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

The bill is scheduled for its final reading on April 18. Last Tuesday councilman Bob Bell said, "We are heading down a dangerous road" since Gay activists will use the bill as "an opening wedge" for more demands.

Family Says Burton Wasn't A 'Poof'

LONDON, UK (WS) - A new biography of Elizabeth Taylor claims that Richard Burton was secretly Gay, a claim Burton's family is angrily denying.

In his unauthorized biography, *The Most Beautiful Woman in the World*, author Ellis Amburn claims that Burton was a closet homosexual who had an affair with Laurence Olivier. "If Rich was a homosexual, then I'm a nun," said the actor's brother, Graham Jenkins.

Jenkins said nobody who knew Burton would give the story any credence because his brother was "the most heterosexual man most people had ever encountered." The book is due to be published next month.

BARNABE "BARNEY" ROBLES

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The many friends of Barney will be saddened to hear of his death Saturday caused by congenitive heart failure. He had been living with diabetes for many years.

Barney was born in Los Angeles but lived in Tucson for nearly his entire life. He was graduated from Salpointe High School and attended the University of Arizona before being drafted into the Navy.

For two years he worked on the Tucson Gay News (TGN) and Arizona Gay News (AGN) which were the forerunners of today's Observer. He was employed as a sound engineer for KVOA, Channel 4 in Tucson for many years.

A Memorial Service will be held at St. Augustine's Cathedral, 192 S. Stone Avenue at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 14.

Rainbow Community Center Opens in Flagstaff

FLAGSTAFF - It's no joke! Northern Arizona Rainbow Community Center, Inc. has opened Northern Arizona's first official headquarters for Rainbow Community Center, 1300 South Milton Road, Suite 221.

It will take the NARCCI a little time to get set up and running - and a need for volunteers to help staff the office is there. With the red tape finished, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community has a place to call their own.

A grand opening will take place May 5-6, with a ribbon cutting. For more information, please call (520) 774-6416 or E-mail: narcci12000@aol.com.

Is AGRA For You?

PHOENIX - Membership in AGRA (Arizona Gay Rodeo Association) is open to everyone. The objective of AGRA is "to elevate the image of women and men in the sports field of rodeo." Two of the state purposes are: (1) To promote and stage rodeos at locations situated in the State of Arizona and (2) To engage in charitable activities, whether by volunteering the services of the Corporation and/or its members or by the raising of monies; with such activities and the proceeds derived there from being donated to those charitable organizations that the membership of the Corporation may choose.

AGRA was founded in 1985 and is a Member Association in the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA). Currently, there are 20 Member Associations throughout the United States and Canada. The Phoenix Chapter of AGRA hosts the Road Runner Regional Rodeo each January. The rodeo is one of the highest attended on the entire IGRA circuit.

Contact AGRA by phone at (602) 265-8166; by mail at POB 40465, Phoenix, AZ 85067; or visit our website at www.agra-phx.com for membership information or if you have questions.



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parent in order to terminate parental rights." Cummis denied VC visitation rights and she appealed.

While VC awaited her appeal, another New Jersey trial court in a similar case made a very different ruling than she had received. On November 2, 1998, Ocean County Superior Court Judge Vincent Grasso was satisfied that non-biological co-parent REM "should be accorded the status of parent in parity with" biological mother SLV with respect to their son AJMV.

The struggle between VC and MJB was the first case of its kind to reach the New Jersey Court of Appeals, and that three-judge panel split three ways in its March 5, 1999 ruling, each writing a separate opinion. Judge Dennis Braithwaite, like Judge Cummis in the trial court, found that VC had no legal standing to claim either joint custody or visitation. Judge Barbara Wecker, on the other hand, found that VC had legal standing to seek both. Judge Edwin Stern found that VC had no right to joint custody, but did have a right to visitation. The upshot of their disagreement was that a majority of two believed VC should not have joint custody and a majority of two believed she should have visitation.

In writing that prevailing opinion, Stern wrote that the judges "also indicate our view that this is a subject which warrants legislative review and consideration" — new law with better definitions, which the New Jersey legislature has yet to provide. Following this appellate ruling, VC was granted eight hours of visitation twice each month but still wanted joint custody, while MJB still wanted to eliminate the visitation.

The New Jersey Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case on October 27, 1999. VC's attorney Robin Wernik made an impassioned argument that for the children to lose access to VC would be like experiencing the death of a parent. MJB's attorney Alfred Luciani believed that while there might be a sense of loss for the children, there would not be long-term damage to them, and so there was no cause to interfere with the rights of their biological parent.

The New Jersey Supreme Court Rules: Associate Justice Virginia Long wrote the unanimous decision for the state Supreme Court. She noted that "Under the

statute, VC and MJB are essentially equal. Each [woman] appears to be a fully capable, loving parent committed to the safety and welfare of the twins." VC is recognized as a "psychological parent" with a right to share in parenting the twins despite MJB's objections. VC will continue her weekend visitations, but will not assume joint custody because after all these years, "To interject her into the decisional realm at this point would be unnecessarily disruptive for all involved."

The standards the state's high court set down for establishing "psychological parenthood" include: the legal parent having consented to and fostered the co-parent's relationship with the child; the co-parent having shared a home with the child; the co-parent having taken care of the child to a significant degree; and the co-parent and the child having established a bond.

VC later told reporters, "Biology truly doesn't have anything to do with a parent providing a loving, nurturing environment. They are my children, too."

Meanwhile, the rights of "third parties" to continue their associations with children against the wishes of competent legal parents are the subject of a case in which the U.S. Supreme Court will soon be handing down a decision. "Troxel v. Granville" involves grandparents wanting to spend more time with the children of their deceased son than his remarried wife felt she could accommodate given her large blended family, and a law in the state of Washington that is one of the most extreme in the country in allowing almost anyone to at least ask the court for access. Just how much impact the high court's ruling will have on cases like VC's cannot be predicted, but since the nation's high court has so rarely considered family issues at all, it's bound to have some significance.

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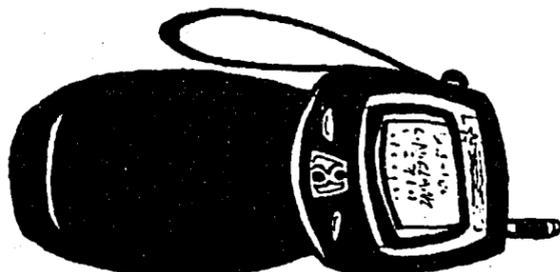
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One of the great masterpieces in American musical history, the Tony Award winning "Show Boat," will sail into the UA Centennial Hall for eight performances, April 18-23.

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Tickets are \$11 for adults, \$9 for students and seniors, and are available at Rainbow Planet Coffee House (606 N. Fourth Avenue) or by calling (520) 748-0291. All performances are at 8:00 p.m. ...

Desert Players Theatre will be holding two benefit performances of the delightful Broadway show, "I DO! I DO!" on April 14 and 15 at the Leo Rich Theatre. The performances will benefit the Educational Enrichment Foundation of Tucson, a non-profit organization that underwrites Arts programs in the TUSD.

"I DO! I DO!" opened on Broadway on December 5, 1966, starring Mary Martin and Robert Preston and played for 561 performances. It was, and still is, the antithesis of a "big, Broadway musical." With over a two hour running time, it contains 17 musical numbers, several dance numbers, more than seven costume changes per performer, and only two people in the cast. Starting in 1895, Michael and Agnes get married, make love, and have children, fight, make love, fight, make love, and marry off their children, and finally settle down into old age, and the realization that "Marriage is a very good thing."

Ticket prices are \$50.00 for the evening, (\$34.00 of which is a tax-deductible donation to the EEF) and includes a pre-show reception at the Sosa-Carillo-Fremont House(151 S. Granada Avenue) starting at 6:15 p.m., a silent auction of beautiful items donated by the public, (including weekends at Canyon Ranch Spa), and the show with a 7:30 p.m. curtain at the Leo Rich Theatre, Tucson Convention Center. Please call (520) 325-8688 for tickets and information.

Salt Lake East High Back In Court

SALT LAKE CITY, UT (NP) - The school board that banned all non-curricular clubs to stop a Gay group has been hit with a new lawsuit by students with a LGBT-positive *curricular* club idea.

It's been less than six months since the last federal lawsuit against Salt Lake City, Utah's East High School wound up, but on April 10 two students filed a new action in U.S. District Court in the continuing effort to start a club to discuss Gay and Lesbian issues. When students sought to form a Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) there in 1995, the issue went all the way to a special session of the state legislature, and in 1998 the Salt Lake City school board - believed to be the only school district in the U.S. to make such a draconian choice - decided to eliminate all non-curricular clubs rather than allow the GSA to meet. But now 11th grade students Jessica "Jessi" Cohen and Margaret "Maggie" Hinckley (the latter only a distant relative of Gordon Hinckley, head of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Mormons) have twice been turned down in attempts to create curriculum-related clubs.

Their first proposal in January 1999 was called the Rainbow Club; in February 2000 they applied to start the PRISM Club (People Respecting Important Social Movements). These clubs are intended to supplement the curriculum in areas including biology, government, history, and sociology "with an emphasis on issues affecting Gays and Lesbians." The PRISM Club proposal said club members would discuss "democracy, civil rights, equality, discrimination and diversity" from the perspective of Gays and Lesbians. Ac-

ording to Cohen, teachers in those areas currently "can't or won't" deal with Gay and Lesbian issues.

Assistant Superintendent Cynthia Scidel, the only defendant in the case, is responsible for approving curricular clubs in the district. She has given that approval to, among others, a "problem-solving" club and a Polynesian Club, the latter designed to increase understanding of the Polynesian community and enrich a Tongan language class. Neither Scidel nor other district officials have spoken with reporters since the lawsuit was filed, but the students shared a letter she'd written rejecting the Rainbow Club. It said that, "the subject matter of the proposed club is sexual orientation. Given the subject matter of the club, the proposed club does not fall under any of the criteria for a curriculum-related club."

The PRISM Club proposal included a specific disclaimer that the club would not be "advocating homosexuality, providing a partisan platform or discussing sexual behavior." Nonetheless Scidel's March 1 rejection letter said, "The organizing subject matter of the club narrows to the 'impact, experience, and contribution of Gays and Lesbians' in historical and current events, institutions and culture. This subject matter is not taught in the courses you cite" - which of course is exactly why the students want the club.

The last related federal lawsuit was filed against the district by students Ivy Fox and Keysha Barnes. They maintained that their free speech rights had been vio-

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION

I am pleased to let you know that clients and community members. She Pima County has received an increase in addressed client complaints and worked to funding from Ryan White for services for find solutions to difficult problems in ac- people with HIV/AIDS. This will make cessing care. Nadine has a great attitude possible enhancements of many of our and a strong personal commitment to work- programs as well as help us provided need- ing for the rights of people with HIV/AIDS, ed new programs. We will be adding a case largely because of events in her own life. manager in April to better serve the many We are delighted to have her energy and clients who need services and support. We experience in this position.

are enhancing our peer counseling program by providing more coverage; expanding our complementary therapies program; and launching new campaigns. Many of you providing health advocacy for clients who have probably seen the new images and need that assistance. We will once again be logo for the Gay Men's Health Project offering dental service through selected (GMHP). The GMHP Body/Spirit cam- providers, while Kino will continue to serve paign links health issues to a more holistic clients who utilize their dental services. understanding of Gay men's lives. Newly designed condom boxes, posters, and book-

For the first time, SAAF will have lets will be available at GMHP events mental health therapists on site. Jewish throughout the year. SAAF's new youth Family & Children Services will subcon- program, the Check Yourself Youth Team, tract with SAAF to provide a quarter-time is developing its HIV and substance abuse therapist for children affected by HIV/- prevention curriculum and holding its first AIDS, and COPE Behavioral Health Ser- retreat for participants. Initial participants vices will provide a full-time therapist for are 13-15 year old Hispanic and Afri- adults. In addition, we will have therapists can-American youth attending charter on site at the UMC and Kino hospitals. We schools run by Luz Academy and the Tuc- are thrilled to offer this much needed ser- son Urban League.

And, of course, the 13th Annual provide transportation for your clients. Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza takes place Sunday, May 7, 4 This funding will make up for cuts in fund- p.m. at Woody's. There is still time to sign ing from the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS program. We are also up to wrestle! We look forward to seeing enhancing our client advocacy program. you all at the event on May 7th to cheer on SAAF recognizes the importance of a Cli- those fearless wrestlers. Raffle tickets are ent Advocate who sees that individual cli- on sale for \$1. The winner will receive two ent's needs are met and who defends the round-trip tickets to San Diego, accommo- rights of all people living with HIV/AIDS. dations at the San Diego Marriott Hotel & This position has become a vital source of Marina, and \$200 donated by American support for clients who need extra help in Express One Business Travel Services.

accessing various systems of care, both outside of and within SAAF. As client needs have changed and grown, it is now important to expand the role of client advocate to include that of health educator. A new position, Health Advocate, has been created to include both education and advocacy functions.

The Health Advocate will continue to mobilize clients around issues that affect their access to life-saving treatment and will work one-to-one with clients who are facing discrimination and are in need of targeted advocacy. The Health Advocate will also continue to work with historically disenfranchised, minority populations increasingly affected by HIV/AIDS in order to inform service providers of their needs. In light of increasingly complex treatment regimens, the Health Advocate will also respond to a need for treatment education. In focus groups SAAF has conducted, clients have said that often they don't understand the treatments they are given and do not know how or what to ask of their doctor. At the same time, there are more people who choose not to go on the medications for a variety of reasons. For people on antiretrovirals, as well as those who choose alternative healing approaches, a thorough understanding of treatment is needed.

SAAF is excited that we recently received funding from Ryan White that allows us to increase this position to full-time. And we are pleased to have hired someone who brings excellent experience and background to the position. Nadine Celeiro recently moved to Tucson from New York City. While in New York, she worked for over five years in two of the country's largest HIV/AIDS agencies-the Gay Men's Health Crisis and the Callen-Lorde Clinic in Manhattan. In both positions, Nadine worked directly with

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Iowa Governor Vetoes Rights Appeal

DES MOINES, IA (NP) - Before the vote to erase his executive order against sexual orientation-based state job discrimination was even off the tally board, Gov. Vilsack rejected the legislature's action.

The Iowa House of Representatives on April 4 voted 55 - 43 along party lines to repeal Governor Tom Vilsack's (D) executive order prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity in state employment -- and Vilsack issued his veto message even before the vote board had been cleared. The Iowa Senate passed the bill on March 1 by 28 - 21. Republican leaders who advanced the repeal measure have not yet decided whether to file a lawsuit against the Governor; they lack the votes to override the veto in the legislature.

Vilsack's veto message, prepared in advance, said, "The executive orders send a clear message that all persons within the executive branch of state government will be afforded an equal opportunity in employment." He wrote, "I am profoundly disappointed that the legislature has chosen to invest valuable state resources to draft, debate and pass this bill." The veto will not actually go into effect until the bill has officially reached Vilsack's desk.

The highly partisan House debate echoed that in the Senate and in committees. Democrats denounced the measure as anti-Gay and purely political, while Republicans insisted they had to act to maintain separation of powers, charging that Vilsack had "made law" by including categories not protected elsewhere in state law. The bill would also have repealed another Vilsack executive order allowing state agencies to waive their own rules in some circumstances.

"The issue that is before us is the separation of powers. The governor exceeded his authority with this executive order," said Representative Steve Sukup (R-Dougherty).

"I think it's unfortunate that the governor chose this issue [Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender equal employment opportunities] to make this edict. It is offensive to many people, the precedent that this edict sets," Representative Dan Boddicker (R-Tipton) told the chamber. He said that homosexual lifestyles are "self-destructive" and "shouldn't be encouraged," but maintained that, "The

issue at hand is that the people who elect us know we will live up to the oath of office and defend the separation of powers."

"Every high school student in Iowa knows that we have a system of checks and balances so that if there is a disagreement between two branches of government, the courts decide. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to know that this legislation before us has nothing to do with the legality of Governor Vilsack's action, it has to do with the politics of Governor Vilsack's actions," declared Representative Phil Wise (D-Keokuk).

"It's not about how we treat homosexuals, it's about how we treat people. Why, why are we putting ourselves through this? I don't understand it," said Representative John Connors (D-Des Moines).

"This bill is partisan [one Democrat voted in support of the repeal measure and two Republicans opposed it], it's political and it's prejudiced," said Representative Norman Mundie (D-Fort Dodge). "If I would be voting yes, I would be passing judgement on the Gay and Lesbian communities, and I feel that judgment is reserved only for God."

"This order has been around for seven months and the Republic hasn't failed. We're doing this because there's an election coming up," asserted Representative Dick Myers (D-Iowa City). "We've picked out a class of people and said it's OK to discriminate against them."

"We could really stir up some Gay hater to do something that we would all regret," warned Representative Minnette Doderer (D-Iowa City), citing the bashing death of Gay University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard (in whose name three scholarships to Iowa universities were recently announced). She accused the House itself of "Gay-bashing" with the bill. "I don't think anyone should talk about their sexual orientation when they are hired. We should keep it off the floor of this House and the Senate too, because it will encourage someone to do something we don't want."

Fred Phelps and others from his Topeka, Kansas Westboro Baptist Church have announced their intention to burn a flag at the Iowa Capitol to protest Vilsack's order.

Entertainment Briefs.

Britain's Oscars echo praise for their American counterpart's favorite, but skip a native son for the Gay Spanish director.

"Do you want me to have a heart attack? It seems to me I'm having a honeymoon with the British audience," enthused Gay Spanish director Pedro Almodovar as he collected BAFTA awards for both Best Foreign Language Film and Best Director on April 9 in London for *Todo Sobre Mi Madre* (All About My Mother). The annual awards by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts are considered Britain's Oscars, and like the U.S. version they were largely a triumph for American Beauty, which went in with 14 nominations and came out with six awards.

Almodovar's Best Director trophy marked a most embarrassing moment for host Jack Docherty, who said, "And there's Pedro now going off to celebrate as the Spanish do, by chucking a donkey from a bell tower." This remark, labeled "gauche and offensive" by The London Times, was greeted with complete silence by the BAFTA crowd.

Almodovar topped Oscar-winning Briton Sam Mendes for Best Director, but American Beauty repeated its Oscar triumphs for Best Film, Best Actor (Kevin Spacey) and Best Cinematography (Conrad L. Hall). It added Best Actress for Annette Bening (Oscar winner Hilary Swank missing from the BAFTA nominees along with any other recognition for the Transgender-themed *Boys Don't Cry*) whose award was accepted by Beauty co-star and BAFTA nominee Mena Suvari, since Bening's pregnancy precluded her flying to London. Best Editing went to Beauty's Tariq Anwar and Christopher Greenbury. Beauty's Thomas Newman won for Best Music, with Mendes accepting on his behalf and saying, "I would like to thank BAFTA for acknowledging the work of such a talented man."

Oscar-winning Gay Alan Ball was not nominated for his Beauty screenplay -- losing out to Charlie Kaufman for the thrice-nominated, sexually quirky *Being John Malkovich* -- but was acknowledged in Hall's acceptance speech, as the cinematographer said, "I have so much to be grate-

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Day Of Silence Observed

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while handing out cards reading, "Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I am a friend of Lesbian, Bi, Gay and Transgendered people. Those who are silent today believe that laws and attitudes should be inclusive of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. The Day of Silence is to draw attention to those who have been silenced by hatred, oppression and prejudice. Think about the voices you are missing today."

often, acts of aggression against GLBT people."

At Michigan State University in East Lansing, the observance was led by the campus Alliance of Lesbian-Bi-Gay and Transgendered Students but joined by many non-Gays as well. Alliance co-director Lindsay Stafford told the campus paper The State News that, "Sometimes almost not saying anything is more difficult and more impacting than talking because people wonder why you're not talking. And that, in itself, draws attention to the oppression."

A few of the campus observances included:

Students at the University of Illinois at Champaign observed the Day of Silence for the first time. During a silent demonstration on the Quad, some wore gags and cardboard tombstones bearing the names of Gays and Lesbians who were murdered or committed suicide because of their sexual orientation, while the stories of some 350 victims of homophobia were displayed on a poster. An information booth distributed literature at the student union. Non-participants showed a wide range of reactions, from appreciation to nervous laughter.

At Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey, Lesbian and Bisexual Womyn in Action "sphere-headed" an observance by a number of different campus groups, including the Union of Gay and Bisexual Men, Latina/o and People of Color Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender Union, Bisexual/Gay/Lesbian Alliance, Women's Defense Coalition, and Rainbow Committee Advisory Board. Participants wore stickers. Lesbian and Bisexual Womyn in Action co-president Elizabeth Spohr told the campus paper The Daily Targum that she's an expressive person who found it difficult to remain silent, but said, "It's a powerful feeling -- that it makes you feel powerless -- you feel how other people feel when society silences them and the way they love."

The silence ended with a rally at the United Church of Christ, where a rainbow flag waved at the entrance. Some sixty people watched a performance by Inner Voices Social Issues Theater called Open Season and heard a talk by Rhea Murray, president of the Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays group (P-FLAG) in Seymour, Indiana. Although Murray's talk focused on the experience of her son's coming out, she's also been in the news recently countering the protests of Cummins Engines Company's new domestic partnership benefits in Columbus, Indiana.

At The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, the Day of Silence fell during the school's Gay Pride Week. Several hundred LGBT and non-Gay students, distinguished by purple armbands, joined in the observance. Non-Gay Ann Vaughan told the campus paper The Daily Press that she realized that, "If I were Gay, I wouldn't be able to talk about a big part of my life," and that when she looked around and failed to see other purple armbands, "It's very isolating. It definitely gives you the feeling of being the only one." Non-Gays are also among the sixty members of William and Mary's Gay Student Union. The campus Gay Pride Week featured a lecture by writer Michelangelo Signorile, a performance by comic Lorne Newman, and a concert to benefit a local AIDS charity that featured campus singers, dancers and improv artists.

At Indiana University in Bloomington, the CommUNITY Education Program and the Center for University Ministry joined the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Office in organizing the Day of Silence observance, which was also sponsored by Planned Parenthood and the campus group OUT. Rainbow ribbon armbands marked the participants, who gathered for a silent bag lunch at midday. During the afternoon, students were invited to sign and trace their hands on "Hands Against Silence" murals. They concluded the silent period with a march across the campus, bearing the murals, that climaxed with a shout at 5 PM, followed by a short speech and small group discussions.

The Day of Silence Project reported that Day of Silence observances were only part of extended education campaigns at Alvirne High School in Hudson, New Hampshire and at the University of Iowa, among others. The University of Iowa Feminist Union's activities included a showing of The Brandon Teena Story, the outstanding documentary about the murdered Nebraska Transgender who later became the subject of the award-winning dramatic film Boys Don't Cry. At Bowling Green State University in Ohio, the subject of the silence and follow-up discussions went beyond the silencing of LGBT people to include silencing based on race, ethnicity, age, and disability.

Lead organizer Greg Chaffin, a diversity education specialist in the CommUNITY Education Program, told the campus paper The Indiana Daily Student that, "At Indiana University, students often live in fear of being 'found out' in their residence hall communities or fraternities or sororities. Gays and Lesbians can become targets in these close living quarters where ignorance breeds contempt and,

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Many individuals connected with the City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Commission muttered that it just "was too easy," as they left the Council chambers Monday, April 10.

They were present to speak before the Mayor and Council, lobbying Tucson's government to approve a proposed, "standards of practice policy" for health, mental health and social service agencies when caring for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered (GLBT) Tucsonans.

This proposed policy would make sure they receive equal treatment with guidelines, which would: set policy for agencies, create training programs, making sure the language on forms is GLBT positive, insuring the confidentiality of the data by the agencies; and, protecting the rights of GLBT youth going to these agencies for assistance.

Amelia Craig Cramer, an attorney and member of the City of Tucson GLBT Commission spoke on behalf of the "standards of practice" proposed policy. Cramer stated how the survey conducted by the Social Services Subcommittee of the GLBT Commission showed that something needed to be done to "end the ignorance" of the agencies in treating GLBT Tucsonans.

After Cramer spoke, Tucson Councilmember Fred Ronstadt, R-Ward 6, made the motion (including for printing and to mail the new policy to agencies in Tucson), for approval and it passed unanimously.

At their weekly meeting, Tucson's Mayor and Council also unanimously approved a measure, publicly supporting an amendment on a bill (SB 1173) in the Arizona Legislature that would expand the state's domestic violence law to include same-sex couples. ...

An Arizona House/Senate conference committee took up SB 1173 this week. The bill's original sponsor, state Senator Scott Bundgaard, R-Glendale, declared the amendment would "have Arizona recognize Gay and Lesbian marriage." He then refused to concur with the House version of the bill, including the amendment, offered by state Representative Kathleen Dunbar, R-Tucson.

Dunbar's amendment would remove language under Arizona's domestic violence statute, covering only opposite sex couples. Arizona is one of only eight states having domestic laws only applying to opposite sex couples.

In an interview, Representative Dunbar said that she had been working with Bundgaard on this for over a month, updating him regularly on the amendment. "I always respect a sponsor's desire for a bill," she said. In the Arizona Legislature, it is the protocol for a state legislator to go to the bill's sponsor to inform them of the intention to attach an amendment to their bill.

During this time, she said, Bundgaard was "very cooperative." As time went on though, Dunbar said she could "see that he was wavering with the amendment."

"I tried to explain to him [Bundgaard] it was not just a Gay issue, but a discrimination issue," Dunbar said. The Tucson Representative stated she had talked with police over the last year and asked them if the law, with the present language made their jobs difficult. "Every time I did, I received a 'yes,'" she continued. Dunbar gathered letters, supporting her amendment from the Tucson Police Department, the Pima County Attorney, and the Assistant

POLITICS 2000

by Mark R. Kerr

It Ain't Over Till It's Over!

Magistrate for the City of Tucson to show the Glendale Republican otherwise.

Gay Representative Steve May, R-Phoenix, over the matter.

Even with all those letters from law enforcement, Bundgaard, from nowhere, according to Dunbar, changed his mind and wanted the amendment off SB 1173. "He kept saying he is not going to carry the water for the Gay community," she said.

The conference committee met Monday, April 10, to deal with the two versions of the bill, Bundgaard refused to concur with the House version and that SB 1173 would die.

When reached for comment, Bundgaard said that his agreement on Dunbar's amendment was only conditional and the conditions were violated.

Arizona's daily newspapers, the national press and even some of the Gay and Lesbian media reported that this bill was dead, especially after the nasty confrontation between Senator Bundgaard and

As the Phoenix rose from the ashes, so did Dunbar's amendment and SB 1173 on Tuesday, April 11.

The House/Senate conference committee met again on the bill and Bundgaard expressed his opposition. Later in the day, state Senator Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson, a member of the conference committee, made a motion for the full Senate to concur with the House version of SB 1173 (with Dunbar's amendment). The vote was 17-11. Bundgaard tried again to have the bill sent back to the conference committee, to no avail on April 11.

Yogi Berra, the Hall-of-Fame catcher for the New York Yankee's said, "It ain't over till it's over." That's the case for SB 1173. As of press time, sources stated that further action on SB 1173 is expected to take place on Wednesday, April 12. ...

So it goes for now kids!

Reveille Needs Junk For Rummage Sale

TUCSON - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus is holding its Second Annual Super Colossal Rummage Sale at The Stonewall/Eagle on Saturday, April 15. The gates will swing open at 8:00 a.m. Things go fast in the first couple of hours, so be there early.

Reveille announces that they still need items to sell. If your Spring Cleaning left you with bags of unwanted items: Clothes that got a little small over the winter, the chair that just doesn't fit in, the hand mixer you replaced with a Kitchen Aid, call the Chorus at the Hotline, (520) 617-3100, and one of those good looking singers will swing by to pick up your sellable item.

As with all performing arts organizations, ticket sales do not begin to cover the costs of putting on programs like the recent highly acclaimed Lights! Action! It's Broadway!! Reveille makes up the difference in many ways, including events like the Rummage Sale. Your contribution of sellable goods will help pay the cost of the next production, Yes! We Know The Way To San Jose on June 10 and 11. For information, pickup of your donation, or general information on Reveille Gay Men's Chorus call the Hotline, (520) 617-3100.

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Feel the love when perky, sexy, romantic Venus stampedes into dominating Aries followed by flirtatious Mercury. Ohhh! What do you have up your sleeve lover? Check each sign to get a clue:

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Randy Gay Rams have all the luck when lusty Venus and witty Mercury sit on their own sign. Charisma oozes out of every pore so pour it on and see who licks it up. Try not to waste this glorious energy on nonsense. Use this time to set new ideas into motion, pursue personal goals and meet those who can give you a leg up. If you happen to get a leg over as well, congratulations.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

There are times when proud Bulls feel the need to open up their largess to those in need. Venus and Mercury in pioneering Aries is one of those times. Mother Theresa has nothing on you as you do what you can to alleviate pain, poverty and loneliness in the community. Leave some time for yourself to rejuvenate and meditate on life. Contemplate your navel... or someone else's.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Your social life gets a happy jolt when both Venus and Mercury enter friendly Aries. Queer Twins become social directors extra ordinaire, tallying up the A list, the B list and the Don't You Dare list. The next three weeks are primed for meeting new people and dipping your toe into new social pools. Who knows, you may decide to jump in all together. Pack a swim cap just in case.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Venus and Mercury in Aries enlivens your professional prospects. Pink Crabs can now survey the lay of the corporate landscape and seem to know exactly the right things to say at the right time. Venus provides the charm and grace. Tell 'em what they want to hear. There is plenty of time to fry the bastards once you get into the starchamber. Marchons! Marchons!

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

The world is your oyster (and some of us like it that way!) thanks to Venus and Mercury in roaming Aries. Get Out there and explore your world, proud Lion. This is an excellent time to travel to exotic locales and taste the local fare. If money is tight, try traveling through the Internet where you can gain a new perspective on an old theory. When in doubt, take a class or two.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Your heart and mind are a quiver at the thought of sex, thanks to beautiful Venus and expressive Mercury in Aries. Has someone caught your eye? Take it to the next step; these planets make you more romantically inclined than usual and Gay Virgins need all the help they can get! You're also able to use your powers of persuasion to enlist a well endowed benefactor. Lucky thing!

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Any rough patches in partnerships can be smoothed over when charming Venus and flirtatious Mercury glide into Aries. Proud Libras are usually very diplomatic but now you can even charm the stars out of the sky. Pamper your partner and reap the rewards. If you're still single, this is an excellent time to get Out there and cruise for your dreamboat. Ship ahoy!

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Venus and Mercury in Aries eases the pain and strain of any crummy job. You're able to look at tasks more optimistically and make even the worst project a dream to tackle. Maybe it's because the Aries energy gives you a no nonsense approach but why as why? Just get Out there and do it! Not only clear your desk, but get in with a personal trainer. Summer is almost here, Gay Scorp.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Happy days are here again proud Archer! Both Venus and Mercury in Aries conspire to stir up some festive good Gay times. The party begins on the hour... any hour... so be prepared as any self respecting Sadge would be. But don't just party this time away; Your creativity is also at a peak so try your hand at some creative venture. Body painting with whipped cream counts!

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Impasses with family are overcome as Venus and Mercury enter assertive Aries. Don't take "no" for an answer, compadre; this is the time to collect your thoughts and summon your most persuasive arguments to set things queer. If your home environment needs sprucing up, allow artistic Venus to take charge. We can all use a bit of sprucing up now and then. Hint...hint.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians are at their communicative peak when both Venus and Mercury transit bold Aries. Get your point across and make your opinion known. Witty Mercury helps you gather your thoughts and structure your argument while charming Venus sugars the delivery. Yummy! So say what you mean and mean what you say, cousin. So, what exactly do you mean??

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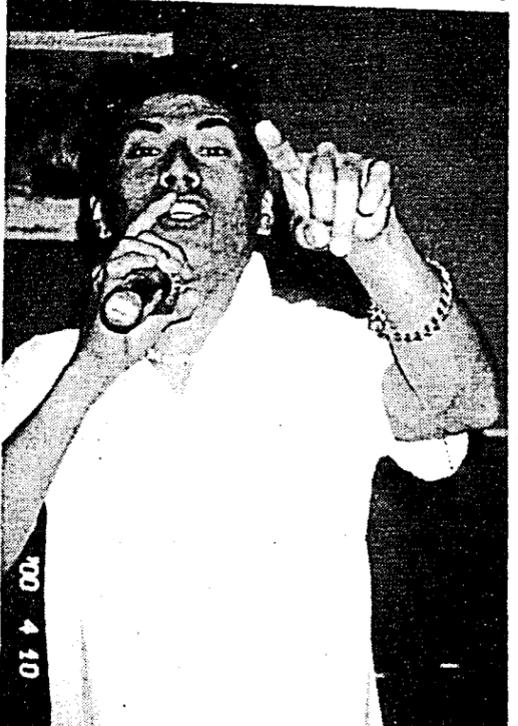
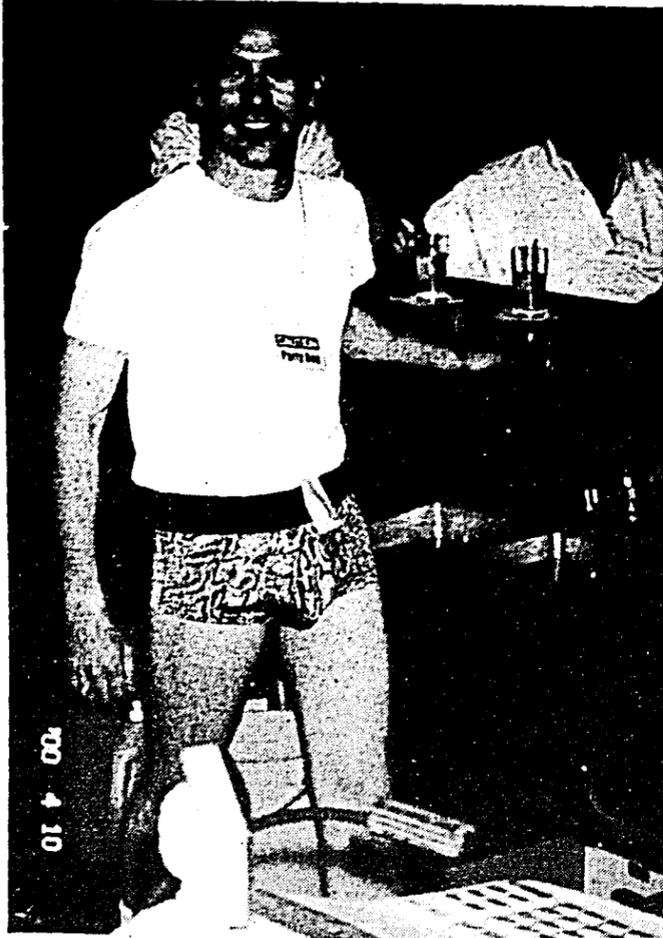
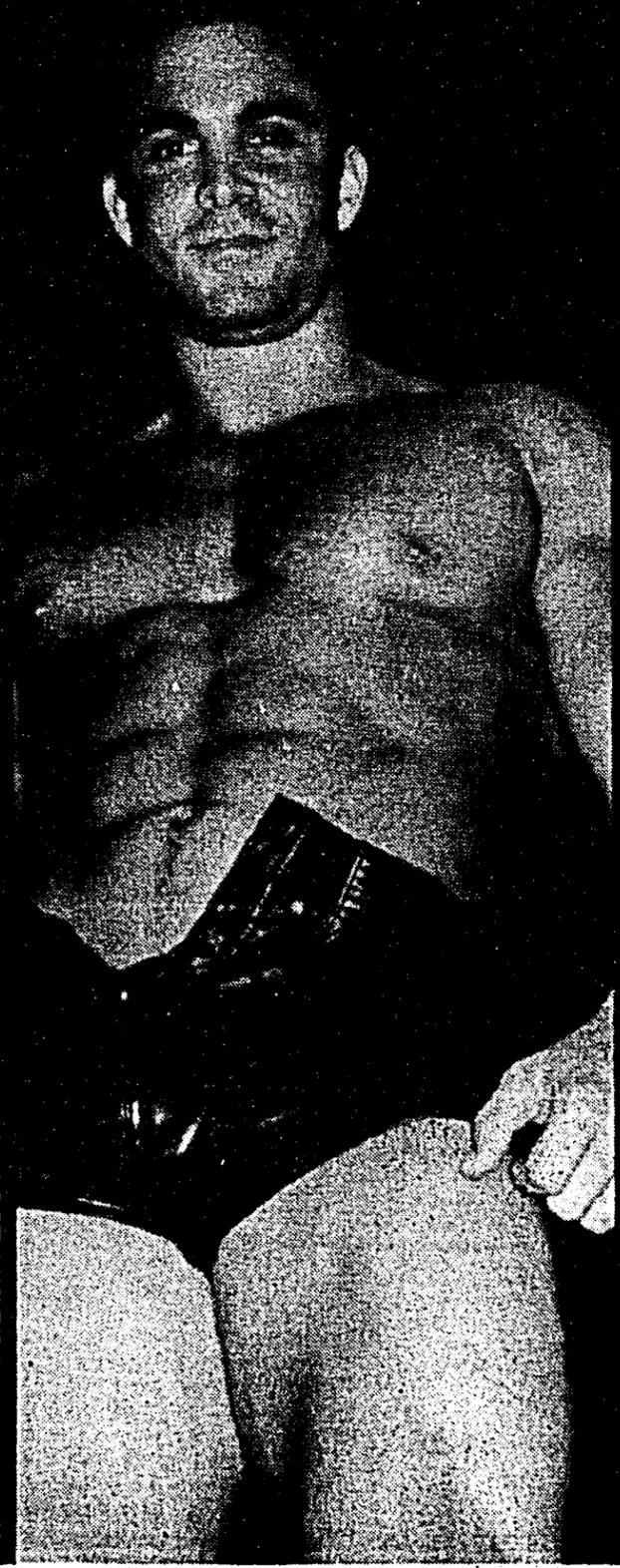
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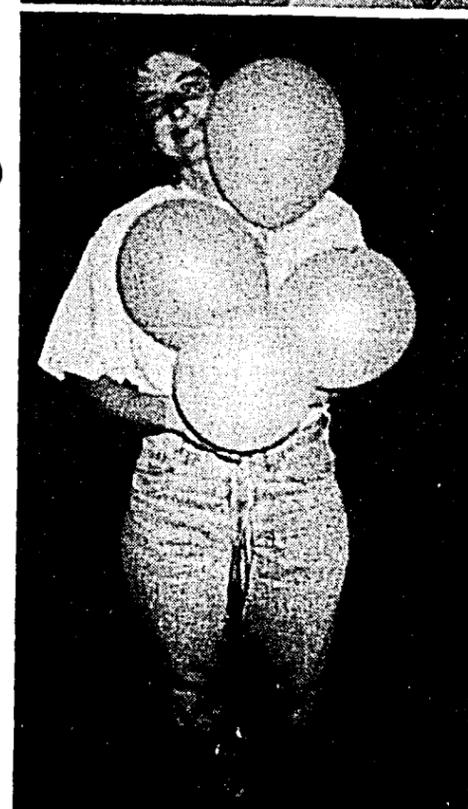
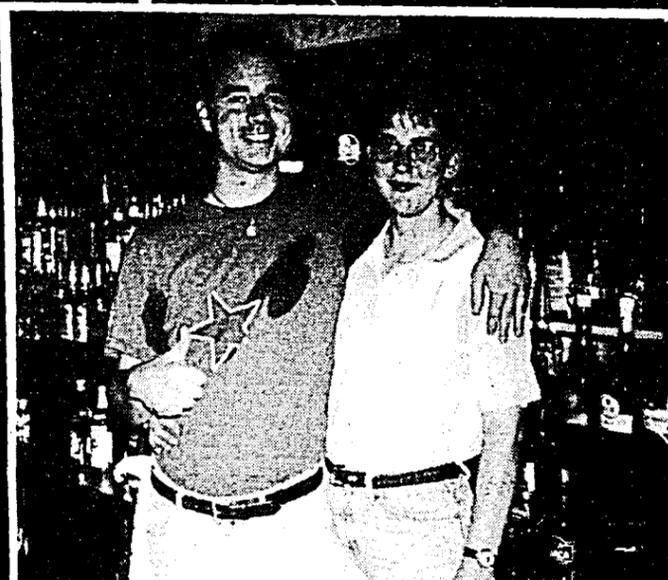
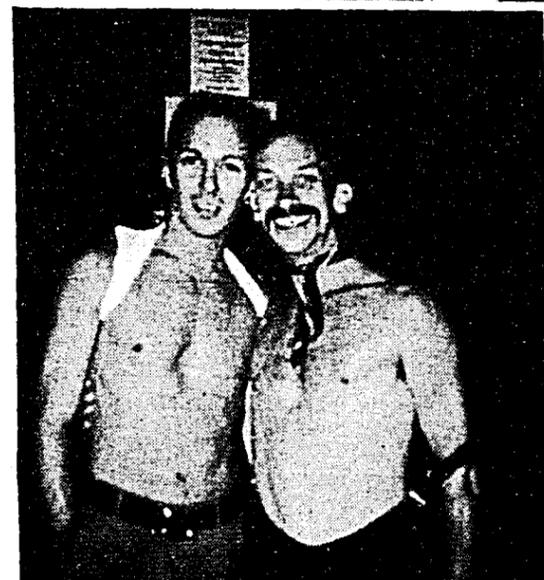
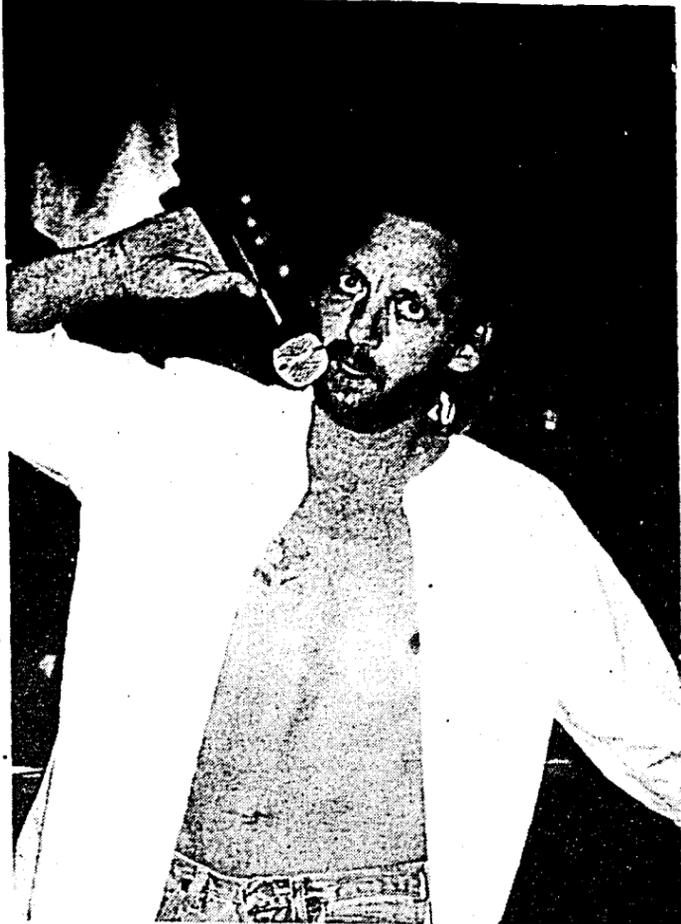


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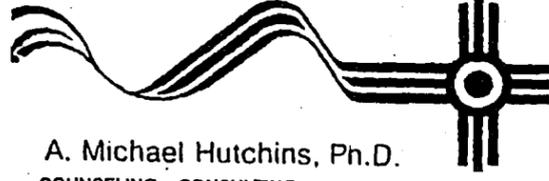
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A View From The Rock
A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

This week Cornerstone Fellowship is celebrating its fourteenth year in existence. Fourteen years of serving the Lord, and bringing the gospel to our community.

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Yes, we truly serve a great God and are proud to play even a tiny part in the sharing of His message of salvation.

God told a rich man in Scriptures to leave it all behind. To leave behind his wealth, his possessions...he told another who asked to leave his family behind...he told others (his disciples) to leave their lively hood and follow Him. It may sound crazy to some, but to me over these past fourteen years, it has all begun to make sense. For over the years God has taught me to let go of things and people and realize what my order of priorities must be. I try to put God first, spouse second, family third and "church work" next. I know from experience that when I keep God in his rightful place my life takes on true meaning.

Cornerstone Fellowship and its leaders are humbled by how gracious God has been to us over these years and we are excited about what he has in store for our future. We invite you to come to a service or Bible Study to see for yourself what God is doing in the congregation.

We have Bible Studies on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:00. Our regular worship services are held on Sunday mornings at 10:30. We also have some very special events planned for "Holy Week" leading up to Easter. They include: Wednesday (4/19) a traditional Seder meal at 6:30 in our Social Hall. The cost is just \$5 and is always a great experience... Friday (4/21) Good Friday Service complete with a foot washing like Jesus participated in... Sunday (4/23) Easter Sunrise Service in the Memorial Garden at 6:00 a.m., potluck breakfast at 7:30, and the Easter Service at 9:30 a.m.

We hope and pray you each will develop a relationship with Jesus Christ and find a place of worship to call home. Whether you ever attend Cornerstone Fellowship or not is of little importance. What does matter though is that you find a church which will share the word of God with you without "watering it down", and provide you with a nurturing church family which will not only love you unconditionally but hold you accountable as well. We don't know what the next fourteen years hold in store for us but we are trusting God to lead us in the right direction.

AGRA Announces Poster Contest

PHOENIX - AGRA is sponsoring a poster contest for the 2001 Road Runner Regional Rodeo, which will take place January 19-21, 2001.

The theme of the rodeo is: "2001: A Rodeo Odyssey." Judging for the contest will be by vote of the members present at the monthly AGRA meeting, June 10. All entries must be received by 5:00 P.M. that day. Entries may be delivered in person or by mail to: "RRRR Poster Contest" c/o Charlie's Phoenix, 727 W. Camelback Road, Phoenix, AZ 85013, by the deadline.

Entries must be 17" x 22" finished size with the only lettering being "2001 Road Runner Regional Rodeo." Exception to the size requirement will be made for will be made for computer generated artwork, with the original art being on a Macintosh compatible CD or Zip disk. Sufficient space must be left within the design or, in a border included in the finished size, for dates, hotel information and sponsor logos.

Entries must be received with the artist's name and phone number in the upper right-hand corner of the back of the design. Entries received with the artist's name on the front will be disqualified. The winning design and artwork become the property of AGRA. All entries will be destroyed, unless arrangements are made to have them returned at the artist's expense.

The artist of the winning entry will be awarded a \$200 prize. For further information, contact Brian Helander, public relations director for AGRA, (602) 266-5726.

Women To Gather At Camp Sister Spirit April 20-24

OVETT, MS - Over Easter Weekend, April 20-24, Camp Sister Spirit is having its 12th annual Gulf Coast Womyn's Festival, which includes music, workshops, camping, a craft market and more.

Several hundred women are expected, both Lesbians and heterosexual. Sister Spirit Incorporated is a feminist/Lesbian not-for-profit organization with a mission to eradicate hatred and differences through education and interaction. Sister Spirit Incorporated Executive Director Brenda Henson said: "We'd been to lots of women's festival in other parts of the country. Our goal was to have something a bit more family in a clean and sober space. Anytime you can have a Lesbian or Gay event outside of the bar, it makes a big difference."

Brenda and partner Wanda Henson opened Camp Sister Spirit in 1993. Located in the small town of Ovett, Miss., they were almost immediately embroiled in a lawsuit. Anti-Gay neighbors objected to the camp and tried to stop the women from using it for events and retreats. The Hensons were often threatened with violence and the problem escalated until Attorney General Janet Reno directed the Department of Justice to mediate the situation. The Hensons eventually won. Since then, Brenda said things have calmed down and they have integrated themselves into the community and now are even members of the volunteer fire department. Brenda said this is the way for the LGBT community members to gain acceptance. "Don't deny yourself your rightful place in a community because you're Gay or Lesbian. If that stops you, that means you're ashamed of who you are." Contact the Hensons at (610) 344-1411 for more information.

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Salt Lake East High Back In Court

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lated because the school offered no forum in which they could express their views relating to Gays and Lesbians. That lawsuit failed in large part because the district presented a policy that protected their right to do so. American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Utah staff attorney Stephen Clark, one of the several attorneys representing Cohen and Hinckley and the PRISM Club, said that although the policy promises that students can express their opinions on Gay and Lesbian issues in other clubs, "for some reason [Assistant] Superintendent Seidel is prohibiting the formation of a club that would sort of focus on the expression of that viewpoint. So it's like, 'You can express this viewpoint but not too much.'"

The lawsuit claims that Cohen and Hinckley's rights to free speech and expressive association have been violated. Their counsel - Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the National Center for Lesbians Rights, and the local firm of Snow, Christensen and Martineau, led by the ACLU of Utah - are first seeking a preliminary injunction to allow the PRISM and Rainbow Clubs to begin meeting on campus while the full lawsuit is decided. In addition to the chance for the clubs to meet, the lawsuit seeks legal costs and "nominal" damages.

Meanwhile, the original East High School GSA has continued to meet, but it must do so on the same terms as community groups from outside the school: paying rent for the space it uses at the school, purchasing insurance coverage, and having no access to communications systems in the school to advise students of its events or even its existence; the group is even continuing an appeal of its last lawsuit.

Cohen and Hinckley's lawsuit maintains that the district has demonstrated a consistent "refusal to recognize any group for students who wish to explore together curricular subjects from a Gay-positive viewpoint." Cohen told the Salt Lake Tribune, "That's ridiculous to make some people go through hoops when other people can say, 'Hey, I've got an idea for a club and it fits with these classes' and the district says 'OK.'" Hinckley said in a statement that, "Even though our PRISM Club fits all the criteria that the school board established, the officials are trying to hold our club to a different standard. That's unfair."

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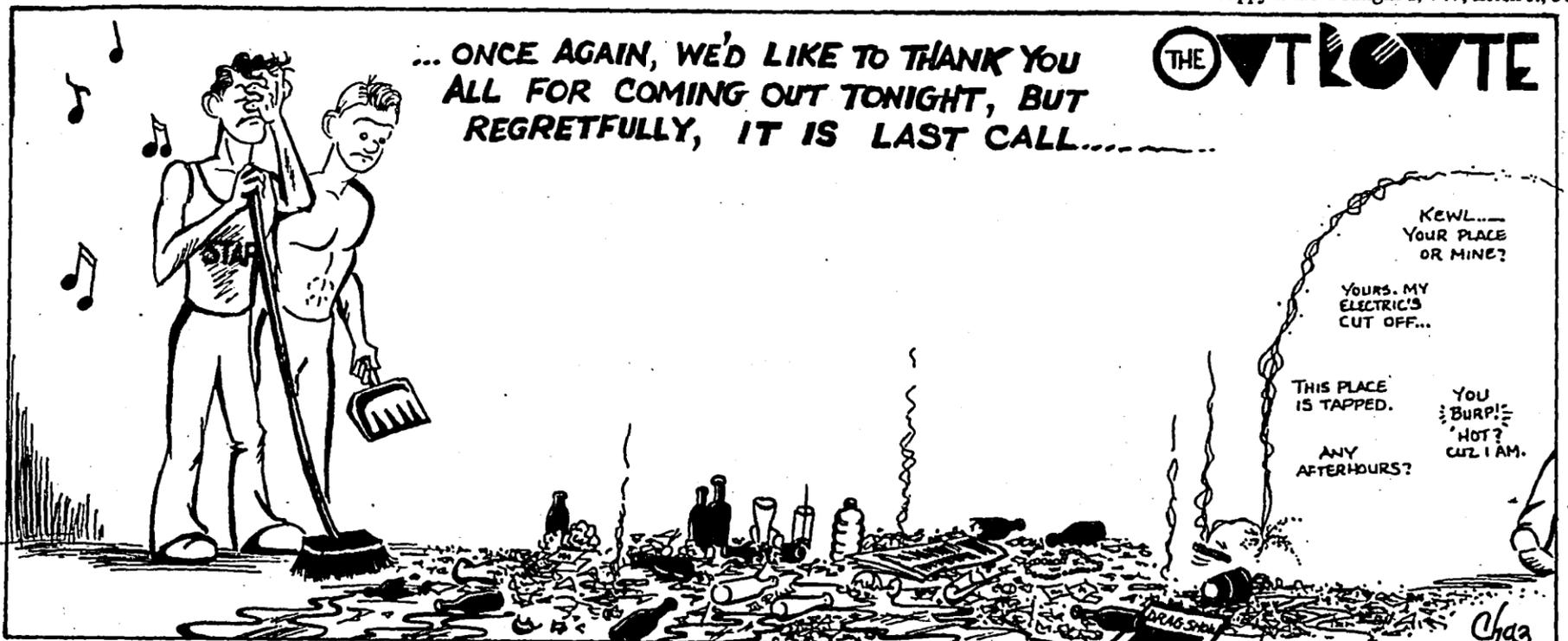
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Gay and Lesbian Health News

Gay Men Might Benefit From Cancer Screening

NEW YORK, NY - Reuters reported that homosexual men may benefit from routine screening for anal cancer, in much the same way that women benefit from routine Pap smears for cervical cancer, according to a New York surgeon.

In a study of 200 male homosexuals who were referred for surgery to treat anal warts or other relatively benign conditions, Dr. Stephen Goldstone, a general surgeon in New York City, found that 53% had precancerous lesions of the anus. Five patients were diagnosed with cancer, including 4 men who were HIV positive.

Overall, 131 men in the study were HIV infected, according to the report presented at the 4th International Congress on Papillomavirus in Human Pathology, held in Paris, France.

"Anal Pap testing can be used as a screening tool for anal cancer," Goldstone told Reuters Health in an interview prior to the meeting. He suggests Pap testing for any individual participating in anal sex. In Pap tests, cells are collected and looked at under a microscope for signs of cancerous changes.

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a sexually transmitted organism that can cause genital warts or be completely symptom-free. Certain strains of HPV are known to increase the risk of dysplasia -- abnormal looking cells -- and cancer of the cervix in women.

"All men who have sex with men should be screened for human papillomavirus and dysplasia every year if HIV positive and every 2 to 3 years if HIV negative," Goldstone said. He added, however, that a test can determine if HPV is the type that can increase the risk of cancer, although "this (test) is not FDA-approved for men."

People at risk for anal HPV infection can visit the website www.GayHealth.com, which "offers health information specific to Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual individuals and will eventually include physician referral," Goldstone said. Goldstone serves as medical director to the website.

Multiple Causes Possible In Cervical Cancer

WASHINGTON, DC - A new study in the journal Biomedicine & Pharmacotherapy concludes that multiple factors may be responsible for the development of cervical cancer.

Researchers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the National Institute on Drug Abuse studied tumors in animals and concluded that cervical cancer can be produced by the interaction between such viruses as the human papillomavirus and herpes as well as from tar exposure due to cigarette smoking or douching with tar-based products.

If the multiple factors are the cause of cervical cancer, the researchers say, "it is likely that the declining rates of cervical cancer in recent decades may in part reflect decreasing tar exposure" as cigarettes and douching products are now manufactured with lower amounts of tar.

Entertainment Briefs

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ful for. For DreamWorks choosing Sam as a director and for Alan Ball for writing it."

Spacey admitted, "I've been drinking all night," but retained his humility. He said, "I have to say that when I step before a camera I am grateful for every single minute of my stupid little life." He added, "I am forever grateful to Sam Mendes for casting me in this role. It was the most incredible part I have ever been given."

Franco Zeffirelli's *Tea With Mussolini*, completely neglected by America's Academy but a community favorite for its Lesbian role played by Lily Tomlin, won Best Supporting Actress for Dame Maggie Smith and was also nominated for costume design. Smith told how the film had "kind of saved my life in a way," following a bereavement. She thanked co-stars Dame Judi Dench and Joan Plowright for "hours of Scrabble and gallons of Frescati" and said, "Without them I don't think I would have pulled through at all."

The *Talented Mr. Ripley*, based on novels by Patricia Highsmith (a.k.a. Claire Morgan, author of the Lesbian classic *The Price of Salt*) and rife with homoerotic overtones, went in with seven nominations but secured a victory only for Best Supporting Actor for the often-cast-as-Gay Jude Law. He said, "Thank you, thank you BAFTA for the opportunity to say thank you to [director] Anthony Minghella who made me play this part, and made me play it well."

As for the fashions, four-months-pregnant Kate Winslet sported a black dress and jacket by Gay British designer Alexander McQueen. Supermodel Naomi Campbell, in a black halter-neck dress and diamond solitaire necklace, said she was "honored" to serve as a presenter "which is really not in my world." Perhaps the most dramatic gown was Cate Blanchett's silver sequins, at 2,000-pounds fit for her film incarnation as Elizabeth I. ...

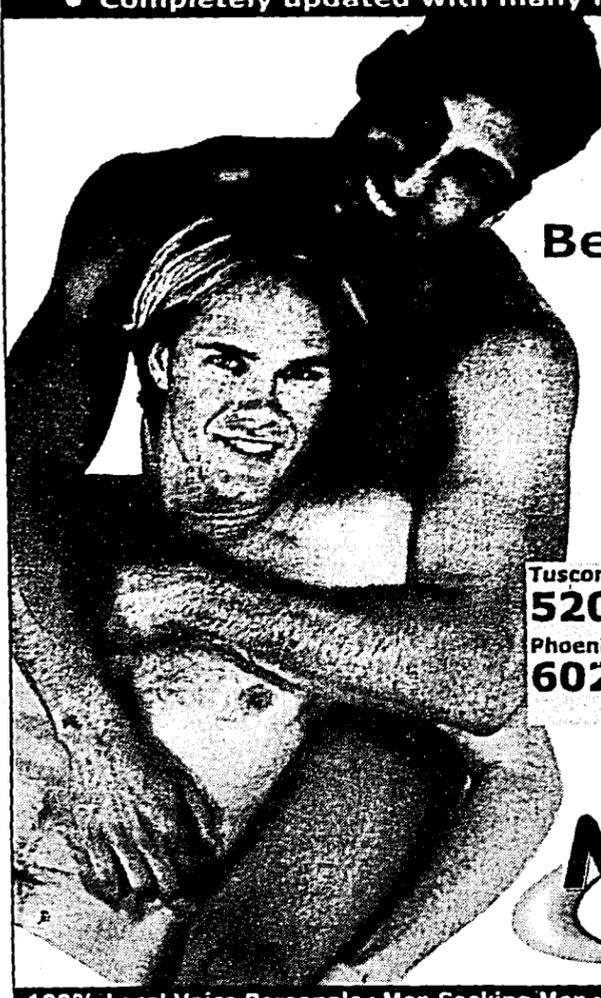
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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

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 Guillermo's Double L on South 4th. Please phone in your reservation to Bill as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant of the number of men attending. For directions and reservations, please contact Bill at 546-7539.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join John & Thomas for Game Night. Sure, you're welcome to play all the board or card games you want, but this time, you're also invited to bring your gentle best friend (canine variety) to play with the hosts' dogs. For details and directions, please call John or Thomas at 318-1650.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

9:30 a.m. Tucson Prime Timers Breakfast at The Egg Connection, 3114 E. Ft. Lowell. Call 584-0280 for details.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Robert & Bob as they co-host another Singles Night. Every single guy is invited to join in the fun and get the chance to meet other nice guys in a safe, relaxed atmosphere. For reservations and directions, please call Robert at 408-7114, or Bob at 888-2725.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Palm Sunday - Worship services at Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church, 3269 N. Mountain, 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

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.

5:00 p.m. Tucson Prime Timers Dinner/Meeting at the Old Pueblo Grill, 60 N. Avemom. Call 584-0280 for details.

The Men's Massage Group Full Moon celebration meets today at 5:00 p.m. This is a special 3 hour group. Call for more information. It will be a lot of fun. This group meets every 3rd Sunday. It is a fun and lively group of 8-10 men. Non Sexual. Call Marc well in advance to reserve a place at 881-4582. Centrally located. Small fee.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

12:30 P.M., Tucson Prime Timers luncheon at Kingfisher, 2564 E. Grant. Call 584-0280 for details.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

Maundy Thursday. Worship Service at Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Good Friday - Worship services at Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church, 3269 N. Mountain 7:30 p.m.

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 & Les' home. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, April 20 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

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, APRIL 23

Easter Sunday. Worship services at Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church, 3269 N. Mountain, Sunrise Worship Service 7:00 a.m., Easter Breakfast 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join Les & Jerry for a traditional Easter Dinner. The hosts will provide the main dish, and everyone else will bring a side dish or dessert to share. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:00 p.m. Join Les & Jerry for a matinee movie of "The Life Of Brian". This funny, pointed look at religion was protested when it was originally released. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

3. 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.

4. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. Join Les & Jerry as they host Hearts Night. This fun and vicious card game is most enjoyable, and if you don't know how to play, but want to learn, here's the place to do it! For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

MONDAY, APRIL 24

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 Michael at 328-3555.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. "The Girlie Show" featuring Bunny FuFu, Phaedra, Ajia Simone and Mr. Kenneth Blake.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

IBTS - 9:00 P.M. TO CLOSING, Happy Hour Prices for those in their underwear. Great weather to take it off!

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Latino Night. DJ Hill spins the hottest cumbias and corridos from 9 to closing. 75¢ watermelons and \$2.00 kamikazees all night. No cover.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

STONEWALL - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus is having their secone Annual Rummage Bonanza here. Hours are 7:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Come early to get that fabulous find! Remember, the early bird gets first choice.

VALENTINA'S - Benefit Car Wash and Bake Sale for MS and MDA from noon until 4:00 p.m. Then at 9:00 p.m. it's Desert La Cage show featuring Crystal Abrams and Kenneth Blake and guests.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

IBTS - 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Benefit Bar-B-Que/16oz Beer Bust for the 'Boys of Summer', IBT's Arizona Angels Softball Team. Then at 9:00 p.m. A special benefit show for the Arizona Angels featuring Deora Le Blanc, Tori Steele, Stella Virgin, Ajia Simone, and team members in 'special' appearances!

VALENTINA'S - 9:00 P.M. A BENEFIT SHOW "Follies!" with Bunny Fufu, Kenneth Blake, Crystal Abrams and guests. A Benefit for Bunny Fufu who is competing for Miss Gay Arizona.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

IBTS - "The Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Elektra Bleu, Miss Tori Novell and Mr. Kenneth Blake. 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Hip Hop & R&B as DJ Hill spins ass shakin' music from 9 to close. No cover. Shot specials all night. \$1.50 Tequila and \$2.00 Kami's all night.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

IBTS - 6:30 P.M., 3rd Annual MPS Easter Benefit Show featuring the 'Norman Tabernacle Choir' Presenting "Left Off Broadway". Show, Auction, Easter Bonnet Contest (and Best Basket!). Cash Prizes. Watch for more info on this fun evening.

VALENTINA'S - Benefit Show / Yard Sale / Bar-B-Que for S.A.A.F. For more information or to donate to the Yard Sale Call Joe at 319-1346.

VENTURE-N - TKO Beer Bust plus an Easter Basket and Easter Bonnet Contest. Cash prizes for each \$25 first place; \$15 second and \$10 for third place.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

IBTS - Easter Egg Hunt and Party all day. Mark your calendars.

VALENTINA'S - Benefit Show / Yard Sale / Bar-B-Que for S.A.A.F. For more information or to donate to the Yard Sale Call Joe at 319-1346.

VENTURE-N - Easter Sunday Brunch hosted by Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) and Empire Lew/Leather (ELL). Easter Egg Hunt starts at noon plus Boss Burgers and Bloody Marys and Screws for \$1.50 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Back by popular demand "Drag King Show" at the Biz. \$1.50 pitchers all night. No cover. Show starts at 9:00 p.m. Dance music follows with DJ Sarafina.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

IBTS - Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP) Male Box Night.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Latino Night. Drink and shot specials all night. 75¢ watermelons and \$2.00 kamikazees all night. No Cover. DJ Hill spins the hottest Latin house, cumbia, corridas and much, much more.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

WOODY'S - Reno Gannon Jello Wrestling Benefit for SAAF 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Watch for details coming up!

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Bill hosts an evening that begins with a light supper and moves into a Financial Advice Seminar on learning how to make your money work for you. For details, reservations, and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

Community Forum HIV Update from 8:00 - 7:45 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital, 1601 W. St. Mary's Road in the Century Room (across from the chapel). "Treatment in the New Millennium" is the subject of the meeting which includes speakers Dr. Neil Ampel, MD; Dr. Kevin Carmichael, MD; Dr. Deborah Goldsmith, MD; and Dr. Kelly Volmer, MC. These doctors will review the current state of HIV management and give an update on any new advances in treatment. Sponsored by SAAF and Abbott Labs.

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

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.

IBTS - 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.

STONEWALL - Bar open Noon. All well drinks \$1.50 until 7pm. Smirnoff Sunday make your own Bloody Marys. Dance Club opens at 9pm with DJ David Z. New Digital Karaoke surround sound system (in the bar) 9pm to close. Popcorn, Steaming Buns and Weenies ... Free.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour to 7pm. \$1.50 well & domestics. BBQ Beer Bust 4-9pm; Pool Journey to benefit SAAF 7:30pm \$3 entry (pot matched). All request DJ 9pm to close.

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. Volleyball Court is Open. Check in with bartender. Karaoke with Billy Dee now on Sundays 9pm to close.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight, 25¢ cups of draft 8 to closing.

IBTS - 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.

STONEWALL - Bar opens noon. All well drinks \$1.50 until 7pm. Dance Club opens 9pm with David Z spinning retro. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies...free

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7 \$1.50 well & domestics: BBQ Beer Bust 6-9pm.) All request DJ 9pm -1am. Extended Happy Hour 9pm-1am.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Dart Toumey 6pm, pot matched. Patio opens 5pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close

Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool toumey 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Long Islands all nite. Dance to music w/DJs.

IBTS - 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.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.50 until 7pm. Dance Club opens 9pm. DJ Eduardo featuring international music. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies free.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. 11am-7pm, \$1.50 well & domestics. 2-4-1 4to7pm well & domestics. BBQ Beer Bust 6-9; 80s nite with DJ Marquis 9pm-1am. 80¢ drink specials 9pm-1am.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. 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

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Free Pool 2-4. \$1.50 Longnecks 8-midnight. \$1.50 pitchers 9-close. 80s Retro DJ Sarafina. No cover.

IBTS - 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.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.50 til 7. New Digital Karaoke surround sound 9pm til close in the bar. Dance Club opens at 9pm with DJ Eduardo. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... Free.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7pm. \$1.50 well & domestics. Pool toumey 7:30pm \$3 entry (pot matched). Disco Inferno 9pm-1am with DJ Marquis. "You Call It" drink specials (flip coin for your drink price!)

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Cuervo Gold \$2 and Cuervo 1800 \$2.25 Open to close. Patio opens at 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball on demand 7 days a week. See bartender.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Liz 9pm to close. \$1.50 Tequila & 75 Watermelons.

IBTS - 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 (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.50 til 7pm. Dance club opens at 9pm. Dance with DJ Eduardo. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... free.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well & Domestics. 2-4-1 4-7pm well & domestics. Karaoke 9pm-12:45am.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. \$3 entry. Hides Leather shop opens at 8pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes... Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

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

IBTS - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic 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.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.50 til 7pm. Dance Club open 9pm. Dance with DJ David Z. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... free.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7 \$1.50 well & domestics. Live dance lessons 7-8pm; Country Music extravaganza 7pm to close. All Bud Products \$2.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio open 5pm. Hides

Leather Store opens 8pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm Martini Party - Well Martini's \$2. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every half hour.

IBTS - 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. Dance 9-1. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.50 til 7pm. Dance Club opens at 9pm with DJ David Z. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... free.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7 \$1.50 well & domestics... A variety of shows hosted by 'Crystal Abrams'. 9pm. All donations go to charity. Dance Mix 10:30pm to 1am.

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. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

He who has a thing to sell
and goes and whispers in a
well, is not so apt to get the
dollars as he who climbs a
tree and hollers.

NOTICES

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), 8:00 p.m. Information 824-1779.

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.

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

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. 322-5855. 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 85852.

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 85803 / (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)327-1620 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.

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, 8523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, International Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. Call us at (520)817-4661, or http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Heights/5088

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).

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 293-8624.

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) meets every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Wingspan at 300 E. Sixth Street. 624-1779

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. 828-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

RELATIONSHIP SURVIVORS. For Lesbians whose relationship has just broken up. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 8am to 10am. For info call Dorian Easty, group facilitator. 882-7723

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8860 or write P.O. Box 36284, Tucson, AZ 85740-6284. 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.

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NOTICES

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, 824-1779.

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 745-8977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For more information 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)

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3289 N. Mountain. Have any history experience singing? Join us!! Call 881-1369 to audition. 817-3100 for more info.

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 299-6647.

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

ARE YOU GAY OR BI-SEXUAL 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 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 Hoffman 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 822-3200.

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.

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

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

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

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-8788.

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. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9468 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.

NOTICES

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips 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 8:30 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.

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.

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, 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 1 to 2m new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-8678 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 Betrano 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 (evetten@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 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Dezzert Girlz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dezert Boyz meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagaemail

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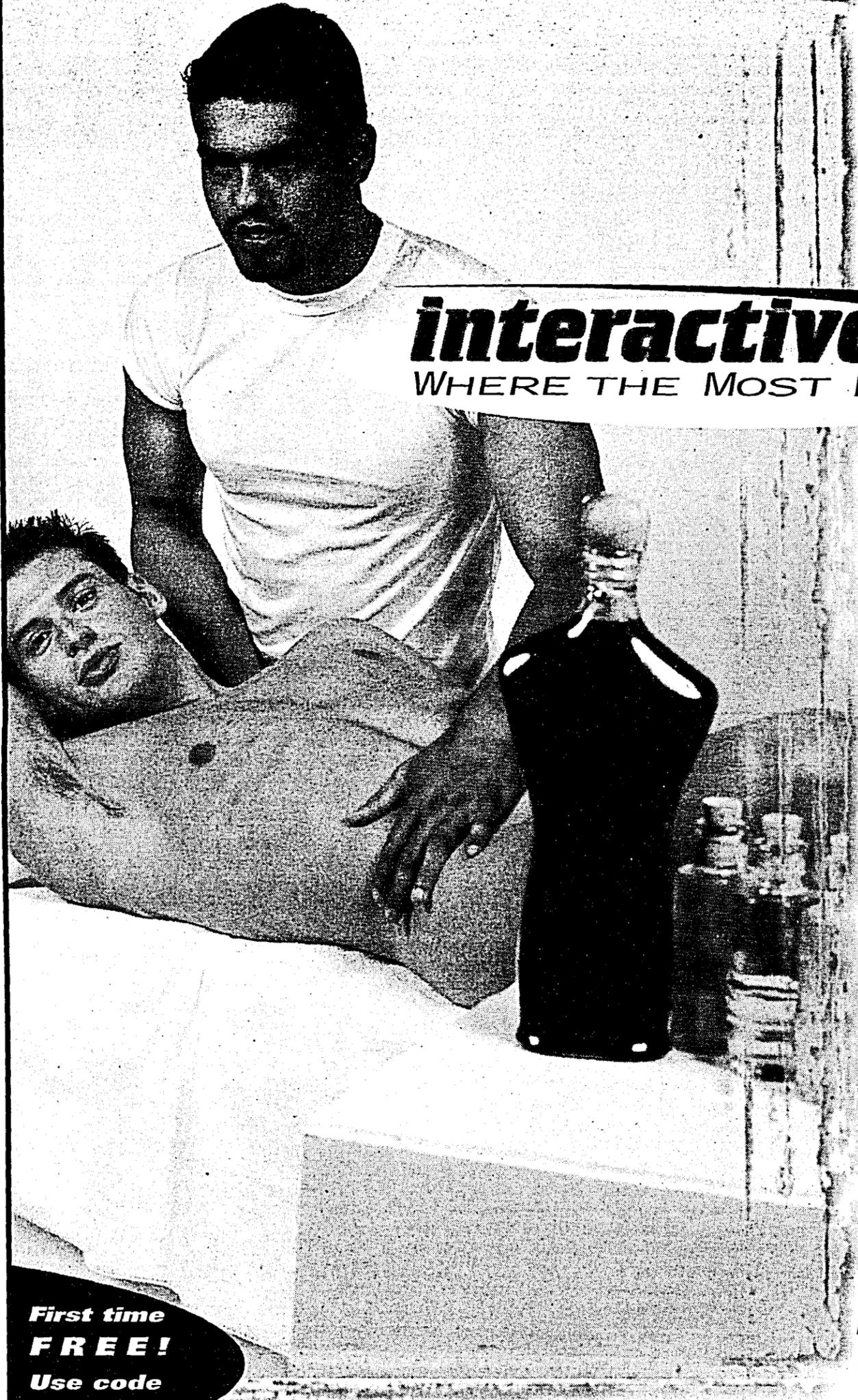
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