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Record-Setting Jell-O Extravaganza A Huge Success

TUCSON - The weather was hot and so was the crowd. The only cool spot was in the Jell-O! And the wrestlers seemed to enjoy the purple goo, as did an enthusiastic (though hot) packed house at Woody's last Sunday, May 6. It was estimated that over 600 attended the festivities to benefit the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). All previous records were broken that day - the attendance and the amount raised. Over $20,000 was raised and more was to come in. Final details next week.

The 14th Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza had something for everyone. Raffles, auctions throughout the day, food, entertainment by the two 'Mistresses of Ceremonies', Lucinda Holliday and the ever elusive Gilda Fatalé. All proceeds including monies raised by the wrestlers in support of their efforts went to benefit SAAF.

All are to be congratulated for their hard work putting on this extravaganza. And almost without exception, everything went smoothly.

The Photos here are just a few that appear in this issue of Observer. Check out the center fold for more.

Gov. Hull Signs Repeal Of Archaic Sex Laws

By Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (ON) - Laws which prohibited sodomy, oral sex and non-familial cohabitation, that have been on the books for one-hundred years, are no longer crimes in Arizona.

Governor Jane Hull, Tuesday, May 8, affixed her signature on HB 2016, repealing Arizona's "archaic laws." HB 2016 also allows couples the ability to claim a live-in partner as a dependant under certain circumstances on federal and state income tax forms.

"At the end of the day, I returned to one of my most basic beliefs about government, it does not belong in our private lives," Hull wrote in a one-page letter to Arizona House Speaker Jim Weiers, R-Phoenix, explaining her decision on the legislation. "Keeping archaic laws on the books does not promote high moral standards; instead it teaches the lesson that laws are made to be broken."

"The governor and I agree that the state has no compelling interest in the lives of consenting adults," said openly Gay state Representative Steve May, R-Paradise Valley, who sponsored HB 2016. "This ends the debate. Anybody that tries to proactively put these laws back onto the books will be laughed out of office."

Arizona's first archaic laws were first drafted in 1901, with the last legislation enacted in 1917 Citizens who committed "lewd and lascivious acts," "open and notorious cohabitation" and "crimes against nature," were subject to a jail sentence of up to 30 days, and a $500 fine.

Repealing Arizona's "archaic" laws had become the issue of this year's legislative session, with the governor receiving 5,700 phone calls and E-mails on the topic.

Proponents, led by the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF), the statewide GLBT rights group, wanted to repeal the laws, stating they were out of step with modern society and serve as a tool of discrimination against unmarried couples and homosexuals. Leading the fight against the repeal was the Center for Arizona Policy (CAzP), a right-wing, anti-Gay group based in Scottsdale.

Cathi Herrod, an attorney and lobbyist for CAzP said, "It's another step in devaluing marriage as the foundation of our society."

Kathi Gummerie, co-chair of AHRF, praised Hull for "living up to her campaign promise that government would not be involved in people's private lives."

HB 2016 will go into effect, 90 days after the Arizona Legislature ends their current session, expected to take place, Thursday, May 10.

6th Annual Tucson AIDS Memorial Candlelight Service Saturday, May 12

TUCSON - "Many Voices United...for Life" is the theme of the Sixth Annual Tucson AIDS Candlelight Service that is planned for 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Saturday, May 12, at the Georges Demeester Performance Center in Tucson's Reid Park.

Sponsored by a group of community and health organizations including Wingspan, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community center, the service will provide information about the disease and renew the event organizers' message that AIDS – which emerged in the early 1980s – has not gone away and remains a threat to all segments of society.

"This is not a pocketed issue that is affecting just a particular group of people," said Quinton Jenkins, the Candlelight Service chair. "It's affecting everyone. I want people attending the event to take away real knowledge about the current status of the virus."

To help do that, event organizers are trying to put a human face on the issue by asking community members to visit four area agencies to write messages about how HIV/AIDS has affected their lives or those of a friend, relative or loved one. The messages will then be included on a Community HIV/AIDS Canvas that will be displayed at the service.

Information about how to write your message at Queer Voice, a support organization for GLBT youth, is available by calling (520) 620-6245. In addition to the memorial canvas, the event will take on an education and ecumenical theme by including appearances by:

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POZ Cafe May 17

TUCSON - People living with HIV are invited to Poz Cafe, a complimentary lunch along with social and recreational activities on Thursday, May 17. Poz Cafe is located at St. Francis in the Foothills UMC (corner of Swan and River Roads). Doors open at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon. Following lunch there will be several games of Bingo (with prizes!), other board and card games, or a chance to be creative with crafts, or just sit and chat with friends. Game, social and craft time will end at 2:30 p.m.

Volunteers from the Tucson Urban League Guild are hosting this month's lunch that will feature Grilled Chicken (a vegetarian entrée is available by request.) A selection of beverages, including iced tea and coffee will be available, and a hospitality table with punch and snacks.

Like all TIHAN programs, it's Gay-friendly, free of charge, and no proselytizing or evangelizing is permitted. Each HIV+ person may have one adult guest accompany them if they so choose. (Each guest--partner, spouse, friend, volunteer--will be reminded of confidentiality concerns.) This luncheon is fully sponsored, courtesy of generous support from the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association, St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, and other caring individuals and congregations of TIHAN.

Reservations are requested and transportation can be provided with advance notice simply through one phone call to the TIHAN office. For more information about POZ Cafe, or to make your reservations or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at (520) 299-6647 by May 14.

Massage Therapists Needed At SAAF

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation is in need of Massage Therapists and Bodyworkers to volunteer at two bodywork clinics for people living with HIV/AIDS.

At the clinics, SAAF provides a private clean office environment for you to work in. SAAF supplies the tables, linens, lotions and music for you to conduct your massage. SAAF also provides staffed volunteers who set up all the appointments for the clinics and run the reception area.

If you are interested in helping out or need additional information about our clinics, please call the coordinator, Curt Beall, (520) 877-9161.

TLGA Seeking Board Members

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance, producers of Gay Pride Week and OUToberFEST 2001 "Out in the Desert" are seeking energetic, creative and reliable board members to help produce Tucson's Pride events throughout the year

"Right now, the board is at half of its working capacity. It is going to become increasingly difficult for the seven existing board members to effectively carry out their volunteer duties as OUToberFEST 2001 draws closer The board is expecting an attendance of 9,000 at OUToberFEST this year and seven board members are not enough to produce a successful festival of that magnitude." says president, Chad Froeschke.

Those interested in becoming a board member should call the OUTline (520) 622-3200. TLGA monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at Wingspan at 7:00 p.m.

A Parade It Is!

TUCSON - The Lesbian Avengers and OUTrage are pleased to announce the Second Annual Tucson GLBT Pride Parade, Sunday, June 24th, 7:00 p.m. at the Fourth Avenue Park (one block south of Speedway).

The Parade will proceed down Fourth Avenue, under the overpass, down Congress Street, and end at the La Placita Plaza. Tell everyone you know! There are still some openings in the Parade for floats and decorated vehicles (there are entry fees for this). Any groups or individuals who'd like to walk the route are welcome as well--and bring your banners! There are no entry fees for walkers.

And, of course, you can still make donations to help with the substantial costs of City permits, security, insurance, etc. There's also plenty of opportunity to participate in the Parade planning, being a peace-keeper, etc.

For any information about the Parade, planning, how to make donations, sponsorships and vehicle entry fees, etc., call Dace Park, (520) 271-7438, or e-mail: TucsonParade@juno.com.

Reveille Concert June 1 - 2

TUCSON - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus (RGMC) of Tucson will be tribute to Diana Ross and the Supremes, Martha and the Vendellas, the Shirelles and Teddy Bears, just to name a few, at their concerts, June 1-2, 8:00 p.m., at the Proscenium Theater, Pima College West, 2201 West Anklam Road

Director Jim Taylor has re-keyed and re-arranged songs, including "You Can't Hurry Love," "To Know Him is to Love Him," "When Will I Be Loved," and many more for the 35 voices of Reveille. Some will be done by the entire chorus, others by soloists and small ensembles, and it will be like revisiting the AM radio dial.

Tickets are $12 in advance, $15 at the door. Advance tickets are available at Antigone Books, 411 N. Fourth Ave.; Tucson Trunk, 5605 E. River Road, and Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. Fourth Avenue, as well as calling the Reveille hot line, (520) 617-3100.

IN MEMORIAM

James Allen Crouch
March 16, 1956 - April 14, 2001

Jim began his next life's journey on April 14, 2001. Born on March 16, 1956 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, he lived in Tucson for 15 years. Jim was a former resident of Frensdorff, and a long-time volunteer for TIHAN and SAAF.

Preceded in death by a sister, Virginia A. Crouch and domestic companion Richard Bergstrom, Jim is survived by his daughter Angela Dawn (David Keith) Lyttle of Indiana; Grandchildren Bailey and Nathaniel Lyttle of Indiana; Parents Phyllis and Fred Kuchenbecker of Florida; sister Cindy (Fred) Brooks, brother Rick (Joanne) Crouch, nieces Shelly and Jodette Carpenter, and nephew Andrew Carpenter, all of Tucson. Jim was an inspiration to all that knew and loved him, and he will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, Jim requested that donations be made to TIHAN or SAAF. Memorial Services will be held at St. Francis in the Foothills UMC (4625 E. River Road – at Swan) at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15.

Candlelight Memorial

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Representatives of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network, COPE Behavioral Services/Health Promotions, the Intertribal Health Care Center and Queer Voice, DesertVoices, an adult GLBT chorus, The Rev. Joyce Cook of Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church, - Byron Brooks, a person living with AIDS and Mr. Gay Pride 2000 – 2001. The event also will feature performances by singer Lauren Eberhart; Mr. Kenneth Blake, as Celine Dion; Kurt Anthon with the Ensemble - Tribe like Bizarre and pianist Ken Thamesl

For information, contact committee chair Quinton Jenkins, (520) 795-1381.

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Robertson & Right-Wing Allies Brag Of Control Over Bush Agenda

By the People For The American Way

Televangelist and former presidential candidate Pat Robertson joined with guests on his 700 Club TV show in boasting that right wing groups now hold significant leverage over White House policies, demonizing their opponents as "evil," dismissing the need for any federal rules to control arsenic levels in drinking water, and bragging that once "radical" far right plans to significantly reshape key federal programs, such as Social Security, are now viewed as "the norm." [A transcript of the comments follows.]

"It's been nearly a decade since conservatives had control of the White House, and now that they have it back, the conservative operatives who have been hanging around Washington for a long time are making the most of their opportunity," said Robertson, who hosts the 700 Club, which airs on the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN). But Robertson urged President Bush not to give into "the five or six squishy Republicans."

CBN news commentator Lee Webb agreed with Robertson's assessment, adding that right-wing efforts to pass "reforms of Medicare, education, Social Security—policies considered radical 10 years ago—are now the norm."

Grover Norquist, a right-wing activist who is president of Americans for Tax Reform, noted that his close allies are holding key positions of power in the Bush administration. "When I walk through the White House, I recognize as many people as when I would walk through the Heritage Foundation." And Norquist sized up the opposition that has formed against right-wing proposals in Congress, saying that the opposition "isn't stupid, they're evil."

In addition to touting the far right's position at the nerve center of the Bush White House, Robertson dismissed the need for federal rules to regulate arsenic levels in drinking water. And Robertson and his son and co-host, Gordon, discussed the possibility of international—even intergalactic—menace due to rogue nations firing nuclear warheads at asteroids in an effort to deflect and "aim" these asteroids towards U.S. cities.

Comments from the 700 Club TV show (May 2, 2001 program)

This discussion followed a brief report on "conservatives in the Bush administration":

PAT ROBERTSON: "It's been nearly a decade since conservatives had control of the White House, and now that they have it back, the conservative operatives who have been hanging around Washington for a long time are making the most of their opportunity."

LEE WEBB (CBN News Commentator): "Pat, as you well know, reforms of Medicare, education, and Social Security—policies considered radical 10 years ago—are now the social norm."

Additional comments on the preeminent position that the far right holds in the Bush administration: TIM GOEGLEIN (White House Office of Public Liaison): "I know that when I go to Grover's breakfast and I go to Paul's [right-wing activist Paul Weyrich] lunch that I'm going to be in touch with representatives of literally millions of Americans."

PAT ROBERTSON: "They've [the left] been organized, but I think they're frankly in disarray right now .... Bush has taken the wind out of their sales, and they're not sure quite how to handle it .... If Bush can hold steady, he can get a lot done. But, if he gives in to the five or six squishy Republicans, he may be in trouble .... This tax-cut compromise I think is a great victory for the president."

Commenting on those who oppose the right-wing "reforms" that have been proposed:

GROVER NORQUIST (President of Americans for Tax Reform): "The other team isn't stupid, they're evil. And, what I mean by that is they're not incompetent. They're just the other team."

TOM SCHATZ (Spokesman for Citizens Against Government Waste): "The left is very well organized. They're on television. They have a lot of resources. They have a lot more money. What we have is the faith and support of our members behind all of the groups that are involved in this effort."

GROVER NORQUIST: "We is them, and they is us. When I walk through the White House,I recognize as many people as when I would walk through the Heritage Foundation."

Robertson commented on criticism leveled at the Bush administration for backing away from proposed federal standards on arsenic levels in drinking water:

PAT ROBERTSON: "We've gone on for hundreds of years with the levels of water that we're drinking, and there's no solid scientific proof that there's any arsenic of a dangerous level in there."

Robertson said that some "leading scientists" believe that asteroids could harm the earth through their impact with nuclear warheads launched from earth. The hypothesis that Robertson and his son, Gordon, discussed was that a rogue nation might launch a nuclear warhead into space, hit an asteroid, knocking it off its original path and sending it toward specific cities on the globe. This discussion may have intended to bolster support for President Bush's so-called "Star Wars" missile defense system:

PAT ROBERTSON: "I hope they're wrong, but that's one of the most horrible scenarios I've ever heard because an asteroid hurling toward earth is one of the things that seems to show up in the Bible when you read in Revelations about a mountain that an Angel throws, a flaming mountain that throws to earth and into the sea, and a third of the ships are destroyed. There is no way in the world anybody's going to control the flying bits of an asteroid, and if somebody tries to blow one up and then aim it toward earth, it would be the most awful, hideous devastation that you can conceive of. And, there's no weapon so far that's ever been devised by man

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AIDS Deaths In Pima County On The Rise Again

TUCSON - Deaths from AIDS are rising in Pima County for the first time in years, alarming physicians and patients battling the fatal disease.

Until now, the news about AIDS had been nothing but good - ever since the lifesaving AIDS-fighting drug "cocktail" began dropping death rates dramatically five years ago, the Arizona Daily Star reported.

Transforming a sure death sentence into a survivable chronic infection, the new AIDS drugs got dying patients out of bed and back to work, and they even had doctors cautiously talking "cure."

No more. Their worst fears - that someday the drugs would begin to fail - are coming true.

"At the rate we're going so far this year, I think we're going to see our deaths at least double," said Dr. Kevin Carmichael, a Tucson physician whose practice with two other doctors treats most Tucson AIDS and HIV-positive patients.

At this time last year, Carmichael had lost only seven of his nearly 1,000 HIV patients. So far this year, he has seen 18 patients die.

"Earlier this year, we thought this might be a fluke - just a temporary, unexplained spike, a bad few weeks," he said.

"But we have to face the fact it's much more than that. These are the first patients since 1995 who represent the failure of therapy. Clearly, we are seeing the virus become resistant to the drugs, and everyone is worried that even new treatments won't be able to keep up with the ability of this virus to mutate.

"It is beginning to feel like the bad times, when we lost people every week."

This life-threatening turn of events is just beginning to filter into the HIV-positive community, where life had almost returned to normal in recent years.

"As a person with HIV who's on the cocktail, it's very scary," said Danny Blake, director of client services for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation.

"It's a constant question we ask now - when will it fail?"

Six of his clients died last month alone - numbers not seen in nearly six years.

Diagnosed with HIV in 1987, Blake's condition was deteriorating rapidly by the mid-'90s, until he was put on the drug combination in 1996.

"It restored health to me. I was able to return to work," he said.

But for the first time since then, Blake was hospitalized for two days last week with a viral infection. Doctors don't know if the infection is AIDS-related or an early sign of treatment failure.

"We are seeing and hearing of people getting sick all the time now. You can't help but wonder what's going to happen," he said. "It's been a long, long time since anyone has felt this kind of fear."

Although the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that causes AIDS was discovered in this country 20 years ago, it was not until late in 1995 that effective combinations of AIDS-fighting drugs were finally developed.

Called the AIDS "cocktail," the breakthrough therapy combined the old warhorse, AZT, a nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor, with new drugs known as protease inhibitors. By 1996, people suddenly stopped dying.

AIDS deaths plunged nationwide, from more than 50,000 in 1995 to only 16,000 in 1999.

In Tucson, 14 percent of HIV patients died in 1995. Two years later, less than 3 percent of patients were dying.

"Those were primarily people who did not know they had the virus or, for some reason, were not being treated," Carmichael said. "If you were getting treatment, you survived."

But all along, while doctors hoped these powerful drugs might be able to finally wipe the deadly virus out of the body entirely - curing the disease - they also feared fast-mutating HIV could develop resistance to the drugs, rendering them ineffective.

The first ominous signs that that is indeed happening hit only in the last four to six months, Carmichael said.

"This is very concerning to us. For the first time, I am seeing people who have been taking their medications and trying to take care of themselves failing and dying.

"This destroys the notion that HIV is not really a problem anymore. We are now starting to see the limits of what we can do, around the country. We are not able to control this virus. AIDS ultimately is still a death sentence."

The disturbing trend is so new that no national statistics exist yet to confirm it nationwide, said officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

But the CDC has clearly documented a leveling off of the dramatic decline in deaths since 1996.

"We don't have the numbers yet for 2000 and 2001, but no one here would be surprised to see them start to go up everywhere as treatment fails," said CDC spokeswoman Kathryn Bina.

But even so, no one knows if this sudden surge in AIDS deaths will affect the resurgence of unsafe sex seen in recent years in groups at high risk for the virus, especially Gay men.

Falsely liberated by the near-miracle of the AIDS cocktail, many have all but abandoned the safe-sex rules that so effectively slowed infection rates during the deadly pre-cocktail years.

Carmichael, for example, said he has "lots" of Gay male patients whose partners refuse to use condoms or be tested for HIV. He knows several heterosexual partners of infected women with the same attitude, he said.

"There is a lot of unsafe behavior going on," said Scott Davey, coordinator of the Gay men's health project at the AIDS Foundation.

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Columbia University Psychiatrist Claims Gays Can Change Orientation

NEW YORK, NY - A controversial study has found that some Gay men and Lesbians are able to change their sexual orientation through psychotherapy or religious counseling, while a second study has concluded that most who attempt such a change fail and suffer lasting harm, the Washington Post reported.

Robert L. Spitzer, a psychiatrist at Columbia University in New York, interviewed 153 men and 47 women who reported that they had changed their sexual orientation from homosexuality to heterosexuality after undergoing counseling and had maintained the change for at least five years. Each was asked about his or her sexual orientation, behavior and fantasies.

"The subjects' self-reports of change appear to be, by and large, valid, rather than gross exaggerations, brain-washing or wishful thinking," said Spitzer in a summary of his paper, which will be presented today with the second study at the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association, in New Orleans.

Spitzer cautioned that there is no information on whether such changes were the exception or the norm. He also said the results of the study "should not be misused to justify coercive treatment."

In the second study, conducted by New York City psychologists Ariel Shidlo and Michael Schroeder, 202 Gay men and Lesbians who had been through counseling were interviewed between 1995 and 2000 for an average of 90 minutes each. Of those, 178 failed to change their orientation, 18 reported becoming asexual or conflicted, and six reported becoming heterosexual.

The majority were left with a mistrust for mental health professionals and had to relearn how to form intimate relationships, Schroeder said. He added that many reported being misled by the counseling into thinking that homosexuality was caused by child abuse, bad parenting or a disorder.

"There are some people who became very injured by failing the therapy and entered a post-treatment reconstruction phase where they spent years trying to recover from the process," said Schroeder in a telephone interview. "There is a lot of self-blame."

American Psychiatric Association officials distanced the organization yesterday from Spitzer's research and said there will be no change in the association's conclusion that homosexuality is neither a mental disorder nor a condition in need of "treatment."

"There are a group of people who think all homosexual behavior must be changed and has to be changed and can be changed, and they try to impose their values on [Gay men and Lesbians], which is inappropriate," said Daniel Borenstein, association president and a psychiatrist at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Since 1973, when the association reversed its position that homosexuality was a mental disorder, all major medical groups have advised against attempts to persuade Gay men and Lesbians to seek treatment, noting that such attempts can be psychologically damaging. But some religious groups have waged a campaign over the past three years to convert Gays to heterosexuality through counseling.

Advocates of conversion therapy seized on the findings of Spitzer, who helped the psychiatric association end the classification of homosexuality as a mental disorder.

"The very guy who had homosexuality removed from the list of mental disorders concluded that some individuals who participate in sexual reorientation therapy make sustained changes," said Janet Folger of the Center for Reclaiming America.

Phil Hobizal, director of Portland Fellowship, an Oregon counseling group for Gay men and Lesbians who are unhappy with their sexual orientation, disputed the suggestion that such counseling causes harm. "There are those people who did not find our program helpful and have chosen to embrace their homosexuality, and we say they have the freedom to do that," he said.

Scientists at the psychiatric meeting questioned Spitzer's conclusions and the manner in which his study was conducted. They noted that it did not follow patients over time, relying instead on their memories.

"Many of the people were referred by therapists who gave the names to Spitzer, and so the whole way in which these people were found is problematic," said Marshall Forstein, a psychiatrist at Harvard Medical School. "Is there a cohort of people who were not referred because the treatment failed?"

Gay rights advocates said that attempts to change Gays' sexual orientation have been rejected by the majority of Americans.

"It's simplistic and insulting to someone's intelligence to say you can be completely straight or completely Gay," said Cathy Renna, a spokeswoman for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. "So many factors come into who we are as individuals."

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COMMENTARY

George W. Bush's First 100 Days: The White House Runs To The Right

By Tim McFeeley

During his first 100 days in office, George W. Bush has largely ignored issues directly relating to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community and has launched attack after attack on workers, women and the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

According a recent analysis in the Washington Post, Bush's appointments while in office have positioned him as the most conservative president in modern U.S. history. "The most conservative administration in modern times, surpassing even Ronald Reagan in the ideological commitment of his appointees," said the Post.

George W. Bush's first 100 days in office have offered a startling contradiction between benign photo ops and harsh policy and between moderate rhetoric and stark reality. In light of the fact that Republicans control both chambers of Congress and the White House for the first time in nearly 50 years, the course he has embarked on during his first 100 days poses great risks to many of our allies in the progressive movement.

In his first 100 days, Bush has:

Sent mixed messages on AIDS policy. Bush became the first-ever Republican president to appoint an openly Gay man to a White House job when he named Scott Evertz as the director of the Office of National AIDS Policy. But Bush has at the same time flip-flopped badly on AIDS policy. His chief of staff first announced it was closing the Office on National AIDS Policy, but White House aides later said the office would remain open and would be restructured. Furthermore, Bush's proposed budget proposes little or no funding increases for domestic AIDS prevention and treatment programs - despite increased caseloads.

Opposed choice. Bush imposed a ban on federal funds for overseas groups that perform or advocate access to abortion. The move will threaten access to about $425 million in funding used by organizations in developing countries to promote family planning, nutrition and counseling. Bush also signed an order stating that women receiving Medicaid benefits may not use the funds to pay for the RU-486 abortion drug, except in cases of rape, incest or when the mother's life is at stake.

Shut women's office. Bush closed the White House Office on Women's Issues, a move that was described by the National Organization for Women's Patricia Ireland as "really foolish and high-handed."

Reversed workers' rights. Bush signed a bill repealing pending federal regulations that would have helped workers with repetitive motion injuries. Under the guidelines, which were advanced under former President Clinton but never took effect, employers would have had to inform workers of the risk of repetitive motion injuries and would have had to assist workers with medical costs resulting from such injuries. The regulations were aimed at helping cashiers, assembly-line workers, meat cutters, fork lift operators, secretaries and computer operators, among others. In addition, Bush attempted to block rules to make it easier for sick coal miners to receive help if they suffered from Black Lung disease.

Pushed for tax cuts for the wealthy. Bush proposed a tax plan that he claimed would result in the "average American" receiving $1,600. But an analysis by the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy found that the plan would give back $46,000 for the richest 1 percent, and just $42 for the lowest 20 percent.

Proposed tax support for religious institutions. Bush proposed a plan to channel tax dollars to religious and other private schools and also announced his intention to pursue proposals that would give tax money to religious institutions to provide social services, in clear violation of the constitutional mandate separating church and state.

If there is hope for the nation and for the progressive movement, it rests in the closely divided Senate. During the next two years we must remind our moderate Republican Senators and moderate and progressive Democrat Senators that Bush did not receive a mandate from the voting public to govern so sharply from the right.

[Tim McFeeley is the political director for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.]

National League Fines Pitcher

CHICAGO, IL - The Chicago Cubs have fined pitcher Julian Tavarez, and said he will attend sensitivity training for making homophobic comments about fans in San Francisco, the Associated Press reported.

Tavarez used a curse word and also made homophobic comments following a game against the Giants.

Commissioner Bud Selig called Tavarez's comments "reprehensible" and said he would meet with Tavarez personally to discuss his behavior. Selig said, however, he was satisfied with the Cubs' disciplinary measures and would take no further punitive action.

The amount of the fine was undisclosed, but the money will go toward charitable organizations with input from the Giants.

"Julian and the Cubs regret the comments made over the weekend. Julian has apologized to the fans and people of San Francisco, and some charities will benefit from the fine imposed," Cubs President Andy MacPhail said in a statement.

"The comments made by Julian Tavarez in San Francisco were not only inappropriate but reprehensible," Selig said in a statement.

"Mr. Tavarez embarrassed himself, his team and the game of baseball. There is no excuse for such language and there is no place in our game for bigotry.

"While I am terribly offended by the comments and remain vigilant of baseball's responsibilities as a social institution, I am satisfied with the disciplinary measures taken by the Chicago Cubs. I will meet with Mr. Tavarez and personally make sure he understands the severity of the situation and that Major League Baseball will not tolerate this kind of behavior."

POLITICS 2001

by Mark R. Kerr

'She Made This Reporter's Job Harder'

During a phone call this past week, Francie Noyes, Governor Jane Hull's press secretary asked this reporter's opinion, as a citizen, on HB 2016, the bill that would repeal Arizona's 100-year-old but seldom enforced archaic laws, dealing with non-familial cohabitation, sodomy, and the infamous "lewd and lascivious acts," which had gone to Hull, Wednesday, May 2, to await action.

This reporter expressed his support for the bill, as a citizen, but added, "That if she [Hull] signs the bill, she would make this reporter's, for a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) newspaper, job harder, and I hope that happens."

Noyes laughed, and then this reporter explained the reasoning behind the statement. When the legislature is in session, from January to April or May, it's "easy pickings," because conservative legislators, such as state Representative Karen Johnson, or state Senator David Petersen for example, would either introduce a homophobic bill, or say something anti-Gay, making covering the Arizona Legislature easy, like having something handed to you on a silver platter.

On Tuesday, May 8, all that has changed. Arizona Governor Jane Hull has made this reporter's job harder, by signing HB 2016, repealing Arizona's 100-year-old but seldom enforced, archaic laws. Her signature surprised many, since it was so close to the deadline for the bill to automatically becoming law, and for the amount of calls and E-mail in opposition to repealing Arizona's archaic laws.

In her letter to Arizona House Speaker Jim Weiers about HB 2016, Hull gave her reasons for signing the bill. "At the end of the day, I returned to one of my most basic beliefs about government, it does not belong in our private lives," Hull wrote.

These laws were drafted in 1901, when Arizona was just a territory. Under these statutes, citizens who commit "lewd and lascivious acts," "open and notorious cohabitation" and "crimes against nature" could have been subject to a misdemeanor offense, with a sentenced up to 30-days in jail and a $500 fine. Since non-familial cohabitation was illegal, couples living together could not claim one another as a dependant on state or federal tax forms.

With Hull's signature on HB 2016, the repeal would go into effect, 90 days after the end of this current legislative session, which is expected to Sine Die, Thursday, May 10.

Arizona's GLBT has scored a major victory, becoming the 39th state to repeal such laws from the books, but a sentence from Hull's letter shows that the community must remain vigilant, even when HB 2016 goes into effect.

"Make no mistake, passage of House Bill 2016 will not end the discussion; many issues raised by this measure are left for future lawmakers," Hull wrote in her letter to Arizona House Speaker Weiers. Repeal supporters said that they expect conservatives to try to enact legislation, as early as 2002, outlawing certain acts committed by homosexuals.

It's time to celebrate and say our collective "thank you" to Governor Jane Hull for affixing her signature to HB 2016 and to legislators: the bill sponsor, openly Gay state Representative Steve May, R-Paradise Valley, and those who worked to get HB 2016 through the legislative process, and those who voted in favor. Enjoy this win for now, but be prepared for the expected conservative counter-offensive. ...

In other legislative news, HB 2270, which would prohibit discrimination in public sector employment because of sexual orientation and gender identity, is hanging by the proverbial thread.

Sponsored by state Senator Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson, the Arizona Employment Non Discrimination Act (Arizona ENDA), had only to have a final concur/refuse in the Arizona House of Representatives. House Democrats and Republicans caucused the bill on Tuesday, May 1, and gave initial agreement to concurring with HB 2270, as amended, to the new Arizona ENDA, but time seems to have run out.

This session of the legislature recessed on Thursday, May 3, and the House had not voted on HB 2270. They will come back on Thursday, May 10, to override possible vetoes by Governor Hull on spending/budget bills, and possibly due a final read calendar in the respective chambers, for those bills that have the votes, something Arizona ENDA is trying to shore up, according to proponents.

Tom Cruise Sues Porn Star

LOS ANGELES, CA (NP) - Tom Cruise is unamused by rumors about same-sex affairs, and now he's taking one of the alleged perpetrators to court.

Tom Cruise has filed a $100 million defamation suit against a male adult film actor, who allegedly claimed he had an affair with Cruise that resulted in the break-up of his marriage to Nicole Kidman.

Cruise's suit asserts that Chad Slater, who goes by the name Kyle Bradford in his movie credits, gave an interview to the French magazine Actustar detailing an alleged relationship with Cruise. In the suit, Cruise's attorneys charge that Slater "concocted and spread the completely false story that he had a continuing homosexual affair with Tom Cruise and that this affair was discovered by Mr. Cruise's wife, leading to their divorce," according to El Online.

Kidman and Cruise are now separated. Cruise filed for divorce in February citing irreconcilable differences.

The court documents insist that Cruise "had no relationship of any kind with Kyle Bradford and does not even know him," ABCNews reported.

Referring to the Actustar interview, Cruise's attorney Bert Fields told El Online, "It is absolutely 100 percent false. [Cruise] is a great respecter of homosexual rights, but he's not Gay, and he's ready to prove this in court. Tom is tired of it and it hurts his children. It's something that will be there forever. And damn it, he's going to stop it."

Actustar has agreed to publish a

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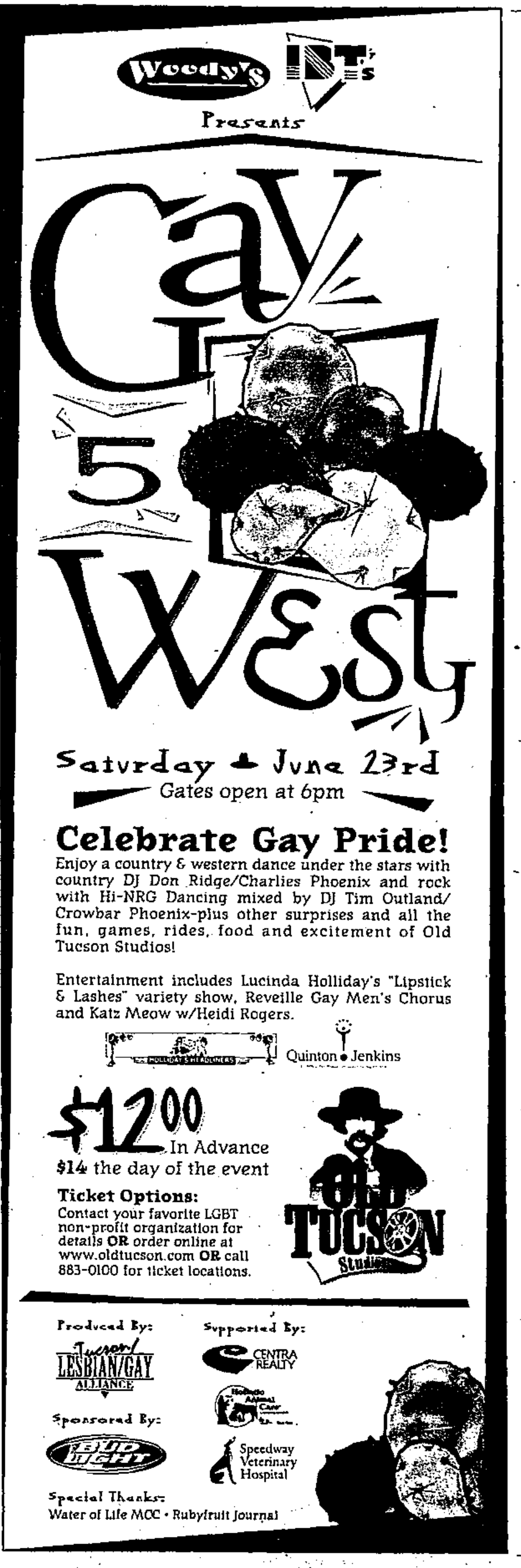

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EDITOR:

Hello everyone,

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who attended the sixteenth annual Miss Gay Tucson America pageant on April 29. We had a full house this year with over 350 people in attendance. The energy in the room was unbelievable, we could have fixed California's power crisis.

As you know, we had three very hardworking contestants who gave us a great show. At the end of any pageant there can be only one winner and that was Miss Deora Le Blance. She lit up the stage every time she was on it. Now she has to start preparing for the Miss Gay Arizona pageant which will be held in Tempe, on July 21. There is no doubt that she will be on fire then as well.

Our first alternate was Miss Faith Michaels. All of these years of hard work are paying off. She had such a great attitude and stage presence. She will also be competing at the Miss Gay Arizona pageant.

And then we had the pleasure of seeing Miss Samantha White, who was so graceful and danced right into our hearts. And who also took home the Miss Congeniality award and flowers.

I am very proud of all my girls this year and every year. If it weren't for your love and support of the America system, we would not exist.

A very special thank you goes out to my fabulous hosts for keeping the night running so smoothly. Kenneth Blake and Ajia Simone, you are the best.

And then there was our reigning Miss Gay Arizona America, Phaedra. What grace and poise you possess. Thanks for being such a wonderful role model for our next generation.

Finally, Bunny Fu Fu, you had a great year and you deserve this much needed rest. You were everywhere, so visible, so approachable, so reliable. Not once all year did I hear anything but nice words about you and from you. I am glad to be able to call you a true friend! I am sad to see you stop performing, but our lives change and we must change with them. Good luck in all you do.

Once again, thank you to everyone who made this night such a success. I have a huge number of helpers and I am afraid I will forget one, so please forgive me if I do not mention any. You all know who you are. I love you all!

Larry Moore,
a.k.a. Lucinda Holliday

DEAR TUCSON:

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude to the people who donated money to QueerVoice at the Miss Gay Tucson America 2002 Pageant on Sunday, April 29. Audience members at the Miss Gay Tucson Pageant donated nearly $1600 during the evening, beginning with donations from the first song performed by Phaedra, Miss Gay Arizona America, 2001.

I want to say a special thank you to Phaedra, Miss Gay Arizona 2001 and Larry Moore, Miss Gay Tucson America Pageant Promoter for their loving and generous support of the QueerVoice program and the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender youth of Tucson. Another special thank you to Miss Ajia Simone and Rodney Shanks who stepped up and helped raise additional donations from the audience. Also I would like to thank Steve Barreto from AutoNation USA for his donation. Lastly a big hug to Dave and Frank of IBTs who generously matched the audience's donations!

QueerVoice , a program of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, Pima County Health Department, and Wingspan, seeks to provide support and information for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender youth so that they can make safe and healthy decision for life, and with this money, we can add a little more to this much needed program!

Sincerely,
Mike Pollack
Tucson, AZ

'The Producers' Sweep Tony Nominations

NEW YORK, NY (NP) - To no one's surprise, Gay performers, playwrights and themes were prominent among the nominees for this year's Tony Awards.

The stage version of Mel Brooks' "The Producers" starring Gay actor Nathan Lane and featuring a couple of comic Gay caricatures, broke records Monday for the most Tony award nominations ever given to one production with 15. The show was nominated in every category for which it was eligible. Lane and his co-star, Matthew Broderick, are among the nominees in the acting categories.

The stage production of another film that featured a Gay theme, "The Full Monty," was the second most nominated show for this year's awards, including one for best musical.

Also nominated for best musical, is "A Class Act," about lyricist Ed Kleban's life and work on Broadway and rife with depictions of famous Gay folk, from Michael Bennett to Sir John Gielgud.

Straight-but-not-narrow Gay icon Mary Louise Parker received a best actress nomination for her role in best play nominee "Proof," David Auburn's play about a mathematician's fear of inheriting her father's mental illness. Also on the best play list is Tom Stoppard's play about Gay poet A.E. Houseman, "The Invention of Love," and "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife" by Gay playwright and sometime drag performer Charles Busch.

In line for best play revival are "Gore Vidal's The Best Man" and Lily Tomlin's one-woman show "The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe."

Nominees for best revival of a musical include "Follies," by Broadway veteran Stephen Sondheim, and "The Rocky Horror Show." Tom Hewitt's gender-bending performance as Frank 'N' Furter in the latter show also got a nod for best actor in a musical.

The Tony Awards ceremony, hosted by Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick, takes place at Radio City Music Hall on June 3 and is broadcast on PBS and CBS.

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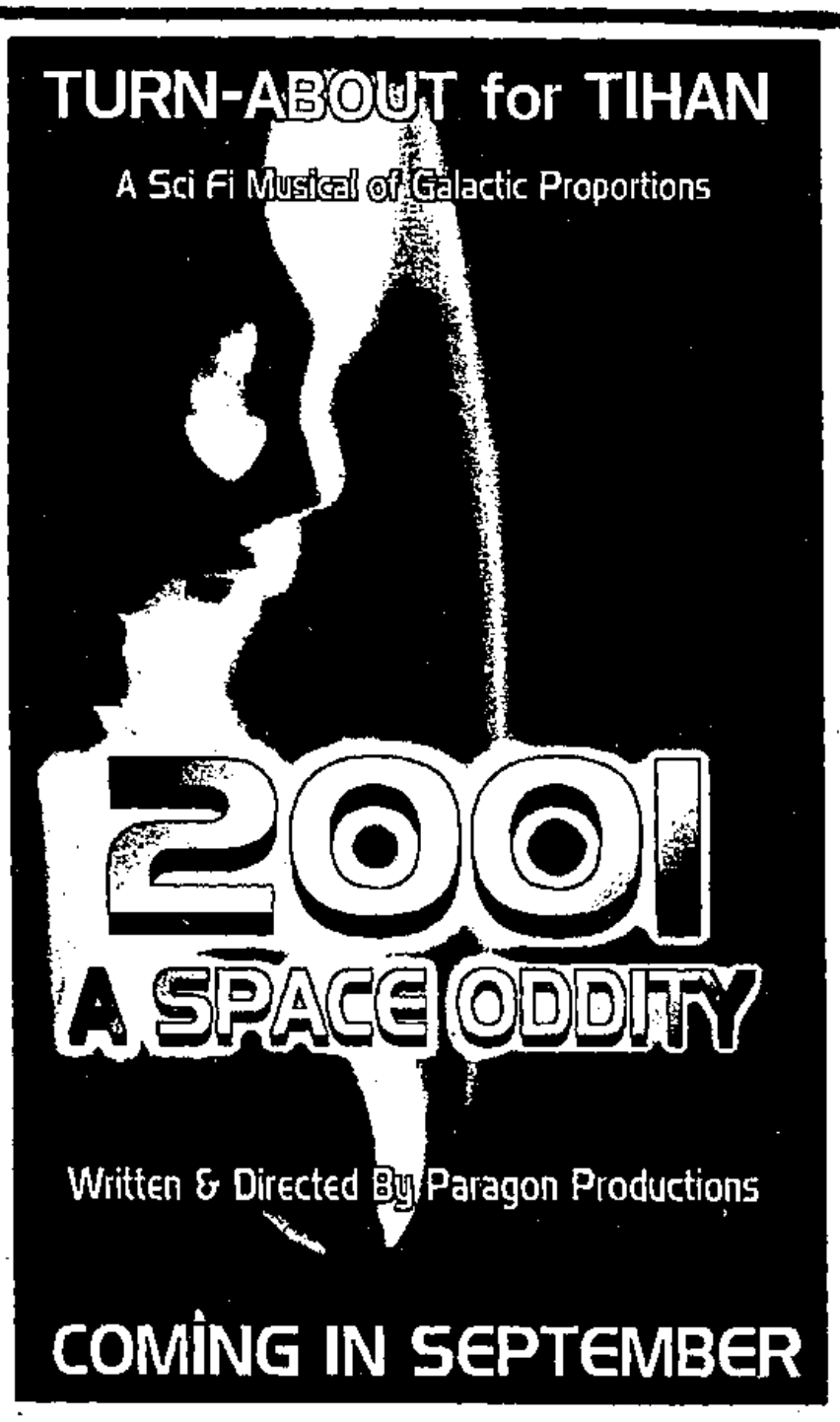

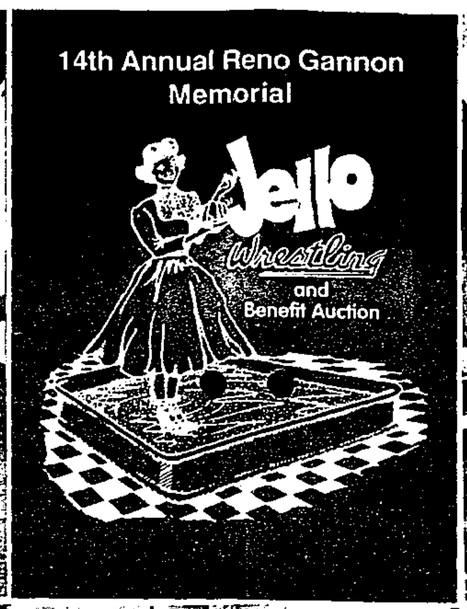
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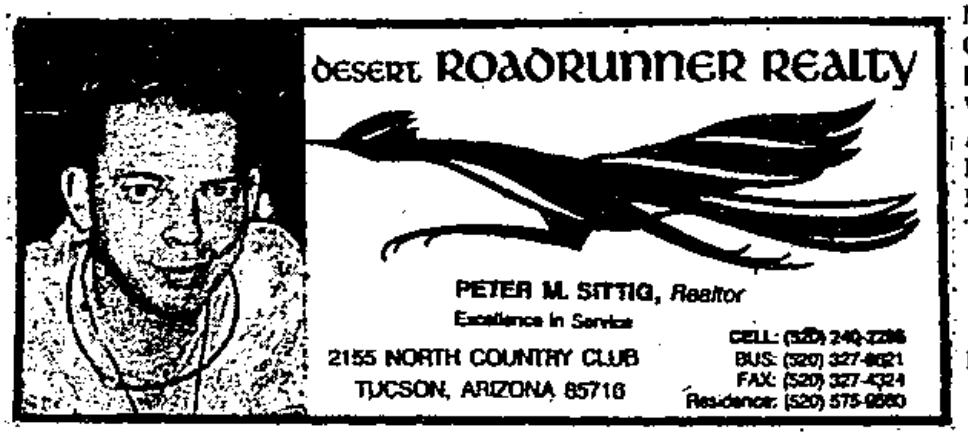

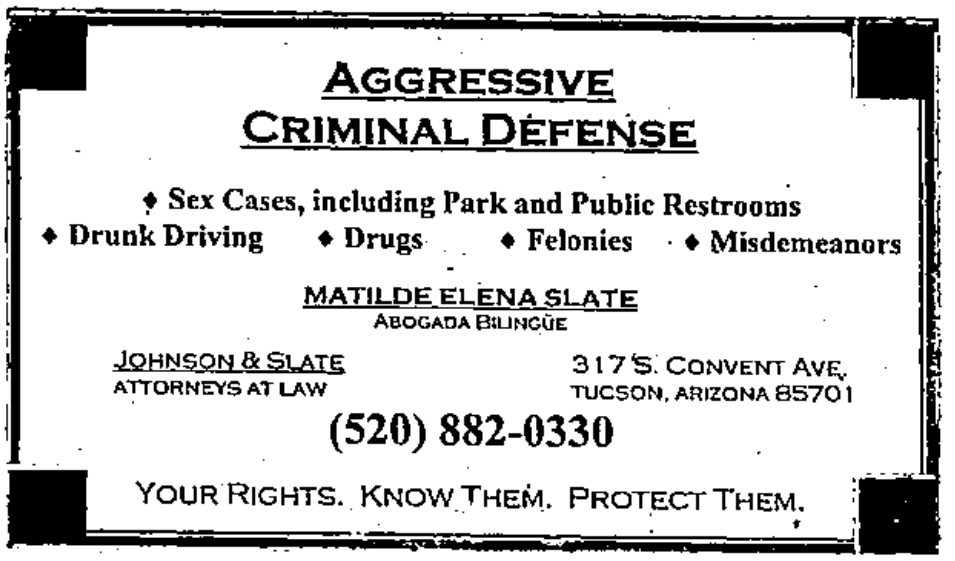

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High Game Handicap: Keith D./Jeff T., 300; Kristen S., 293; Slutopoly, 741.

SUMMER COYOTES LEAGUE FORMING, MAY 30

TUCSON - The Desert Coyotes may have wrapped up their winter season, but the bowling doesn't stop in the Old Pueblo.

Tucson's Summer GLBT league, the Summer Coyotes, will hold their organizational meeting, Wednesday, May 30, 7:00 p.m., at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile.

Teams will consist of three people. Skill isn't important, having fun is the prerequisite. Bowling will start at 8:00 p.m. that night and for the next ten weeks.

If interested, just show up for the meeting. For more information, call (520) 323-6449.

AIDS Deaths

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"The thinking is the drugs work, HIV is no longer a death sentence, you have long periods of good health. There is a very lax attitude now.

"And it's condom fatigue. People are just sick of using condoms."

Davey admitted many Gay men are operating under false assumptions about the dangers of HIV today.

"People thought that if the virus was undetectable (in the blood, after drug therapy), they were either cured or couldn't spread it.

"That's totally false. We've spent a long time fighting that rumor."

Perhaps the most blatant sign of risk-taking is the return of bathhouses - notorious for unprotected, anonymous Gay sex with multiple partners. Blamed for speeding the spread of AIDS throughout the '80s, most were shut down after the epidemic hit.

But two new bathhouses have opened in Phoenix in the last few years, and a third is due to open soon.

"What that means is a lot of guys from Tucson are going to Phoenix regularly," Davey said. "We know safety is way down in these places."

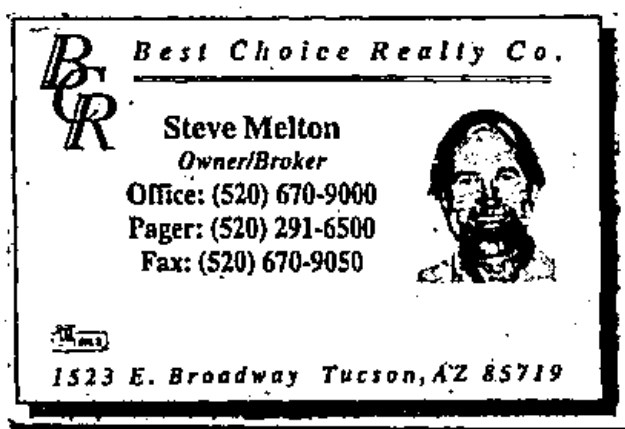
Many people are willing to take more chances today because they expect new and more powerful drugs to come along to rescue them from the now-failing treatments - just like they did five years ago.

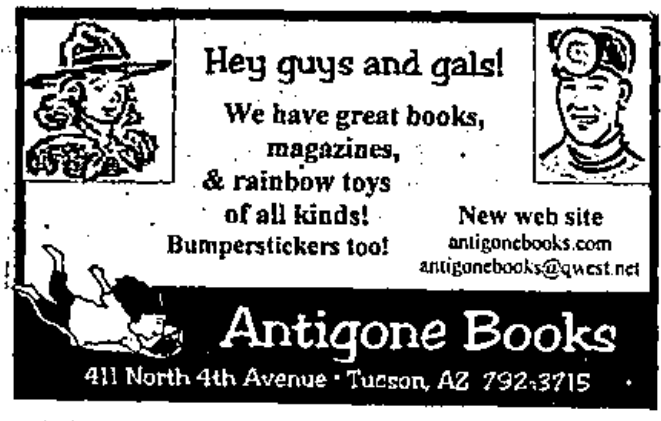
"We've always known these drugs were finite. I think we knew their effects wouldn't last forever," Davey said. "Now we're hoping new ones, and new combinations, will take over."

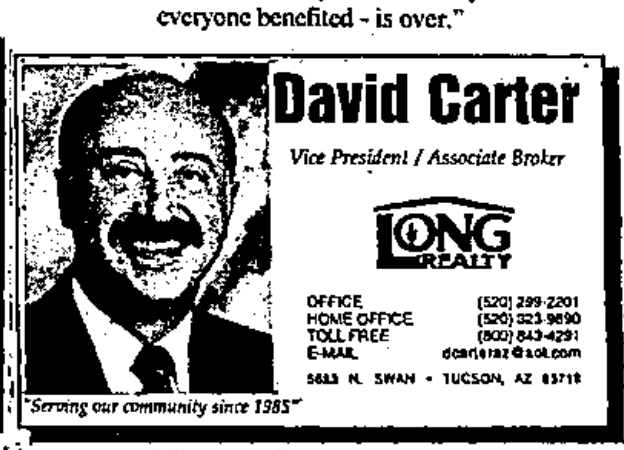
And indeed, an experimental four-drug regimen is already in the pipeline. Known as "super- HAART" - highly active antiretroviral therapy - it is being tested in 30 failing patients at a New York City medical center.

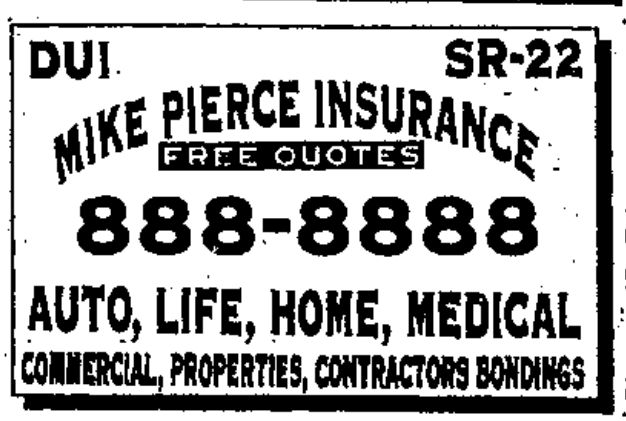
"The race is on - between the body's resistance and our ability to get new drugs tested and out there," said Carmichael.

"But unless and until we win that race, the honeymoon - the period when everyone benefited - is over."









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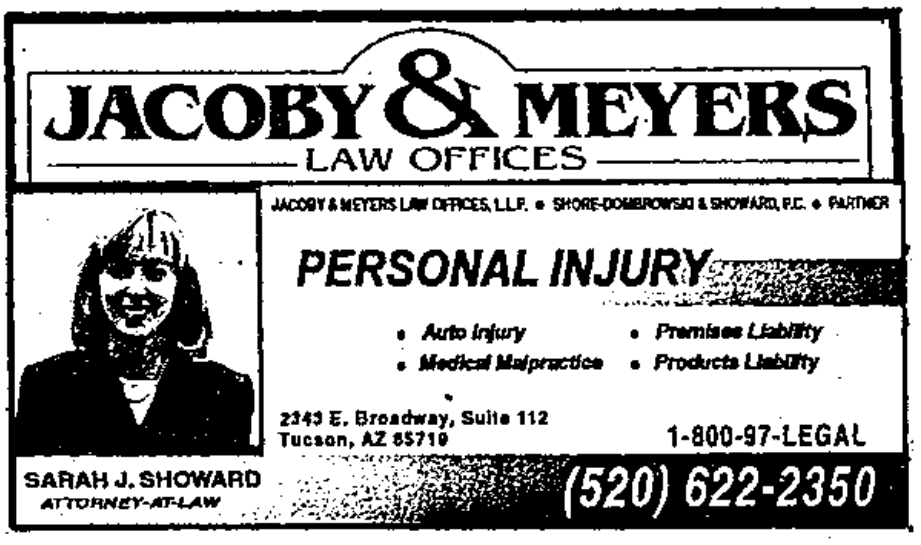

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Hold onto your hats kids; There's a retrograde rumble going on with Neptune (unclear thinking), Mars (actions), Uranus (surprises), and Pluto (volcanic change). Get the picture? Each planet sets the other off. What we do impacts what we (or others) do, so be warned! Oops!

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

If you think that you can lead your compadres on wasteful personal interest tangents, think again sweetheart. The retro planetary party will bruise a few overinflated egos (mainly yours, you proud Rambo, you) and leave you with egg on your face. It is silly to demand fealty when your empire is under reconstruction.. At least wait until Mars redirects in July before you lob off their heads.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Retro Mars, Pluto, Neptune and Uranus hit a very sore point in your solar chart now. What you think you need to do to become more "acceptable" in others' eyes may, in fact, manifest in an unintended upheaval in your career. Satisfied? Why do you feel that it's so damned important to change yourself in order to be accepted by others? Let others adjust to you Gay Bull. 'Nuf said!

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Global concepts and travel plans take on a fuzzy, mystical vagueness with the planetary retro dance. This is a liberation, pink Twin; You connect on deeper levels with partners and perhaps reach the tip of relationship nirvana. Use this fab energy to its greatest effect; travel, taste exotic cultures (no names please!), learn a new thing or two and push your boundaries

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Will you risk alienating lovers by working late once too often or heating your social scene at the gym? Retro Mars, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto place particular stress on sexual encounters so be warned. Hot pink Crabs are motivated by wine, roses and a good meal (hey aren't we all) but wine and dine closer to home unless you eventually want to whine and dine alone.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

The retro planets conspire to change the course of any relationship that may be teetering on the abyss. Will you stag party all night while partners imagine all sorts of goings on? Proud Lions still on the prowl may wind up with an unpleasant twist to a tryst. Blame melodramatic Neptune, if you must. Pack extra money for a late night taxi home, if you-know-who lets you in!

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Queer Virgins may be put to the test during the retrograde tango. Which of the competing interests will win out; Home and family or your job? Increasingly blurry lines between commitments may cause extra stress and exhaustion. My advice, dear comrade, is to make your priorities and stick to them. And the priority should be whatever makes you happy and fulfilled.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

As much as you would prefer to always say the right thing at the right time, the planetary retrograde set-to almost guarantees that your communication takes on a perverse life of its own. Speak rashly and pay the price, Gay Libra. Refrain from your more adventuresome party animal instincts. Instead of being the wilde jungle cat, you'll wind up as dinner. Hey, it could be worse.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

You can either take the advice of well meaning but domineering family members or you can stubbornly plow ahead and waste valuable resources on an escapade that, with any other planetary configuration, would hardly be worth the time, energy, money and effort. Retrograding planetary gangsters conspire to place your remarkable fixed sign on display and hold it up for auction. Any bids? Sadly no.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

New projects start off with a bang thanks to Mars and Pluto retrograding in your own sign. Proud Archers may be unable to stop the ever increasing flow of people, places and things demanding their attention. Don't complain, compadre; retro Uranus and Neptune will blow your words totally out of proportion. Concentrate on simply being totally out instead.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

What foul creature emerges from your closet when the retro planets open the door? Wrestle 'em to the ground Gay Cap and reprioritize your value system. The planets suggest .. no demand... that you pursue charitable endeavors. Karma is as karma does, the spirits say. It may seem impossible to make your mark, but make it you will. Make it in indelible ink and not in crayon, kiddo.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

You think you are the leader of the Pride parade but friends and assorted associates have differing opinions. Aqueerians are consumed with their own exaggerated sense of self worth when the plethora of retro planets turns all eyes to you-know-who. "Is it hot in here or is it me?" you think in your self satisfaction. Fact is, sweetheart, it's not you - it's the thermostat. Start sweating.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Guppies can be led astray at work by those who do not have your best interests at heart. This sinister interplay is simply the byproduct of retrograding Mars and company. A nasty machiavellian whisper in your ear can get your whole thought process red hot and bothered. The cannons roar! The thunder claps! And you race off to your own personal Waterloo. Don't even THINK of it, pal!

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This week, my Gay family, I want to talk about honesty in relationships. I recently talked with someone who thought he had found the man of his dreams, and they settled down together, and even got married, exchanged vows, etc. Then, to his dismay, this man was telling everyone else that he wanted to break up with him and end the relationship. He had already been talking with someone else, and forming a relationship, planning to move away.

It saddens me that people just don't see the harm they are doing when they aren't open and honest about their feelings. We all know that sometimes relationships do not work out, but this person certainly should have been talking with his spouse first about his feelings, not sneaking off to start a new life with someone else while he was still living with a man who thought they were happily married!

I have seen this happen time and again. I have seen it in the Lesbian world, too. People have their failings, and no one is perfect. However, a relationship is based on mutual communication. If you are starting to seriously have doubts about a relationship, it might be easy to hide them and pretend all is well. For a while, it might be. Maybe in time the concerns will be resolved, and the two of you (or three of you, since we in the Gay world sometimes try variations on the couples lifestyle) will work everything out. However, if you aren't talking, you are beginning to separate emotionally.

If the sex has ended, and the romance is gone, then you are roommates, not lovers. While it is true that we have different sex drives, and one partner may need a lot more sex than the other one, sex is about what both people need. More important than the lovemaking, as wonderful and as passionate as it can be, is the communications.

If you are already seeing someone else and thinking about leaving, instead of sneaking out the door when they are at work and leaving them high and dry, or forcing your partner to leave you suddenly because they are so hurt by the disintegrating relationship, take the time to talk. Honestly, openly, lay your cards on the table. Don't place blame or try to prolong the suffering with endless arguments.

If the two of you aren't getting along, and all you do is fight, or avoid each other, then you aren't happy. In time, the best thing to do is to separate, or try to work it out if you can. If you need counseling, and both agree to it, then do so. If that isn't an option, and you know in your heart that it's over, don't cling to this relationship. Just let it go and move on.

When you get into a new relationship, you are bound to still think of the past and what you had. Allow yourself time to heal. Talk about your feelings. But don't get stuck in the past and ruin the next relationship by obsessing over your ex lover or spending all your time plotting revenge on them.

The people that hurt us so badly without a backward glance often don't even see the damage they are doing, and won't admit to it even if confronted. They honestly think it's all right to act the way they are, and aren't likely to change any time soon. Let them go. Manipulative people are all about getting what they want from others, never mind the consequences.

We don't have the time to waste on such types. Or for the bitter ones who have lost their joy of living and just want to bring you down with all their nastiness. They don't really want your help, they just want to endlessly complain about all that they hate about life. That isn't a friendship. They latch onto anyone they can who will listen, and won't let up.

My advice is plain and simple. Cut them loose. Let them be miserable in some other company. We all have our challenges in life, but when someone's negative behavior, attitude etc is making you stressed out and depressed, it's not good for you to be around. We have the power to get out from under, we only have to take action. And move forward and find better things to do with our time and with our lives.

It's something to think about. Goddess bless. Til next time, Go in Good Health.

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Tom Cruise Sues Porn Star

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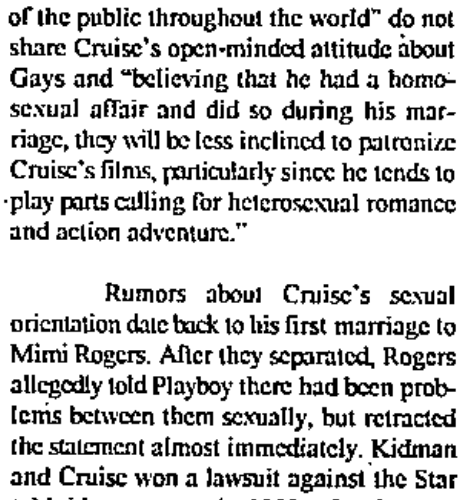
retraction, Fields told the Associated Press.

The lawsuit claims rumors that Cruise is Gay could cause him to lose "the respect and enthusiasm of a substantial segment of the movie-going public" which would, in turn, "cost Cruise very substantial sums." It further states that "vast numbers of the public throughout the world" do not share Cruise's open-minded attitude about Gays and "believing that he had a homosexual affair and did so during his marriage, they will be less inclined to patronize Cruise's films, particularly since he tends to play parts calling for heterosexual romance and action adventure."

Rumors about Cruise's sexual orientation date back to his first marriage to Mimi Rogers. After they separated, Rogers allegedly told Playboy there had been problems between them sexually, but retracted the statement almost immediately. Kidman and Cruise won a lawsuit against the Star tabloid newspaper in 1999, after it ran a story claiming the couple had to hire a sex coach to pull off the filming of the love scenes in Stanley Kubrick's "Eyes Wide Shut."

The media's attempts to reach Slater since the suit was filed have been unsuccessful. On his Web site, www.kylebradford.com, a message denies the Actustar report, saying, "I have never been to France, I have never spoken with Actustar Magazine, and have never said any of the statements allegedly said by me."



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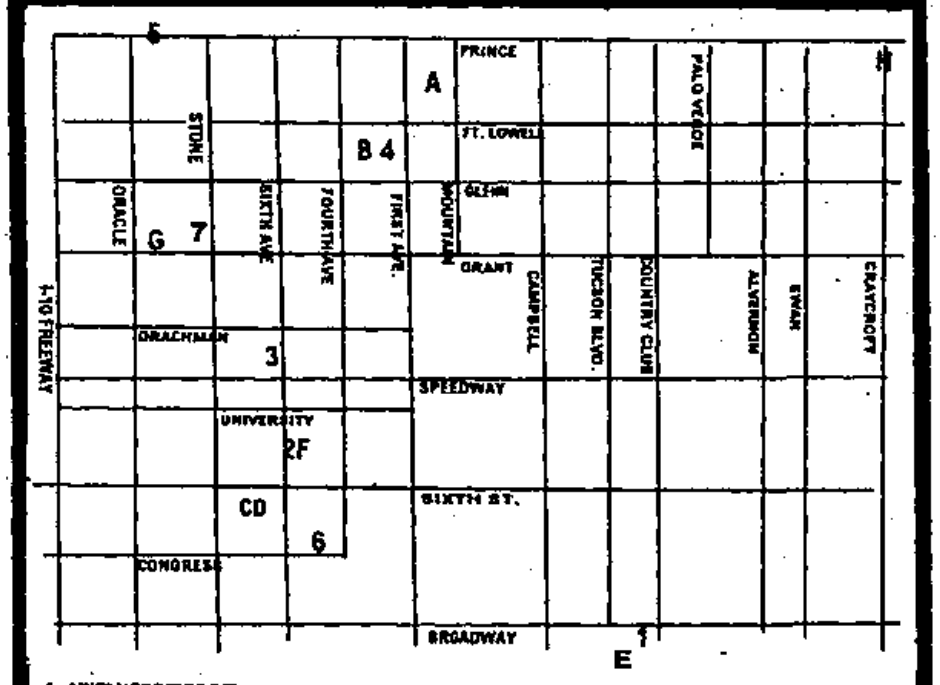

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Popular New York Night Club Closed By City

NEW YORK, NY (WS) - Police and building inspectors raided a popular Chelsea nightclub, Twilo, in the pre-dawn hours of Sunday morning, May 6, closing it indefinitely.

The club, which draws a mostly Gay crowd on Saturday, has come under heightened scrutiny from city officials following news reports that club owners had been hiring private ambulance services to ferry drug-felled patrons to local hospitals. Dialing 911, city officials explained, draws the unwelcome attention of police.

The lights in the club were turned on and its hundreds of patrons ordered to collect their belongings and exit the building, shortly after 3:00 a.m. No one at Twilo was arrested in the raid, police officials said.

City officials contend its certificate of occupancy and place of assembly permits had not been properly issued or maintained and that the club's fire protection plan was not up to date. The city said the six-year-old dance club would be shuttered until the violations were corrected. "They are shut down until further notice, indefinitely," said Department of Buildings spokesman, Paul Wein.

Peter R. Sullivan, a lawyer representing the owners of the nightclub said the violations were "technical" and asserted that closing the popular night spot was unjustified.

The Giuliani administration has been using building code violations to target clubs renown for drug use or violence. The city has also been clamping down on what were once-routine permit renewals, refusing to grant them to established nightclubs suspected of tolerating drug use, unless ordered to do so by the court.

Deputy Mayor Rudy Washington said that part of the justification for closing down Twilo on Sunday morning was that a basement assembly permit was invalid, having been issued to the Sound Factory, the previous tenant.

The Giuliani administration has had Twilo in its cross-hairs since at least November 1998, when citing the drug overdose of a patron, the city filed a lawsuit declaring the club a public nuisance. City officials contend that clubs like Twilo and the nearby Tunnel do not do enough to discourage the use of drugs like ecstasy and GHB on the premises.

Washington was hardly shy about his intent. "I'm sure we're going to be back in court, and I don't mind," he said. "If I don't close them permanently this time, we'll be back in court very shortly afterward."

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Nun Apologizes To Gays For Catholic Church

PHILADELPHIA, PA (WS) - A Roman Catholic nun who was ordered to end her 22-year ministry to Gay men and Lesbians but defied the Vatican's attempts to silence her apologized on behalf of her church while receiving an award.

"As a Roman Catholic sister, I want to ask pardon of the Lesbian and Gay community for my part in any oppression on the part of my church," said Sister Jeanine Gramick. Gramick was prohibited last May from publicly discussing her work with Gay people or the process that led the Vatican, in 1999, to order her and a priest to stop their pastoral work. Gramick no longer leads spiritual retreats for Gays, but she has refused to obey the church's admonition to stop talking about homosexuality.

For the past year she has traveled the country to lecture about civil rights for Gay men and Lesbians and about the Vatican's efforts to stop her. Gramick was being honored by PrideFest America, a weeklong Gay pride celebration in Philadelphia.

Green Thursday To Hold Auditions

TUCSON - Green Thursday Theatre Project announces auditions for its summer production of Rain, a drag campy parody, Tuesday, May 29, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the HazMat Gallery, 191 E. Toole Avenue.

Actors will be reading from the script. As this is an adaptation, scripts will be unavailable beforehand, but actors are encouraged to watch the 1932 film version, starring Joan Crawford. Actors of color and Transgendered actors are very much encouraged to audition.

Rehearsals for Rain will begin June 18 and the production will open on Thursday, July 26. To make an audition appointment, call (520) 795-4322.

GLAAD Awards

WASHINGTON, DC - The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) announced honorees for the 12th Annual GLAAD Media Awards presented by ABSOLUT VODKA. The awards will take place on May 12 at George Washington University's Lisner Auditorium, at 8:00 p.m. Comedian Margaret Cho will host the event.

At the ceremony, GLAAD will honor award-winning actor and playwright Harvey Fierstein with the Capitol Award and LGBT media pioneer Barbara Gittings with the first-ever Barbara Gittings Award. Special recognition awards will go to NBC's The West Wing and the Human Rights Campaign's (HRC) concert event Equality Rocks, which showcased many openly Gay and Lesbian musicians and performers in April, 2000.

Robertson and Right-Wing

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that could bring about such devastation. So, it's a horrible concept and let us earnestly pray that this doesn't happen. But, there are literally millions of pieces of debris floating around in our atmosphere,I mean out in outer space and they come into orbit not too far from earth from time to time, and it doesn't take a very big one to wreck havoc, to actually, well, devastate the earth for years to come. Gordon?"

GORDON ROBERTSON: "I think that story is just absolutely ridiculous, that you could have a series of controlled nuclear explosions, no it just doesn't make any sense to me."

PAT ROBERTSON: "It doesn't make any sense to do it, but crazy people do crazy things. And, if somebody thought they could try, and it's a rogue state with a missile, it could happen."

Ohio Supremes Urged To Strike Down Law Banning Same-Sex Flirting

COLUMBUS, OH - Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has joined forces with the Ashtabula County Public Defender to urge the Ohio Supreme Court to review a case challenging the state's importuning law, which criminalizes expressions of sexual interest between people of the same sex.

"This law condemns Lesbians and Gay men for the mere expression of romantic or sexual attraction," said Senior Staff Attorney Heather C. Sawyer of Lambda's Midwest Regional Office. "Despite more common street harassment of women by men, the State doesn't regulate similar behavior between persons of opposite sexes. Its decision to single out same-sex solicitation fosters hostility and discrimination against Lesbians and Gay men."

She added, "This irrational law harms Gay people who may serve time in jail, lose their jobs, professional licenses, even friends and family relationships if arrested or convicted under this statute. Simple speech should not bring such harsh consequences."

Under the Ohio statute, it is a first-degree misdemeanor for someone to make a sexual advance toward a person of the same sex, should that advance be found offensive. The penalty can include up to six months in jail and a fine of up to $1,000. The law covers advances that involve nothing more than words, but only if the words are directed at somebody of the same sex.

"When an unwanted sexual advance becomes physical or escalates to disorderly conduct, the State has laws that appropriately apply to non-Gay and Gay people alike," noted Sawyer.

In contrast with the harsher importuning statute, disorderly conduct can bring a fine of no more than $100 and no jail time.

The case, State of Ohio v. Thompson, stems from the conviction of a man who made passes at a male jogger. When the jogger asked to be left alone, Thompson complied, but the jogger then complained to police. Thompson was charged and convicted with violating the importuning law and sentenced to six months in jail; he appealed. The State's Eleventh District Court of Appeals found that Ohio's same-sex importuning law violates the equal protection clause, but it upheld the law and Thompson's conviction based on a prior ruling from the Ohio Supreme Court.

Lambda's amicus brief supports the request for Supreme Court review filed by Ashtabula County Public Defender, Marie Lane, who represented Thompson at trial and on appeal.

In response to the requests for review from Lambda and the Public Defender, the State of Ohio also has called on its Supreme Court to take up this case to determine if the law violates Ohioans' equal protection rights or "more fully explain why the statute does not violate the equal protection clauses under the United States and Ohio Constitutions."

New York May Be Flooded With Drag Queen Statues

NEW YORK, NY (WS) - Record company Medalist Entertainment, which is promoting a new CD of drag queen favorites called Dancing Queens, has asked New York mayor Rudy Giuliani for permission to place larger-than-life drag queen statues on street corners throughout the city.

The idea is similar to a campaign that placed painted cow statues throughout the city last summer. David Brinker, general manager of Medalist, said the drag queen statues would be out the month of June, in conjunction with Gay pride, and then would be auctioned off, with proceeds going to AIDS charities.

"We believe drag to be a part of the cultural melting pot of New York," Brinker wrote in his letter to the mayor. There has been no immediate response from city hall.

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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jorge for Dinner Out at P.F. Chang's. This relatively new restaurant is constantly busy, so the Chinese food here should be quite good. For reservations, please call Jorge at 869-7219.

FRIDAY, MAY 11

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Hearts is the game, and the night is devoted to all lovers of this vicious, but fun card game. If you don't know how to play, it's easy to learn, and we'd be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

6th Annual Tucson AIDS Candlelight Service from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Georges Demeester Band Shell in Reid Park at the Northeast Corner of Country Club and 22nd Street.

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 a.m. Curt leads the group on a hike through Pima Canyon Trail. It's a moderate trail, with lots of pleasant scenery. For reservations and directions, please call Curt at 722-1842.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for a fun evening of Pinochle. Like all our games, we're willing to teach if you'd like to learn. It's a nice way to spend an evening-with good guys! For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Tucson Pops present a concert under the stars, and the men of MSN invite you to join them as we listen to some classical/popular music on a warm, summer night. For more information, please contact T. Jay at 881-7919.

MONDAY, MAY 14

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch 1:00 p.m. at Hometown Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle (NW corner River). Call 529-9344 for details.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:30 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, a support group within MSN, meets every Monday at this time to explore relationships among men and learn about oneself. For more information, please contact Thomas at 318-1650.

TUESDAY, MAY 15

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Get advice on planning for your financial future from a pro. A financial planner comes to share ideas. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch 1:00 p.m. at Cafe Terra Cotta, 3500 W. Sunrise (Southside). Call 529-9344 for details.

FRIDAY, MAY 18

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Night. For only $5, you get pizza, salad, side dishes, and dessert-and a chance to meet 50-70 really nice guys. The pool is also open. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Get the latest on kitchen gadgetry when Jon presents "The Pampered Chef". This kitchen demonstration includes food to sample and products to check out (with no hard sell or obligation to buy anything)-and it fun, too. For reservations and directions, please call Jon at 881-5958.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:30 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, a support group within MSN, meets every Monday at this time to explore relationships among men and learn about oneself. For more information, please contact Thomas at 318-1650.

MONDAY, MAY 21

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TUESDAY, MAY 22

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Our twice-monthly Bridge Night is a good place to play a friendly game of bridge with nice guys. If you don't know how to play, this is a good place to start. For more information, please contact Perry at 321-4387.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us as we get out our monthly 10-page newsletter. It simple, and you get a chance to meet new guys as we assemble the newsletter. The work goes quickly, and is usually done with 45 minutes. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

#3 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of "The Twilight of the Golds", a movie starring Brendan Fraser as a gay man with a sister who may be pregnant with a gay child. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. 'The Girlie Show' hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Phaedra, Faith Michaels and Tabitha.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

VENTURE-N - Beer Bust here hosted by the Empire Leather/Levi men! Come on down!

SUNDAY, MAY 13

IBT'S - Mother'S Day Party Line-u(: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Bring Mom in for Jeff's Bloody Mary Bar before or after Brunch! Or, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Bring her in for Karaoke on the Patio with Billy Dee and treat her to the benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust for Queer Voice from 5:30 to 8::00 p.m. Then at 9:00 p.m. a Special Mother's Day Show starring faith Michaels wih the newly crowned Miss Gay Tucson America Deora Le Blanc and Janne Starr and Vinnie. This show is a benefit for Queer Voice.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. The Girlie Show" starring Ajia Simmone, Asngela Dodd, Mr. Kenneth Blake and Miss Kristin.

SATURDAY, MAY 26

Tucson Prime Timers Breakfast 9:30 a.m. at The Good Egg, 7219 E. Speedway (NE corner Kalb). Call 529-9344 for details.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for a fun evening of Pinochle. Like all our games, we're willing to teach if you'd like to learn. It's a nice way to spend an evening-with good guys! For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Art & Jeff host "Soup & Salad Cinema". They'll serve up a homemade soup, along with salad, and then show the film "The Journey of Jared Price"-about a young man from the country who moves to LA. For reservations and directions, please call Jeff or Art at 762-9135.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Tucson Pops present a concert under the stars, and the men of MSN invite you to join them as we listen to some classical/popular music on a warm, summer night. For more information, please contact T. Jay at 881-7919.

MONDAY, MAY 28

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch 1:00 p.m. at Hometown Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle (NW corner River).. Call 529-9344 for details.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:30 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, a support group within MSN, meets every Monday at this time to explore relationships among men and learn about oneself. For more information, please contact Thomas at 318-1650.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner 6:00 .m. at ELLE, 3048 E. Broadway (SW corner Country Club). Call 529-9344 for details.

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Daily Bar Calendar

NOTE: Bar owners or managers are responsible for keeping this standard listing up to date. Check with the bartender to be sure the specials listed are actually available.

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, $1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9-1. Shot specials all night.

IBT's - 9am-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.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open noon. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft, $2 pitchers. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee (pot matched). Boss Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Dart tournament 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Patio Bar open 5:30-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. $2.50 sirloin burger or chicken 5:30-9:30pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm to close.

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody marys & Screwdrivers $1.75 from 10am - 1pm. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm-7pm.

Monday

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

IBT's - 9am-4pm, $2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour $1.75 well and domestic beer 4-7pm. 7-9pm $1.50 well and domestic. Small pitchers Bud/Bud Light $1.50 from 9pm to close. DJ Raynman plays house music 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Dart Tourney 8pm, pot matched. Patio opens 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close Special drink prices 8pm to close for American Airlines - American Express - AOL employees.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm

Tuesday

AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. $3 entry, pot matched. $1.50 longnecks for pool players. $2 Pitchers all nite. Country music with D/J S. 8:30 to closing.

IBT's - 9am-4pm, $2.00 domestic beer & well. Happy Hour$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Tee's & Tattoo Nite, wear an IBT's T-shirt or IBT tattoo 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.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. 7pm Dart Tournament with Doc. Pot matched. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Skyy's the limit $2.25.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am.50¢ off any Tequila until 7pm

Wednesday

AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 2-7. Dance Music with D/J S. 9pm-close. $2 Long Island and $1 Puckers all night.

IBT's - 9am to 4pm, $2.00 domestic beer & well. Happy Hour$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-7pm. $1.50 well & domestic 4-9pm All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio opens at 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pick-up Volleyball games start 7pm. Hot Dogs 50¢, $1.50 small pitcher Bud & Bud Light 5-9pm. Patio bar open 7pm-Midnight..

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am.50¢ off any Vodka until 7pm

Thursday

AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS -Karaoke w/Stephanie 9-close. $2 Kamikazees and $1 Hot Sex..

IBT's - 9am-4pm $2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour$1.75 Well & domestic 4-9. $1.50 well and domestic 7-9pm. Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

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 plus 50¢ off all Big Ass drinks. . Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open 7pm to midnight..

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am.50¢ off any Bourbon til 7pm

Friday

AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hill. Drink specials every 1/2 hour

IBT's - 9am-4pm $2.00 domestic beer and well. $1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Tracey 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

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 $2.00 all day. Call Martinis $3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am.50¢ off any Gin until 7pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm $3 entry. Pot matched. $2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

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

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pool Tourney 2pm. Patio Bar & Volleyball Court open 5:30 - close. Steak Fry 5-9pm Filet Mignon, vegetables, salad; potato & roll $4.50.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. 75¢ glass, $2.25 pitcher. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm to 7pm.

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P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

TUCSON GLBT AL-ANON GROUP meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. Call 624-1779 for more information.

YOUNG AND GAY?
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The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE 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 529-9344, leave name and phone number.

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED -- Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit: www.lctucson.org 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)

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

TGNetArizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnetarizona.org - e-mail address: algoodrum@uswest.net or:

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

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

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. For more information call the church at 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

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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 64-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6647.

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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 615-8436 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. 694-7083.

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

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

DESERT DUNGEON TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational. Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. Call us at (520)325-0131, or-http://www.azda.net/dd

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) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520)570-1225 for current information.

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 6:45 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 693, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Waltara, (602)371-1102

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6766.

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

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. 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 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9486 or Ray at 749-5247.

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 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6676 or 327-4293.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7678.

GRACE GROUP CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Ernie Slaight 721-2003.

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

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03 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 886-8010 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. Dezert 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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To help people attending the event to take away real knowledge about the current status of the virus, event organizers are trying to put a human face on the issue by asking community members to visit one of five area agencies to write messages about how HIV/AIDS has affected their lives or those of a friend, relative or loved one. The messages will then be included on a Community HIV/AIDS Canvas that will be displayed at the service.

Written messages may be submitted by May 9 by visiting one of the following organizations:

Wingspan
300 East Sixth Street, 624-1779
Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF)
375 South Euclid Avenue, 628-7223
COPE Behavioral Services/Health Promotions
101 South Stone Avenue, 798-1772
Tucson Interfaith HIV and AIDS Network (TIHAN)
4625 East River Road, 299-6647
Queer Voice, a support organization for GLBT youth
Please call 620-6245 for information about how to write your message.

The event will include an education and ecumenical theme including appearances by the following individuals and organizations:

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Desert Voices, an adult GLBT chorus · The Rev. Joyce Cook, Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church
Byron Brooks, a person living with AIDS and Mr. Gay Pride 2000 – 2001

The event also will feature performances by:

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For information, contact committee chair Quinton Jenkins at (520) 795-1381.

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