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Angela Dodd Claims 2002 Miss Gay Arizona-America Title

Angela Dodd, Miss Gay Arizona-America 2002

TUCSON - Over 200 were in attendance last Sunday, July 22, to enjoy the 2002 Miss Gay Arizona-America Pageant at the Inn Suites. A large contingent from Phoenix was in the audience.

This year there were eight contestants standing in line to take over the title that was held by Phaedra, Miss Gay Arizona-America 2001. Beside Phaedra, the entertainment line-up included Miss Gay America 2001, Charity Case and Maya Montana, Miss Gay America 1998; Pussy LaHoot (Miss Gay Arizona-America 1992); Barbra Seville, Miss Gay Arizona-America 2000; and Tucson's own Black Cat, Ajia Simone, who entertained with a most unusual interpretation of young Michael Jackson!

The eight contestants, all of whom qualified through preliminary pageants to reach this point, were Deora LeBlanc (Miss Gay Tucson-America 2002); Faith Michaels (1st Alternate MGTA 2002); Angela Dodd (Miss Gay Metropolis -America 2002); Candee Colé (1st Alternate MGMA 2002); Chane Jordan (Miss Gay Phoenix 2002); Ebonee Shane (1st Alternate MGPA 2002); Bunny Fu Fu (Miss Gay Cosmopolitan-America 2002) and Chastity Bleu (1st Alternate MGCA 2002).

The winner was judged by point values in the following categories: Male Interview (150 points); Creative Costume (100 points) ; Evening Gown (150 points); Talent Competition (300 Points) and On-stage Interview (50 points).

At the end of the evening the judges came to their decision, Angela Dodd was announced as winner and the audience went wild. Angela also won the talent trophy.

First alternate to the title was won by the reigning Miss Gay Phoenix, Chane Jordon, who also won 1st Alternate to Miss Congeniality. The evening a clean sweep for the Phoenicians, as Ebonee Shane won the title of Miss Congeniality.

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United Way Adds 'Gender Identity' To It's Non-Discrimination Policy

TUCSON (ON) - After nearly 10 months, the Southern Arizona chapter of the United Way, finally got the message.

The Board of Directors of the Southern Arizona chapter of the United Way, voted July 17, to amend its non discrimination policy to include"gender identity," to its non discrimination policy, to have their policy in line with the City of Tucson Human Relations Ordinance.

According to documents obtained by the Observer, the United Way's new, non discrimination policy is as follows:

"United Way and its Member Agencies, in their employment policies and practices, in their public accommodations and in their provision of services, agree to comply with all relevant and applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and standards relating to discrimination biases, and/or limitations based on age, race, color, ancestry, country of origin, disability, ethnicity, marital status, familial status, gender, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity. United Way and Member Agencies understand that there may be times when sectarian participation is appropriate. In administration and use of funds appropriated by the City of Tucson, United Way and Member Agencies shall comply in all respects with ordinances, policies and regulations of the City of Tucson prohibiting discrimination."

Ana "Bertie" Lozano, co-chair of the City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Commission, said "I am pleased and ecstatic about the United Way's decision." Lozano also expressed her thanks to the Mayor, Councilmember's Steve Leal, Jose Ibarra and Fred Ronstadt for their support, and the GLBT Commission, "for their hard work on this."

It was hard work for the Commission, but the potential financial loss for the United Way, with $1.7-million in city funds was at stake, finally got the agency to act.

On July 2, Tucson's Mayor and Council voted unanimously to stop payment on funding for the United Way funding for the 2002 fiscal year, if the United Way doesn't make the changes in their nondiscrimination policy, adding "gender identity," to make it conform with the City's Human Relations Ordinance. This vote was in lieu of action by the Mayor and Council in September 2000, when they voted to cut off funding to non-profit organizations and funding agencies which violate the Human Relations ordinance.

During the Council meeting, members of the City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Commission had addressed the Mayor and Council on the subject, noting that the city has had the ordinance on the books for more than 20 years, revised two years ago, and the United Way hadn't acted to revise their internal nondiscrimination policy.

"That's not a very good example for the agencies they're going to pass money to," Ron Bogard, co-chair of the GLBT Commission legal subcommittee said during his testimony.

United Way officials told the Council that their board had held off adopting the Transgender language in order to look into all the questions involved.

Other members of the GLBT Commission countered that statement, saying the United Way had waited till Thursday, June 28, and voted not to add "gender identity" to its list of protected categories in their nondiscrimination policy, despite both the city and the GLBT Commission being in talks and negotiations with the United Way for almost 9 months on this and other inclusion issues.

Councilmembers criticized the United Way, for investigating how to comply with the Human Relations Ordinance and hadn't addressed the Transgender issue and for not complying with the September 2000 directive by the Mayor and Council.

"One can argue that the United Way will have to find another name for itself because you can't be united when you're excluding people," Councilmember Steve Leal, who made the motion, said. Leal's motion was seconded by Councilmember Fred Ronstadt.

"The City sent a loud and clear message that their policy must mirror the city's or they won't get the funding," Ron Bogard commented after the vote, July 2.

Now maybe that message has gotten through, pending review by the City of Tucson at the August 6 Mayor and Council meeting.

Congress May Probe Bush-Salvation Army Deal

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) - The investigative arm of Congress may examine accusations about a back-room deal between the Salvation Army and the Bush Administration.

U.S. Comptroller General David Walker has told members of Congress he

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UPDATE

SAAF Announces New Events Coordinator

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is pleased to announce that Cindy Jordan has joined its development team to coordinate SAAF's major community fund raising events, including AIDSWALK.

Cindy comes to SAAF from Washington D.C., where she coordinated events for the Stonewall Democrats, the Human Rights Campaign, and the National Organization for Women.

"We are thrilled to have Cindy's enthusiasm and major events experience as we launch AIDSWALK 2001," stated Anne Maley, executive director. "AIDSWALK, to be held October 21, is a huge effort requiring significant volunteer and community support. We are confident that Cindy's leadership will make this the best AIDSWALK yet, providing needed funds for people living with and affected by HIV/-AIDS."

G/L Couples Register In Arizona For U.S. Census

TUCSON - In Arizona nearly 25,000 people are living in a close personal relationship with a partner of the same sex, according to information released by the Census Bureau.

Delia Loe, executive director of the Arizona Human Rights Fund, a Gay rights advocacy group, estimated that Arizona's Gay population is about 300,000 and that the census count of couples is well below the actual number.

David Smith, senior strategist and spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign, a Gay group, said the numbers are important. "It's something that we are seeing in every state," he said. "Gay people are living in every corner of every county in every state. Our view is, hopefully, it will be an eye-opener to state lawmakers who might not realize that they have a large number of Gay families living in their districts and it's their responsibility to take care of those families too."

5th Annual Grey Eagle Arm Wrestling Tourney Saturday, July 28

TUCSON - Join us this Saturday, July 28, for the fifth Annual Grey Eagle Arm Wrestling Tournament to benefit TIHAN, on the dance floor at IBT's, 616 N. Fourth Avenue, 4:00 p.m.

Taking place indoors, this tournament will feature some "serious" competition, along with some "just fun" matches too. It's a great spectator event, and also a benefit, because the wrestlers get their friends to sponsor them to arm wrestle. It's not too late to sign up to compete (you will be matched with someone of like size and strength), or just come to watch it all! All proceeds from this event will go to TIHAN.

This event, produced by Eddy "Grey Eagle" Galvez, will be hosted by Faith Michaels, who will also perform a song. Also, this year for the first time, we'll be treated to a special standup comedy routine from the hilarious "Bryan with a Y."

Raffle tickets will also be on sale for $1 each, or 3 for $2, with several great prizes of gift certificates and merchandise. Come out and watch the fun, or make a donation to TIHAN by sponsoring a wrestler, or encourage friends or family to join in and arm wrestle, or sign up to arm wrestle yourself (people will be matched up with competitors of like physical characteristics). It's not really a serious sports competition, just great fun and great entertainment!

For more information, call (520) 884-5279 or (520) 299-6647.

'Scouting For All' Rally August 22

TUCSON - A coalition of community groups and individuals will rally, Rally will be at the International Arts Center, 516 N. Fifth Avenue, Wednesday, August 22, 7:00 p.m., to protest and seek an end to the Boy Scouts' policy of anti-Gay discrimination.

Tucson's protest will one of many rallies held during the week and sponsored by the national "Scouting For All" group, www.scoutingforall.org.

The rally will open and close with a color guard led by University of Arizona Pride Alliance former boy scouts. If you don't know what a color guard is, you weren't a boy scout, and come find out anyway.

For more information, contact Nancy Robinett, at: Nancy.Robinett@azbar.org or (520) 670-9500

IN MEMORIAM

Suzanne
August 11, 1955 - August 24, 2001

Suzanne left her body July 24th. She issurvived by her partner Caroline and her dog, Bandit. She will be highly missed.

Suzanne was very active with the Sounthern Arizona AIDS Foundation - SAAF. She had just celebrated her 47th birthday.

We all love you, Suzanne. You are in our thoughts and prayers forever. Amen.

A memorial service will be held at St. Francis in the Foothills. Call Lesley at SAAF for date and time, 628-7223.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to SAAF. Thank you.

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DEAR EDITOR:

The purpose of this letter is to let the GLBT community in Tucson know that Desert Pride is in crisis.

We have been open to serve our community for the past two-and-a-half years. It is a monthly struggle just to stay open. We are told on a daily basis how much our presence is appreciated and how wonderful our shop is. Sales, however, remain dismally poor.

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Steve Galbert, owner
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POLITICS 2001

by Mark R. Kerr

'Pennies From Heaven'

Open Gay U.S. Representative Jim Kolbe, R-Tucson, finally got his share of the limelight with his proposal to eradicate the penny, being featured on CNN, Time Magazine, and two of the local-yocal television stations doing feature stories: showing Kolbe shopping at a grocery store in a blatant photo-op, with two young kids and him yammering on how much better it would be for the economy to stop circulating those coins with the picture of a man who believed in freedom and civil rights for all citizens, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President.

Getting rid of the penny? How could the country, since most people were brought up with phrases and sayings, such as "Pennies from Heaven," and "A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned"? Perhaps the nine-term Member of Congress had another meaning in mind with his proposal, and with his votes this past week on H.R. 7, Bush's "Faith Based Initiative," expanding the role of religious charities in federal social programs while allowing these religious organizations to disregard state and local laws barring discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in hiring.

By his actions, being a co-sponsor for H.R. 7 and his votes, Kolbe had something in mind, something the mainstream media, and Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) rights groups have overlooked.

After contentious debate, the U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday, July 19, took up Bush's "Faith Based Initiative," in a long and contentious debate. The House's consideration of H.R. 7 was delayed one day, by the Republican leadership, who gave no reason for the delay. According to Congressional sources though, the Bush Administration called Republican members and pressed them to oppose any efforts to remove the anti Gay discrimination piece, with the bless of House GOP leaders.

Rep. Jim McDermott, D-WA, called the bill "nonsense," saying there was nothing in it that gave charities access to funds not already available to them. The only new idea, said McDermott, was the protection for religious groups who want to hire only those whose beliefs correspond with those of the organization.

It is currently legal for religious institutions to discriminate based upon religion and creed -- including refusing to hire Gays and Lesbians -- for positions they fund themselves. H.R. 7, if signed into law, would allow them to do the same for federally-funded jobs.

While many of the bill's supporters claimed it did not discriminate, others, such as Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner, R-WI, openly acknowledged and applauded the provision he said would allow churches to retain their religious identity in hiring practices.

"Days like today make me sorry to be a part of this body," said Rep. Mel Watt, D-NC "People who support this bill believe the benefits outweigh the detriments; opponents believe the detriments outweigh the benefits. I am one of the latter."

Openly Gay U.S. Representative, Barney Frank, D-MA, offered an amendment to the bill, a motion to recommit, which would have struck the provision from the bill allowing religious groups receiving federal dollars to ignore state and local anti discrimination laws, and prohibit these charities from discrimination in employment based on an employee's religion, with regard to the charity's purely secular work carried out with federal funds. This amendment had Republican support, notably from U.S. Representative Mark Foley of Florida.

The ultra-conservative Family Research Council issued a statement announcing plans to remove its support of the bill should a Democratic substitute eliminating the exemption from local anti-discrimination laws be passed. The "emergency alert" circulated by the group claimed the substitute bill attempted to add the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, or ENDA, to the bill. ENDA is the proposed federal law prohibiting workplace discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

"It's clear that the Family Research Council knows they can't win this on the merits, so they've resorted to lying about what's going on in order to motivate their base," said Frank, whose motion to recommit failed by a vote of 195-234, Kolbe voted against the motion. Shortly after the vote on Frank's amendment, the House proceeded with their final vote on H.R. 7, voting 233-198 to approve Bush's "Faith Based Initiative." Kolbe voted in favor of the bill on the final vote.

Gay and Lesbian rights groups, such as the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Human Rights Campaign criticized the vote but not the fact that an openly Gay Member of Congress had co-sponsored the measure and voted in favor of it. David Smith, Communications Director of the Human Rights Campaign, wouldn't comment to this reporter, referring the call to "their Political Director," who didn't return the call seeking comment. David Elliot, Communications Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said their group deals with only statewide lobbying. Accounts in the mainstream media, locally and nationally, of the controversy over the bill didn't mention Kolbe's sponsorship or vote either.

According to a story by the Associated Press on the vote on H.R. 7, efforts to ease the concerns of a small group of Republicans, "appeared to falter." "I'd like to see us go a little bit further and fix it now," Kolbe said after the vote.

Yeah Jimbo, tell that to:

The families of Richard Heakin, Matthew Shepard, Brandon Teena, and Danny Lee Overstreet, who were all brutally murdered.

The U of A student stabbed in front of the Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse and Fabian Padilla, assaulted in front of the Risky Business restaurant in 2000.

The countless GLBT people, in Tucson and across the nation, earning a living, paying taxes and enjoying the protections under local and state anti discrimination ordinances.

The openly GLBT elected officials,

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website: ibts.net

IBT's Sunday Party Line-up July 29th
11am - 6 pm - Jeff's Bloody Mary/Recovery Bar
4:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Karaoke on the patio with Billy Dee
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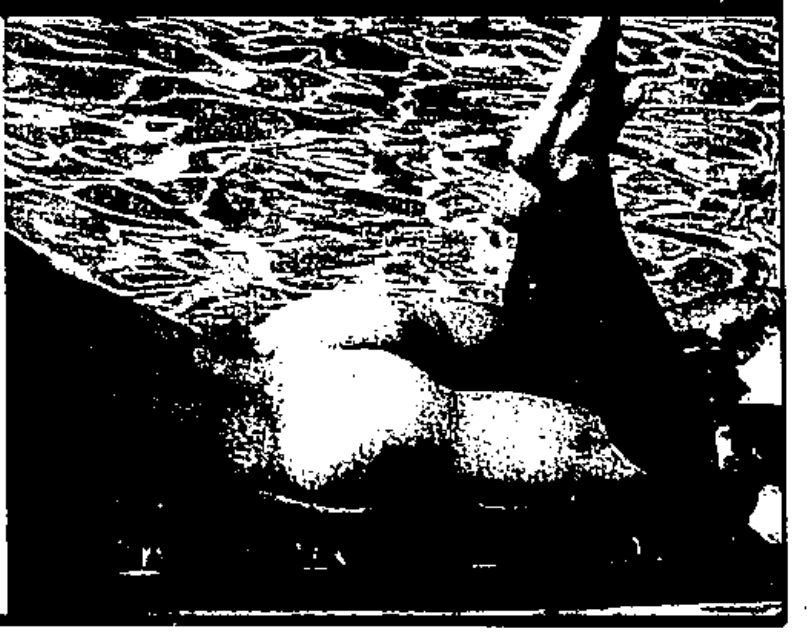

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COMMENTARY

Don't Agonize, Organize

By Brad Holland

Two weeks ago a Tucson Fire Department EMT was convicted of a brutal Gay bashing. The perpetrator is named Franchot Opela and is the son-in-law of recently retired Fire Chief Fred Shipman. Mr. Opela stands over 6 feet tall and weighs more than 200 pounds. The victim is 5'8" tall and weighs 130lbs. The attack happened just three months after the Aaron James McKinney and Russell Arthur Henderson pled guilty to the murder of Matthew Shephard and were each sentenced to two consecutive life sentences without the possibility of parole.

Mr. Opela claimed he was "defending himself" when he called the victim a faggot, baited the victim and his companion into a shoving match and using two closed fists, smashed the victim unconscious into the asphalt parking lot of Risky Business, a popular bar near Kolb and Sunrise.

As Mr. Opela pounded away, the Risky Business bartender summoned the police, ran to the parking lot and ordered everyone to stay put. Bystanders testified that the perpetrator, his fiancé, and his fireman friends yelled expletives and fled the scene in their SUV's.

Somebody got a license number.

Mr. Opela was charged with misdemeanor assault and a trial was scheduled.

Under oath, Mr. Opela and his co-worker stated they reported these incidents to their Fire Department Supervisor.

At the trial, the bartender testified the fireman and companions were shouting "faggot" and "drag queen" loud enough to be heard by the victim and the rest of the bar. Mr. Opela stated he never heard anyone say anything offensive. Mrs. Opela, new wife of Franchot and daughter of Fire Chief Fred Shipman, testified that "someone" may have been heckling the victim and his companion, but certainly not anyone at her table. She conceded she wasn't at the table all night, though. Periodically she said went to the powder room.

The Honorable Susan Bacal, Justice of the Peace in Precinct 8 presided over the trial. After three hours of testimony and a judicial deliberation lasting nearly 30 seconds, Ms. Bacal found the basher guilty of a misdemeanor, sentenced him to 1 year unsupervised probation (nothing), 40 hours of community service, sensitivity training sponsored by the Fire Department (considerably less than nothing) and finally suspended the $1500 fine. Sentencing guidelines allowed for a fine up to $2500, 6 months in jail and three years supervised probation.

It is reported that Ms. Bacal has since defended her ruling by saying this was a tough case. The victim she said, was after all, not a very good witness because he couldn't remember much of the attack.

The Fire Chief recently spoke to the Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgendered Task Force (GLBT). He claimed he knew nothing of the attack until after the trial. He reassured the GLBT audience that he made no distinction between the on-duty or off-duty behavior of his employees and that after an internal review, appropriate disciplinary action would be taken. Still, he seemed bewildered that so many are so upset by what he considers to be a "simple assault."

It is reported that Mr. Opela has recently been promoted and is attending Paramedic School.

Could there possibly be an upside?

On the scene, witnesses from all walks of life came forward. They did not quietly walk to their cars and go home that night. They said no to hate. They agreed to be deposed by the high priced criminal defense attorney hired by the assailant. They agreed to give their names and addresses and to appear at trial. They agreed to testify against a fireman with powerful friends and family. They were brave and had nothing to gain but fairness and justice.

At the trial, Jeff Jacobsen from the City Attorney's Office, was the formidable prosecutor. He has razor sharp insight into the machinery of hate. He is a good friend to the GLBT community.

Since the trial, Sylvia Campoy, the Director of Tucson Equal Opportunity Opportunity Office (EOO) has stepped forward as our champion. The Fire Department must answer to her. She will not flinch. She will not be bullied, buffaloed or influenced.

Special thanks must also go to the members of the GLBT Task Force who show up for meeting after meeting and do the heavy lifting of protecting our rights. They were all over this one.

And now, what can we do?

Call the Mayor and Council hotline at (520) 791-4700. Sound off! For the cyber inclined, you may email the hotline at mcweb@mail.ci.tucson.az.us. Express your outrage. There is nothing "simple" about this assault. Demand to know why this case disappeared from the radar screen. The City of Tucson must not tolerate this behavior, especially from employees.

Contact the Arizona Department of Health Services. (520) 628-6985 Demand to know why a certified EMT who has been convicted of a Gay bashing, is still employed by their department. Demand to know what will become of the other fireman who was there, chanted slurs and fled the scene.

Stay tuned for upcoming elections. Justices of the Peace are elected. We deserve to be represented by magistrates who take bashing seriously, and sentence accordingly. A formal complaint with the Commission on Judicial Conduct is now being filed against Ms. Bacal.

And finally, I urge you to follow this case. This assault has been covered up too long. Keep beating the drum of diversity. Violence toward Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and the Transgendered must not be tolerated.

Don't Agonize, organize.

[Brad Holland is a Tucson attorney who attended the trial.]

Baptist Firing Of Lesbian Legal Says Court

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal court said a taxpayer-funded Baptist agency could legally fire a Lesbian, in a decision the American Civil Liberties Union called "a wake-up call" about the dangers posed by the White House's proposed "faith-based initiative."

"There can now be no question that if the Bush initiative is passed, the result will be government-funded discrimination," said Christopher E. Anders, an ACLU Legislative Counsel. "While we strongly disagree with its finding, the court has confirmed our worst fears, and said that under current law religious organizations may discriminate even if they are using tax dollars to do so."

Anders added that while the Kentucky case is about a Lesbian, it could as easily be about an unmarried pregnant woman or a white employee whose spouse is African American or an unmarried female employee living with her boyfriend.

"Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children should play by the same rules that apply to everyone else receiving taxpayer money," Anders said. "Instead of responsibly using government money to hire the best qualified social worker, this agency applied its own discriminatory criteria -- which meant that the best person lost her job."

Last year, the ACLU filed a federal lawsuit against the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children (KBHC) and the State of Kentucky on behalf of Alicia Pedreira, a top-notch therapist at KBHC who was fired once KBHC found out she is a Lesbian. In a funding relationship that closely mirrors the White House's proposal, KBHC receives more than half of its $19 million annual budget from the state.

The ACLU lawsuit contends that KBHC fired Pedreira because her sexual orientation contradicted the agency's religious beliefs, and made her incapable of inculcating Baptist views on the children. This was religious discrimination in violation of state and federal law, the ACLU said. The lawsuit also argues that Pedreira's firing and the funding relationship between KBHC and the state violated the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

In the decision on KBHC's motion to dismiss the case, the court dismissed all of the employment-related claims, but left intact claims about the funding relationship and provisions of services being unconstitutional.

The decision comes on the heels of a controversial Congressional debate in Washington over H.R. 7, legislation to make real President George W. Bush's "faith-based initiative" to funnel additional public money into religious organizations and relax existing safeguards that prevent the money being used for religious purposes or discriminatory hiring.

While the House ultimately adopted H.R. 7, it only did so after House leaders were able to quell an uprising among moderate Republicans concerned about government negotiations with the Salvation Army over its ability to override state and local laws that provide broader civil rights protections than federal law.

"The decision is the next logical step to the Salvation Army controversy," Anders said. "Those who found the Salvation Army's requests disturbing should be horrified at today's decision in Louisville."

Within a few weeks, the ACLU will decide whether to appeal the parts of the case that were dismissed, or proceed to trial on the remaining claims.

"While we're pleased that the court recognized our concerns about government money funding religious institutions, we're deeply disappointed by the court's view of the employment aspects of the case," said Ken Choe, Staff Counsel with the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, which brought the case.

Research Shows Some Lubricants Kill HIV

AUSTIN, TX (NP) - Could your favorite lube prevent AIDS? Biologists in Texas say it's a possibility if you use the popular sexual lubricant Astroglide, which appears to kill HIV in the laboratory. But experts caution that no one should rely on lubricants to do anything other than slick you up, at least until research is done on humans.

"It's minorly interesting data in a test tube," said Gregg Gonsalves, director of treatment advocacy at Gay Men's Health Crisis.

The findings about Astroglide -- which is popular among Gay men -- were made by biologists at the University of Texas Medical Branch. They also found that Silken Secret and Vagisil Intimate Moisture, two lubricants designed specifically for women, had HIV-killing powers.

This isn't the first time the Texas researchers have been in the news. Last year, they discovered that saliva in the mouth can kill HIV. That explained why the AIDS virus is generally not transmitted through kissing.

This time, the biologists looked at 22 "personal lubricants" that are available on drugstore shelves. They reported their findings in the July 20 issue of the journal AIDS Research and Human Retroviruses.

When mixed with semen containing the AIDS virus, the three lubricants - Astroglide, Silken Secret and Vagisil Intimate Moisture -- easily killed HIV cells. In fact, only 0.1 percent of the virus -- one in every thousand cells -- were left alive. "That's really powerful inhibition," said study author Dr. Samuel Baron.

Two chemicals in the lubricants appear to kill HIV by targeting the membranes of the virus and the cells already infected by it, Baron said. He wouldn't reveal the name of the chemicals pending the release of a future study, but he did say they both increase the slipperiness and thickness of the lubricants.

One lubricant company began to provide money for the research after preliminary results were released, he said.

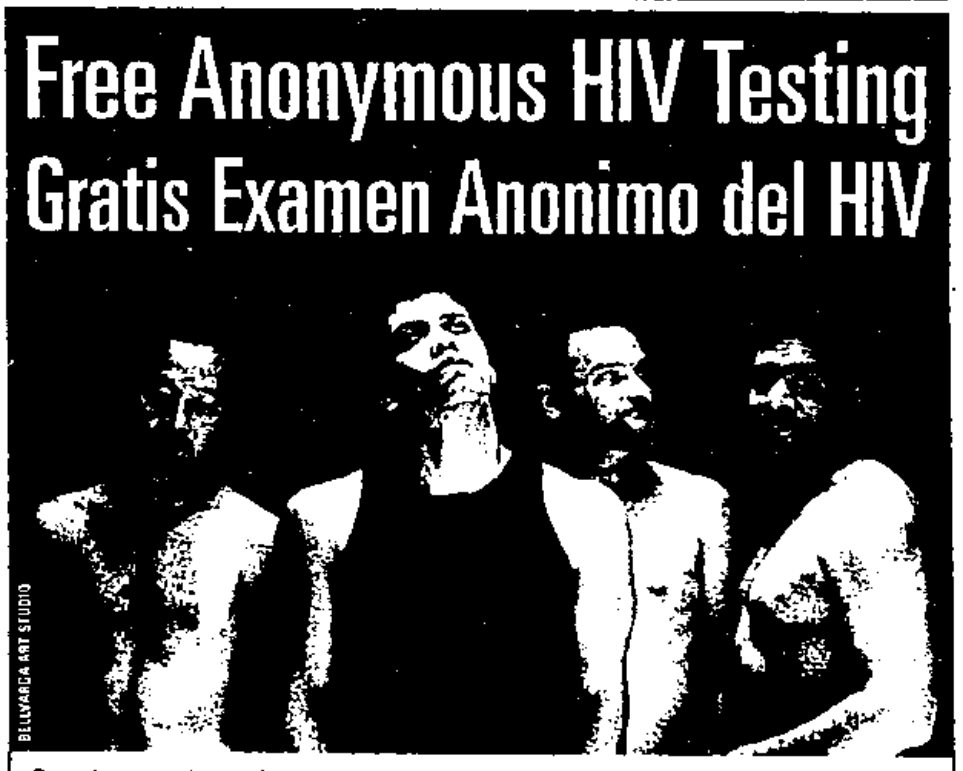
Both Baron and two experts warned that lubricants shouldn't be used alone to achieve safer sex. Gonsalves of Gay Men's Health Crisis said lubricants may help prevent HIV by reducing the number of abrasions that can spread the virus. But that is just a theory, he said.

If you do use a lubricant, it should be water-based and accompanied by a condom, he said.

Baron says the University of Texas paid for the initial research, but one of the two lubricant manufacturers later helped with funding. He would not say which company was involved.

The next step is human tests, which may cost as much as $3 million, Baron says.

Only then will the true value of the lubricants be known, said Carl Dieffenbach, a federal AIDS official. A laboratory test is different from real life in "more ways than you can count," he said. "To think that you can extrapolate from one to another is ludicrous."



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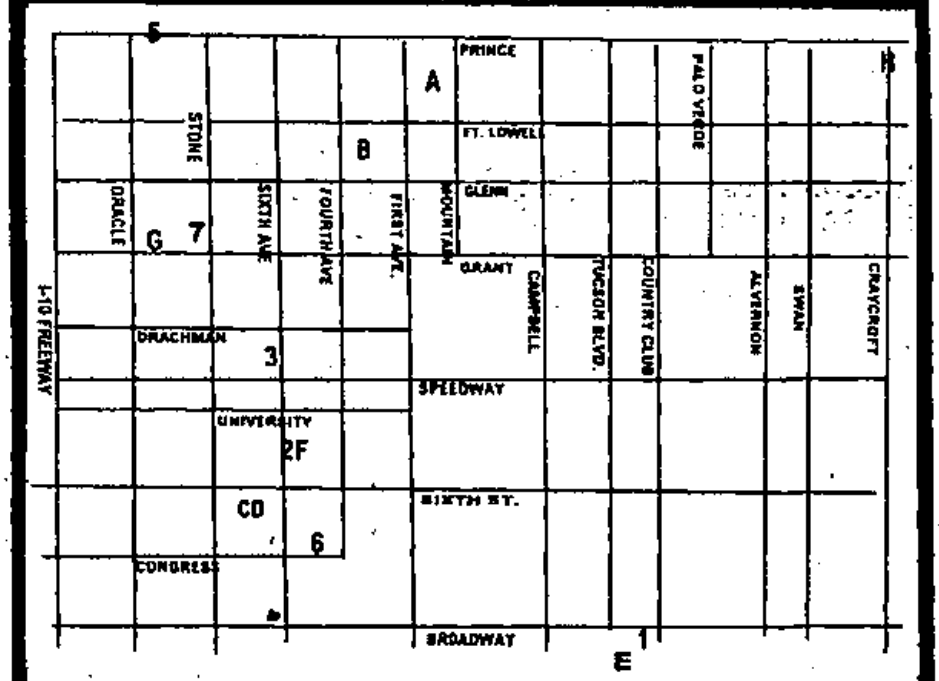

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

The Sun ambles into gregarious Leo this week and we can expect some happy inroads in our personal quests. Life becomes more optimistic and expansive. Not a moment too soon!

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Hang on tight; queer Rambos are in for a party hearty experience with Sun in Leo. Wilde romances are possible but it may just be a trip to the moon on gossamer wings. (Pack a parachute.) On the bright side, it is the perfect time to try something expressive and creative; you're in top form. How about surfing the net instead of scotchin' the rocks?

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Gay Bulls have more than their fair share of personal reassessments now. The impact of Sun in Leo hits home, literally and figuratively so be prepared to face yourself in the mirror and ask yourself some tough questions. Have you been living life openly and freely or have you been conforming to others expectations and values? Be free! Be happy! Be yourself! But don't behave!

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Quiet queer Twins (quiet?) will be goaded into opening their big yaps and letting out a Sun in Leo roar. Everyday encounters are the stuff of which positive changes are made so be especially cognizant of the little neighborly things you need to do but may forget. This is also a clear-thinking time. Expand your mind intellectually. Heck, read a book or two.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

What do you truly value, pink Crab? Sunny Sun in sunny Leo tests the limits of all that you hold near and dear. If your middle name is Cheapo, the planets empty your pockets. If you feel trapped by the trappings of life, the Sun gives you an escape hatch. If you're one of the many deserving, money will be there when you need it. Buddy, can you spare a dime?

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Sun in your own sign hands you a ticket to a great new adventure. Proud Lions need room to roam. Any relationship that hinders you will be tossed aside like so much trash. You'll present a new face to the world and the world will reciprocate. Check all new fashion statements in the mirror and get going, compadre. There's no time like the present to get up and Out.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Feel the breeze, Gay Virgo; Sun in Leo brings a breath of fresh air. Anything that you've repressed and stuffed away in that closet explodes on the scene - dirty, smelly laundry and all. Good; the planets demand psychological and spiritual enlightenment. Problems that remain hidden and repressed lead to compulsions and obsessive behavior. We don't want that, do we?

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Proud Libras may be more than a little pushy when the Sun enters Leo. You may decide that you have been tossed around enough by the greater group effort and need either a change in scenery or a revolution! The pablum that the group think has been serving is beginning to curdle. Seek new friends, new social group directions and greater expectations. Start with the "A" list and work through the alphabet.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Gay Scorps may be very tempted to overthrow the status quo as the expansive Sun moves into pushy Leo. Clashes with authority figures are unavoidable, especially if you're less than pleased with your current profession and feeling stale and bored. The next few weeks brings the revolution to the boardroom with you as the always delicious Madam De Farge. Knit me a rainbow flag, darling!

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Sun in Leo changes your global outlook and may send you off on some much needed new adventures. Open your mind to new ideas and view the world from a different angle (...prone??). Accept any philosophical changes as part of a learning experience and personal growth phase. Yes, even mature and ...ahem... brilliant Gay Archers need a nudge in the right direction every so often. Nudge, nudge.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Feel a volcano erupting? It's simply Sun in Leo throwing some weight around. Now it hits you squarely in the patoot where feelings about sexual expression; intimate encounters and repressed needs undergo a needed change. The old order is no longer comfortable. You need room to breathe and will seek it consciously or subconsciously. Don't resist pink Cap; they lead you to where you should be.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Examine the quality of one-to-one relationships, Aqueerian. Sun in Leo tests any limited partnerships. For those in a feathered nest, use this nice energy to fluff and arrange. For those who ache to sip the waters at another well, you may be tempted to dive in. You require more attention now but the secret to your success will be when you give more to your special someone than you receive.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Guppies respond in an entirely new way to day-to-day obligations with Sun in Leo. Cast off your chains, comrade. Break free from the repressive working patterns of your life. This revolution is an antidote to physical and mental stress. Whatever you do, don't continue to play that Florence Nightingale routine, serving stoically under war conditions. You'll be the next casualty.

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PERSPECTIVE

Faith-Based Discrimination

By Elizabeth Birch

Since George W. Bush became president, HRC (Human Rights Campaign) has been a vigilant watchdog to see how the new administration will handle issues of concern to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community. The current battle over President Bush's faith-based initiative - including the Salvation Army - is a critical test and sadly appears to reveal the administration's true colors.

We were stunned when we learned the administration and the Salvation Army were using our lives - and the lives of our families - as bargaining chips in a secret backroom deal. And we are gravely disappointed that President Bush and Vice President Cheney sanctioned discrimination against GLBT Americans. In a vote orchestrated by the GOP leadership in the House of Representatives, they pitted important faith-based services against important civil liberties. Their actions were unnecessary, divisive and created conflict where there could have easily been consensus. On this issue, we sought statesmanship and got brinkmanship. In short, we got "confrontational conservatism."

The White House-backed Community Solutions Act H.R. 7 offered by Reps. J.C. Watts, R-Okla., and Tony Hall, D-Ohio passed July 19 in the House. The bill would override state and local civil rights laws by allowing religious organizations to discriminate in employment decisions and in the provision of services. The measure would effectively allow our tax dollars to be used to discriminate against us in places where state and local laws prohibit discrimination against GLBT Americans. If it becomes law, this bill would create a situation where many GLBT Americans would be publicly subsidizing their own discrimination.

The Human Rights Campaign recognizes and supports the critical work performed by the many faith-based organizations in our nation. We support the principle of religious liberty. But the bottom line is our country should not funnel tax money - that all of us pay - to groups that actively discriminate. Religious freedom and freedom from discrimination must harmoniously coexist and thrive together in a democratic society. And when this legislation reflects these principles, it will find our support and the support of the majority of Americans.

In letters, phone calls, appeals to the grassroots and countless hours of lobbying, HRC, coalition partners and fair-minded members of Congress gave the administration and the House Republican leadership every opportunity to fix this bill. On Tuesday, Rep. Mark Foley, a moderate Florida Republican, and Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., both prepared amendments to H.R. 7 to fix the bill. Both were rejected by the leadership.

When the bill reached the House floor July 18, it became crystal clear that we had succeeded in lining up enough votes to send it back to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to remove the offending language. It was then that the administration and the House Republican leadership temporarily pulled the bill in order to engage in a ferocious - and ultimately successful - effort to twist the arms of some two dozen moderate Republicans to oppose any effort to change the bill.

The hypocrisy of the administration and the House leadership on this issue is astounding. We are struck by the incongruous position of "states rights" conservatives who have long trumpeted local control, only to run roughshod over state and local civil rights laws in order to ram through this discriminatory initiative. Their mantra of state and local control on issues ranging from education to the environment is thrown out the window when it comes to GLBT Americans. Moreover, it is clear the administration is attempting to accomplish through legislation what they were unable to accomplish through a regulatory deal with the Salvation Army.

We believe the action on July 19 was a hollow victory for the administration and the House GOP leadership. This battle now moves to the Senate. By ignoring pleas to fix the bill's shortcomings, the administration has made passage in the Senate demonstrably more difficult for itself. But we need each and every one of you to keep this challenge alive.

Because what happens in Washington does matter, we are calling on every GLBT American and those who care about us to challenge the White House to support a Senate version of this bill that does not discriminate against GLBT Americans. Call President Bush at (202) 456-1414 and tell him: "It is wrong to use federal funding - including my tax dollars - to support programs that exempt religious organizations from civil rights laws."

And consider this: Thousands upon thousands of Americans, including GLBT Americans, received their notice of a tax refund on July 19. Think about reinvesting that refund in the battle for GLBT equality. As for the team at HRC, we will continue to do the hard daily work and not let up for a moment until this legislation is cured of what ails it. Strong grassroots pressure from around the nation, combined with strategic advocacy here in Washington D.C., is the formula for success. And none of it happens without you.

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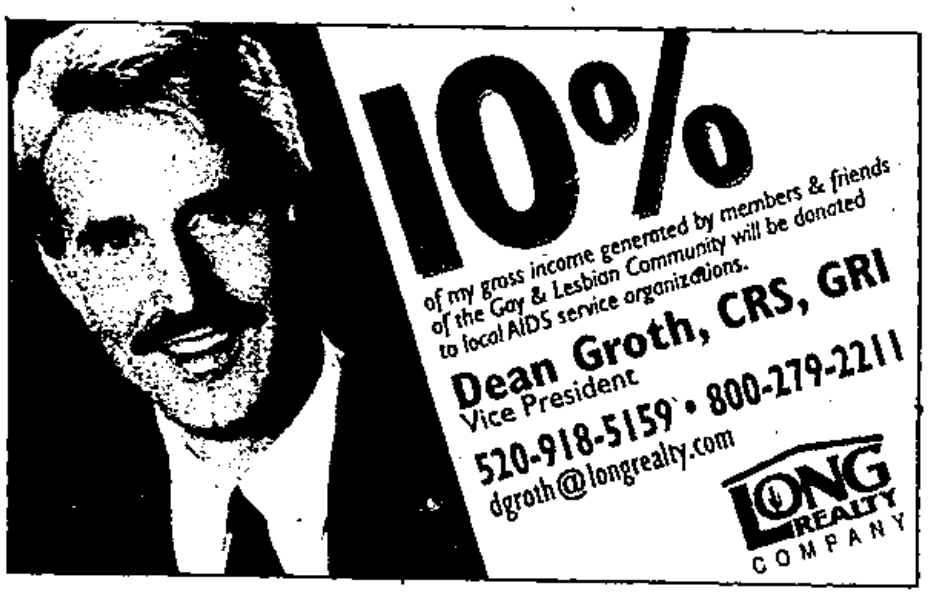

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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Lesbian recording artist Melissa Etheridge has been put out of commission due to the flu. While this should not affect her upcoming nine-month tour, scheduled to begin August 4, Etheridge has had to cancel in-store appearances promoting her new book (The Truth Is...) and album (Skin) as well as postpone her induction into the Rock Walk on Hollywood's Sunset Boulevard in Los Angeles. Etheridge's publicist said her doctor "advised her to rest for the remaining two weeks before she starts a tour." ...

While speaking at the Los Angeles premiere of Hedwig and the Angry Inch, Camryn Manheim announced that she wants to be a Lesbian, "Supposedly, she was kidding." Manheim embodied the spirit of Outfest, the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian film festival, when she encouraged anyone who "wants to make a contribution to the planet" to come out "if you have the strength to do so. It does help so many people and will change the way Gay people are viewed." She admits, however, that not everyone is able and that she's friends with "a lot of celebrities who walk that line and are struggling with whether to come out or not," though she won't say just who. ...

The Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund will celebrate its 10th anniversary this weekend with a staged reading of "Valley of the Dolls," featuring one of the largest-ever gatherings of openly Gay and Lesbian actors for a major theatrical project. Bruce Vilanch, Greg Louganis, Alec Mapa, Wilson Cruz, Julie Cypher, Jim J. Bullock, Chad Allen, Michael Kearns and Steve Tyler will read from a version of the screenplay, adapted for the stage, on July 26 and 27 at the Renberg Theater in Los Angeles. The cast will also include Joely Fisher, Ian Abercrombie, Sharon Lawrence and Gordon Thompson. Steve Tyler, a former Victory Fund board member who is co-producing the event with Howard Bragman, said he wanted to do something for the organization that wasn't just "another black-tie dinner." "We wanted something new and fresh," he said, adding that Bruce Vilanch will read the role of Jennifer North (played by Sharon Tate in the film) and Wilson Cruz will portray Neely O'Hara (originally played by Patty Duke). ...

In an interview, members of the boy band 'N Sync tackled the question of whether an out Gay person could be a member of a popular boy band. To a man, they said yes. Justin Timberlake says it's possible "as long as you're true to yourself," though he claims not to have really "thought about it, actually." Joey Fatone adds, "I think in this day and age it really wouldn't matter." He goes on to elaborate that "there's honestly nothing wrong with being Gay. I have friends that are Gay." Chris Fitzpatrick and J.C. Chasez take the continental approach, with Chasez acknowledging that he's "been exposed to Europe and things like that" and noting, "Everybody loved Boy George when he came out, and he was blatantly out there." Fitzpatrick also notes the different mores overseas, citing the existence of Boyzone and Caught in the Act, both of which had members who came out as Gay. Closer to home, however, Fitzpatrick says, "If one of us were Gay, big deal. If one of us is, maybe we're just not talking about it. And that's not saying we are." Lance Bass, who seems to have the most businesslike approach, says, "Oh, yeah. Definitely. I don't think it would hurt at all. Actually, I think it would [make the fan base] bigger...the whole Gay market."

Overstreet Killer Sentenced To Four Life Terms

ROANOKE, VA - Ronald E. Gay, the man who opened fire in a crowded Gay bar last year in Virginia, killing one person and wounding six others, was sentenced to four consecutive life terms, the Associated Press reports.

The shootings at the Backstreet Cafe, a small club that catered to a mixed crowd of Gay and straight people, brought out Gay activists for marches and vigils nationwide. Gay told the Roanoke City Police Department and the court he fired his gun into the Gay crowd because he had grown resentful of derogatory remarks and harassment made about his surname.

Lt. William L. Althoff said Gay claimed he was "trying to get rid of" Gay people.

Members of Gay's family said these pronouncements shocked them. Aside from hearing him complain about the co-opting of his name, they never heard Gay voice such feelings of hatred.

"I hate the media portraying him as a Gay basher," his stepson, Jason Bell, told the Roanoke Times. "They don't understand what he was like before." Bell added. "This was a complete shock to all of us... I can't speak for him and say, no, he didn't hate Gays. But I never saw it."

During his plea hearing, Gay told Circuit Judge Clifford Weckstein that he repressed his "mission" against Gay people until he could no longer control himself. As far back as 1986 he staked out a Roanoke Gay bar and planned to set it on fire, according to a transcript of a police interview.

"But I, when I was doing it a police officer came and looked at me when I was, and I was living on the streets and I was checking out this bar to torch it and he looked at me and uh, I said, Lord, I, I'm not taking, I'm not doing that," he told Roanoke police Detective Monti Lee. "That's my obstacle. I'm not doing it. No."

Assistant Public Defender Roger Dalton told the court he believed Gay's Vietnam experiences either created or amplified deep psychological problems.

Jeannie Gay, who twice married Gay, criticized a legal system that allows a man with a history of mental illness to purchase a firearm. She claims that both the Secret Service and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police had files on her husband. For years, whenever dignitaries visited Halifax, police investigators would call her and ask if she knew where Ronald Gay was, she said.

"In my mind, it was just way too easy" for her husband to buy a handgun, she said.

The random shots fired into the crowded bar that night killed Danny Lee Overstreet and wounded six more. Gay was charged with first-degree murder, six counts of aggravated malicious wounding and seven firearms counts.

According to residents, the shooting has forever changed Roanoke, a small blue collar town of about 95,000. People in the area say the crime shocked many in Roanoke's typically hushed Gay community out into the open.

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FEDERATION OF GAY GAMES OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SYDNEY VISIT

SYDNEY, Australia - Eager to counter press reports appearing within the last two days, Federation of Gay Games officials have expressed optimism about recent actions taken by the new leaders of Sydney 2002, the organizing body of Gay Games VI.

"Sydney 2002 has just concluded a complete review of operations," said Bill Wassmer, co-president of the Federation. "We think they're now moving in the direction to get the job done."

Sydney 2002 has a new chief executive officer, Geoffrey Williams, and new co-chairs of its board of directors, Bev Lange and Peter Bailey. In addition, a number of new faces with extensive business experience in both Sydney's mainstream and Gay & Lesbian communities have joined the Sydney 2002 board.

"Turnover at the top is nothing unusual in big events like this as groups move from planning to implementation stages," said Sue Emerson, Federation co-president along with Wassmer. "It happens at almost every Olympics, in fact."

A Federation delegation was originally scheduled to make a site visit to Sydney in May, but that was rescheduled for the end of July to give the new Sydney 2002 leaders time to settle into their positions.

"We see the changes as positive and reflect that the Sydney community is, in fact, moving forward to ensure the most successful Gay Games ever," Emerson said. "Our whole delegation is looking forward to meeting the new team personally to plan how we can work in partnership over the next 15 months to increase corporate, government and private support."

Among the Federation's delegation are several Sydney residents who serve on the Federation's board of directors but who are not connected with Sydney 2002. Besides Emerson, who hails from the U.K., the Federation delegation includes Charlie Carson, Gene Dermody, Teresa Galetti and Kathleen Webster, all from the U.S., and Richard Cobden, Paul Croft, Richard Hogan and Jennifer Wilson of Australia.

The subject of press speculation was an internal e-mail Federation officers sent to the Federation board outlining possible courses of action after the upcoming site visit, including possible downsizing, removal to another city or forfeiture. Federation Vice President Gene Dermody says the e-mail needs to be kept in perspective.

"Just as the IOC has expressed concern about Athens, the Federation has had to be realistic about fundraising shortfalls in Sydney," said Dermody. "But we're not looking at worst-case scenarios now. The main thing is to put on an event that enables our athletes and cultural participants to have a first-rate experience in Sydney. We think the new Gay Games organizers are on their way."

Registration levels for Gay Games VI indicate the public is ready to travel to Australia. Almost 2,000 people have already registered for the event, which is still more than a year ahead.

Numerous meetings are being arranged with government and business officials during the Federation's visit, which ends with an open community meeting on Saturday, 28 July. The Federation remains upbeat.

"Sydney's Gay and Lesbian community has a long history of putting on successful events," Emerson said. "That alone inspires confidence."

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Dear Readers:

Last week I answered a question about rimming (eating ass) and hepatitis risk. Silly me, I forgot to include Hepatitis A (HAV). First off hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver that can be caused by several factors, but most commonly caused by a virus. A virus is a tiny microorganism that invades a liver cell. This process causes the liver cell to weaken and die. You can get hepatitis A (HAV) from human waste (feces/fecal matter), called the fecal-oral route of infection. Infections with the hepatitis A virus are almost always acute (an acute infection lasts less than 6 months, and your body is able to rid your system of the virus without the risk of long-term liver damage). Once a person becomes infected with a hepatitis virus, they can become contagious to others in as soon as 2 weeks. That's why it is important to be tested if you think you have been exposed to the virus. Some people who become infected may not have any symptoms, or experience flu-like symptoms including fatigue, nausea with vomiting and pain in the liver area. Medical treatment for hepatitis A is usually not needed since it is an acute virus. Avoiding alcohol is the common recommendation, because, as a toxic substance, alcohol greatly weakens an already damaged liver. On the positive side Hepatitis A is preventable through one shot and a booster shot 6 months later that will protect you for 10 yrs or more. Persons at increased risk for hepatitis A are Gay men or men who have sex with men (msm). So get your shot and you won't have to worry about hepatitis A.

Dear Dr. X:

My military boyfriend has been assigned to an overseas project and will be gone at least 2 years. While he is away we decided to have an open relationship and inform the other if anything changes. Recently I met someone who seems better for me on all levels. One of the conditions we both agreed upon was to play safe and not fall in love. I have fallen in love. What do I do?

Signed,
Torn Between Two Lovers

Dear TBTL:

Wow. Powerful stuff that love thing. You know I'm always preaching about communication but this time I'd be silent and process a little. Are you sure this new love is so great? Are you just enjoying the attention and sex? What is your history with the military guy? Is this new thing letting you know it has become stale? You and your partner have opened a very serious can of worms. If the truth is fate has changed your lives than you both can accept responsibility for a break up since you both agreed to open the relationship up. You did break the implied rules by falling in love. Open relationships require strong emotional stability on both parts and lots of rule clarification. They are seldom successful. We are creatures that require attention, affection and nurturing as well as an occasional hot roll in the hay. Take some time to sort this out before telling anyone anything, and then proceed with extreme caution. Don't be surprised to find out your long distance partner is relieved or in the same place. If he isn't be gentle and kind. Maybe you are finished with him and everything will have to change. I don't envy your position but hope I have been of some help. Good luck!

[Have a question for Dr. X? Contact him at GMHPoutreach@SAAF.Org or www.gmhp.org or SAAF, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719, Attn: Dr. X.]

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Groups / Clubs / Organizations

SATURDAY, JULY 28

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcome): 8:00 a.m. Bill will be hosting a recreational softball/volleyball/rugby practice. For more information, please call Bill at 297-3569.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcome): 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.

Desert Players is holding auditions for the musical "Nunsense A-Men" by Dan. Goggin. Auditions will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church on Alvernon (between Pima and Grant) from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Callbacks at 5:00 p.m. Need five men. Bring bio, photo and music (lead sheet if possible). An accompanist and tape/CD player will be provided. For more information call Robert Ulsrud 733-0733.

"Seniorrap" a new discussion group in which senior members of the LGBT community can share opinions, information, and support with regard to experiences and problems encountered in "Maturity", will meet on the last Sunday of every month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. This evenings meeting will be the first.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

AVIV, the Jewish GLBT Chavurah, is having their monthly Shabbat services in Phoenix this evening at 7:30 p.m. Come and celebrate Shabbat with friends. Experience the opportunity to refocus and rejuvenate. As always you partners and friends are invited to attend. Don't forget the great Oneg following Services! Call AVIV INFO Line at (602) 952-1812 for more information and location.

The Arts

JULY 26 - AUGUST 12

Borderlands Theater presents "The Wild Guys" by Andrew Wreggit and Rebecca Shaw. A hilarious comedy about being a man in an often-timed, overly-sensitive, politically correct society. Andy, a man's movement advocate, and Robin, a crystal-gazing New Ager, coax an unsuspecting grocer, and Randall, a skeptical lawyer, into participating in a weekend men's retreat in the White Mountains of Arizona. Then everything that can go wrong does! Regular performances Wed., and Thur. 7:30 p.m. Sunday 2:00 p.m. Fri. And Sat. 7:30 p.m. Tickets $13 general, $11 senior and 49 student. Center for the Arts, Pima Community College Black Box Theater, 2202 W. Anklam Rd. Reservations 882-7406.

JULY 28 - SEPTEMBER 2

Live Theatre Workshop presents "Table Manners" at the Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E. Speedway. Shows run Thu., Fri., and Sat. Nights at 7:30 p.m. And Sun. At 3:00 p.m. Tickets are $12 with discounts for students, seniors, military personnel. Part of Alan Ayckbourn's 'Norman Conquest' trilogy. "Table Manners" is a hilarious romp through would-be seduction. The other characters, Norman's in-laws et cetera, act as satellites orbiting around him in this upended universe where laughter is the only certainty.

AUGUST 2-5, 9-12, 15-18

The Green Theatre Project, Tucson's queer and quirky theatre company presents "Rain: or How to Survive the Monsoon" at 8:00 p.m. at Muse (formerly the International Arts Center, 516 N. 5th Ave at 6th Street). In a remote desert town, buffeted by monsoons, seven ships passing in the night collide in an explosion of religion, sex, condemnation and mascara. Tickets are $10 general admission, $8 seniors, students and groups. Tickets available at the door. For reservations call 795-4322.

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

IBT'S - "Puttin' On The Lips" Lipsinc Contest hosted by Lucinda Holliday and Bunny FuFu. $50 first place prize. Sign up by calling Lucinda at 327-1576.

THURSDAY, JULY 26

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. 'Male Box Nite' hosted by the Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP). Play Post Office - meet new friends.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

IBT'S - 5th Annual Grey Eagle Arm Wrestling Contest. Fundraiser for TIHAN. Hosted by Faith Michaels, Food, fun, raffles. Pick up your wrestling packets now at IBT's, Yard Dog, Woody's or Venture-N.

SUNDAY, JULY 29

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - A drag show tonight starting at 9:30 p.m. featuring Jasmine Bovier and special guests. DJ Hill will play Latin music beginning at 9:00 p.m. And after the show until closing. Plus $1.25 pitchers from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. No Cover.

IBT'S - Party line-up includes Jeff's Bloody Mary Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go toTIHAN. Then at 9:30 p.m. There's a Wet Shorts Contest with a $100 first place prize. Sign-up starts at 6:30 p.m. (Minimum four (4) contestants). Hosted by Bunny FuFu.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. "The Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Phaedra, Samantha White and Veronica Lake.

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.

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

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody marys or Screwdrivers $1.75 from 10am - 1pm. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm-7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

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. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODYS 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. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODYS 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. Shirtless Volleyball games start 7pm. $1.50 well drinnks for shirtless players and spectators. Patio bar open 7pm-Midnight..

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am.50¢ off any Vodka until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODYS 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.

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. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Friday

AIN'T NOBODYS 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.

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. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

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 75¢ drafts, $1.75 pitchers from 3 to 7pm

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. Kennel open 5pm

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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 791-7676.

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 (evetten@ix.netcom.com)

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. 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

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.

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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. 743-4600.

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6624.

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.

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: aigoodrum@uswest.net or:

NOTICES

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 888-8541

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 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

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

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, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #385, 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 690-9585 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-8647.

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

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 628-7223.

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

THE MEN'S 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 815-8438 for more info.

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

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7063.

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
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SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

NOTICES

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 Thuraday (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.

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

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpglcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5855. Leave message.

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all – Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 64-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11am. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty, facilitator. 882-7723

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 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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AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

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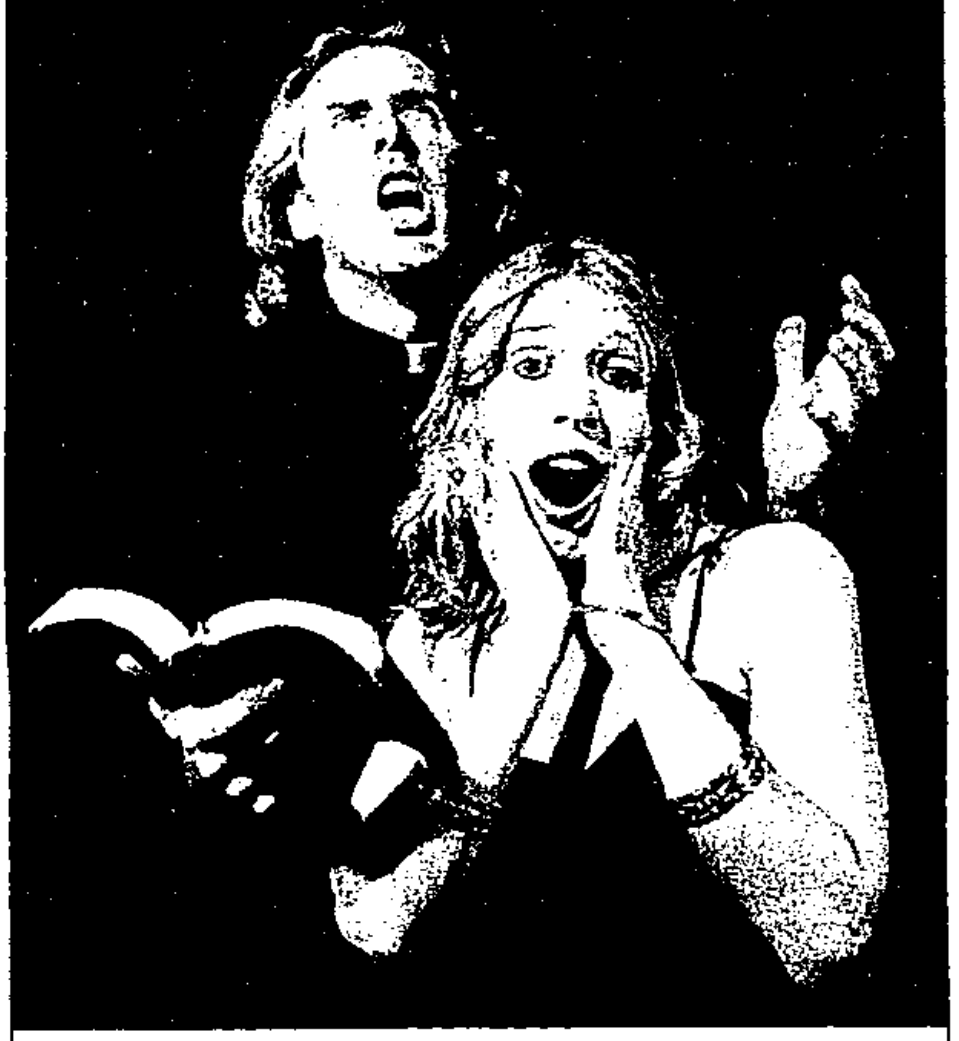

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Another great Holliday Headliners presentation. The Pageant was supposed to be held in Phoenix but things just didn't jell. After two disappointing cancellations, the event was moved to Tucson and put together and presented as if nothing had happened. Congrats Larry Moore aka Lucinda Holliday. You are truly amazing. Congratulations to all contestants and of course special congratulations to Angela Dodd -Miss Gay Arizona-America 2002!

[ED NOTE: An Observer photographer found a roll of film at the pageant. If the owner would like to have the film and developed pictures back, call the Observer office to identify the film. Photos of this year's Pageant may be found in the centerfold of the print edition and online at www.tucsonobserver.com]

Congress May Probe

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will have the General Accounting Office, which holds statutory power to investigate the executive branch of government, look into an alleged quid pro quo deal between the White House and the nation's largest charity.

A statement from the office of Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., said he and Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., met with Walker on July 21, after their repeated requests to the executive branch for information about its meetings with the Salvation Army were ignored.

"It is clear that the White House wishes that this whole issue would just be forgotten, after being forced to admit more and more each day after initial denials," said Nadler. "But what is reported to have happened in those meetings – the brokering of our nation's civil rights laws in a back room – is far too important to let go with still so many unresolved questions."

The alleged arrangement, revealed in an internal Salvation Army document obtained by the Washington Post earlier this month, had the Army offering between $88,000 and $110,000 per month toward supporting Bush's so-called "Faith-Based Initiative" in return for an Office of Management and Budget regulatory change exempting religious charities from state and local laws banning employment discrimination based on sexual orientation.

"The Gay and Lesbian community has every right to know all the details of these meetings in the Bush White House, and any other meetings where the stripping away of their civil rights was on the agenda," said Nadler. "And the American people have every right to know if the White House has secret working groups aimed at trading away our rights, which possibly would be in violation of the law."

After a one-day delay fueled by the Salvation Army controversy, Bush's faith-based plan -- The Community Solutions Act of 2001 -- passed the House of Representatives last week, over strident objections from members of Congress who said it will allow charities to discriminate in federally funded employment. During floor debate on the bill, lead sponsor Rep. J. C. Watts, R-Okla., promised to work on assuaging those fears if and when the bill passed the Senate and came to conference committee.

"The current battle over President Bush's faith-based initiative -- including the Salvation Army -- is a critical test and sadly appears to reveal the administration's true colors," said Human Rights Campaign Executive Director Elizabeth Birch. "We were stunned when we learned the administration and the Salvation Army were using our lives -- and the lives of our families -- as bargaining chips in a secret back-room deal."

Politics

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including state Representatives, Steve May, R-Phoenix, Ed Poelstra, R-Tucson, Ken Cheuvront, D-Phoenix, and Tempe Mayor Neil Giuliano, a Republican facing recall for believing in equality.

Your local supporters in the GLBT community, who are very disappointed in your actions and votes on H.R. 7.

The Next Big Wet Thing Is Coming August 3rd

TUCSON - Green Thursday Theatre Project, Tucson's queer and quirky theatre collective, announces our first ever summer production, "Rain: or How to Survive the Monsoon," adapted from a 1921 story by Somerset Maugham (a queer!) by director John Kingsbury (also a queer!).

"Rain" previews Wednesday, August 1, opens Thursday, August 2 and plays August 3-5, 9-12 & 15-18, 2001 at Muse (formerly the International Arts Center) at 516 N. 5th Avenue. All performances are at 8:00 p.m.

Maugham's story was set on the remote island of Pago Pago, where five travelers are stranded by the onset of the monsoons and forced to wait out the storm together. Among the travelers are: a missionary and his wife, a doctor and his wife, and a woman of questionable background who has a taste for the soldiers stationed nearby. The preacher makes it his mission to convert the shady lady into a God-fearing Christian, sparking a battle of wills that produces some startling results.

Kingsbury and the Green Thursday company (full of queers!) strands the party in the present day setting of Why, Arizona, a seedy border town about to be drenched by the oncoming monsoons. The missionary, Reverend Jerry Fillwell, is now a televangelist, with a wife who makes Tammy Faye look like a low-key earth mamma. The soldiers are now the border patrol, with libidos as big as all Mexico, and the good time girl, Chocha Conhuevos, may or may not be "anatomically correct." Raunchy, ridiculous and full of laughs, this new twist on the old melodrama boils down to the struggle for sexual, social and moral freedom that still exists daily against the influence of the religious "right."

"Rain" was originally adapted for the stage in 1923, and has been a vehicle for three of the baddest "bad girls" of film: Gloria Swanson (1928), Joan Crawford (1932) and Rita Hayworth (1954). It was also filmed in 1946 with an all black cast with the title "Dirty Gertie from Harlem."

Formed in the fall of 2000, Green Thursday Theatre Project is dedicated to producing cutting edge theatre with a queer (in all its definitions) bent. Previous productions include "The Eight: Reindeer Monologues" in December 2000 and Joe Calarco's "Shakespeare's R&J" in March 2001, both well-received by critics and audiences.

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