

Tucson Policeman Fired For Anti-Gay, Anti-Jewish Remarks

by Roderick Gary

TUCSON - A Tucson police officer was fired for making anti-Semitic and anti-Gay remarks.

Officer Joseph Hite, a seven-year member of the force, also made a remark about the sexual preference of a commanding supervisor, according to several Tucson Police Department officers who ask not to be identified.

The problem surfaced in September when, during a midtown officers' briefing, Hite made a disparaging comment about Jews, said Assistant Chief Collier Hill.

Another officer heard the comment and reported it to the district captain, who confronted Hite, Hill said.

"He counseled him (Hite) that this was unacceptable. It was documented, and he was told that a subsequent violation would be dealt with," Hill said.

He said he didn't know Hite's exact, nor if the officer who reported the slur is Jewish.

"It doesn't matter. He was offended, whether he was or wasn't," Hill said.

The incident was forgotten until about a month ago, when Hite allegedly made a negative remark regarding Gays while talking with a sergeant at the midtown division, where he was a patrol sergeant, Hill said.

This time, Hite, the sergeant and a midtown lieutenant met, and Hite again made a negative sexual reference to a command level officer.

"He again talked about homosexuals and Jews in a significantly negative manner," Hill said.

After some review, a decision was made to terminate Hite for violation of rules and procedures dealing with insubordination and conduct unbecoming an officer, he said.

Hite's firing comes as the department is recovering from a moral-lowering series of allegations, with nine TPD employees being charged with crimes, ranging from child abuse and sexual offenses. Also, Officer Gabriel Abendano was killed, which police believe he was trying to rob Patrick Zanzucchi.

Richard Anemone, president of the Tucson Police Officers Association, said Hite has talked to the association and plans to appeal his filing before the Civil Service Review Board.

"The association represents Joe Hite. Our policy says that we will repre-

sent anyone in the event of termination, demotion or suspension," he said.

Anemone said Hite wasn't treated fairly in his firing, despite what he might have said. "... We feel that progressive discipline measures weren't followed," Anemone said.

Jeff Rogers, Hite's attorney, said the department's action was a "disproportionate reaction to a remark that shouldn't have been made." Rogers said he'd advised his client against commenting on the case, which he predicted would take four to six months to resolve.

Hite had faced administrative action before. In 1993, Hite and another officer were placed on administrative leave by Elaine Hedtke, then chief, after being accused of beating a Mexican-teen during an arrest. The charges were dropped due to lack of evidence.

Hill, said the police-brutality allegation didn't have any bearing on Hite's firing and that he wasn't aware of any other complaints or problems in the officer's seven year career.

"Our concern is, he showed an intolerance for anybody different from himself and didn't seem to show any remorse for his statements," Hill said.

[Roderick Gary is a reporter for the Arizona Daily Star, from which this article is reprinted.]

Homophobia Linked To Same-Sex Desire, Study Says

WASHINGTON, D.C. (KR) - Researchers reports heterosexual males who demonstrate a profound hatred of Gay men are likely to have Gay tendencies themselves, according to the results of a new study.

Researchers at the University of Georgia compared two groups of men who said they were heterosexual, but who expressed different degrees of hostility toward Gay men. Henry E. Adams, a research professor of psychology at UG, told reporters the study results suggest "these guys despise in others what they see in themselves."

The study, reported in the Journal of Abnormal Psychology, confirms what has long been assumed in the Gay and Lesbian community: namely that homophobia and same-sex attraction are inextricably linked. Adams said the idea that homophobia is associated with homosexual arousal dates back to Sigmund Freud, but that no one had ever bothered studying it before.

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Congressman Jim Kolbe Comes Out Of The Closet



CONGRESSMAN JIM KOLBE

by Mark R. Kerr
Observer Political Reporter

TUCSON - U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-CD 5) publicly acknowledged that he is Gay. Kolbe came "out of the closet" under pressure from a national publication; The Advocate, which will be running a story in their August 20 issue, about the Defense of Marriage Act, featuring Kolbe as one of the closeted Gay members of Congress who voted in favor of banning federal recognition of same-sex marriages.

Kolbe, a six-term congressman, becomes the fourth openly Gay member of Congress, and the second Republican. Rep. Steve Gunderson of Wisconsin, the other Gay Republican Congressman, had planned to retire, but was persuaded to run a write-in campaign, ended that bid last week.

In an interview with this reporter, Rep. Kolbe stated the day of his announcement was the greatest day of his life. Kolbe stated he felt relieved that this was behind him. Kolbe said he "came out of the closet" as a preemptive strike against the potential repercussions from the article.

The Advocate article was written by Joshua Moss, a graduate of the U of A. When contacted by this reporter, The Advocate spokesperson, Jessica Kleiman,

stated Moss was unavailable for comment. Kleiman added that the magazine wouldn't comment on the article, since it hasn't been published yet. Kleiman did state that Kolbe's action, coming out last week, a preemptive strike had caught the magazine off guard, plus the many calls from various media outlets were surprising to the magazine.

During the interview with Kolbe, he talked about the interview. Kolbe stated that Moss was "very nice" and had agonized about the story, due to pressure from the editors, who said to Moss that "if he didn't do the story, someone else would." Kolbe stated he'd received advance notice about the article and made the decision to publicly acknowledge his homosexuality this past Monday, and notify staff and close friends.

On Thursday of last week, Kolbe's press secretary, Ron Forcman, faxed Kolbe's statement to the local newspapers. Here are highlights from the statement:

"I am just as proud of my record in the area of human rights and individual rights. I abhor, and vigorously oppose discrimination in the work place based on race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation - any treatment that is not based on merit. I fought to repeal the provision in law which
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UPDATE

Rally Saturday, Aug. 10 Seeks To Improve Citizen/Police Relations

TUCSON - With all that's been going on with the Tucson Police Department (TPD), and with many groups, like the Gay and Lesbian community, there's a need to improve citizen/police relations.

A meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, August 10, 7 A.M. until noon, to discuss ways to better community/police relations. This should be interesting.

The meeting will be held at Presidio Park, between the County Courthouse and City Hall.

Community Business Assn. Trade Fair August 15

TUCSON - The Community Business Association (C.B.A.) will be holding a trade fair, Thursday, August 15, 6 P.M., in the Bonsai Boojum Room, Double Tree Hotel in Tucson.

The guest speaker for the Fair will be Tucson Mayor, George Miller. During the fair, members of the Association will be displaying merchandise and business products. Entertainment will be provided by Desert Voices. There will also be a raffle for cash and merchandise throughout the evening. With the \$2 admission, you receive one raffle ticket. Additional raffle tickets will be available at \$1 each or six for \$5. Proceeds benefiting the C.B.A.

For more information about the fair call (520) 793-9272.

Gay Mentor Project Announces Final Training Dates

TUCSON - The Gay Mentor Project announced their final training dates for Mentors for 1996. The dates are Wednesdays, September 4, 11, and 25.

Training will take place at the PACT for Life offices from 7 to 10 P.M. Adult Gay or Bisexual males who have an interest in mentoring youth are encouraged to apply. The program hopes to train fifteen Mentors. Slots are filling fast!

To sign up for training, or to refer a young person, age 16-25 to our program, please call Keith at 770-1710.

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PACT Looking For M.S.W.

TUCSON - M.S.W. search reopened! The People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson is seeking an M.S.W. for a 2/3 time position to work with housing clients living with AIDS.

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Send resume and cover letter to M.S.W., 801 W. Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745. EEO

Bill Would Require Reporting Of HIV Cases

WASHINGTON, D.C. (WS) - State governments would have to establish programs to track down each person who may have had sexual contact with someone who tested positive for HIV, or lose their Medicare funding, if a bill introduced into Congress becomes.

Called the HIV Prevention Act of 1996, the bill would allow rape victims to request that an accused sex offender be tested for the HIV virus, require national reporting of all HIV cases and allow doctors, without patient consent, to test their patients for HIV before performing surgery.

"We're not doing what we should be to prevent AIDS," said Rep. Tom Coburn, R-OK, who introduced the bill.

The partner notification component of the legislation would require health professionals to counsel all infected individuals about the importance of notifying people who have been exposed to AIDS.

In addition, the health-care provider who administered the test would be required to forward the names of the HIV-positive person and all his or her sexual partners to the department of health in each state, after which a counselor would track down the partners.

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus Auditions Aug. 20

TUCSON - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, Tucson's first and only Gay men's chorus, announces auditions for their upcoming concert season.

Men of all ages, races, and musical experience are encouraged to audition. Prepared music isn't required. The auditions will take place, Tuesday, August 20, at MCC, 3269 N. Mountain Avenue.

For more information call (520) 795-7156.

Government-Business Pairing Seeks Best Way To Treat AIDS

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The government formed a partnership with industry to speed research on finding the best way to treat AIDS.

Doctors now have powerful new drugs that promise to wipe most of the deadly AIDS virus out of patients' blood, but they don't know how best to use them.

Scientists are hunting for answers, but studies are scattered, and drug companies have little incentive to collaborate. So a group of 40 drugmakers, insurance firms, AIDS organizations and federal and private scientists recommended forming a partnership to figure out what research is most urgent and how to do it.

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by the Boston AIDS Writers' Group

BOSTON, MA - After the 11th International Conference on AIDS in Vancouver, one hope shines through: HIV disease may be manageable. The goals for treating the illness have been permanently changed by breakthroughs in the use of certain combinations of antivirals. HIV positive persons and doctors who treat the disease should use the new technology in ways demonstrated to stop the virus, at least temporarily, from continuing to ravage the immune system.

WHAT TIME IS IT?

It's time to put the HIV disease on hold! This can be achieved by reducing the amount of virus in the bloodstream (viral load) to zero; or at least to level that aren't detectable by the currently available viral load tests.

Studies at the conference showed that only very low viral loads predict extended life and health. The good news is that effective combinations of drugs available and should reduce viral load for those who don't have problems with side-effects or drug resistance.

It's time to find out if you're HIV positive. It's more important than even before to know because many studies at the conference made it clear not only that the disease is manageable but also that the earlier the infection is treated the more likely the viral load can be reduced to zero.

Although there are still competing strategies for making the best use of the available combinations of antivirals, people who have HIV, can extend their lives and health by getting treatment now. It's time to carefully choose a treatment strategy (usually three antivirals) that will reduce viral load the most, preferably to undetectable levels, for as long as possible.

One take home message was clearly packaged by Dr. Joep Lange to emphasize this point: "It's an illusion to think that monotherapy (the use of one antiviral at a time) will help people with the disease." To insure that the treatments will be long lasting, leading researchers stressed the important of choosing treatment to which HIV won't become resist, and taking the full recommended dose consistently. Drug resistance (the loss of effectiveness of a certain antiviral) is less

likely to occur if viral load is very low that if it's high. To best fight HIV and avoid the problem of drug resistance, combination therapy is the way to go.

For those people who have already taken antivirals to which HIV has become resistant, it may be more complicated to choose the best combination, but there are plenty of options available for you to discuss with your doctor.

GET A VIRAL LOAD TEST!

In 1996, proper treatment of HIV disease begins with a viral load test, a measurement of the amount of the virus in the blood. Doctors and researchers at the conference agree that there is a definitive plan for using these tests to your advantage. Take two viral load tests two to four weeks apart to establish a point of reference (or baseline) from which to judge the effectiveness of therapy.

Then, take another viral load tests three to four weeks after beginning new therapies. If viral load goes down by about 70% (3-fold, or 0.5 log) or more than the therapy is working; if it doesn't, switch therapies. When an effective combination is found, take a viral load test every three to four months to make sure it's still working. Remember that the goal of treatment is to get viral load down as low as possible, preferably to undetectable levels. If the treatment you're using doesn't reduce viral load to undetectable levels consider adding more antivirals.

The currently available test made by Chiron only measures viral loads down to 10,000. It's important to use the test that can measure the lowest viral load tests to any HIV+ person between now and August 16. The first test must be taken and submitted to a lab by that date, so if you or your doctor hasn't already done so, call 1-888-837-8727 and ask that application forms be sent to your doctor.

Warning: If your doctor doesn't use the most sensitive tests available then you might not know when the therapy you're using stops working due to resistance.

[Part Two will take about the new drugs, the new combinations, and the reports from the conference. The ideas expressed are those of the Boston AIDS Writers' Group and don't necessarily reflect the opinions of the Review Panel.]

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I'm almost sorta kinda maybe possibly considering not voting for Clinton. I'm even almost sorta kinda maybe possibly considering voting for Dole. Of course, when the time comes I'll probably pull the lever for Clinton; like the hopeless died-in-the-wool knee-jerk liberal that I (usually proudly) am. But is Clinton really a good friend to the Lesbian and Gay community?

Yes, Clinton did try to get equal rights for Gays in the military, but he then supported a policy that still allows, if not causes, the abuse of Lesbian and Gay soldiers and sailors. And yes, Clinton did appoint some Gay folk to various officers, including that fabulous non-garden-variety Lesbian Roberta Achtenberg. Add to that the mention of sexual orientation in some federal paperwork and the occasional executive order, and he's clearly the best friend we've ever had in the presidency. But that doesn't mean he's a good friend. Being a more open president than Reagan or Bush is hardly an Olympic challenge.

The main problem with Clinton and the Democratic party is that they assume they'll always have the Gay and Lesbian vote. Who else are we going to vote for? Because Clinton can take our support for granted, however, he does. Hence, he can agree to sign a bill against same-sex marriage, thereby showing undecided voters that he's not " beholden " to the Gay rights lobby. He feels completely confident that we'll line up at the polls, as always, and accept being good little second-class Democrats.

We're not the only group that Clinton treats this way. His repudiation of Sister Souljah at an African-American meeting was another example of his desire to show undecided voters that he's willing to sell out his supporters at a drop of a hat. Someone once wrote that Clinton

Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

What If Dole Is Our Better Choice?

treats his enemies better than he treats his friends. Victory is more important than anything to him.

Of course, Dole isn't exactly a stranger to opportunism, as evidenced by his tortuously hypocritical stands on smoking and abortion. Vote for me, he seems to plead, and I'll be the man you want. He too is fighting for the undecided voter.

I suggest that the LesBiGay community insist that the candidates court us. If Clinton had to earn our support, would he diss our relationships so easily? If Dole thought there was a chance that we might vote from him, that we might even help him win the pivotal state of California, what might he offer us? Dole is a wounded World War II vet. If he fought for equal rights for Gays in the military, the generals would listen. They wouldn't dare treat him the way they treated Clinton.

If voting for Dole seems insane, keep in mind that Nixon was able to go to China because he had a solid reputation as an anti-communist. If McGovern had been president, he couldn't have afforded the political cost of the same move. For Nixon, the visit was seen as statesmanship; for McGovern, it would have been seen as proof that he was indeed a pinko commie.

Similarly, Lincoln initially planned not to interfere with slavery in the South. He wanted to keep the United States intact, and he hoped that slavery would die out over time. Had he ran for

president as an abolitionist, he wouldn't have been elected, and he wouldn't have had the opportunity to end slavery in the entire United States.

Liberal and conservative are elastic and malleable categories. Nixon tried to establish a national health system but couldn't get the Democrats to agree. Supreme Court Justice David Souter has turned out to be relatively open-minded, despite early fears that he'd be a vindictive and mean right-winger. C. Everett Koop, a staunch conservative, was able to talk about the need for AIDS education, yet a liberal surgeon general using the same words would've been drummed out of office.

This is hard for me to write. After hearing a hysterical right-wing congressman screaming on the radio that "the homosexual agenda has been so successful that if you don't believe in two men PENETRATING each other, it's called homophobia," I hardly feel inclined to vote Republican. But I'm incensed that Clinton would vote against same-sex marriage.

Mothers used to warn their daughters not to have premarital sex because men supposedly believed "Why but the cow when you can get the milk for free?" Maybe it's time for our community to hold out for a man who's willing to make a commitment rather than give our favors to the first smooth talker who comes along.

Gay Harassment Suit May Proceed Against School

ASHLAND, WI — The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals granted Jamie Nabozny, now 20, the right to sue his former school district for not preventing Gay-bias related assaults on him while he was a student.

The Appeals panel reversed a lower-court decision that said there was not enough evidence for a trial to proceed.

"The court held that all school-children have to get the same protection, regardless of the gender or sexual orientation," said Patricia Logue, an attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. "Finally a court has said that Gay people cannot be abused simply because they're Gay, and you can't excuse anti-Gay violence simply because you don't like Gay people."

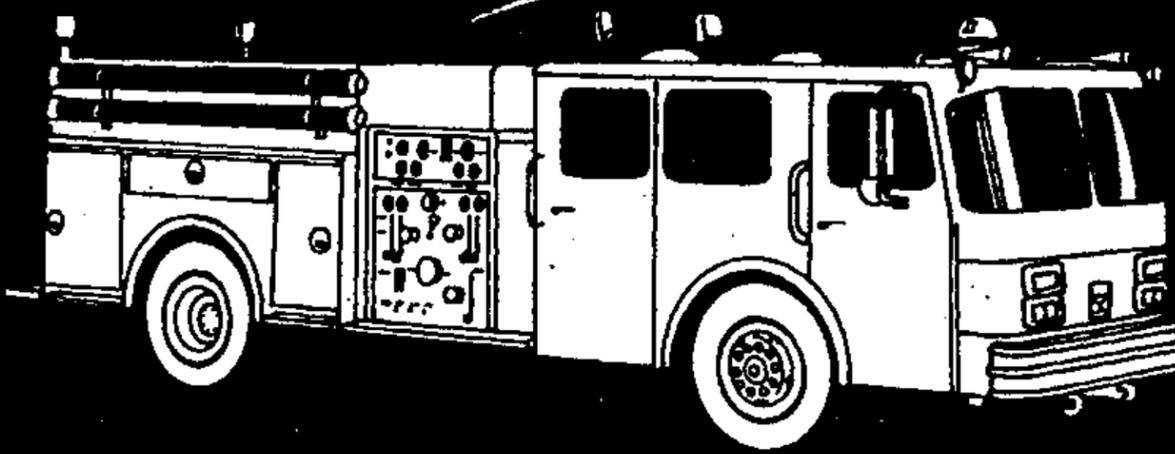
Nabozny told reporters he suffered near constant abuse from the seventh grade onward.

In one episode, Nabozny reported to the school principal, a class mate knocked him into a urinal while another urinated on him. The principal told him "boys will be boys," and advised him to go home and change his clothes. No disciplinary action was taken against his assailants.

Nabozny was advised often to leave the school district by officials because "his protection could not be guaranteed."



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Witch Hunt Underway In Air Force, Activists Charge

by Lisa Keen

HONOLULU, HI - With no more than the word of a servicemember who had been accused of sexually assaulting another man, Air Force investigators in Honolulu asked the co-workers of a third man, an Air Force linguist, whether they had "any reason to believe [their co-worker] doesn't like girls," whether anyone in the office knows that he's Gay, and whether they've ever seen him hug or kiss another man.

The questioning, which one national Gay group says is a "McCarthy-like tactic" and in clear violation of the military's own regulations, was part of an Air Force investigation which started after a man accused of sexual assault agreed to prepare for investigators a list of 17 male servicemembers with whom he had sex with. In return, and with a promise that he'd cooperate fully with investigators, 24-year-old Senior Airman Bryan Scott Harris was allowed to plead guilty to sodomy charges surrounding the assault and receive a greatly reduced sentence for his conviction.

Kirk Childress, staff attorney for the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), said the investigation underway at Hickam Air Force Base in Honolulu, is an "appalling" violation of military regulations.

He said only five of the 17 servicemembers listed by Harris were in the Air Force but that all were immediately targeted for investigation on sodomy charges based on Harris' list. Of those five, four contacted SLDN for help when they learned the Air Force was investigating them. Three of the four later learned the Air Force was beginning discharge proceedings against them. Of those three, one accepted an honorable discharge rather than contest Air Force's plans to administratively discharge him. Two others hope for a similar arrangement.

The Air Force hasn't yet taken any official action against the fourth servicemember, who contacted SLDN for help, a captain, but he's been notified that such action is imminent. The captain, said Childress, wants to stay in the service.

Childress said the investigation at Hickam AFB has violated military regulations by going after servicemembers who had no connection whatsoever to the assault case.

In a letter to Secretary of the Air

Force, Sheila Widnall, Rep. Patsy Mink (D-HI) noted that Department of Defense Directive 1332.30 stipulates that "Commanders or appointed inquiry official shall not ask, and members shall not be required to reveal their sexual orientation."

"It would appear," wrote Mink, "that Harris' plea agreement and the subsequent investigations violated this guideline."

Just four months ago, the Department of Defense's Inspector General ordered the Navy to investigate charges that officers on board a ship stationed in Italy violated military regulations by threatening to imprison female sailors unless they signed statements accusing one of their female shipmates of being a Lesbian. Childress said the Inspector General hasn't yet reported back on that investigation. But SLDN contends that the activities of military investigators on board the USS Simon Lake in Italy and at Hickam AFB in Honolulu are only the "most egregious and best documented" violations of the military's "Don't Ask/Don't Tell/Don't Pursue" policy. Such investigations against individual servicemembers are "frequently" occurring, said Childress.

According to various Air Force documents surrounding the investigation, provided by SLDN, the investigation at Hickam began after Senior Airman Byron Harris was charged with committing forcible sodomy on another man in November of last year, Childress said Harris, who faced as much as 20 years prison time, agreed to sign a "pretrial agreement" in which he would plead guilty to four charges surrounding the case, and would have Harris "testify truthfully and completely in any subsequent courts-martial or administrative action regarding my knowledge of all military personnel, who've committed acts of sodomy."

In a letter for SLDN Co-Director, Dixon Osborn to John White, Deputy Secretary of Defense, charges that the pretrial agreement signed by Harris and the subsequent investigation against the other servicemembers not connected to the assault "is exactly the sort of witch hunt that 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' was designed to stop."

A DOD spokesperson didn't return numerous phone calls to comment by press time.

[Lisa Keen is a reporter for the Washington Blade, from which this article is reprinted.]

Wellness Program

The Wellness Program began in August 1994 as a new and very exciting model program for the integration of holistic and standard medical care for HIV/AIDS.

The Wellness Program aims to improve the quality of life in both symptomatic and asymptomatic patients by:

- 1.) bringing clients the recent advances in the field of nutritional medicine and immunology.
- 2.) giving clients access to complementary therapies like acupuncture, homeopathy, osteopathic manipulation, massage therapy (swedish & shiatsu), and imagery and visualization.

Wellness Program Criteria:

- ~ participants must have a primary physician that is currently treating them for their HIV-related diagnoses and complaints.
- ~ participants should have had labwork within the last 3 months or will need to have the labwork done through PACT before an appointment with a Wellness Counselor.

Other services available through the Wellness Program:
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"Expression and Awareness of HIV/AIDS"
The Mexican Posters to Prevent AIDS and
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Latin American Artists Poster Art

TUESDAY, AUG 6 AT STONEWALL-EAGLE
Latin Night - 9 to 1 pm. Donations accepted for
Miss Gay Hispanidad '96.

THURSDAY, AUG 8 AT THE PLUG
Latin Night - 9 to 1 pm. Donations
accepted for Miss Gay Hispanidad '96.

SUNDAY, AUG 25
TARDEADA AT THE PLUG 4-7pm
Tangoneo y Tacos
Benefit for Miss Gay Hispanidad '96

SUNDAY, AUG 25
PRESENTING: "EXTASIS" AT AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ -
Tucson's Best in Mexican Drag. 10pm benefit show.
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**LUNES 5 DE AGOSTO A SABADO 10 DE AGOSTO
EN EL CON MALL- AREA DE PAVILLION**

"Conciencia Y Expresion Al VIH/SIDA"
El Cartel Mexicano en la Prevencion del SIDA Y
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Martes, 6 DE AGOSTO EN STONEWALL-EAGLE
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Jueves, 8 DE AGOSTO EN THE PLUG
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Domingo, 25 DE AGOSTO
TARDEADA EN THE PLUG 4-7pm
Tangoneo y Tacos
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Domingo 25 de Agosto
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OUTlines by Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance

OUToberFEST '96 planning is in full force! Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance is moving forward to produce Tucson's Gay pride picnic on Saturday, October 19. Once again the festival will be held at the southwest corner of Reid Park! Be prepared for another fine event!

OUToberFEST '96 - Pride Without Borders is a one day event where the Lesbian and Gay community can celebrate diversity, freedom and pride of whom we are. Last year the crowd was estimated at 5,000 people celebrating peacefully in the park. This year is expected to be bigger and better. However, your help is needed. The members of TLGA are all volunteers and currently, 10 people in this whole community accept the responsibility of providing a one day event full of Gay pride activities.

Ten people aren't enough! TLGA is desperately seeking volunteers who'll help organize the picnic and produce it on October 19. Any and all help are appreciated. As a matter of fact, TLGA is only asking for one to two hours of your time the day of the event. It's fun being a part of it all, and it's very gratifying to know that you were part of Gay and Lesbian history in 1996. Help is needed in the following areas: Security, soda servers, I.D. checkpoints, set up, breakdown, and pre-picnic planning. Please get involved! Call the Outline at 622-3200 and volunteer. We need you. There'll be a volunteer meeting scheduled for September. Watch here for more information.

Information regarding vendor booths and applications have been mailed out. If you're interested in becoming a vendor at OUToberFEST '96, but haven't received any information, please call the Outline.

Information regarding advertising in the souvenir program has also been mailed. To receive an advertising discount, just let TLGA know, via the Outline, what size ad you're interested in and

make payment for that space by August 14. Please make checks payable to TLGA, and mail it to POB 40301, Tucson, AZ 85707. A final deadline for all camera ready artwork is August 23.

TLGA would like to thank everyone who has purchased an OUToberFEST T-shirt or cap! The response has been excellent. For those of you who haven't purchased one yet, you can find them at the clubs and major community outlets, like Wingspan, Girlfriends, etc. A new shipment will be in next week with the addition of Tank Tops!

Mark your calendars for September 21.

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DEAR COMMUNITY:

This past Sunday night I attended the "Roast and Toast of Aviva Diamond." The evening was a wonderful success! There was approximately \$8,000 raised and we all had a grand time that is until my handbag was stolen out of the back dressing area.

The bag was laying on a table in an area that I considered safe! The only people back there, were people whom I trust. But obviously, there's one person, or should I say, piece of crap, out there that ruins it for us all. My bag was found in the men's room, behind the toilet. The \$50 cash and a \$100 travelers check were missing. Thank God the "Dirt Bag" didn't take my keys to my car, or find the gold ring and necklace in the change compartment!

Also stolen that night, was, \$11 out of Electra's makeup case and more money out of Candy's wallet, all of which was in the dressing area. Also earlier in the afternoon, during the setup of the ballroom, Erin Duffy, Beth's daughter had her day planner taken from behind the ticket desk. It was behind

ber 21. TLGA in conjunction with Arizona Travel and Mary Higgins, is sponsoring the First Annual Home Tour. There will be several unique homes on the tour that you will definitely want to see! Bus transportation will be provided as well as some very tasteful beverages and snacks. Tickets are available from Deb Fagan at Arizona Travel, Kari at Azure and via TLGA and Mary through the Outline. Join in on the charm, uniqueness and styles of homes you may never otherwise see. At the same time, you'll be contributing to the production of OUToberFEST '96 as all proceeds will be applied to picnic expenses.

That's the update for the week. Once again, please get involved. OUToberFEST '96 is your pride festival. Help make it happen.

some tip jars and not visible to the public.

During the Miss Gay Tucson pageant in April, the photographer had her briefcase stolen from the Ballroom. The brief case was recovered about three days later at the Fry's shopping center at Grant and Alvernon. Her wallet, earrings and makeup were missing for the case.

I don't understand how anyone in our wonderful community can steal anything from one of us. I know that I live in a "rose colored world" and that the outside world is screwed up, but keep them out of our world. I want to tell the SOB that did this a few things: First, Karma! Second, Karma! Third, Lucinda!

So watch yourself and keep an eye on your personal belongings, because someone in our own "family" is a lying, cheating, stealing mother f****r! (And that doesn't spell farmer!).

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POLITICS

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By MARK R. KEFFER

"If I'd Died, I Wouldn't Have Made Page One!"

The above statement was said by Congressman Jim Kolbe (R-Tucson), when he announced that he's Gay this past week. [See an accompanying story.]

Kolbe "outed" himself, last week, as a preemptive strike against an upcoming article in *The Advocate*, a national Gay and Lesbian publication. The article, written by Joshua Moss, details the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), and the votes by members of Congress, some Gay, some straight, and some closeted. The article "outed" Kolbe because of his vote in favor of H.R. 3396.

The editor of *The Advocate*, Jeff Yarbrough, is quoted as saying the decision to "out" him was difficult because of his overall voting record on Gay issues. "He's been a friend, a closeted friend," Yarbrough said. Is this any way to treat "a friend?"

Reaction from the Gay and Lesbian community has been mixed, ranging from, "it should happen on a person's timetable," to "his vote didn't justify such treatment," to "people should know," to "The Advocate had a responsibility to bring Kolbe out of the closet," to "it should be up to individual people to out themselves."

With that, we should remember these points about Jim Kolbe. Jim Kolbe is a human being, who according to reports is right-handed, with blue-eyes and thinning grey hair. Jim Kolbe is just like the rest of us, Gay or straight or whatever. This past week, a man, age 54 came "out of the closet," albeit forced, and admitted that he's Gay. That man, was Jim Kolbe.

We should give Jim Kolbe, the man, a fellow human being, our full support. In the countless articles that have run in this publication to talk among people at one of the local Gay bars, we've said we could advance the cause if more people came "out of the closet" and admitted their Gay or Lesbian. Simple, practice what we been saying for so long!

Plus, I ask readers of this publication and this column, "Was ~~you~~ coming out experience that easy?" This reporter's was n't, and I bet neither was yours. Coming out is the toughest thing, and the most exhilarating experience a Gay or Lesbian person will have in their lifetime. Kolbe, in the interview with this reporter declared last Friday to be, "the best day of his life." It probably was.

The second point, Jim Kolbe is a Congressman, member of the U.S. House of Representatives, a Republican, representing the Fifth District in Arizona, who happens to be Gay. Kolbe says "he's a legislator first,"

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THERE IS A DEFINITE NEED FOR BETTER CITIZEN/POLICE RELATIONS IN TUCSON. We need to promote this.

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WHEN: Saturday, Aug. 10 from 7:00 a.m. until noon.

Jim Lockler
Project Coordinator

fine. Kolbe never made an issue of it, the local media never made an issue of it, this reporter and this publication didn't make an issue of it.

Why? It wasn't our business. Should we judge someone for elected office on whether just they're Gay or straight? No, we should judge on qualifications and their positions on the issues, and if they're an incumbent, their voting record. If they happen to be Gay or Lesbian, qualified, and have a chance is a big plus, but this is Arizona. Here, we'll be lucky to elect the occasional city council member or state representative. This isn't New York or California, where the process of "coming out" is easier for the individual, and electing an openly Gay or Lesbian candidate isn't a novelty, is a part of political life.

"Outing" isn't the way to go, a person's private life is that, private. How many people within the Tucson Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual community can say they're "out of closet?" Not as many as we think, or hope. Tucson is the only city within the state that Gays and Lesbians can live most comfortably, with many Gay and Lesbian resources at our disposal. But, we still have to be careful how we act, outside of the Gay and Lesbian bars and other meeting places.

The next point, Jim Kolbe's record as a Congressman. Rep. Kolbe, voting on issues of concern to the Gay and Lesbian community could be described as moderate. He could've voted better on some AIDS issues, and as we all know, he voted in favor of H.R. 3396, the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), a ploy by the radical right to bring up the hot-button issue of Gay rights during this presidential year. Kolbe, in an interview with this reporter, said he voted in favor of DOMA because he feels it's up to the states to decide about same-sex marriages. Kolbe added he supports domestic partnership benefits for couples. Go figure.

Rep. Jim Kolbe says he doesn't want to become known as "the Gay Republican congressman," but he can't escape that know. With the other Gay Republican congressman, Rep. Steve Gunderson of Wisconsin retiring, he's it, the new role model. Kolbe needs to have an exchange, continuing, with the Gay and Lesbian community. Kolbe was given an open invitation by this reporter, and this publication to write on issues of concern to the community. It's a beginning, like his "coming out" process, and one which could lead to good things for all.

Rep. Jim Kolbe is an openly Gay Congressman. Rep. Jim Kolbe is up for election and the Tucson Lesbian and Gay community will judge Rep. Kolbe at the place where we should judge him, every two years, the ballot box. If you feel he's done the job, you'll vote for him. If you don't feel he's done the job, you'll for his opponent. Judge him on what he's done as a member of Congress. Voters, Gay, Lesbian, straight or whatever can "out" a person running for office, regardless of their sexuality. We "out" them by voting out incumbents, or voting against people who won't do the job for us.

Don't judge the person, but always judge elected officials at the place, the ballot box, and the time, during a primary or general election.

So it goes for now kids!



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THE WHOLE MAN
 BY DR. BOB

Jim Kolbe and Me, Part One

Jim Kolbe (R-Arizona), as you must have heard, outed himself recently, in order to beat the Advocate to the punch. In the light of his vote for the Defense of Marriage Act, the Advocate will publish later this month a story, in the course of which Jim Kolbe, a hitherto closeted Gay man, will be outed. Having caught word of this, Jim Kolbe, with snuffles and reproaches towards those who would "make this decision for him," came out shamefacedly in a press conference. Popular opinion seems to be that he will retain the vast majority of his public support.

was seeing my lover through the last stages of AIDS, when hope falls away gradually and your loved one fades away, away from life, the world, and you.

Despite this, I was experiencing a new level of commitment, not only to my lover, but to homosexuality itself. I was aware that I loved Barth enough that I was going to see him through this. At first, during the time that I actually fell in love with him, he had been healthier and we had fun and really deepened. When he began to fail, I knew I could, should, and would stay by him. We were soul-bonded. He had shown me another world, a world of being less uptight, less professional, less varnished. In his world of looking at death square in the face, these things mattered less. I experienced the joy of deep, spiritual, homosexual relationship at the same time as the pain of anticipated suffering and separation. I saw, more unquestionably than ever before, my capacity to love in a same-sex manner, and society's objections to same-sex love began to anger me. How could they say I was disgusting for being Gay, when my relationship had such depth?

An informal survey of Gay Tucsonans seems to indicate that Gay men generally support Kolbe, even against the Advocate. There is a sense that a Gay man, even one in public life, should have the right to keep his private life private. Everyone has a right to privacy. It's every person's choice to reveal or not reveal their sexual identity. Jim Kolbe has taken great pains to point out that his homosexuality had nothing to do with the way he voted or led. He has assured voters that he will not become a homosexual activist with a Gay agenda. He was obviously staying in the closet for practical reasons. He wanted to function in the halls of power, and didn't want to be disqualified simply because of the fact that he was Gay. So he hid. All of us have done this, in one way or another, at one time or another. Most of us have done it a lot.

It was about that time that I came out to the staff at the counseling center. At a staff meeting, which I was conducting in my role as the clinical director, I came out as a Gay man whose lover was dying of AIDS. I simply stated the fact, said that I was pretty nervous while saying it, and invited individuals to dialogue about it with me whenever they felt like it. Needless to say, you could cut the anxiety in the air with a knife, but we got through it. In the ensuing months, I became more vocal as a Gay man on the staff. I wanted to be a model for these straight counselors that there was such a thing as a Gay man who had some modicum of dignity and self-respect. Many of them told me later that knowing me had challenged some of their assumptions about Gay men, and that this affected their counseling when clients would mention homoerotic desire. They couldn't be quite so judgmental about it, quite so sure that the only Gay potential is a life of meaningless self-destruction.

For example, I was once closeted at a pastoral counseling center where I was the new clinical director. I was the young, energetic Ph.D., wanting to establish myself as a professional. I stayed in the closet for a couple of years. I became a very constricted, professional type of personality. Very stuffy, very stiff, very competent. This began to feel uncomfortable after awhile, just like the suit I had to wear to play that role. In therapy sessions, I felt more and more uncomfortable that my whole Gay life, with all of its pain and wisdom and joy, had to be bracketed off when I worked with clients (who were straight families experiencing crisis of some sort). I began to realize that my healing presence in sessions was not that of another straight man looking on, angrily analyzing the feelings of others.

I learned a lot by coming out like that. I got a lot of support and no open conflict. I did get a lot of subtle, indirect punishment from my boss, a minister who was also a counselor. I achieved more flexibility in my own self, more self-respect and contentment. I felt far more powerful. I began to speak my truth. I began to glimpse some of the unique qualities that flow directly out of my Gayness. I felt free. (continued next week)

My clients assumed I was straight, and took my words as coming from a straight man. But I was not straight, and my memory banks were not full of straight experiences, like marrying, buying a home, having kids, boredom with marriage, etc. My memory banks were full of my Gay life, lived on the edge, by my wits, the adventure of acting on forbidden desire, bushwhacking uncharted territory. My responses to these people came out of my own Gay nature, which was far more androgynous and flexible than theirs. (My fellow counselors and my clients were all "religious," in the conservative sense of that word.)

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I decided that I wanted to come out of the closet at work. Oh, I had considered myself "out" long before that. I told my parents when I was 19, didn't hide it much, didn't feign interest in girls certainly. But there was another thing. My lover, Barth, had AIDS. He had told me when we met, so I wasn't that worried about myself, since I had never put myself at risk. But we had fallen in love, and I

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Rationing Looms As Rush For New AIDS Drugs Drains State Funds

OLYMPIA, WA (AP) - State after state is running low on money to buy the newest, most potent AIDS drugs for thousands of low-income Americans, leaving many patients facing a possible rationing of medicine.

Washington last month became the latest state, following Illinois and Kansas, to dramatically cut its AIDS Drug Assistance Program as it tried to avert almost certain bankruptcy.

More cutbacks are pending as states scramble to cover unexpected bills for today's patients, not counting the thousands suddenly demanding treatment because of the headlines promising new hope for AIDS.

And as many as 20 states haven't begun offering the newest drugs as they grapple with the costs.

"For all the folks drowning in the sea of HIV disease, all of a sudden there's a lifeboat, and when they swim to it it's full," said Washington AIDS Director Mariella Cummings. Cummings temporarily shut that state's AIDS program after a 76 percent jump in AIDS patients between January and June pushed her bills from \$53,000 a month to \$144,000.

"That's the image I wake up with and go to sleep with," she said. "How we

are going to get some more lifeboats in the water."

At issue are state AIDS Drug Assistance Programs, or ADAP's, that buy medicine for uninsured HIV-infected people who don't qualify for Medicaid because they're not quite poor enough.

This fiscal year, ADAP's will spend \$145 million buying drugs for 65,000 Americans. That includes an extra \$52 million in emergency funds President Clinton allotted this spring in anticipation of the crisis, money many states say is all that's keeping them afloat.

ADAP's are in trouble mainly because of new drugs called protease inhibitors that, when combined with two older drugs, are so potent that AIDS patients have their first true hope of longer and healthier lives.

But these three-drug cocktails cost \$10,000 to \$15,000 per person per year. That doesn't count the myriad other drugs taken to fight pneumonia and other deadly illnesses that stalk AIDS patients.

And proteases have a unique problem: Patients who stop taking them for even a month because the ADAP temporarily ran out of money can allow their HIV to rapidly mutate into a virtually untreatable strain.

ACLU Targets Government Sponsors Of Boy Scouts

CHICAGO, IL (WS) - Attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Illinois said they have asked state and local agencies that underwrite Boy Scouts troops to warn Scouting officials their government support may be withdrawn.

The ACLU is threatening legal action against public funding sources if the Boy Scouts continue what the civil rights organization says are discriminatory policies.

The ACLU cited a February ruling by the Chicago Commission on Human Relations (CCHR) that faulted the Chicago Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America for discrimination when it told a Gay man not to apply for the job. The CCHR said the Boy Scouts' decision violated the city's human-rights ordinance.

The ACLU says the Boy Scouts continue to require prospective Scouts, leaders and other employees to pledge allegiance to God, which could be considered discriminatory. Roger Leishman, director of the Gay and Lesbian Rights Project of the ACLU told local reporters, "The city and other [government] organizations cannot offer a program that is off-limits to some members of the public."

Rebecca Fields, spokesperson for the Chicago Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), told local reports: "The BSA does not ask prospective members about their sexual preference nor do we ask about on the sexual orientation of boys who are already Scouts." She did acknowledge, however, that BSA policy "does not allow for the registration of avowed homosexuals as members or as leaders of the BSA."

Cancer Common Among AIDS Patients Linked To Herpes Virus

NEW YORK, NY - Two research groups have gathered the best evidence yet that Kaposi's sarcoma, a cancer common among AIDS patients, is caused by a sexually transmitted herpes distinct from HIV.

Such a connection would mean there's hope that the virus can be blocked by a vaccine even while AIDS remains incurable.

Kaposi's sarcoma is a disease

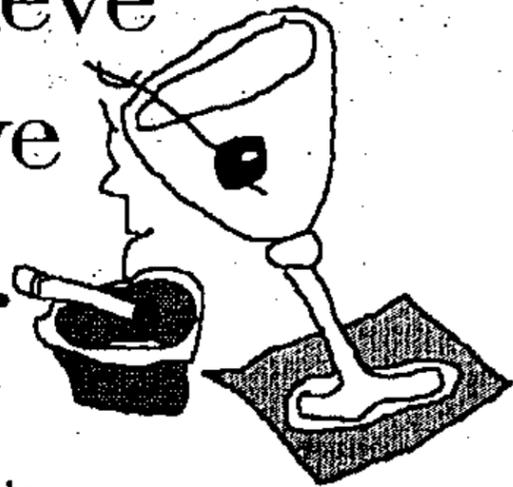
common in homosexual men with AIDS, but rare in other populations. Until AIDS became prevalent, it was seen mostly among elderly men of Mediterranean and Jewish descent.

The main symptom of Kaposi's sarcoma is red-skin lesions, but the disease can also attack the gastrointestinal tract and lungs. If it strikes the lungs it can be fatal.

Two studies published in Nature Medicine implicate a virus known as human herpes-type 8 as the cause of Kaposi's sarcoma.

Some had questioned the assessment, arguing that the human herpes virus 8 could be a widespread virus that only sickens people with weakened immune systems.

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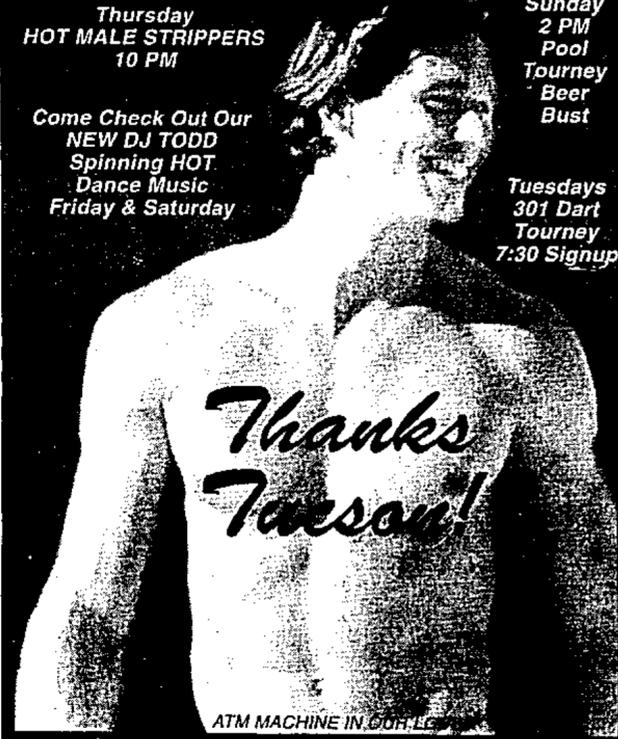
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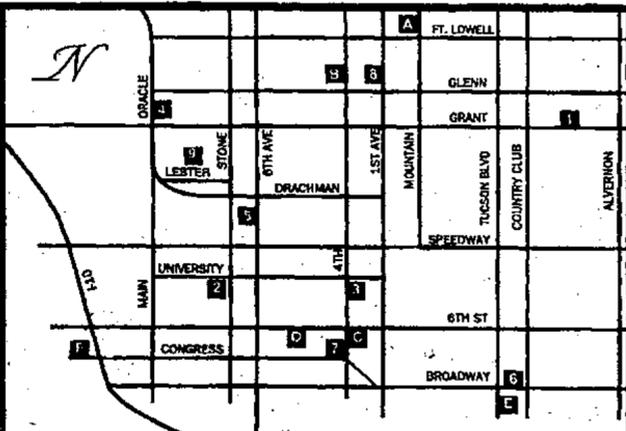
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San Fernando Valley AIDS Clinic To Close Doors

LOS ANGELES, CA (TWS) - Caught in a financial squeeze sure to effect AIDS treatment organizations nationwide, the largest AIDS clinic in the San Fernando Valley will soon close its doors, according to local newspaper reports.

Officials announced that the treatment facility is closing, in part, because new drug therapies that offer the best hope yet of beating the disease are too expensive for its budget. The AIDS Healthcare Foundation's clinic in Van Nuys will cease operations in September, foundation President Michael Weinstein said. The closure will send nearly 500 uninsured or Medicaid patients to seek AIDS treatment care elsewhere.

Weinstein said the nonprofit foundation, which operates three other clinics in the area, applied to L.A. County for an additional \$1 million, which was denied. Weinstein angrily declared the County's action at a news conference, "A cruel act in the wake of Vancouver."

Man Who Made 'Sissy' Remark Acquitted Of Harassment

BRIDGETOWN, NJ (AP) - A truck driver who called two Gay men "sissies" was acquitted of harassment in a New Jersey courtroom.

Bobbie Crawford, 55, made the remark about two fellow members of a car club last year. "Here comes sissy No. 1 and sissy No.2," Crawford reportedly said as the Gay couple arrived at an auto show.

Robert Colle and David Airey pressed charges of harassment based on sexual orientation, which is covered under a state bias-crimes law. The offense carries up to 18 months in prison and a \$7,500 fine.

Colle testified he felt physically intimidated by the remark since it was delivered as a taunt before a larger group of other men. Crawford said he was talking to friends at the time and the remark wasn't meant to intimidate the two men. Crawford's lawyer said that Colle, a police officer, had training in self-defense and had no reason to feel threatened.

Prosecutor Tom DeSimone said it took courage for the couple to press charges and testify. The ruling, he said, shouldn't "deter others who are in a similar situation from coming forward."

Zimbabwe Book Fair Bows To Pressure And Bans Gays; Demonstrators Destroy Booth

HARARE, Zimbabwe (WS) - Wire service reported organizers of Zimbabwe's International Book Fair (ZIBF) has bowed to government pressure and barred the Gay and Lesbian Association of Zimbabwe (GALZ) from exhibiting at the fair.

ZIBF director Trish Mbanga told reporters the organizers had no choice but to comply with the ruling. "The ZIBF is bound by the laws of Zimbabwe to comply with the notice," Mbanga said. ZIBF had received written notification stating anybody violating the censorship board's ruling would be guilty of contravening the Censorship and Entertainment Control Act.

The censorship board's notice follows a government statement last week banning GALZ, as it did last year, from participating in the far, southern Africa's largest international book showcase.

GALZ has vowed to defy the order from the government of President Robert Mugabe, who inflamed passions last year by describing Gay men and Lesbians as "worse than dogs and pigs," entitled to no civil protection.

Mugabe's steadfast refusal to apologize and his frequent references to homosexuality as a "western disease" sparked demonstrations from Gay and Lesbian groups when he visited The Netherlands and South Africa.

Demonstrators destroyed the exhibit after members of GALZ staffed the booth fled a jeering mob. The booth was destroyed only minutes after the Book Fair had opened.



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HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON
by JD WRANGLER

Howdy ladies and gents! I'm back in the saddle again. No, not really. This week I'm covering for J.D. Wrangler who's somewhat under the weather this week and hopefully will be back next week raring and ready to go.

There are a few things on the agenda this week that definitely need everyone's attention. First, and foremost, PACT is in search of persons who are interested and are horse knowledgeable to assist with AIDS Walk '96. People with enthusiasm and people-people are needed to assist as riders and needed are security riders. If interested, please contact Mamie with PACT, 770-1710 and let them know that you'd like to volunteer your time and knowledge of horses with the AGRA group. Everyone is highly encouraged to assist. Don't forget that the AIDS Walk isn't just a Tucson Community or just a Gay Community event. It will take all walks of life to make this a successful event for all involved. Whatever it takes to get us closer to finding a cure.

An announcement from the AGRA P.R. Cowboy. Darrin is extending an invitation to all who would be interested in joining him at the Stonewall/Eagle this Saturday, August 10, between 7 and 9 P.M., for an informal meeting for ideas on P.R. for AGRA. Everyone is welcome to attend and share your views and suggestions.

AGRA is still asking for anyone interested in becoming the Volunteer Coordinator to please contact Darrin or the AGRA hotline. The position isn't a board of director position but will work

closely with the PR and Fund Raising Directors in gathering volunteers to assist with various events throughout the year and as well as with volunteers for our very own Saguaro Regional Rodeo in March. The position will be appointed at the August 18 meeting, hosted at the Stonewall/Eagle. The board meeting will begin at 3 P.M. and the general membership meeting will begin at 5 P.M. Hope to see ya'll there.

An announcement to all interested in campaigning for AGRA Royalty. It's not too late to sign up and meet your requirements. AGRA is looking for persons to run for the titles of Mr., Ms., and Miss AGRA. Contact our Dance and Entertainment Director, Addison McDorman, through the AGRA hotline for more info.

A special congratulations to the MPS Society on their successful fund raising efforts during the "Roast and Toast of Aviva Diamond." Again, congratulations and best of luck with your endeavors.

At this time, I would like to wish all your AGRA members with birthdays in the month of August a very special birthday suggestion, "Oil of Olay is cheaper by the gallon." Ask Darrin and Richard they'll tell you where to find it.

Until next time, have fun and play safe.

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Surfing with Cyber-Queers
by Anne C. Schmitt

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The Online Observer is fast becoming the Queer Internet Hub for Tucson. Our monthly statistics came in at the first of the month and we can add another 30,000 visitors to the over 60,000 who had visited so far. Every month we grow in numbers.

We're linked to many of the Gay and Lesbian Resource pages as well as the standard search engines like Yahoo, Infoseek, Lycos, AltaVista, WebCrawler and others. And our site, if printed out in regular Observer paper form, would be well over 50 pages thick. So you ask, "What's she asking for now?"

Actually, I'm asking for several things.

First off, I would like to have email addresses and web page addresses for community members so we can begin to put together a directory (both online and in print) of those resources. Individuals, groups, business, if you want to be included in this effort then send them to me.

Include your real name, email address, web address and any other information which would be helpful in putting you into a directory listing. Send it to either the Observer by snail mail or email me at cca@bonzo.com. I know you're out there! I'll begin compiling the ones I have already and you'll see them here in the next week or so.

Also, as we continue to expand the sections of the Observer we need to

obtain more page sponsors to support the time and effort and web space involved. This is a great way to link to you existing web site or just advertisement even if you don't have any other online presence. Less expensive than print advertising, and it supports a great endeavor. Interested? Contact me for more details either by email or during the day at 624-8792.

The Online Observer will be present at the Community Business Association Trade Fair, August 15, at the Double Tree Hotel. We'll have our computer set up and plugged into the Net for those who want to see The Observer, the Community Business Association page, register online for AIDS WALK '96 or just as a nerd magnet for those of us who are drawn to any computer regardless of what else is going on.

The Surfing with Cyber Queers 101 Internet Classes are beginning to fill up. There are folks signing up for all three we've scheduled and none are totally full. If you want information about these classes, call us at 624-8792 or stop by Girlfriends Coffee House and BookStore (Men are welcome), 3540 North Oracle. They have registrations forms there. We'll also have them at the CBA Trade Fair.

I'd love to hear from ya, send me some cyber babble. See ya in Cyberspace!



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Venturing Out... By Sasha Alyson

The AIDS Quilt In D.C. & The Mardi Gras In Sydney

Since its inception eight years ago, the AIDS Memorial Quilt has been seen by millions of Americans and grown to include 45,000 memorial panels. This fall, from Friday, October 11 to Sunday, October 13, The Quilt will again be displayed in its entirety on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Sadly, it's now twice the size it was when last displayed on the Mall in 1992.

According to Scott Williams, a spokesperson for the NAMES Project in San Francisco, organizers have timed the display to refocus attention on the AIDS epidemic just prior to the national elections.

Among the events being held with the display are the "A Night to Remember" fund raising dinner at the National Building Museum Friday, October 11; a candle light march on October 12, a VH-1 Benefit Concert that same evening. Also taking place are a variety of religious services, concerts and conferences.

For the Gay community, the Quilt is a colorful memorial to partners, family members and friends lost to AIDS over the past 15 years, and a visit is highly recommended. Few sights are more moving than the thousands of personalized panels celebrating the lives and memories of loved ones now departed.

Those considering the trip to Washington to see the Quilt are urged to make travel arrangements now, as 750,000 people are expected to view it over the October weekend. National, Dulles, and BWI airports serve Washington, with the latter two usually having the lowest airfares. Amtrak and Greyhound also have service from most East Coast cities.

Your travel agent can help with airline and hotel reservations, or you can book them through the NAMES Project Travel Desk (800) 926-2631, which has discount agreements of 5-10% with most major airlines. Finally, since the upkeep, transport and logistics of the Quilt are quite expensive, please donate what you can to help defray expenses.

What's the world's biggest Gay party? The answer will surprise most North Americans: It's the Gay and lesbian Mardi Gras in Sydney, Australia.

The annual celebration has come a long way since the 1978 protest march that started it all. That event turned into a near riot after police charged the group,

nightsticks flailing, and arrested 53 marchers, Mardi Gras programs in recent years have included welcome statements from the Prime Minister and Premier, and with good reason: The celebration has grown into Australia's biggest tourist draw, Gay, straight, or otherwise.

The 1997 Mardi Gras parade and party take place on March 1, but the entire month surrounding it is packed with related events. Several Gay tour operators offer air and hotel packages. These include:

Above and Beyond Tours, which has a variety of tours and South Pacific options with Mardi Gras, which can be done individually or with a group. These include Melbourne, the Great Barrier Reef, Ayers Rock, and Auckland for the Heroes Party. For more information, call (800) 397-2681.

Men on Vacation offers a range of options besides Mardi Gras, depending on interest and budget. These include New Zealand, the Man Friday resort in Fiji, Ayers Rock, and the Great Barrier Reef. They can be reached at (800) 959-4636.

And our own Alyson Adventures is taking a Gay group from February 20 to March 7. The "Boomerang" trip will include hiking in the Blue Mountains, Sydney for Mardi Gras, and visits to a tropical rain forest and the Great Barrier Reef. For more details call, (800) 825-9766.

Closer to home, San Francisco is host to the 13th annual Folsom Street Fair, Sunday, September 29, from 11 to 6 P.M. This street fair, with its distinctly adult orientation, originated in the leather community and now attracts tens of thousands of revelers each year. The fair will be held on Folsom Street, between 7th and 12th Streets, and features more than 200 vendors, selling arts and crafts, leather gear, food and beer. Nonprofit organizations and a variety of South of Market businesses will also be represented. Two separate stages will feature live entertainment throughout the day, and there will also be a large dance area.

Admission to San Francisco's largest street fair is free, but donations are encouraged. Last year the event raised more than \$60,000 for community organizations, primarily those dealing with AIDS. Those interested in more information should call, (415) 861-FAIR.

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Then my spouse began having back problems! We sold the mobile home and moved into a rental, so there was no need for either of us to climb up on the roof. However, the house we rented had some bushes situated quite close to the front of the house, and the day came when it was necessary to trim them. Although my spouse's back was much better, she was still unable to go up the ladder and use the electric hedge trimmers, and our finances wouldn't allow us to pay someone to do the job. That left me!

This time, however, I decided to do things a little differently than when I'd "frozen" on the ladder some years before! I decided to pray. There's a verse in Scripture that says, "I can do everything

through him (Jesus) who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13) This was a very familiar verse to me, I even had a T-shirt with that verse printed on it, so I decided to see if it would really work. I can't tell you exactly what I prayed, something like, "Dear Jesus, you know how afraid I am to get on this ladder. Please help me, give me strength like you promised in your word you would do." And then I started up the ladder. And guess what? I didn't freeze, I was able to do the trimming that needed to be done.

Ever since then I have no longer had a fear of heights! This doesn't mean that I take foolish chances when I have to get up on a ladder. I always pray, "Jesus, help me" because he doesn't promise to protect us if we do foolish things. But I know that he keeps his word to those who trust him.

I don't know what you're facing that's difficult for you. Perhaps it's the loss of a spouse. Or maybe it's a job interview. It might be coming out to your parents or friends. Whatever difficulty it is, Jesus can give you the strength to get through it. When he becomes your Savior, he also becomes your strength. Call on him today for the strength you need.

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Hello my wonderful family! I am writing to you today from the lovely Hilton Airport Hotel in Burbank, California. It's not too bad when I take my hearing aids out, to stop the noise of airplanes landing and taking off. If you don't know where Burbank is, it's a suburb of L.A. The hotel, staff, pool and food are really quite good. Of course, without a care, food tends to be on the expensive side, this is life I guess.

Why am I here? We're having a Leadership conference that's one of the best ever. We'll be examining so many diverse ideas, workshops, round table discussions, keynote addresses and much more. I know that I'm excited to be here in Burbank and able to attend this conference. I will be able to bring back reworked ideas, new ideas, various opportunities to allow us as a church to grow in every way possible. Also, there will be other pamphlets, discussion sessions and

other outreach opportunities, so we as a religious community in Tucson may be able to find more common ground. Then, not to be left out, other ideas for interfacing with the secular community. I look forward to learning as much as possible to work toward helping in the creating of a more cohesive community-at-large.

It seems that we have many little factions in Tucson. I believe all of us in leadership positions need to be attempting to find that common ground where we can establish a firm foundation of community. As a bunch of tiny groups, we can't work as efficiently and as effectively as we must. I'll be returning to work on August 7, the day you first get to read this article. I hope that we can begin to enact talk leading us to the unity that Tucson needs and is capable of achieving.

I was wondering if we could set up another "Tucson Meet Yourself" gathering. I believe that the sanctuary and fellowship hall are large enough to set up the information tables. There's a large parking lot, and if needed, I can contact the Greek Orthodox Church for overflow parking, next to our own parking lot. If there's sufficient interest, I will take it through all the proper channels to get it finalized.

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Crime Wave Hits D.C. Gay Community

WASHINGTON, D.C. (WS) - The nation's capital, a city of pristine monuments, hoards of tourists, and marbled corridors of power is falling apart.

Two decades of self rule, according to newspaper reports, have left the city virtually insolvent, and the effects of this deterioration in spirit and essential city services is having a huge impact on the District's urban Gay community.

Community activists and residents of the Dupont Circle area, the city's Gay epicenter, recently met with police, fire and rescue officials to voice concern that muggings and hate crimes are on the rise. Indeed, while other cities in the country are experiencing a dramatic fall in crime rates, Washington is in the midst of a crime wave: the murder rate in the District has increased by 24 percent this year compared with 1995.

John Fanning, a city official from Mayor Marion Barry's office, said he organized the meeting because of a recent rash of attacks against Gay men. Fanning said at least five attacks occurred during the week of the Fourth of July holiday. Of those, four were muggings accompanied by either verbal or physical assaults sparked by the men's sexuality. In the fifth incident, the victims were attacked but weren't robbed.

Newspaper reports quote Inspect Sonya Proctor as saying it's difficult to sort out whether recent muggings are tied to hate crimes. Armed robberies, she said, are up by 11 percent from last year, though crime overall in the District is down 7 percent. "I appreciate their per-

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ception that there is an increase in Gay attacks . . ." she said in an interview. "It's a gut feeling, and the fact that they feel it's important," Proctor said. "But statistics can tell them that's not true."

'Jenny Jones' Judge Stays; Defense Vows Fast Appeal

DETROIT, MI (WS) - The opening of the "Jenny Jones" murder trial got off to a rocky start as the leading defense attorney vowed to appeal Oakland Circuit Judge Francis O'Brien's decision not to remove himself from presiding over the case.

James Burdick, who is defending Jonathan Schmitz in the murder of Scott Amedure, said he will file the motion over a local newspaper report, in which O'Brien called him and Roman Kaltyiak, a prosecutor, liars.

Local reports quote Burdick's appeal as saying, "It is abundantly clear that the judge's continued . . . unfairness, and increasingly erratic and bizarre behavior, render it impossible for him to continue to preside in this matter."

Schmitz's trial was scheduled to begin last week, the fourth trial date since Schmitz was accused of 16 months ago of killing his Gay secret admirer, Scott Amedure. The murder took place three days after both appeared on a taping of the Jenny Jones television show in Chicago.

Given the unresolved pre-trial motions, County prosecutor Kaltyiak predicted an official starting date of no sooner than September.

Gay Man Sues Hospital Over Reproductive Services

BOSTON, MA (WS) - A complaint has been filed against the New England Medical Center, alleging it refused him reproductive medical services because he is Gay.

Robert Carr lodged a complaint with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination saying the Medical Center and its reproductive service director, Dr. Richard Reindollar, denied his request to collect and deliver his sperm because he is Gay. Carr is being helped by the Gay & Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, a political advocacy organization.

Carr, who had already fathered one child, had requested New England Medical to help in the delivery of his semen to the would-be mother. He was referred to Reindollar's office for banking and transporting the semen to the mother's care provider.

The hospital denied any wrongdoing and released a statement saying, "We're confident it will be found that Mr. Carr suffered no discrimination at New England Medical Center."

The complaint was filed the same day Massachusetts Governor William Weld signed a measure, expanding the state's hate crimes bill to include crimes committed against people because of their sexual orientation or disability.

Johnson & Johnson May Lose HIV Test

NEW YORK, NY (WS) - Local newspaper reports an arbitrator has ordered Johnson & Johnson to turn over control of the division that makes "Confide" HIV test kits to Elliott Millenson.

Millenson and his wife, Wendy Strongin, invented the test in 1988, but sold the assets of their business to Johnson & Johnson in 1993 to speed development, FDA testing, and marketing. As part of the agreement, Millenson was made head of the new division set up to market the test. In 1995, Johnson & Johnson fired Mr. Millenson in an action an independent arbitrator ruled "unjustified."

As per the employment agreement between J&J and Mr. Millenson, an unjustified termination of Mr. Millenson was to result in the company's turning over to Millenson and his wife "all assets necessary to put them in actual control" of the business. Johnson & Johnson did not refute this aspect of the agreement.

However, given the estimated profit potential of "Confide," J&J does not want to cede control of the product. The giant manufacturer now claims that the arbitrator exceeded his authority in siding with Millenson.

The home-HIV test was only recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration. By blotting a few drops of blood on a card and mailing it to a "Confide" lab, people can learn their HIV status within a few days and without leaving their homes. Counseling and referrals, if needed, are made available to those who test positive.



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Lil Darlings	17.0	18.0	4356
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Court Jesters	15.0	20.0	4294
Ab Fab	14.5	20.5	4273

Average: Jam It Hard!, 193. Game Scratch: Jam It Hard!, 247. Series Scratch: Jam It Hard!, 857. Game HC: Jam It Hard!, 263. Series HC: Jam It Hard!, 921.

Bowling Benefit August 11

TUCSON - The Desert Coyotes and Lambda Lizards, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian bowling leagues are holding a benefit barbecue, Sunday, August 11, at the Plug,

to kick off the drive for the upcoming winter leagues.

The barbecue dinner will be served, from 4 to 7 P.M., at the Plug, 2520 North Oracle. The cost is \$3 per plate, with the proceeds going to the two leagues to help in their campaign to have more Gays and Lesbians join the fastest growing sport in America, bowling!

Tucson's own Gay and Lesbian bowling tournament, the Halloween Invitational Tournament-Tucson, will have information at the fund raiser for those interested in bowling in the fall classic.

See the advertisement for information about the fund raiser. For more information about the leagues call 798-1549, or 743-3303.

Shootin' Around Town

by Wayne Steele

TUCSON - Here are the winners of the most recent pool tournaments held in the Old Pueblo:

The Graduate. 8/3. \$260 pot. First Place - Jim PH, \$130. Second Place - Larry LL, \$80. Third Place - Arnold AG, \$50.

Stonewall Eagle. 8/4. \$60 pot. First Place - Patsy KK, \$30. Second Place - Wayne CS, \$20. Third Place - Greg JR, \$10.

AIDSWALK '96 and RIDE for the AIDSWALK '96 is just around the corner and your help is needed in many ways. This event is scheduled for October 13 at the Rillito Downs, North First Avenue and Wetmore Road. Coincidentally, it's also the same weekend as the AIDS Memorial Quilt Display in Washington, D.C. As a result it's a very appropriate weekend to call upon our community members for support and participation in what is to be the biggest AIDSWALK ever in Tucson!

Heading this year's efforts is Matthew Palmer, AIDSWALK Coordinator. Heading the RIDE for the AIDSWALK is Ammie Carpenter. Anyone interested in volunteering for the event, helping with activities prior to the event, riding a horse in the RIDE, or helping with financial donations, contact Matthew at 322-9191 and Ammie at 770-1314, "the horse hot line."

Last year was the first time Ammie organized the RIDE and had 40 horses and riders show. This year we're expecting around 200! You can make it more. The horse parade is only one part of the day's happenings. Other entertainment that'll excite and inspire everyone has been put on the agenda.

We're asking that you get your friends, neighbors, relatives, co-workers to help sponsor you in the WALK by pledging \$10 or more. The ever increasing demand for services from our three AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs), People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT),

Tucson AIDS Project (TAP), and the Shanti Foundation, depend on fund raising events such as this to continue quality operations to community members in need. Please help us help our brothers and sisters. . . .

Beginning the first in September, PACT will return to its regularly scheduled hours: Monday-Friday, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

The Sixth Annual LIFE THRU ART '96 art auction fund raising event for PACT is scheduled for Friday, September 20, in the grand ballroom of the Doubletree Hotel, south Alvernon. Silent Auction begins at 7 P.M. and will run throughout most of the evening. The live auction will begin at 8 P.M. Tickets are available at PACT, \$20 per person. For additional information and for other ticket outlets, call Ken Leist, 770-1710. Volunteers are need and your help will be greatly appreciated.

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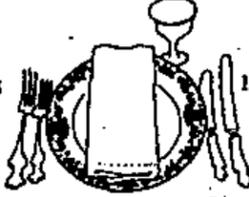


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Swift and sure Mercury moves from dramatic and boisterous Leo to staid Virgo. Our communication tempers any volatile situation; not a bad thing considering we probably started the whole darn commotion under Leo's feisty influence. Time to clean up our acts kids. Try to sound measured and serious, won't you?

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

You've had your say in the sun, proud Ram. The waning Mercury in Leo conjured up fun filled, adoring audiences for your wit and wisdom. Now, with Mercury pursuing other communication venues, so should you. Put in your two cents on the job. Virgo's incisive energy enables you to separate the time waster from the time saver. Get to the meat of the project. Some of us like it that way.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Queer Bulls should employ the new and exciting Mercury in Virgo energy in any pastime or artistic venture. Maybe that means writing that great Gay play or even directing one. Virgo's masterful energy works best behind the scenes in a more servicing role rather than as the fabulous, glory grabbing, diva. However if Mr. DeMille calls for your close-up, who am I to argue?

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Pink and proud Twins can best use the Mercury in Virgo energy to plan any home related projects. Your mind is sharp and focused on what looks good where down to the smallest detail. The other advantage of this conservative Virgo influence is your ability to rationally discuss any hot and heavy issues with family members. Open up that closet and clean it out. You only live once.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Mercury in Virgo is naturally placed in your chart that means communication is spot on in measured, decisive dollops. Get the word out, dear, queer Crab, and don't mince words. You'll have the uncanny ability to mix sensitive Cancer insights with pure Virgo logic, resulting in unassailable argument. Fire off a letter to your Representative. Remember, that it's an important election year.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud, regal Lions were in their glory when Mercury waltzed in their own signs. Now Mercury in Virgo enables you to concentrate on the more mundane aspects of financial planning. You gain insight by asking the right monetary questions thanks to serious, conservative Virgo. Who knows? With the right advisor, the path to true retirement bliss may not be far. Send me a postcard when you get there.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

As Mercury enters your own sign, remember that all ears will be tuned into your frequency for the next three weeks or so. If you have something that needs to be expressed, try to express it now while the energy is right. Meticulous proud Virgins have probably already written out their personal treatise so dust it off and give it a yell. Be kind to strangers. You'll meet a busload of them during this transit.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Even sociable pink Libras will be encouraged to turn inward when Mercury enters Virgo. Your inner voice turns up the volume and it's an excellent time to have a discussion. Maybe it's a matter of becoming more active in a good Gay

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charitable cause. Virgo's meticulous planning capabilities will enable you to blend your innate charm into the perfect benefit fund raiser.

corporate lexicon. Maybe an inspirable someone will hear you and give you the accolades you so richly deserve. Okay, take the raise instead.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

The group dynamic gets the juices flowing for all proud Scorps thanks to Mercury in Virgo. You thrive among friends. They support your theories and give you great new idea directions. You in turn can advise them properly tit for tat. (Some of us like it that way.) Get involved and get going while the planetary oomph is there. Use that strategic power for good and not for evil.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Gay Caps think in more universal terms now that Mercury has entered Virgo. It's time to expand your base of knowledge so register for that course that you've been talking about for so long. Travel to new exotic places or set out to meet new exotic strangers. Just don't pick up any new exotic fashion statements. It's hard to imagine conservative queer Goats wearing chiffon.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Even humanitarian out-of-this-world Aquarians will have down-to-earth human thoughts with Mercury in Virgo. Your mind gets hot and sweaty with zesty sexy thoughts. Who can resist expressing those thoughts? What turns you on? It's not time to be shy. While you're at it, begin

to analyze your internal psychological motivations. Breakthroughs and ultimate happiness are possible.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Mercury moves into your opposite sign of Virgo that means that pink Fish must turn from self interested thoughts and turn to clearing up partnership concerns. What are you really seeking in a relationship? What are you prepared to give to others? Put the meat on the table and talk it out cousin. Remember to listen. There are three sides to every issue; yours, theirs and the truth.

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CALENDAR

of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

The Girlie Show 9:00 p.m. with Miss Gay Tucson, Felice Renard and starring Eulemia De Havilland, Aja Simone and Mama Reyna.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

IBTS - Underwear Nite here from 9:30 p.m. to closing. Special drink prices to those in their undies!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

GRADUATE - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) monthly Beer Bust from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Pool Tourney begins at 2:00p.m. also.

IBTS - Customer Appreciation Nite here. Your chance to win a new color television. Drawing at 11:30p.m. Must be present to win. Free drawing tickets available at the door.

PLUG - 'Lipstick & Lashes' show to celebrate the new Altamator Room at the Plug, Tucson's newest cabaret room. The show features the talents of Lucinda Holliday, Mama Reyna, Miss Adrienne Alexander and Karina Montenegro plus the live vocals of Sasha. Reserved table seating \$2.00 per person. Showtime is 9:30 p.m. Check it out!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

PLUG - Beer Bust and Bar-B-Que 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. to benefit the Lambda Lizards Bowling League.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

IBTS - A special Gilda Falala Benefit for her Miss Gay America campaign. "Pay Back Time Gilda". Showtime 9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

GRADUATE - 'The Grad Girls' return at 9:00 p.m. hosted by Christina de Alexis.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

PLUG - Dinner and Awards Presentation to bowlers in the Lambda Lizards Bowling League

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

PLUG - A benefit Beer Bust and Bar-B-Que here from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. to benefit the Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

HOURS - It's time for the last BBQ of the season. Don't miss Adrienne's fry braad. 2:00 p.m. Be there or be square!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

HOURS - Karaoke begins tonight from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Wet Dog Productions. Karaoke will continue here every other Tuesday.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Miss Carousel Ball 7:00 p.m. Watch for more details.

Non-Bar CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

GTV - All live Gay cablecast program #23 of this season begins at 8:00 p.m. on Tucson Cablevision channel 64 (or for cable ready TV's try channel 56). If you would like to participate in the audience be at the studio at 124 E. Broadway by 7:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. The MSN Book club will be discussing Gore Vidal's gay classic, The City and the Pillars. Call Jerry at 690-9585 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Come wear funny shoes and loss large objects on polished oak floors! Rainbow Families, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents network goes bowling at Fiesta Lanes at 4:00 p.m. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents and their family members are welcome. Call Craig at 318-9348 for more information.

Cronies Social Club monthly meeting will not be held today but will be combined with their anniversary dinner on Aug. 22.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 a.m. Salt River Tubing. We will car caravan up to the Mesa area and tube down the river (4 1/2 hour float). Return to Tucson about 8 p.m. Call Donn at 325-4257 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 9 a.m. Day trip to Bisbee by van. This is a chance to have a guided tour or time to wander around downtown Bisbee on your own. Return to Tucson about 7 p.m. \$12 covers van and lunch. Call Dan at 622-8112 for reservations for this popular day trip. Guests always welcome. 4 p.m. Triangle Tribe, a support group using communication and relationship skills towards developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance, and brotherhood. Call Tom at 318-1850 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Intermediate bridge night. Bridge for persons who want to refresh their bridge skills. Table talk learning. Call Perry at 321-4387. Guests always welcome.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

Cronies Social Club movie night at Leo's. 7:00 pm. Classic oldies. Call 624-6768 for title, directions and RSVP.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Dinner out at Caruso's Restaurant, 434 Fourth Ave. Call Steve at 795-6718 for reservations and directions. We need to have numbers in advance. Guests always welcome.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

Community Business Association, Tucson's Gay business network is holding a Trade Fair exhibiting Gay and Lesbian businesses, products and services available in Tucson. 8:00 p.m. in the Bonzai Boojum Room of the Doubletree Hotel, 445 S. Alvernon. There will be entertainment by Desert Voices, door prizes and a no host bar. Featured speaker for the evening will be Tucson Mayor George Millar. There is a \$2.00 donation to benefit CBA. (Admission is free to CBA members). All members of the Tucson Lesbian and Gay community should take advantage of this opportunity to learn about all the who's, what's and where's in the Gay businesses of Tucson.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Slide show of a "Visit to Turkey". A way to visit Turkey without leaving Tucson. Call Jim N. at 577-1602 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Discussion night. This will be a discussion of "Dating", where we discuss various thoughts about dating. Call Bob at 623-1732 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

Rainbow Families, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents network, holds and support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. Meet at 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, at River and Swan, Room 31. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are welcome. Call Craig at 3118-9348 for more information.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 2 p.m. MSN hike on the Oracle Ridge Trail in the Santa Catalina Mountains. Call Larry at 795-9125 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome. 4 p.m. Triangle Tribe, a support group using communication and relationship skills towards developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. Call Tom at 318-1850 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Card game night. A variety of card games are available for all levels. Call Martin at 571-8954 for reservations and directions. Swan and 5th Ave. area. Guests always welcome.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

Surfing with Cyber Queers: 101 Internet Classes are happening at Girlfriends Coffee House, 3540 N. Oracle from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Pre-registration can be done there or call 624-8792 for more information.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

Cronies Social Club Anniversary Dinner and business meeting at Cafe Melange. 6:30 p.m. Call Richard at 578-0840 if you plan to attend.

GTV - All live Gay cablecast program #24 of this season begins at 8:00 p.m. on Tucson Cablevision channel 64 (or for cable ready TV's try channel 56). If you would like to participate in the audience be at the studio at 124 E. Broadway by 7:45 p.m.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Summer Chiller video movie (out of the heat, into the cool) "Outrageous Fortune". This is an outrageously funny comedy starring Bekka Midler and Shelley Long. Call Leo at 690-9585 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

Tucson CALENDAR

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 8-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Base Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws \$1.25 or 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 8-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBTS - Open Noon to 1 pm. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Benefit 8-8Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing 8pm to close.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-6pm. BBQ 'Salapas' with Brian & Michael 4-7pm. 50¢ Beer Bust 4-8.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 8pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-6pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 8pm \$3 entry fee. Best Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 9 to 1 am.

GRADUATE - Open 8am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢ Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!)

HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.

IBTS - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50 32oz pitchers. Astro 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 6pm. \$1 schnapps all the time. Campy movies with Meese 8pm. Dart Tournament 8:30pm. \$1.50 Longnecks 8pm-close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon to 7:00pm. Party with Brian. Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 8pm HI-ROG Dance Music. Party with Stephen.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 8am - 8pm.

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. Says Nite Out At The BIZ 2for1 on all wine, well and long necks from 9 to close.

GRADUATE - Open 8am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25, Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close

IBTS - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tattoos Tuesday. \$1.25 well and \$1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoos. Prizes and surprises.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 6pm. \$1.75 well 8pm to close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 8pm with Latin Music Party.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 8am - 8pm.

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Boogie Night. Music from 70s & 80s from 9to1. Beer Bust 7-11pm - \$1.25 pitchers.

GRADUATE - Open 8am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. 301 Dart Tourney 7:30 p.m. Singles \$3 entry. Pot matched. Double elimination.

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close.

IBTS - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Miss Sex Nite. \$1.50 Bud Product Special 8 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 6pm. 2 for 1 Well 8pm - 1am.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 8pm. Corona and Curves Gold \$1.50.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Curves Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 8am-8pm. Backside open 8pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.2

GRADUATE - Open 8am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Helaban or Corona \$2.00 8pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.

IBTS - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and \$1.50 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing 8pm-close.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 6pm. \$1.75 Corona and Curves from 8 to 1.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 12pm-7pm. Peter specials all night long. Stonewall opens 8pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open open 8pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm

friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hots B'Deuvres

GRADUATE - Open 8am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Country Western Music 8-1am.

IBTS - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Patio Bar with Leassy 8-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 6pm with Cardas. \$1 schnapps all the time. \$1 Domestic Long Necks 8-10pm Dance music with Dave from Phoenix at 8pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm; Hot Hots B'Deuvres 8pm. Stonewall opens 8pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening long.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 8pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 8 pm. Pot matched, 1st 70%, 2nd 20%, 3rd 10%

GRADUATE - Open 8am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.

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AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3288 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 690-9583 for information and a newsletter. 528

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association Y.G.S.A., please contact Mary G. 770-9979 or Bertie L. 318-3413.

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 290-8063.

DR. BOB'S EROTIC DISCUSSION GROUP for Gay and Bisexual men. A confidential setting in which to discuss all aspects of our erotic lives, from safer sex to masturbation to monogamy to... Many heads are better than one! Wednesday nights. Call Robert Feldhaus at 623-1732.

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 the Tucson AIDS Project at 322-8226.

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BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan. 320-1319.

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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.

DR. BOB'S INTIMACY SKILLS GROUP for Gay and Bisexual men. If you want more closeness in your life, you need to learn the skills that allow for intimacy. This group is a place to learn and grow quickly! Monday nights. Call Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. at 623-1732.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Paul X Catholic Church, 1900 N. Camino Rio Decker in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie 721-2003 or Anita Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Holman 577-4333 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets every third Thursday at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Avenue at 7pm.

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 8 weeks. 894-7063.

TRIAK, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 298-6647.

THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson. Call 787-3118 for more information and a membership bio.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himsel Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 329-3555

FACT - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 801 W. Congress. Office hours 8 to 5 M-F (S-T Wed); Support Group meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 770-1710 for info.

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON Help us help others in giving emotional support to persons with HIV and AIDS and their families, friends. Contact us Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 300 E. 9th Street, 622-7107. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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 575-8880 or write P.O. Box 38264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3288 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 795-7296.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Alcohol 881-4784 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

YOUNG AND GAY? Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1778.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bi men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7483 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 181 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS (prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 9-5. 322-8228. AIDS Hotline: 328-AIDS.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL Call information and Referral 881-4784 - 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 328-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BISEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 8:30 - 9:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1778.

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 22. Call the church at 398-8883 for information.

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

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

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L.S.B., EX-L.D.B., GAY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7pm. 320-1319 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL, every Sunday at 2pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Denny 886-1208 for more info.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.L.B.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 842-3833. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/ English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745. 770-1314.

ARIZONA GAY BODEO ASSOCIATION (AGBA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0605 or write AGBA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40684, Tucson, AZ 85717.

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message.

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 8543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-4, Cortaro, AZ 85632.

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TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE Men and women welcome. Office 574-2272.

"LAMBDA CAR CLUB, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call Rich 318-0540.

LESBIAN AND GAY BLANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2540 E. Thomas, Phoenix. HMs 561-8450 or Sam 958-2384.

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 Marie at 846-7264. Call CRONIES 846-7264.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Gertrude (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to ALL. Call Jeff or Art (520)782-8135.

SUN COUNTRY NATURISTS: Social Nudist Club for men and women. Write to: Sun Country Naturists, P.O. Box 43772, Tucson, AZ 85733-3772

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7256.

NAME MEET: Long-haired Gay male penpal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P6C4

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP meets at St. Phillips in the 19th Episcopal Church on alternate Mondays. Call David, 323-7843 for more info.

"AT RISK AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. No meetings in July or August. 422 N. 4th Ave.

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 at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #162. For information call 797-9882.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3641 N. Campbell Ave. #368, Tucson, AZ 85718.

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requires an automatic discharge of any armed services member who is HIV+. I support health benefits for domestic partners.

"I also believe that if the citizens of Hawaii believe it to be in their public interest to permit same-sex marriages, they should be permitted to do so. By the same token, other states-as Arizona has done-should be allowed to define marriage differently, and not be required to accept the definition adopted by others. It is for this reason that I voted for the so-called Defense of Marriage Act when it was before the House a few weeks ago.

"Now, however, there are some who have decided that their disagreement with this particular vote warrants their making public information about private life-information they may have heard second or third about my sexual orientation.

"That I am a Gay person has never affected the way that I legislate. The fact that I am Gay has never, nor will it ever, change my commitment to represent all the people of Arizona's Fifth District. I am the same person . . . I intend to continue that mission if the voters of the Fifth District, in their wisdom, decide that I should represent them in the 105th Congress."

The story, which was already on the wire services, was reported by KVOA-TV, Channel 4, during their special nine o'clock news programs. According to Ron Foreman, the plan was to go to the local television media this past Friday. But, KVOA blew "the plan out of the water."

Reaction to the announcement has been positive. According to Ron Foreman, calls into the Tucson Congressional office had received overwhelming positive

response. Kolbe's campaign manager, Toni Mellon, said the campaign hasn't received any negative calls. Sources in the nation's Capitol stated Kolbe has received overwhelming support from both Democratic and Republican members of Congress. Capitol sources also state that the Republican leadership in the House reacted positively, and expressed their support of Rep. Kolbe.

The Arizona Republican delegation to Congress, praised Kolbe for his work, and stated his announcement wouldn't affect their support of him, which is strong.

Rep. Jim Kolbe faces a perennial candidate, Joe Sweeney, in the Republican primary. The winner will face Democrat, Mort Nelson, and Libertarian, John Zajac in the general election.

Homophobia Linked

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men, one was homophobic, defined as having an irrational fear and hatred of homosexuals and a dread of being close to them, and the other group was not. When scientists exposed both groups to heterosexual, Gay, and Lesbian erotic videos, over half the men in the homophobic group showed arousal to videos showing Gay sex, while less than a quarter of the non-homophobic group were similarly aroused.

Adams said that while the study was based on a group of college students, and the results aren't conclusive, the research provides valuable insight into the complexity of human sexuality. "All of us have affections for people of the same sex, as we do for people of the opposite sex," Adams told reporters. "Whether that translates into arousal is another story altogether."

The study defines homophobia as

"the dread of being in close quarters with homosexual men and women as well as irrational fear, hatred and intolerance by heterosexual individuals of homosexual men and women."

The researchers noted this type of aversion is much more emotional than those who feel homosexuality is morally wrong or socially undesirable. They define such responses, which are essentially intellectual as "homonegativism."

CompuServe Shuts Down German Youth Page

NEW YORK, NY - For the second time this year, a decision by CompuServe has angered some members of the Gay community. The online service shut down a Gay youth homepage located on its server, citing the use of "Inappropriate Images and Language," a company spokesperson said.

The "Kuckucksei" homepage, named after a German Gay youth group based in Dusseldorf, provided information on Gay culture, AIDS prevention, and tips on coming to one's parents and peers.

According to CompuServe spokesperson Hilary Rosenhand, CompuServe, which provides 1MB of free homepage space to its members, censors its pages by the same criteria as the program "Cyber Patrol" to keep minors from accessing obscene material on the Internet. Critics charge CompuServe's regulations unfairly target Gay and Lesbian areas, which by way of self-definition, are more apt to describe and relate experiences of a sexual nature.

The "Kuckucksei" site was cited

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by CompuServe for instructing its members on correct application and the proper use of a condom in its AIDS prevention area. "Kuckucksei" members said they couldn't fulfill their mission in providing support and guidance to Gay German youth under CompuServe's restrictive guidelines. The homepage will move to a new address.

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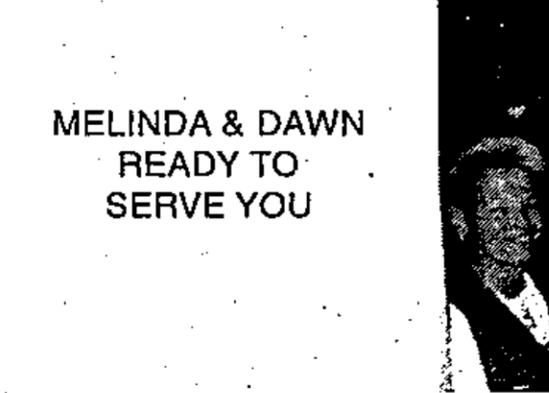
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