

PlanetOut Joins The America On Line Universe

DULLES, VA - America Online, the world's largest consumer online service, announced the introduction of PlanetOut (PNO), a new interactive forum geared to the social, entertainment, educational and political interests of the international Gay and Lesbian community.

PlanetOut, a partnership between PlanetOut Corporation and The AOL Greenhouse, is available on America Online in Clubs & Interests (Mac only), Life, Style & Interests (PC) and at Keyword: PlanetOut and PNO.

PlanetOut offers news, information and chat areas tailored to a wide range of Lesbian and Gay interests presented within a visually appealing, highly interactive format. PNO benefits from the talents and experience of an impressive staff and advisory board from technology, entertainment, design, and community groups. The nation's leading Gay organizations, including groups like PFLAG, GLAAD, and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force also provides a full range on information on PlanetOut.

"The online medium has been built on the idea of fostering communities online," said Ted Leonsis, President of America Online Services Company. "PlanetOut, which delivers an energetic mix of original content and live programming, as well as a wealth of valuable resources, provides our growing membership with a community forum where they can share and exchange information and ideas."

Based in San Francisco with a staff throughout the world, PlanetOut was founded by Tom Rielly, a well-known high-tech activist who co-founded Digital Queers in 1992. DQ is a nonprofit dedicated to helping the Gay community with technology. In addition, Rielly has been a technology industry marketing executive for over a decade, with stints at Farallon, Voyager, SuperMac and Radius.

According to Rielly, PlanetOut's mission is to make the Internet "the first medium where the Gay and Lesbian community can participate instead of being invisible." He added that "PlanetOut was created so that Gay men and Lesbians can find the information they seek in an entertaining, easy-to-use format, while also giving them a voice, a way to contribute, and a sense of participation."

Rielly likens PlanetOut to a meeting place for people with shared interests. "Whether you're out of the closet, closeted and trying to come out, or want to stay inside, you're accepted into the PNO community. It's like meeting your best friend for a nosh, or joining the crowd at a political rally. It's like searching for answers and being able to find them at the click of a mouse. It's a place where your opinions matter, you can express yourself,

and you can get involved."

PlanetOut's advisory board, comprising more than 50 technology executives and Gay community leaders, provides PNO with strategic planning, marketing and content development expertise. Although PlanetOut's principal language is English, it will eventually support French, German, Spanish, Dutch and Japanese speaking members, thus achieving PlanetOut's objective of functioning as a truly international online home. PlanetOut is available now on American Online, AOL Canada, and AOL United Kingdom.

PlanetOut's Departments include: People - The hearth of PNO. People offers engaging chat rooms; live events with community and celebrity guests; scores of topical message boards; personals, using custom PNOCAP technology to encourage easy meeting; a PNO "Who's Who" called Profiled; and after the launch, the personal home pages of thousands of Gay men and Lesbians.

PNO Shop - features a host of exclusive merchants and services carefully selected for their quality and commitment to serve the Gay and Lesbian community.

Shout - This art, entertainment and ideas' magazine features interviews, commentary, and reviews of current films, books and magazines, TV and home video, CD-ROMs, and music too.

NetQueery - This net directory is the most comprehensive guide to the Gay and Lesbian online world, including direct links to thousands of Gay and Lesbian AOL and Internet resources.

Queer Resources Directory - (QRD) is a vast digital library and reference service of Gay and Lesbian politics, history, activism and culture. With over 10,000 documents (150 megabytes of data) organized by topics including youth, coming out, family and sexuality, the QRD is a treasure trove for everyone seeking news reports, background information, newsletters, white papers and much more.

Civic Center - This is the place for PlanetOut Netizens to participate in the work over a dozen major US-based organizations that already represent nearly half a million individual members, including GLAAD, PFLAG, and NGLTF among others.

NewsPlanet - PlanetOut's news area is geared to queer sensibilities, and features daily news, interviews and feature stories from veteran radio producers Greg Gordon, Lucia Chappelle, Cindy Friedman and Brian Nunes.

Popcorn Q - Here is the world's most comprehensive resource for Gay and
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Pete Wilson Wants California To End Adoptions By Gay Couples

LOS ANGELES, CA (WS) - Governor Pete Wilson's chief spokesman, Sean Walsh, admitted in an interview with local reporters, that the controversial proposal to prevent adoptions by unmarried couples in California is part of a broader social policy intended to discourage Gay men, Lesbians, and single people from raising children.

Walsh acknowledged anti discrimination laws and state statues on adoption prevent Wilson from targeting Gay men, Lesbians and singles with punitive regulations. He stressed, however, Wilson is determined to bring public opinion to that position.

Department of Social Services hearings were held in three cities last week to register public reaction to the new proposals. Critics repeatedly charged Wilson's prime motivation was to ban adoptions by Gays. DSS spokespersons denied the accusation, stating the proposal was merely aimed at "preserving the sanctity of marriage."

Only when the hearing were over and the forum for public reaction closed did Wilson's office make its intentions clear. This infuriated an already angry coalition of people and groups opposing the new rules.

If approved by the state Health and Welfare Agency, the regulation against adoptions by unmarried couples would go into effect in 1997. It would prohibit California's private and public adoption agencies from recommending such placements. Final jurisdiction rests with local judges.

Wilson's proposals attempt to block so-called limited consent adoptions in which one member of a Gay couple legally adopts the other's child. These adoptions, which are common in big cities like San Francisco and Los Angeles, guarantee the de facto parent the same rights as the legal parent, including making medical decisions and providing benefits to the child.

Gay Comedy Extravaganza At Laffs - Tuesday, Sept. 24



ROB NASH

TUCSON - Laffs Comedy Caffe will present a Gay Comedy Extravaganza next Tuesday, September 24. The evening will star comedian Rob Nash who has starred on several TV comedy specials, most recently the HBO "Comedy Half-Hour" with Susanne Westenhoeffer. He has also been featured stand-up comedian on Comedy Central's "Out There In Hollywood" as well as VH-1's "Stand-up Spotlight". Ron has worked with Ellen DeGeneres, and Paula Poundstone among many others in comedy clubs across the country. This will be his initial Tucson appearance.

In addition, Dina Kucera who has just played the Improv in Tempe will join

Nash for the Laffs stint. Dina is a feature writer for Ellen DeGeneres.

The fun begins on Tuesday evening, Sept. 24 at 8:00 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Laffs Comedy Caffe is located at 2900 E. Broadway in the same center as Ain't Nobody's Biz.

Man Pleads Guilty In Oregon Lesbian Couple Hate Crime

MEDFORD, OR (AP) - Occasionally smiling as he stood before a judge, Robert James Acremant pleaded guilty to murdering a Lesbian couple in what he has called a hate crime against homosexuals.

A jury will now be seated to determine whether Acremant gets the death penalty.

Once a man with a steady job, Acremant quit to market a computer program but was running out of money and lost his girlfriend when he met Roxanne Ellis.

On December 4, 1995, Ellis was showing Acremant an apartment when he bound her with duct tape and demanded she write him a check.

When she refused, he lured Michelle Abdill, to the apartment and bound her as well.

The couple was forced into the
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UPDATE

TLGA's Ab Fab Tour September 21

TUCSON - Join the Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA) for the "Absolutely Fabulous" tour of homes. This tour will take place, Saturday, September 21, 8:30 A.M.

Come and see The Dillinger Bed and Breakfast and rose garden. The newly redone, premiere Catalina Park Inn and its spectacular courtyard. A home of two fab guys, together for 45 years and have been collecting Spanish, religious art work for all those years. You wouldn't see such a collection in a museum! An Armory Park jewel, redone for the 90's, by San Francisco's infamous Flame.

Take the tour and experience five great homes, by chartered bus, with cocktails and appetizers served along the tour. Saturday, September 21, 8:30 A.M., buses will leave Arizona Travel for a full day, of nonstop fun. Tickets are \$35, with proceeds going to TLGA. For more information call 748-2422.

Truck Driver Acquitted On 'Sissies' Harassment Charge

BRIDGETON, NJ (WS) - A truck driver who called two Gay men "sissies," was acquitted of harassment. The jury in the New Jersey case took less than 40 minutes to reach a verdict.

Bobbie Crawford was talking to a group of friends when Robert Colle and David Airey, fellow car club members of Crawford's, arrived at an auto show. "Here comes sissy No. 1 and sissy No. 2," Crawford said to the group as the Gay couple passed.

Colle and Airey pressed charges of harassment under a state bias-crimes law that includes sexual orientation. The offense carries up to 18 months in prison and a \$7,500 fine. "I felt intimidated by the comment and the fact that everyone was staring at us when he said it," Colle testified. He said that the comment carried the threat of physical intimidation.

Crawford said he was talking to his friends at the time and wasn't trying to intimidate the two men. Crawford's lawyer said further that Colle, a police officer, had training in self defense and has no reason to feel physically threatened.

Prosecutor Tom DeSimone said it took courage for the Gay couple to come forward and said their actions would make it easier for others facing similar harassment to press for legal protection.

San Francisco Police Commission Opens Hearings On Gay Raid

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (WS) - A special hearing of the San Francisco police commission has opened against four police officers. The four have been charged with using unnecessary force during a notorious 1995 raid on an AIDS fund raiser.

A six-month investigation by San Francisco's civilian police, watchdog agency, the Office of Citizen Complaints, listed 52 sustained allegations against officers participating in the raid. A total of 18 of the 52 charges involve four officers - Stephen Bosshard, John Haggett, Edward Santos and Hoyt Wong.

This is the first politically charged case to be considered by the five commissioners appointed by Mayor Willie Brown. Defenders of the police say the Gay community is overreacting. They say that the level of force used to break up the party, does not justify the action being taken against the four officers.

Gay rights advocates view the hearing as an important test of how responsive the police department is to Lesbian and Gay concerns. John Crew of the American Civil Liberties Union told local reporters. "What these cops are up on charges for is abusing their authority."

Wingspan Seeks New Board Members

TUCSON - Wingspan, Tucson's community center, is seeking new members for its board of directors.

Board members are responsible for maintaining the direction of Wingspan in its mission to provide support, education, and outreach to Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual issues. One of the key goals for the board is to promote the acceptance, well-being, and freedom of Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals.

Wingspan is committed to serving the full diversity of the Tucson Community. Youth, differently abled, and people of color are urged to serve on the board. Wingspan wishes to explore and expand our Lesbian and Gay cultural heritage.

The slate of prospective board members for 1996-97 are to be presented during the Annual Meeting, scheduled for October. If interested, send your resume to Wingspan, c/o Rich Muszynski, 422 N. Fourth Avenue, Tucson 85705. For more information, call Rich at 323-7503.

Gay Student Suspended For Wearing Skirt

BURLINGTON, VT (AP) - A Gay high school student suspended several times for wearing a dress, makeup and a wig to class says he has no plans to change his wardrobe.

"This is who I am," said 15-year-old Matt Suckney, who showed up to school with a black top and a pink, red, and green flowered skirt. "If they're going to kick me out every day of the week, this is going to happen every day."

Administrators says the outfits worn by Burlington High School sophomore disrupt class and therefore violate the district's dress code.

About 100 students cut class to protest the suspensions, with some boys wearing pink lipstick and girls wearing white button-down shirts and ties.

"I'm 17. If I'm going to wear a leotard, they're not going to stop me," said Louis Gilbeau, a junior. "What's the difference between a leotard and a wrestling uniform?"

Added Lisa Martell, a 15-year-old freshman wearing a tie: "People should wear what they want. It's not fair."

A Gay services group, Outright Vermont, criticized the suspensions. "There are Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, cross-dressing young people," said Karin Eade, executive director of the group. "For a school not to celebrate that and not to provide a safe environment for him to learn . . . I think is dangerous."

Complaint Against Bishop Dismissed

PHILADELPHIA, PA (ENS) - Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning announced he will take no further action on a complaint against Bishop Allen Bartlett, Jr. of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Bartlett had ordained a non celibate Gay man as a deacon.

Two priests and more than 100 lay people signed a complaint in June 1995, charging Bartlett with violating Episcopal Church discipline when he ordained the Rev. David Morris, a sexually active Gay man, as a deacon in 1994.

Browning put off any further action on the complaint pending the resolution of an ecclesiastical court trial of Bishop Walter Righter, retired bishop of Iowa, for ordaining a non celibate Gay man as a deacon in 1990. Heresy charges against Righter, brought by ten other bishops from the church, were dismissed by the court in May.

Browning based his decision on the Righter court ruling and an earlier church decision dismissed similar charges against Bishop Stewart Wood of the Diocese of Michigan.

AIDSWALK '96 Needs Volunteers

TUCSON - Don't wait! You can make a difference now by volunteering to work in the AIDSWALK office. Volunteers are needed to work during weekdays. Urgently needed are people for phoning, overseeing mailings, and general organization.

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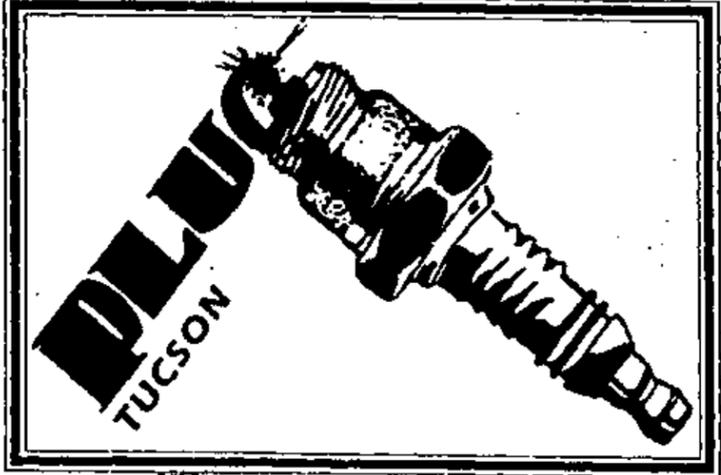
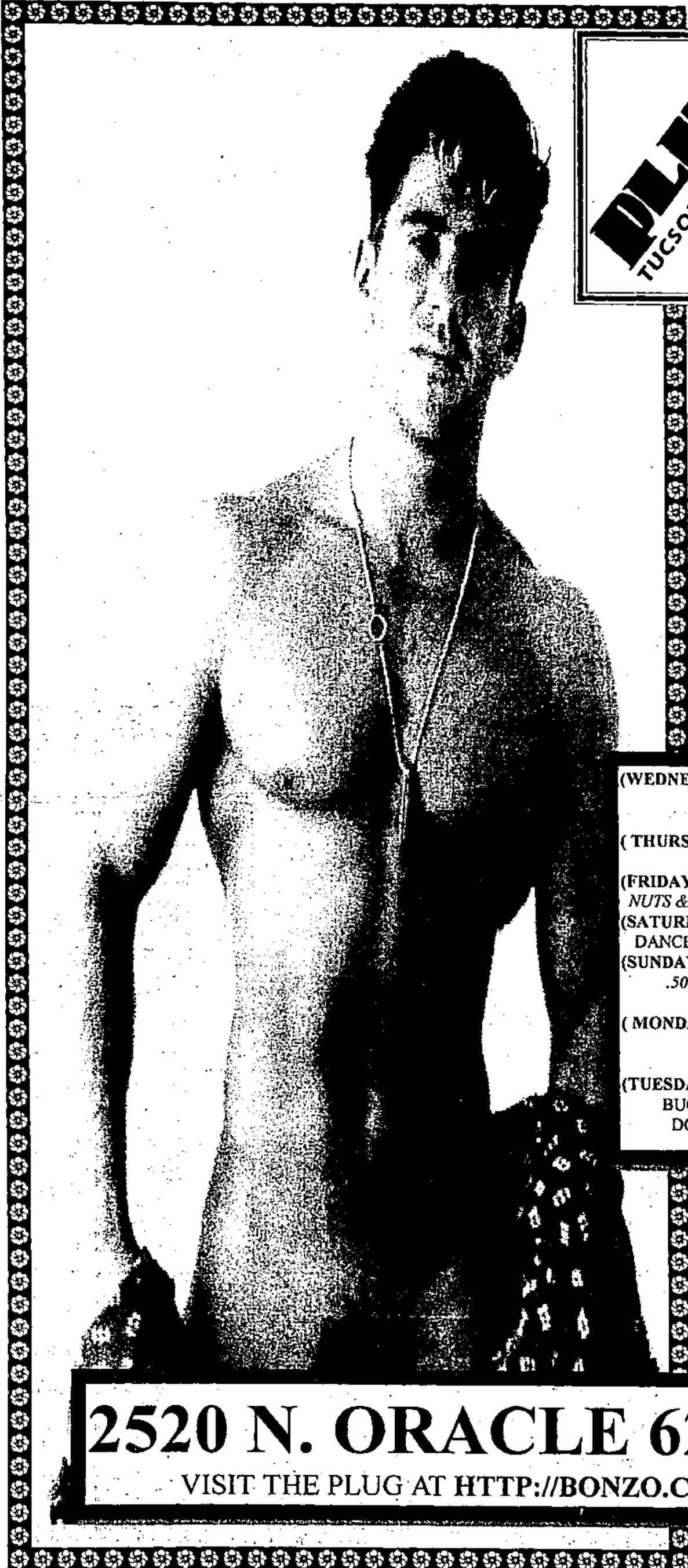
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NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson cordially invites you to join us Friday, September 20, for the Sixth Annual, LIFE THRU ART fund raising event. LIFE THRU ART takes place at the Double Tree Hotel, 445 S. Alvernon Way, in the Grand Ballroom. Fine art donated by concerned local artists can be purchased through a silent auction, and a live auction. The silent auctions begins at 7:00 P.M., with the live auction beginning at 8:00 P.M.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served by Cafe Terra Cotta, Dakota Cafe, Presidio Grill, Boccata Bistro, Ventana Grill, Fuego, Daniel's, Cafe Poca Cosa, Kingfisher, Jano's Ovens, Barrio Grill, Cottonwood Cafe, and Vivace. A no-host bar will also be featured. Tickets are \$20, and are available at PACT, 801 W. Congress, as well as the door. For more information, call 770-1710. . . .

Over the last five years, I participated in The Portland Project and the Tucson Men's Study. This study was part of a larger study called, The AIDS Risk Reduction Evaluation in Two Cities. Though in different parts of the country, these cities are similar in important ways, such as city size and estimated numbers of Gay men. The same strategies were used in both towns to recruit men from neighborhoods as well as bars, where the concentrations of Gay men appeared to be the highest. A total of 2,593 men signed up to participate.

One aim of the study was to learn more about how AIDS has affected Gay and Bisexual men in cities smaller than San Francisco and New York. Every participant was given extensive surveys to complete and submit. In my personal case, as an HIV negative man, I was impressed with the thoroughness of all the surveys' graphic and poignant questions concerning my feelings about friends and acquaintances I knew were HIV+, or were afflicted with AIDS.

Until this study, research on Gay men and their AIDS risk behaviors had mostly been done in San Francisco and New York City. The importance of learning how Gay and Bisexual men were dealing with the epidemic in other communities in the U.S. was addressed.

Another aim of this study was to develop and test a new strategy for preventing the spread of HIV among Gay and Bisexual men. The plan was to compare this new intervention in one city with the

existing programs already in place in another city. Portland was chosen as the city where this intervention was developed in collaboration with The Cascade AIDS Project. Tucson became the comparison city. The main hope of this endeavor was to find new ways to help Gay men to successfully meet the challenge of always being "safe" during sexual activity.

The Intervention: Members of the research team worked with the Cascade AIDS Project to develop and implement a community-level AIDS prevention intervention. The primary goals of the intervention were to: (A) reduce rates of unprotected anal sex; (B) increase the numbers of men who know their HIV status; and (C) support and encourage men to talk to each other about these, and other issues related to HIV.

A meeting was held with CAP staff, service providers, and researchers in Portland to plan the intervention, and to make sure HIV prevention work, already being done in the area, was not duplicated. Several focus groups were created, including four Men of Color focus groups. The groups were to identify needs and concerns of Gay and Bisexual men in the community.

Four major themes emerged from the focus groups: (A) many felt stigmatized (being Gay, being HIV+, or being a Gay man of color within the white majority culture of the Gay community); (B) lack of opportunities for communication about these issues in the community (few spoke to other Gay men about safer sex or HIV status, and many HIV- men wished to learn more about HIV+ men's issues, but feared their curiosity would be perceived as insulting); (C) men wanted places to meet and socialize with other men, besides the bars; (D) men wanted to be more involved in the community, but didn't know what opportunities were available to do so.

An 18 month intervention was designed that would be run by staff and volunteers at CAP. Called the Speak to Your Brothers Project (STYB), it included six program areas: Support, Outreach, Education, Testing, Provider Mobilization and Volunteer Coordination. These are topics to be covered in the following weeks in this column.

I leave you with this in mind, "The gifts of caring, attention, affection, appreciation, and love, are some of the most precious gifts you can give, and they don't cost you anything." - Deepak Chopra



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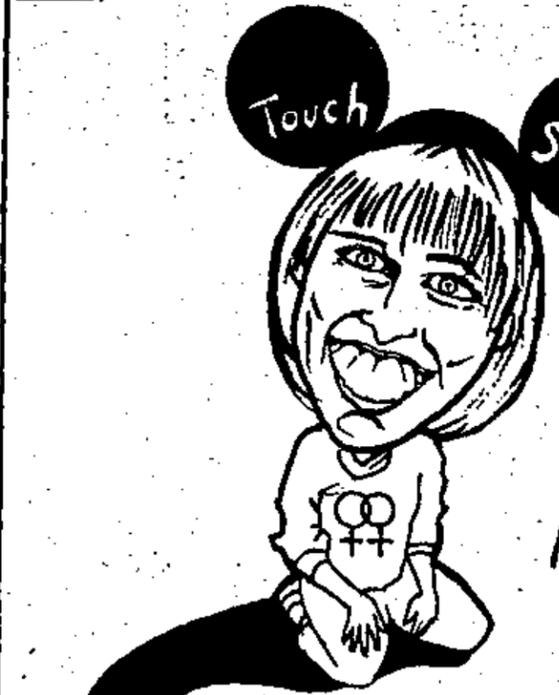
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Perspective

by Fred Miller

Silence Around AIDS Unacceptable When 61% Of Americans Rank AIDS #2 Election Year Worry

WASHINGTON, D.C. - With less than two months remaining before Americans cast their ballots in the November presidential and congressional elections, a Washington Post poll confirms that most candidates seem increasingly preoccupied with issues that matter little, if at all, to most Americans.

In the months before and since the political conventions, there has been a deafening silence around AIDS issues, and a failure to articulate a coordinated re-

sponse to an epidemic that has already claimed more than 320,000 American lives and threatens many more. In a political era, in which action is still determined by poll numbers, The Washington Post's poll reveals that silence on AIDS is a tragic mistake.

When 61 percent of Americans polled indicate that the worry that "AIDS will become more widespread" ties at No. 2 with the worry that "crime will increase," and ranks only one point below

concerns about our educational system, silence is unacceptable.

The results of this poll, which come as no real surprise to AIDS advocates, should send a clear message to candidates and to those who are already sitting in an elected office: "Your priorities had better reflect what really matters to the American public. AIDS Action urges presidential candidates to articulate their plans to end the nightmare of AIDS in this country and to care for those al-

ready infected.

We also urge the Clinton administration and members of Congress to act on the concerns expressed by most Americans as final decisions are made on fiscal year 1997 funding bills that finance the vital services that are provided through the programs that make up our nation's AIDS care infrastructure.

[Fred Miller is the Interim Executive Director of the AIDS Action Council.]

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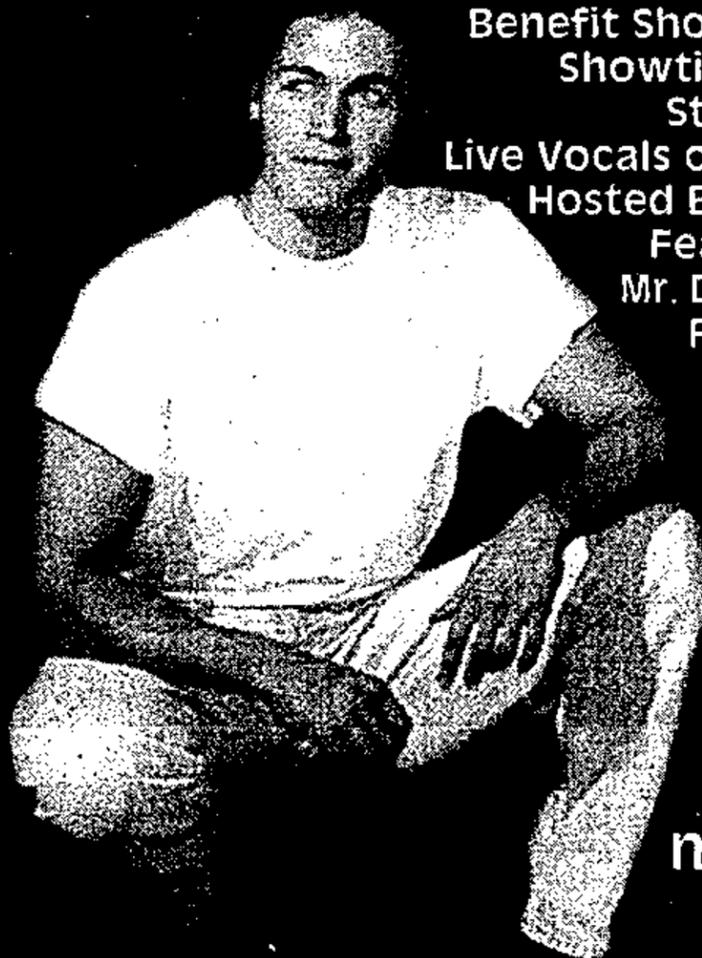
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HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON
 by Anida Cowboy

Well here I am again, rested and ready for another, crazy weekend. I hope everyone had a great week.

Last weekend, Tucson played host for the AGRA State Board members and others from Phoenix who decided to take the opportunity to drive down on a gorgeous, Sunday afternoon.

AGRA-Tucson would like to thank all who attend the "Meeting Fest" which consisted of the Tucson Board, State Board, and General Membership meetings. All of which were held at the Stonewall. I want to apologize for omitting the location of this week's meeting, I have times, but no location. Sorry! Everyone attending would like to thank Tommy for tending bar for us during the meeting, great job, we may need you to volunteer for the Phoenix Rodeo, ha, ha!

I am proud to announce that the State Board of Directors has appointed the Public Relations Directors from Phoenix, Linda Hoffman, and Tucson, Darrin Land, to co-edit the AGRA newsletter, the "Branding Iron." As appointed by the State Board, Tucson will be responsible for the editing, printing, and mailing of the newsletter through January 1, 1997.

We look forward to generating, motivating and informing both Phoenix and Tucson members on AGRA business and events. Anyone interested in submitting an article, event announcement, or any other breaking news, please contact the PR Cowboy (Darrin) at 629-3700. This is our chance, Tucson, to inform the AGRA membership of what goes on here in the Old Pueblo, so let's make it happen!

Friday, September 20, PACT will be hosting their annual "Life thru Art Auction" at the Doubletree Hotel, beginning at 7:00 P.M. We need Cowboys and Cowgirls to "stand guard" at the auction. If interested, please call Scott, 792-5653 (pager), or Ken Leist, 770-1710. Sunday, September 22, the Venture-N will be cooking up the famous Bert Burgers. All proceeds will benefit AGRA-Tucson. Come out and chow down on an AGRA/Bert Burgers, at 5:00 P.M.

AGRA-Tucson would like to congratulate Miss Tammi Caprice and the Stonewall on hosting the benefit on Sunday night. A good time was had by all and the night was a complete success for

PACT and Shanti.

The AGRA-Tucson Board has approved the pricing for this year's rodeo tickets. Along with our new souvenir Rodeo package, we will be offering event books for the rodeo weekend. Stay tuned for more information and pricing in the upcoming, "Branding Iron," as well as right here in "Home on the Range."

This is our second request that any AGRA member that has recently changed addresses, or have not received any mailings from AGRA, to call the AGRA hotline with a current address. By doing that, you will be informed of everything that will be happening from now, through Rodeo '97.

We are looking for any and all volunteers for the month of October. There is a lot happening in October with the AIDS WALK, October 13, and OUT-oberFEST at Reid Park, October 19, and we need you to make it happen!

I know there is a lot more to talk about, but I cannot take up the whole page, plus we need to save some news for the "Branding Iron." Until next week, enjoy the cool weather, keep your Pride, and play Safe in the Saddle.

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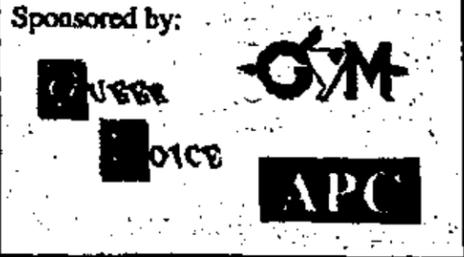
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No quiero dejar de mencionar el impacto que causó el concierto de Mará; y sobre todo el gran interés que proyectan por Salvar la Tierra en sus interpretaciones como en sus mensajes fotográficos, un gran reconocimiento para el mencionado grupo mexicano, y sobre todo que llegue a la juventud con esos mensajes, y que decir de la "publicidad" que le hacen al uso del condón, con el lenguaje adecuado y la claridad con que se debe hacer; bravo!!! y según el número de asistentes que fué enorme; creo que se les compromete a que vuelvan por estas tierras del viejo presidio... Así lo esperamos...

El torneo de Fútbol "Copa Independencia de las Américas 1996" que celebró el comité de deportes del Instituto Cultural Mexicano el pasado fin de semana, en los parques Menlo y Rodeo; contaron con la participación de algunos equipos visitantes desde El Paso, y de Hermosillo, entre otros, no pudimos comunicarnos con el señor Leopoldo Villaseñor, encargado del mencionado evento para darles a conocer los resultados finales, lo que les prometo para la próxima columna abierta...

La nota que de seguro todos quieren compartir en ésta semana es sobre el concurso de Miss Gay Hispanidad '96, y como siempre sucede en estos eventos, no se le puede dar gusto a cada persona,

Columna Abierta.

by Dr. Eleazar García

por muchos motivos... el caso es que: Sasha es la Primera Miss Gay Hispanidad '96, el segundo lugar correspondió a Gaby, quien además fué elegida entre los participantes del evento como Miss Gay Simpatía, con una sola diferencia de UN punto, los jueces que actuaron en el certamen, fueron: Tony Tovar de Tucson, Carlos Soto del grupo de Estilistas de Alto Peinado de Nogales, Sonora, René Córdova secretario del grupo ACCSIDA, A.C. de Hermosillo, Sonora, y Theresa Méndez de la Clínica Mariposa de Nogales, Arizona; y la señora Gloria J. Valenzuela de La Luz Social Services de Tucson...

Todos ellos comentaron lo difícil que fué la elección, ya que se les estuvo contando: Presentación, Talento, y lo que era una de los puntajes más importantes, fué las respuestas a las preguntas, ya que siempre se estuvo haciendo del conocimiento de los participantes, que la persona que resultase ganadora tiene que tabajar con los objetivos del programa Salud es Poder, y que esto contemplará hacer presentaciones y programas para la comunidad Gay hispana de Tucson, así como el de entrelazar relaciones con otros grupos de otras ciudades con los que ya se ha estado trabajando siendo el motivo para darle mayor importancia a la facilidad de palabra que demostraran cada uno de los concursantes; esperamos que Sasha sepa desarrollar bien el compromiso que ganó para que se acaben dudas y malos comentarios... Mención especial se merece la persona que vino representando a Nogales, Sonora, Miss Gay Nogales, Sonora, que dejó a todo el público impactado por su calidad artística y su

personalidad quien lleva muy bien su merecido título, que por cierto ya está por terminar para el próximo diciembre, y ya están trabajando con la organización de la posada/baile los amigos de Nogales, y prometió darnos más información cuando este mas cerca la fecha para tal evento... Y que decir de Tony D'Alonso quien trajo la representación de Nogales, Arizona... Se puede apreciar como ha madurado profesionalmente y sobre todo se le hizo saber que tiene bastantes amigos y amigas que le recuerdan y quieren en Tucson... Se les agradece de una forma muy sincera a todos los participantes por su valiosa cooperación para el evento, y que decir de todos las personas que ayudaron en el comité organizador, todos los que pusieron su ayuda muchísimas gracias, ya que siempre es muy importante la ayuda en equipo... Y les recuerdo que ya se está integrando el comité organizador para el Mister Gay Hispano que se efectuará en octubre, y si necesita más información al respecto, comunicarse con Ernie Pérez (322-6226) lo que sí se sabe que definitivamente será en otro local, para evitar contratiempos como el que se presentó con el equipo de sonido, y a la hora de tratar de hacer el escenario... Ya se les dará a conocer oportunamente el lugar y la fecha para tal evento...

En la nota de información para hoy, y ya que estamos celebrando a México, ¿Sabe usted que significa México? El nombre de la gran capital mexicana era México-Tenochtitlan, que significa "El tunal divino donde está Mexitli". Tenochtitlan proviene del náhuatl TETL, piedra, y NOCHTLI, tuna. TLAN es el colectivo de este segundo

término. Según podemos ver en el Códice Borgia, la piedra sobre la cual nace el tunal tiene la forma de un corazón humano doble, el "corazón de la diosa Tierra", de aquí su carácter divino. Mexitli aparece como un águila sobre un tunal sagrado. Literalmente significa "El ombligo de la Luna" o "El hijo de la Luna", de METZLI, Luna, y XICTLI, ombligo. Este nombre es una advocación de Tlahuizcalpantecuhli, señor de la casa del alba; de Mixcoatl, serpiente de nube, o de Huitzilopochtli, colibrí del sur, todos ellos guerreros o cazadores celestes representados por el águila real, ave suprema cazadora del cielo" (Enciclopedia de México). Entonces México significa "donde está Mexitli, el hijo de la Luna y del Sol", esto es, el Sol joven que comienza el día cazando estrellas.

Por hoy es todo, los esperamos con sus comentarios y sugerencias y hasta la próxima semana D. M.

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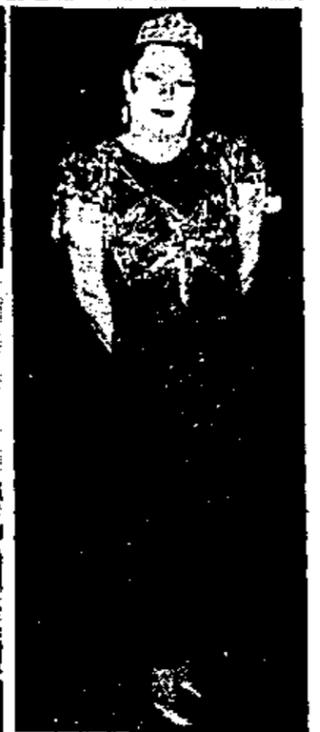
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POLITICS
1996
By MARK E. REED

"We'll Get Two Plungers, A Ceiling Hoist, And We'll Lift Those Babies Up!"

In the nation's Capitol, the annual assemblage of mega-breeders, bigots, hate-mongers and big religious fanatics took place last week. Yes, the meeting of the "Southern Inquisition," also known as the Christian Coalition took place! Praise be and pass the ketchup!

Inquisitors from across the nation descended on the Capitol to listen to such notable homophobes as Pat Buchanan, Phyllis Schlafly, and "Torquemada Junior," Christian Coalition director, Ralph Reed. They spread their venomous hatred and beauty tips to the assembled mob.

"Gawd", family, and Gay bashing were the themes. At the last minute, Republican Presidential candidate, Bob Dole of Dorothyville, spoke to the assembled inquisition. Dole appealed for their backing, but was considered to dull even for that crowd. Whoops!

The low-point was when the "Grand Inquisitor" himself preached to the group. Torquemada, also known as Pat Robertson, spread his hypocritical diatribe to the masses. "The Inquisition, look out sin! . . ."

Of Bob Dole's campaign, the Virginia Ham said, "In my personal opinion, there's got to be a miracle from almighty God to pull it out, and that could happen." A miracle? Yes, just like that cure for hemorrhoids Robertson hocked in the 1970's? . . .

In the Grand Canyon State, "the big-hole," an intimate little cocktail party of political note occurred. Registered voters went to the polls to select their party's standard-bearers for various elected offices in the 1996 Primary Election. Yawn!

Pima County had an underwhelming turnout, 22%, for an underwhelming field of yahoos craving more public attention. Despite computer foul-ups, the controversy of the Sheriff's bringing the ballot boxes, [Observer 634], ballots finally got counted. Yea!

Winners included: Incumbent Democratic U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor, Yuma St. Sen. Jim Buster, the token Republican. Plus a member of the former rock group, "The Bangle's" running as a Libertarian. Jim Kolbe won the GOP nod, again. He defeated Joe Sweeney, again. Since the Democrats gave up on the seat long ago, Kolbe's in again!

For the State House: The incum-

bents won in District's 9 and 12. Damn! Ramon Valadez and Sally Gonzales will be the new Democratic team in District 10. Debra Norris and Carmine Cardimone won the District 11 Democratic five way. Andy Nichols and Brian Fagin will be the Democratic team in that "swing" area, District 13. Love those double entendres!

In the only contested State Senate race. Elaine Richardson won her Democratic primary in District 11. Yes!

The Board of Supervisors will have at least one new face. District 5 Democrat Raul Grijalva won, defeating the candidate "who had no answers to problems." Vicki Cox-Golder won the Republican primary in District 3, and beat Ed Moore's last-minute hit piece. District 1 Supervisor Mike Boyd squeaked by in the Republican primary.

Paul Marsh, the Republican Board Chair wasn't as lucky. "Dim Bulb" was defeated in the Republican primary in District 4 by PCC Board Member, John Even. Marsh was quoted as saying, "I didn't think an incumbent could lose by that much." Buy you did Paul, you did! Marsh's wife commented, "The people may not like us, but Jesus loves us!" Complimentary barf bags will not be supplied!

Incumbent Democratic Sheriff, Clarence Dupnik, easily won his contested primary. The most exciting race was for the Democratic nomination for County Attorney. The Observer-backed candidate, Barbara LaWall, outspent by more than two to one, upset Rick Gonzales by over 1,000 votes. . . .

Last primary notes to report. State Rep. Sue Girard of District 18 in Phoenix was declared the winner, by 30 votes, in the Republican primary. As first reported, with the initial ballots counted, she was in a tie with Jerry Harris. Graham County Sheriff Richard "Gawd & Guns" Mack was trounced in the Democratic primary for Sheriff. . . .

The Democratic nominee for State Rep. from District 11, Carmine Cardimone, was cited for alleging taking two campaign signs of Barbara LaWall and Carmen Dolny. Police reported Carmine putting the two signs in the back of his truck.

Cardimone alleges that he tried to fix the two signs, and he had permission to get any damaged LaWall signs. That may be, but as a veteran of many campaigns, Cardimone should know better. He should have noted the location, and then called the campaigns. Dumb, dumb, dumb! . . .

The Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF) sent out a mailer listing candidates we should vote for. Folks in Pima County received this little ditty Wednesday, September 11, the day after the primary! In the mailer, the Phoenix Gay & Lesbian group listed Sharon Bronson as their endorsed candidate in the Republican and Democratic primary for the Pima County Board of Supervisors. Remember, Phoenix is the center of the universe! Not ours, but some universe! . . .

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OUTlines by Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance

Welcome back to OUTlines, the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance (TLGA) column. We'll be bringing weekly updates as they develop regarding OUToberFEST '96, "Pride Without Borders." OUToberFEST will be at Reid Park, (22nd & Country Club), Saturday, October 19.

Many of you have already seen our T-shirts, (now available in mens and womens tanks) around town. They're available at all of Tucson's local bars and clubs, and at Antigone Books for \$12. Caps are now available at some locations for \$15 each. The souvenir programs are going to print now and will be approximately available, October 1. Vendor applications have been mailed and will be accepted up to October 15. If you would like one and have not received one yet, call the OUTline, 622-3200, and we'll mail one out right away.

Entertainment updates include the additions of a country music/dance area, sponsored by our friends at AGRA. Plans are in place for two other entertainment stages with alternating acts, (some overlap may occur). There should be something for every taste. Well, almost everything, it is a public park, remember?! More details as they develop.

Fund Raising to report. Raffle tickets are on sale for Gay Day at Disneyland, November 16. The cost of the raffle tickets is \$2.00 each, or six for \$10. Tickets are now on sale at all Pride Fund Raising events. The package includes airfare for two from Phoenix or Tucson, hotel accommodation, and entrance fees. This fabulous package was generously donated by Arizona Travel Center. Also coming is the Absolutely Fabulous tours of homes, Saturday, September 21, at 8:30 A.M. [See an accompanying story.] Tickets are \$35 each. For more information call 748-2422.

More updates . . . Soda will be free again this year. The wonderful, Miller beer products are back again, and joining us at OUToberFEST '96 will be Budweiser. However, some of you may want to sit down for this, beer will be sold for a whole \$1 each, this year. It is still

the best deal in the nation, according to our insurance company, which insures 90% plus of all Pride events nationwide. A reminder that admission is still free for everyone. Since alcohol is being sold, state liquor laws say we must fence off our area of Reid Park. We'll have two entrances to enter/exit as you wish.

A valid I.D. will be required for your beer wristband (same as always, and as if going to a club or the store). Coolers are allowed, however the state has told us that we must check all coolers. No biggie, bring your food, soda, etc., just no alcohol, and they will be watching us. Pretty simple rules through:

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 19, 7:00 P.M., at Wingspan. A call to volunteers is scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 7:00 P.M. at MCC, 3269 N. Mountain. If you can't make the meeting, call the OUTline, 622-3200.

Please remember we are a very community. TLGA believes our diversity should not divide us, rather, be a strength to make our community stronger. We don't always agree with each other, but that should not stop us from supporting our community. Especially on our day of celebration of being out. A day where we are the majority. A day to see past our individual difference and celebrate together without borders.

If you have any questions, comments, constructive criticism, or have some time to volunteer for OUToberFEST, with a friend perhaps, call the OUTline, 622-3200. Or, mail info to TLGA, POB 40301, Tucson, AZ 85712.

That is it for now. Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 5. If you're not registered to vote, do so. Don't forget National Coming Out Day, October 11. Hope to see ya at AIDSWALK '96. Of course, for OUToberFEST '96, "Pride Without Borders," for a day of celebration.

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Gay Rights Leaders Gauge Impact On Senate Votes On DOMA And ENDA

WASHINGTON, D.C. (WS) - As the dust settled from the dual defeats in the Senate, Gay rights advocates and their supporters regrouped to assess the damage.

President Clinton's support of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) assures the bill will soon become law. The only thing that can stop DOMA now is a successful court challenge. Though no state currently recognizes Gay marriage, the law's passage will have no immediate effect.

If DOMA's passage is a symbolic victory for conservatives, it hasn't told Lesbian and Gay Americans already something they didn't already know. Namely, the country as a whole, despite great leaps in its acceptance of Gay people, is not ready to equate Gay relationships with straight ones. Whether straight Americans have the constitutional right to deny Gay Americans the privilege of legal wedlock, is something for the Supreme Court to decide.

Others ask what effect DOMA's passage may have on the forces shaping the November elections. Again, practically speaking, none. Whether Gay Democrats guiltily admit to being Clinton apologists, or angry defend themselves as die-hard realists, they are unlikely to vote Republican, a camp more hostile to their concerns.

The Executive Director of the Christian Coalition, Ralph Reed, said in an interview, that DOMA's passage "indicated the country has shifted in a more conservative, and pro family direction."

There is every indication his group's influence has again soured Republican hopes for electoral victory in November. Many political experts predict the Christian Coalition may never again play as powerful a role in national politics as they have in the past two elections.

Though the measure was defeated, the first Gay and Lesbian civil rights measure to reach the floor of the United

States Senate, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, was decided by a single vote.

Vice President Al Gore was in Senate Chambers to cast his vote for passage of the job protection measure in case of a tie. With one, painless "yea," the Clinton/Gore campaign could have won a huge, if again symbolic, victory in the eyes of its Gay supporters.

With the legislative setbacks, many Gay advocates and their supporters are turning to the courts to advance the struggle for equal treatment under law.

Gay rights advocates are encouraged by what they see as the Supreme Court's new willingness to view Gay men and Lesbians as persecuted minorities. When the Supreme Court declared Colorado's Amendment 2 unconstitutional last spring it wrote, "a state cannot so deem a class of persons a stranger to its laws. This tenet will be tested repeatedly over the next few years."

Harvard Law School professor, Laurence Tribe, is quoted, "that even after the big judicial battles have been fought and won, legislative skirmishes will continue." "The standard pattern of judicial recognition of human rights, followed by gradual public recognition that widespread practices are shameful and intolerant," Tribe said. "Then come political victories and long period, often decades, of fighting over the details."

Circuit Court Re-opens Gay Marriage Debate

HONOLULU, HI (WS) - The state of Hawaii started to present its case in Circuit Court against granting Gay and Lesbians couples the right to marry.

Legal observers say the state will try to meet the "compelling state interest" argument by saying children raised in Gay and Lesbian households fare more poorly compared to children raised by straight parents.

The proceedings come three years after Hawaii's Supreme Court touched off bitter political, religious and social divisions in the United States when it ruled the state's ban on Gay marriages would be declared unconstitutional unless the state could show a compelling interest in keeping it.

Whatever the outcome of the trial, the case will return to the state Supreme Court on appeal. Experts say that even if Circuit Court Judge Kevin Chang rules in favor of Gay marriages, he will stay his ruling to prevent Gay couples from receiving marriage licenses until the state Supreme Court rules on the case.

Dan Foley, who represents three Gay couples who sued the state after being denied marriage licenses in 1991, said the state's case is precariously weak. For the state to deny Gay unions based on giving children a proper upbringing, Foley said, implied Hawaiian marriages are licensed for the purpose of procreation.

Foley pointed out that in 1984, the state Legislature removed the ability to have children from the criteria for a marriage licenses. He said the requirement discriminated against the elderly and the handicapped.

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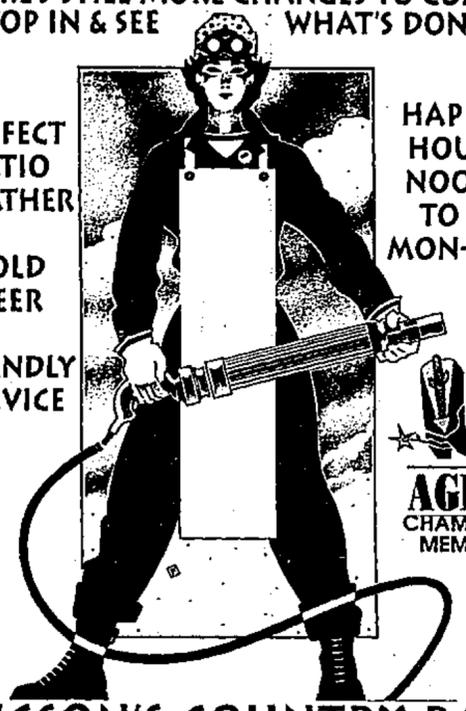
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Gene In Whites Found Resistant To HIV

BALTIMORE, MD (WS) - Genetic resistance to HIV infection is relatively common in people of Caucasian descent and virtually non-existent in people of African descent, the National Cancer Institute's Dr. Steven O'Brien has announced.

Based on a study of more than 1,900 American men and women who have been in AIDS-related studies for more than a decade and who have been exposed to the HIV virus repeatedly without becoming infected or who are HIV-positive but after years of infection haven't progressed to AIDS, O'Brien made another finding: There is a state of partial genetic protection that slows the course of illness.

The Caucasian people who have this gene are far less likely to progress rapidly to AIDS after infection, and they live AIDS-free lives an average of two years longer than infected individuals who don't carry the gene.

O'Brien's findings are so strong, the statistical evidence so powerful, that the odds that this genetic protective effect is a matter of coincidence or other factors are one in 40 million. In the statistical world of biology, that constitutes virtual certainty.

O'Brien's findings were announced in Baltimore at the annual meeting of the Institute of Human Virology. His study amplifies work of three genetically resistant New Yorkers.

New Test For HIV Takes Ten Minutes

PHILADELPHIA, PA (AP) - A ten-minute test accurately shows whether a person has HIV, much faster than the standard four hours. Researchers hope it will help get more people who test positive into counseling.

In addition to usual hours-long delays, some hospitals run test samples only twice per month, according to a study in the journal, *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

Faster test results would lead to almost immediate counseling for patients found to have HIV. Typically, many patients who get tested never return to learn their test results, let alone get counseling.

"Rapid tests . . . could make a big difference in controlling this worldwide epidemic," said study author Dr. Kathleen Irwin of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Only one reliable rapid HIV test is available to U.S. labs, although 14 have been developed in the United States, according to the report.

The cost and time of winning regulatory approval from the Food and Drug Administration, the difficulty of obtaining patents and the perception of a small market have discouraged manufacturers, the report said.

"Manufacturers . . . should be encouraged to seek approval of their products in the United States so that two rapid HIV tests could be used in combination to allow for more precise counseling," the report added.

In the study, the rapid test was compared to a standard test on 837 patients at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital in New York from 1992 to 1994.

Both tests found 45 positive results. Although the rapid test found seven "weak" positives later determined to be negative results, researchers still consider the rapid test very accurate.

Of the study patients, just 57.5 percent returned to learn their results.

Experimental AIDS Drug To Be Given Out

NEW YORK, NY (WS) - An experimental AIDS drug, not yet for sale will be given away to hundreds of patients who have exhausted other treatments, a pharmaceutical company announced.

Agouron Pharmaceuticals Inc. said it will soon offer the drug *Viracept* to people with advanced AIDS. The Food and Drug Administration allowed such a giveaway under the "expanded access" program, intended to speed up experimental drugs for those who have no other treatment.

Viracept is one of a group of protease inhibitors, which when combined with other drugs can reduce HIV to undetectable levels in some patients. Three of the promising but expensive protease inhibitors have been approved for sale within the past year.

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Ask Dr. X. An advice column for Gay and Bisexual men from the Gay Mens Health Project.

Dear X.,

I can't decide if a guy I keep seeing at the bar is single or not. He is always with a group of guys and one acts like his lover. I haven't seen them kiss or anything, but I don't want to look stupid by coming on to him if they are together. What do you suggest?
Signed Chicken Shit.

CS.

Approaching someone under any circumstances is scary, when they are in a group of people its like being the new kid on the first day of school. I would try to ask a friend or two if they have the scoop on him. If that isn't an option you could try to single him out by watching for him to go to the bar, walk away from the group to hit the bathroom or dance or whatever! The guy that acts like his lover may be but he is probably a good friend if you haven't seen them interact in a sexual manner. I say go for it. I would start with a subtle approach by just working into the group socially with no obvious agenda but to introduce yourself to some new people. Even if you are shy you can preface the conversation by saying, "Hi, I'm shy and I wanted to know if I could join your group, I feel out of place by myself." You will be amazed by how many people will accept you into their cluster if you show a vulnerability. They will naturally want to help you out; unless they are total jerks and then you don't want to hang with them anyway. This guy may be interested but can't get away from the gang to chat with people like you. Go to the mountain! If you are hot for this guy check it out. I think a missed opportunity is worse than a little awkwardness. Good luck.

Dr. X.

I am beginning to wonder if I am a sex pig. My friends are always razzing me about getting laid so often and call me names like slut and whore. It's not my fault they don't hook up. I go out about three times a week and I connect at least two out of three. Do you think I am over-sexed? Are my standards to low? Please advise!

Stud.

Studly.

You have a lot of questions to answer before I could rule on that issue. Are you having sex because you want to or because you don't know how to turn someone down? Do you enjoy these encounters? Are you wanting sex or intimacy? In any case there is no magic number. I think it is great to be very active; especially if you are being safe. Sex is a good thing. It can be fun and exciting, it can relieve stress and anxiety. Maybe you just really like men. I can't blame you. For me personally I like to have sex two or three times a week. So to me you are right on track. Some guys are happy with occasional experiences like once a month or less. Again, to each his own. If your friends are giving you a hard time maybe they are concerned that you are at a higher risk of getting HIV from frequent encounters. You could reassure them by letting them know if you are being safe when you engage in anal sex (assuming that you are). They also might be flat out jealous! Tell them you respect their concern but if they are just giving you a hard time for the sake of giving you a hard time that it is affecting your self esteem. I'm sure they don't realize that they are worrying you or hurting your feelings. Maybe if they would call you a stud instead of a whore it would feel different to you. Straighten this out so you don't get paranoid. I think even if you are getting laid six days a week (the seventh day to restock supplies) that you are just fine, if that is what you want to do! Keep up the good work, and play safe.

Dear Dr. X.,

Can you give me a straight answer about rimming? I enjoy it very much but don't feel to clear about HIV risk. What is the risk, and what alternatives do I have?

Signed Brown Noser.

Dear BN,

First let me say I love your pseudonym. Rimming is a great activity. When you are considering HIV this is a very low risk activity. You might want to consider the obvious like is the recipient free of any infections or rashes that might cause obvious bleeding; if there is something going on I wouldn't advise it for other health reasons besides HIV. Most of the hype about rimming comes from an oppressive straight society that can't picture us doing such a dirty, filthy act. They have probably never tried it and would change their tunes if they gave it a whirl. The other thing that gave rimming a bad name is possible risk of transmitting other sexually transmitted diseases, Hepatitis and Cryptosporidiosis. The choice is of course up to you! The ever present option is to utilize a dental dam or saran wrap for this activity. A clean butt is the first step. I hope this doesn't embarrass you but bathing before rimming is advised. Besides it allows for a little shower play! For more information on this please talk to someone at the Health Department that specializes in STD's and Hepatitis; they are very cool and very candid. I hope I helped you out a little.

To ask Dr. X... fax questions to 622-1554, attention Dr. X.

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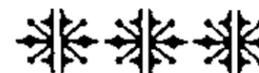


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Wayward retro Mercury goes direct this week and clears up our communications. This is small consolation for those of us, big-mouths, who have already stunk up an otherwise fine romance with just the wrong comment at the wrong time. Take heart, brave souls, look on the bright side. From here on out, it can only get better. Read ahead to see how Mercury messed the sheets and is now prepared to clean them.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Now that retrograde Mercury has done its damage in partnerships on the job, it's ready to make amends and go forward. Feisty, proud Rams may have to eat crow to repair any hurt feelings or reassemble any out of control project, but crow can be seasoned to taste. The worst is over for the most part and you can soon go back to being your charming old self later this month.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

The path to diplomatic, civilized conversation has not been running smoothly for old Gay smoothie, Taurus, under retro Mercury. If it's not hoof in mouth on the job, it's the wrong party dress on the wrong day on the social scene. Poor dear, queer Bull, you deserve better! Why not, give it all a rest until the end of the month. Curl up with a good book and don't breathe a word.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Chatty pink Twins have had their work cut out for them with retro Mercury. You have not been able to charm the social set in your usual manner. To make matters worse, the stinkweed has been scenting the air at home. If it all becomes too much, I advise a quiet reassessment of the "you said, I said" scenario, coupled with a willingness to forgive and forget. Go on, it's not that tough.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Retro Mercury has swung through a few personal areas. Take heart, dear, queer Crab, the worst will soon be over. It might have seemed that you could not say anything right to family members. Tempers might have flared, and raw emotions chafed. I know you detest confrontation, but take it from this Sag astrologer, "It's just too bad if folks can't face reality." It's your life, so live it to the proudest.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud Lions have probably roared once too often during this retro Mercury period. If you have inadvertently upset this applecart, chalk it up to a life lesson and go on. (Don't ya just hate life lessons?) The real warning now is to not throw good money after bad. Hold onto your pennies and your good judgment, and weather the storm until the end of the month.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Conservative, queer Virgins may not be the most practical sign since Mercury went retrograde. If you've foolishly purchased the Brooklyn Bridge, try to depreciate it after Mercury flies right at the end of the month. Meanwhile, avoid public speaking and glad handling: Meeting too many new, important folks increase the chances that you'll accidentally spit in an eye, or even worse, say the wrong thing.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Even the most diplomatic Gay Scales will have a little international incident with retrograde Mercury. The temptation will be for you to hog the limelight, but that is

not advisable. It's hard for you to distinguish friend from foe, so don't even try. Also, this is not the time to run with your intuition or go with your gut. My advice, avoid guts.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Poor Scorps have tried, lord knows, to do their part for the greater Gay cause. Retro Mercury shows that no-good deed deserves to go unpunished. Don't give up the fight, wait until wayward Mercury changes course and then get going again. Meanwhile, watch what you say around friends. Mercury hurls a few rotten apples there too, with accurate aim.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Even buisterous Gay Sags are advised to keep a low tone, with retro Mercury. That means no wild parties or social events designed to put you in the drivers seat. It's almost guaranteed that invites get lost in the mail or have the wrong date. Oh well! The real scare hits later

when you manage to insult your boss, but good. Say you're sorry, and try to mean it.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Queer Goats are conservative, practical souls, but all bets are off with retro Mercury. So much for planning your professional life! The path is foggy and treacherous, so take a break from your corporate ascent. Of course, that doesn't mean take a vacation. It means take a short break. The time for action strikes again at the end of the month.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

You've packed your bags, but forgot your ticket. You booked your hotel, and they lost the reservation. Poor Aquerians are hounded by the bad vacation blues with retro Mercury. Take heart though, all this shall pass and you'll arrange that trip of a lifetime soon enough. Well, maybe not soon enough, but soon. Meanwhile, let your imagination soar!

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
Even the most romantic, pink Fish can be friendly, with retro Mercury. Try not to promise the world to lovers, or go overboard in the deep personal intimacy department. Feelings are bound to be trampled or misinterpreted and disappointment will be hard to avoid. My advice, blame your bad communication on the stars and let actions speak louder than words. Leave it at that.

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Consumers Guide To Counseling Part 2

How do you know when you need a counselor? We all go through stressful times, and most of us get through without the benefit of outside help. Getting through, however, is not the same as being all you can be.

The stressful times in our lives, painful as they are, are actually opportunities for growth. When our old patterns of adaptation come to the end of their usefulness, we feel disoriented and confused. Most often, we stay stuck in our old patterns, and settle for a re-arrangement of the furniture in our little prison cell.

But when you truly bottom out, as the twelve steppers say, the old patterns simply won't do, and you are forced to find another way. That's the window of opportunity for personal growth, leaving the rutted trail and bushwhacking your own new path through life. This takes courage and, ideally, outside help.

A counselor is like an experienced guide who has been on the journey many times, and knows the territory. He can offer encouragement and wise advice, so that you can keep your suffering to a minimum and find your way. He can teach you survival skills.

Most people seek counseling only after they've tried everything else they can think of. It's a last resort. The energy of the crisis is utilized by a good counselor to spur you on to growth. The wiser you are, though, the earlier you seek counseling. You don't wait till your world is falling down around you. You reach out for expert help when things are still manageable. That way, you save yourself a lot of pain.

A healthy person works to maintain a good support system around him, a circle of close friends or family in whom he can truly confide. These people do not judge him, but offer a listening ear and an encouraging word. He knows he can turn to one of these people when he needs to talk something through. Conversely, these friends turn to him for the same kind of support.

But there are times when he needs more than what these non-professional "counselors" can provide him. He needs someone, first of all, with whom there is no need to reciprocate. He needs someone to lean on a little more heavily than he would lean on a friend. He needs to be able to let go totally in a relationship of trust with a counselor.

One of the most important things a professional counselor provides is that kind of total permission. When you hire a counselor, there is no need for you to worry about giving back, as you do with a friend. There is no need to worry about losing face by crying, or getting angry, or wallowing in a little self-pity. The counselor is not expecting you to meet his

emotional needs; the focus is entirely on you and your needs. This cannot happen in a non-professional, personal relationship, because in these relationships there is always the expectation of reciprocity.

Counseling gives you the unique opportunity of having someone focus their undivided attention on you, as you talk about yourself as intimately and personally as you need to. Growth and insight can happen in that atmosphere as if by magic.

Because the counselor is not someone in your personal life, he can take an unbiased attitude. He can give you the precious gift of feedback that is not prejudiced. In other words, a good counselor doesn't want anything from you personally, precisely because it's a professional, and not a personal, relationship. Friends want friendship in return, and that's as it should be.

Counseling is a fee-for-service, professional relationship, and that's why it's clean. All you owe your counselor is the fee. The counseling session sets up a space like the clear atmosphere around Tucson for observing stars. Because there is a minimum of pollution and city lights, the stars can be seen clearly.

Because a counselor has no vested interests in what you do, you can see yourself reflected clearly. Of course, a good counselor prefers to see you grow rather than stay stuck, but fundamentally it's up to you.

Another factor is confidentiality. Confidentiality means that the counselor is sworn to secrecy, similar to a Catholic priest in the confessional. He is not at liberty to tell anyone else, ever, about what you say to him in sessions. This is another way in which talking to a counselor is freer and safer than talking to personal friends.

Confidentiality helps to set up the clear atmosphere in which you can get an undistorted view of yourself. There is no other situation in life like counseling, in which you can say literally anything you want, to an unbiased but caring person, and know that there will be no repercussions.

A counseling session is a place for experimenting with new behaviors and ideas, saying things you wouldn't say anywhere else. This gives you a freedom that helps you grow. It creates an atmosphere of safety that is like a greenhouse for plants.

A counselor also has training and

experience in dealing with a wide range of human problems. He has a knowledge base that can be worth a lot. Often, when we are dealing with a frustrating life situation, we can feel as if we are the only person who has ever encountered this problem.

However, the truth is that a lot of life situations are universal, and there are some basic principles of dealing with them. It can be comforting to know that this terrain has been covered before, by other people, and successfully. The counselor, through his professional training and his experience with numerous other clients, has a good idea of the lay of the land. He has listened to, and reflected on,

the human condition at its rawest and most intimate for thousands of hours. This expertise is a valuable part of what he offers you.

This all adds up to saying that you need counseling when you feel the need for the kind of safety and permission I've been describing here. A counseling session with a good counselor is the safest and freest situation on earth. Therefore, you should find a counselor with whom you feel safe and free, who makes you feel respected in your human being-ness from the first session onwards.

There will be times when the counselor will need to confront you, but he will do it out of a place of respect for the person you are, and the person you can become. May our journeys be exciting and true.

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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

It happens at least once every year! On the front page of the paper a picture is run of someone's car with water covering most of it. Only the very top is usually all that can be seen. Thankfully, most of the time, persons who had been occupying the car have been rescued. Usually, the car is a total loss. How did this happen? You already know the answer, some decided the sign, that read, "Do not enter when flooded," didn't apply to them! Or they thought since there was just a small trickle of water, it would be possible to get through the wash, underpass, or low spot in the road, before the flood hit. But they were wrong! Because they chose to ignore a clear, easily understood sign, they had to suffer the consequences, loss of property, loss of life, either others or possible their own.

"How can people be so hard-headed? I just don't understand why anyone would ignore the sign. After all, we see those pictures every year. I would never do something so stupid! " You may think.

You may not have ever done anything that foolhardy in your physical life, but what about your spiritual life? Every say, we signs along the roads we travel. Some of them warn of dangers which may be up ahead, like the one I referred to earlier. "Do not enter when flooded." Some of them point to changes in the road, such as a detour to road construction. Some give simple directions to a specific location, like the exit markers from the freeway, which read, "Old Tucson-15 miles." Our spiritual roads have signs as well. It is important for us to obey the signs on the streets we travel if we want to get to our destinations safely, and as quickly as possible. However, it is far more important for us to obey the

signs along our spiritual road if we desire to reach our goal, that of eternal life in Heaven.

One of the clearest statements in Scripture regarding eternal life is this one, spoken by Jesus on the night he would later be betrayed. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) For anyone looking for the way to God, this statement should shine like a bright, blinking neon light: "Here is the only way! Follow this way and you will reach the goal you desire, eternal life in Heaven!" But just as those people whose car pictures end up on the front page of the paper, ignored the sign which said, "Do not enter when flooded," so many people chose to ignore this sign. They may think, "This cannot be the way for me, for some it may work, but not for me." Or, "I don't like this way, I think I'll try another way." But Jesus did not leave any room for questioning what he said. He did not call himself "a way," one of many that all reach the same place in the end, but "the way." It might be expanded to read, "I am the one and only, exclusive, single, unique way to reach my father, God in Heaven. If anyone desires to possess eternal life, that person must come to me and believe that I paid the price required for forgiveness of sin, in order to enter into the place of rejoicing, forever."

For those who ignore the sign regarding high water in the road, the consequence may be slight, a wet car, an appointment not kept, the embarrassment of being on the front page of the paper. But for those who chose to ignore Jesus' sign pointing to himself as the only way to God, the consequence is much more severe, eternal separation from God. Do you dare risk suffering this consequence?

Mist From The Water Of Life

by Pastor Nita

News From MCC Tucson

No one likes to be criticized. But it especially hurts when it is some in your own family. It seems that judgment and criticism are inherent to all factions of community, religion and simply humanity itself.

Yes, I speak primarily from a pastor's perspective. However, my experiences can be understood by anyone in an authority role in Tucson, Arizona, the U.S., and throughout the world. For example: A person, after church, comes to me upset about two things. We move to a separate area so to speak freely. The first had to do with when this person had been chair of a committee. "You tried to tell me how to do my job. You should let the Lay leaders of the church do their jobs the way they want." The second complaint was, "Well, I don't like the hymns that the song leader picks out. I wish you would tell them to pick more of the old ones." Double standard at its worst. It happens, more often than I would care to recall. Think about it. When you have been in charge of something, did others try to tell you how to do it, or it would work better this way. Then, as the leader of that particular group or project, everyone wants you to take over all the various group projects. It seems to be a no-win situation. The adage, "You can please some of the people, some of the time, others at another time, but never all the people all the time," bears great truth.

Passing judgment on others requires two questions to be asked and

answered before we open our mouths or uncap our pens. First, are you sure you know all the facts? This is most often the cause for "Foot-In-Mouth Disease." Trying to extract or retract the "foot" or words that can never be totally revoked. The receiver of the harsh words of judgment without the speaker having full knowledge of the facts will remain. We may forgive and try to forget. However, the damage is done.

Second, have you earned the right to pass judgment? That is before you are tempted to belittle someone else's efforts, are you doing everything you should be doing to full capacity? If you can honestly answer yes, then maybe, you have some right to judge.

I wish to close this article with a story. There was a man who sold trinkets at an open market. Some people came and paid with bad coins, the man accepted them without a word. Others came, took things, and said they already paid. The man did not quarrel, but accepted their word for it. When it was time for him to die, he raised his eyes upward and said, "My God, I have accepted bad coins from people, but never once did I judge them in my heart. I just assumed that they were unaware of what they did. I too, am a bad coin. Please do not judge me." And a voice was heard, which said, "How is it possible to judge someone who has never judged others?"

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you earned the right to judge others? most tolerant, loving, accepting human Check in with God as you understand God who ever lived. When it comes my time to be. Reach out to your higher power. to die, today or 100 years from now, I But, as for me, only one has earned the know that I will be ready for judgment. right to judge others. It was 2,000 years ago. The amazing thing is that he was the

Until next week.

DOMA / ENDA Wrap-Up Victory Fund Responds To ENDA/DOMA Votes

WASHINGTON, D.C.: The Gay and Lesbian Victory fund, in a statement, condemned the Senate vote on the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, and the Defense of Marriage Act. Kathleen De-Bold, Deputy Director, released the following statement commenting on the two votes:

"We are grateful to the 14 Senators who were courageous enough to oppose DOMA and disappointed by the cowardice of our so-called, "friends" in office, who did not speak out against this gratuitous piece of election-year Gay-baiting.

"We are incredible proud of our openly Gay Congressmen - Barney Frank, Gerry Studds, and Steve Gunderson, who led the fight against DOMA in the House.

"When you lose a bill by just one vote, you have to ask yourself what might have happened if we had just one openly Gay or Lesbian Senator leading the fight for us. Like nothing else in our history, the ENDA/DOMA battles make the importance of the Victory Fund's mission crystal clear. We need to elect more openly Gay and Lesbian elected officials, who will stand up for our rights when our so-called friends in office back down.

"We must elect openly Gay and Lesbian officials at every level of government to fight for local and statewide Gay and Lesbian civil rights bills and to defeat the mean spirited DOMA-clones that are being pushed through legislatures across the country."

Defeat Of Enda Disappoints Church And Society Head

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UNMS) - The top executive of the United Methodist social action and advocacy agency has expressed disappointment at the U.S. Senate's failure to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

The bill, which would have prohibited discrimination in the workplace on the basis of sexual orientation, failed in the Senate, 50-49.

In a statement, the Rev. Thom White Wolf Fassett, general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society, said he had worked for the bill's passage. "We were also actively involved in presenting a religious perspective in the crafting of the legislation," he said.

He cited the Social Principles, the denomination's official policy formulation, which contains a commitment to support the rights and liberties of homosexuals. "Certain basic human rights and civil liberties are due all persons," it states.

Fassett also quoted the Social Principles statement: "We see a clear issue of simple justice in protecting [homosexuals'] rightful claims where they have shared material resources, pensions, guardian relationships, mutual powers of attorney and other such lawful claims typically attendant to contractual relationships which involve shared contributions, responsibilities and liabilities, and equal protection under the law.

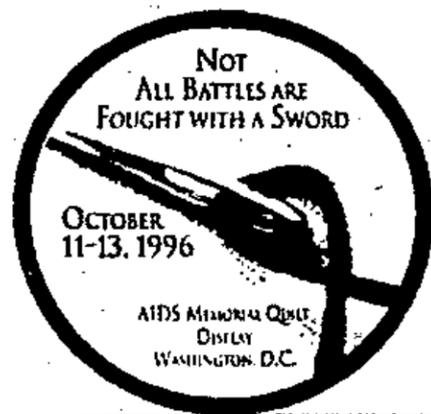
Enda Supporters Will Push For Second Vote In Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Despite the defeat of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), several outspoken Gay rights groups said they had the votes in the Senate to pass ENDA. The groups have vowed to press sympathetic Senators to reintroduce the bill this session.

The missing vote was that of Sen. David Pryor, D-Arkansas. Pryor's press secretary, Bo Morrison, was quoted as saying the Senator was absent to be at the bedside of his son, who had undergone cancer surgery. Morrison stressed: "We do not know how Senator Pryor would have voted had he been present."

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Massachusetts, however, the chief sponsor of the

anti discrimination bill, claimed that Pryor would have voted in favor of the bill. If this is accurate, the Senate would have been split, 50-50, and vice-president Gore would have cast the deciding vote for the civil rights legislation.



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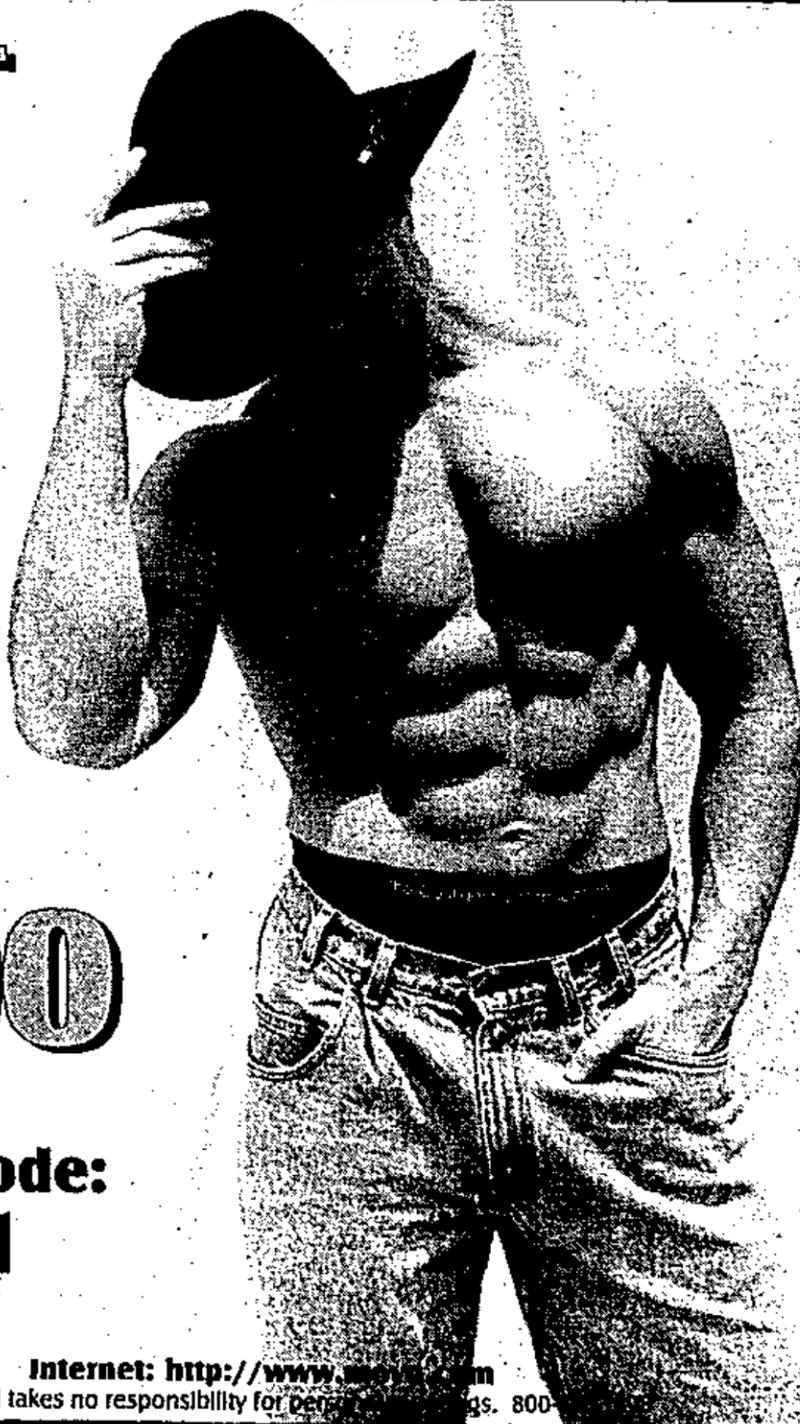
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SPORTS

Desert Coyotes & Lambda Lizards Begin Bowling Season

TUCSON - Gay and Lesbian bowling has gotten off to a striking start!

The Desert Coyotes season commenced this past Wednesday at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile. The Desert Coyotes is a trio's league, starting at 9:00 P.M. Their Fall/Winter season is only fifteen weeks long. The cost to bowl is \$9, plus a sanction fee.

There are spots still open in the Desert Coyotes league. For more information call 743-3303.

The Lambda Lizards got their season of and running Friday the 13th of all days. The Lambda Lizards are bowling at Lucky Strike Bowl, 4015 E. Speedway. They bowl every Friday starting at 6:30 P.M. The cost to bowl is \$9, plus sanction fee.

Spots are still open on the Lambda Lizards. For more information call 798-1549.

Monsoon Madness No-Tap Saturday, September 21

TUCSON - The Halloween Invitation Tournament Tucson (HITT) will be hosting a no-tap bowling tournament, Saturday, September 21, at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W: Miracle Mile.

The no-tap tournament is a prelude fund raiser to HITT '96. The cost to bowl is \$12 per bowl. There are optional Singles and/or Doubles categories, at an

additional entry fees of \$5 and \$2 respectively.

To be able to participate in this event, each bowler must have a book average from one of the following: The 1995-96 Winter league. A 1994-95 book average. A legitimate Summer '96 average. They must bring proof of average with them to bowl. "No-tap" means that if the bowlers makes 9 out of the 10 possible pins on the first ball, its counted as a strike.

The emphasis of this event is to have fun, and help raise money for the annual Halloween tournament.

The HITT Committee will be holding a raffle drawing to raise funds for the tournament. The Grand Prize is a free weekend during the tournament at the Quality Hotel & Suites, a corporate sponsor of HITT '96.

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CALENDAR

of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

IBT'S - Showtime: "The Grief Show" better than ever, hosted by Tucson's one and only "White Trash Goddess" Helena Bubbles and starring Aja Simone, Whlemia De Habvilland and Kristin.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

IBT'S - Frat Party 9:00 p.m. College nite at IBT's - wear your favorite school T-shirt and get 75¢ 12 oz. Draft and \$1.50 Long Islands. Hot dance music 9 to close.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

AUNT NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy 2nd Birthday top the Biz! The Biz celebrates in grand style. DJ music starts at 4:00 p.m. Doors open at 2 p.m. with 2-4-1 long necks until 7:00 p.m. Free Buffet starting at 6:00 p.m. Best of Karaoke 9-1 with a \$50 1st place prize. Drink specials all night. Come celebrate with the Biz.

GRADUATE - Shuffleboard Team Tournament. 2:00 p.m. Pot Matched

IBT'S - Special Purple Team (Roland & Sasha) fundraising Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Then, a benefit auction-affle and show at 8:30 p.m. starring live vocals of Roland and Sasha hosted by Helena Bubbles and featuring Mr. David Z., Maya Reclion and Fornisa Dinette. All proceeds to benefit TLGA's OUToberFEST picnic, Oct. 19.

PLUG - Afternoon Retro Dance. 50¢ Beer Bust with the "Smed".

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

GRADUATE - Benefit show for Miss Gay Arizona Gilda Falala to support her quest for Miss Gay America. Also appearing are Lucinda Holliday, Adrienne Alexander, Christina de Alexis and special guest Helena Bubbles. Showtime 9:00p.m.

IBT'S - Mate Box Nite 9:00 p.m. Party with the men of 85705.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

PLUG - Salud Es Poder presents "Extasis" in the Alternator Room. Show to benefit Latino Men's Health Project.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

AUNT NOBODY'S BIZ - Rare Breed closes out a busy month with corridas, cumbias and country. The band starts at 6:00 p.m. with a \$3.00 cover.

PLUG - Voter Registration Party. Complimentary B-B-Q on the patio. Vote!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

IBT'S - Mark your calendars! IBT's Anniversary Party!! Watch for upcoming Ads!!!

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Surfing with the Cyber Queens 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.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our reservations for Dinner Out had not been confirmed at press time. Please call Steve at 795-6718 for details and directions.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

FACT's 6th Annual 'Life Thru Art' fundraiser at the Double Tree Hotel, 445 S. Alvernon Way. Silent and live auctions for donated fine art by local artists. Festivities begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. Admission is \$20.00 and includes hors d'oeuvres. No host bar available. Call 770-1710 for tickets and more information.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. MSN will have a "Legal Round table" to discuss legal issues concerning gay men. Attorney Dan Haslam will lead the discussion. For reservations and directions, call Dan at 622-8112.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

A Benefit for the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) "The Absolutely Fabulous Tour of Homes". Take a trip through Tucson's treasures! Enjoy appetizers and cocktails on a chartered bus and stroll through some of Tucson's most fabulous homes. Tickets are \$35 and departure is at Arizona Travel Center, 2502 E. Grant Road at 8:30 p.m. For ticket information call 748-2422.

Rainbow Families, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network, holds a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. Meeting today 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 318-9348 for more info.

Cronies Social Club. Tentative Picnic on Mt. Lemmon. Call 888-7264 for details.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 9:30 a.m. We go on another hike in the Mt. Lemmon area. The trail had not been chosen at press time, but you can be assured of being 30 degrees cooler in the mountains. Join us for a cooling hike. Call Larry at 795-9125 for reservations and details.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A joint potluck will be held with MSN and PFLAG. MSN members provide the food for an organization which helps all gays. Please note: this special potluck will be held at Cornerstone Fellowship's Social Hall instead of our usual monthly location. For details and directions, call Jerry at 690-9585.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore Jam Session, bring your musical instrument and/or voices and join the fun. 6:00 p.m. No cover. 3540 N. Oracle. 888-GIRL for more info.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). Noon. A unique Brunch in Nogales, Arizona. \$6.00 pays for a specially prepared brunch buffet in Nogales. At 2:00 p.m., everyone is welcome to join a caravan into Nogales, Mexico for some shopping (hey, Christmas is only 3 months from now!). For details, directions and reservations, call Jorge at 520/287-4787.

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Intermediate bride night. Bridge for men who may want to refresh their bridge skills; table talk playing. Call Perry at 321-4387.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A night devoted to getting out the MSN newsletters. It's a fun way to help the organization and get to know your fellow MSN men. Dessert and door prizes. Call Jerry or Lex at 690-9565 for directions.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore Movie Night 8:00 p.m. "Claire of the Moon". \$2.00 cover. 3540 N. Oracle Road.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A planning trip for a possible MSN trip to Hawaii next summer. If you're interested in seeing this happen, call Dan at 623-8882-he'll give you directions.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Cronies Social Club Mid-Month dinner at Pinnacle Peak 6:30 p.m. Call Richard at 578-0840 if you plan to attend. Visitors are invited.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. This month's favorite film is "Strictly Ballroom." This fanciful, charming story is about a young man trying to be himself in a society that wants him to conform. For reservations and directions, call Les at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore present Live: Biz-y Bodies with Dazzlin' Deb and the Deaftones and More. \$3.00 cover.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party (\$3.00) offers good food (also salad and dessert), good conversation, and plenty of nice guys to meet. For directions and reservations, call Jerry at 690-9585.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Cronies Social Club tentative trip to Willcox Orchards. Call 888-7264 for details.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a fun evening of Board Games. We always have a wide variety of games to choose from, and we encourage you to bring your favorite along. For reservations, call Ray at 797-6648.

TUCSON CALENDAR

Sunday

AUNT NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.
FIREHOUSE - 10am-4pm \$1.50 Bloody Marys & Mimosas. Happy Hour 4-8. Free pool all day and evening. \$1.25 Rolling Rock Spin-class.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Bloody Marys and Sours \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.
IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close.
PLUG - Open Noon. Afternoon Retro Dance 3-8pm. 50¢ Beer Bust Free Weenies 12-6
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-8pm. Pool tournament 2pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Open 3pm. Happy Hour 4-8pm with High Energy Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Best Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

Monday

AUNT NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8 to 1 am.
FIREHOUSE - Happy Hour 4-8. \$1.00 Domestic Draft or Margaritas 8-1
GRADUATE - Open 9am. 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.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.
PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1 schnapps all the time. Campy movies with Moose 8pm. Dart Tournament 8:30pm. \$1.00 Domestic Longnecks all night.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon to 8pm. Party with Stephan. Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-XRG Dance Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm.

Tuesday

AUNT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. Boys Nite Out At The Biz! 2for1 on all wine, well and long necks from 9 to close.
FIREHOUSE - Happy Hour 4-8. Sky Vodka Cocktails \$2.50 from 8-1.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. 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
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tazoo Tuesday. \$1.25 well and \$1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoos. Prizes and surprises.
PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1.00 Domestic Longnecks all day and all night. \$1.75 well 9pm to close.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Latin Music Party.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm.

Wednesday

AUNT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Music from 70s & 80s from 9to1. Beer Bust 8pm to close - \$1.25 pitchers.
FIREHOUSE - Happy Hour 4-8. Karaoke Nite. \$1.25 domestic and \$1.50 well 9pm-1am
GRADUATE - Open 9am. 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.
IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Box Nite. \$1.50 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)
PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. 2 for 1 Well 9pm - 1am. Queer Dance at 9pm.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Corona and Cuervo Gold \$1.50
VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 6:30pm.

Thursday

AUNT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.
FIREHOUSE - Happy Hour 4-8. Free pool and shuffleboard. 50¢ domestic draft 8pm-1
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.
IBT's - 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 9-close.
PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1.50 Skyy vodka cocktails with Michael. Live DJ at 9pm. \$1.75 Corona and Cuervo from 9 to 1.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-8pm. 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 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm

Friday

AUNT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres. Hot dance music with Alex 9-1. Shot specials every 1/2 hour.
FIREHOUSE - Happy Hour 4-8. 8pm to close, \$2 pints "25" to choose from (if you can use any draft name in a written sentence).
GRADUATE - Open 9am. 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.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1 schnapps all the time. \$1 Domestic Long Necks 8-10. Dance music with Dave from Phoenix 9pm.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-8pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm. Stonewall opens 8pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backsideopen 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

Saturday

AUNT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 5 pm. Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%. Hot dance music with Alex 9-1. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.
FIREHOUSE - Happy Hour 4-8. Free pool and shuffleboard. 8pm to close, \$1.25 Corona & Pacifico, \$2 Cuervo shots.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.
HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Piña Colodas \$3. Country/Western Music 8-1.
IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and \$1.25 well. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Free Pool 3pm to 6pm, on 3 tables. \$1.50 Well 8-10pm. Dance music with Dave from Phoenix at 9pm.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Batches & Bagels w/1 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer the company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520) 733-8409, write 1830 E. Broadway #124-403, Tucson, AZ 85718, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

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LAMBDA CAR CLUB, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call 298-0454.

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CRONES SOCIAL GROUP. A social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Marie at 888-7264. Call CRONES 888-7264.

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. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Ari (520) 782-8155.

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GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP meets at St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church on alternate Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more info.

"AT EASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday, 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 #182. For information call 791-9882.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85718.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3280 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 890-9565 for information and a newsletter \$58

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary O. 770-8879 or Bernie L. 318-3415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Inreach HIV/AIDS network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-9083.

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 322-8228.

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FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmel Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 328-3555

FACT - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 901 W. Congress. Office hours 8 to 5 M-F (8-7 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. 6th 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 575-8460 or write P.O. Box 38284, Tucson, AZ 85740-8284. All replies confidential.

LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3289 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 795-7268.

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

YOUNG AND GAY? Lesbian and Gay youths 21 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 Bisexual 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, 4-8 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 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, 8-5. 322-8228. AIDS Hotline: 328-AIDS.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

GAY OR BISEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 8:30 - 10:00 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. Volunteering Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 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 32. Call the church at 298-9083 for information.

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

LICHER HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Ruby/Ruby 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 2047, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 624-1778.

L.S.E., EX-L.D.S., GAY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7pm. 320-1318 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 Davey 895-1208 for more info.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.L.D.U. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3933. 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 PODED ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, 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. Advertisers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL KUDISTS - 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-C, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Decimo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie 721-2003 or Anna 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 Hoffman 577-8333 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 self-compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 894-7063.

TINAM, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV+ sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-8647.

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 787-3116 for more information and a membership bio.

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ATTENTION - ATTENTION - ATTENTION Si eres hombre que tiene sexo con otros hombres y quieres ayudarnos a extender y apoyar los programas para los Latinos, llama para una entrevista estrictamente confidencial al 322-8228 y prepárate por Ernesto. 635

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Hate Crime

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back of Abdill's pickup truck, where he shot them each in the head with an .25 caliber pistol.

Acremant's mother turned him in when she recognized her son on a police sketch. Acremant told detectives that although their homosexuality made it easier to kill them, he only wanted their money.

From jail though, Acremant wrote an August 8, 1996 letter to his hometown newspaper saying he invented the robbery motive because he was nervous about how other jail inmates would react.



PlanetOut

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Lesbian mainstream and independent film and video aficionados.

Founded in 1995, PlanetOut is funded by Sequoia Capital (investors in Yahoo and Quote.com), America Online (AOL) and a host of major Silicon Valley founders and executives.

GLAAD Brands 'Bulletproof' Dangerously Anti-Gay

LOS ANGELES, CA (WS) - The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), has condemned MCA/Universal Pictures' Bulletproof as homophobic. GLAAD cited overblown use of anti Gay stereotypes. The picture starred Damon Wayans as an undercover police officer assigned to protect a small-time drug smuggler, played by Adam Sandler.

GLAAD's condemnation is shared by many mainstream film reviewers. New York Newsday's John Anderson reported Bulletproof is riddled with "derisive Gay references" and Jami Bernard of the New York Daily News wrote that this "coming-out comedy for closet cases" is laced with "homophobe jokes."

GLAAD's most strident complaint centers on the film's climactic scene in which the villain, played by James Caan, attempts to make good on Sandler's promise to perform oral sex on him. When the bullets fly and Caan lies dying on the ground. Sandler tells Caan he is getting what he deserves. GLAAD asserts this violent end tacitly endorses violence against Gay men and Lesbians.

Alan Klein, GLAAD's communications director said, "At a time when Hollywood is making great strides to more accurately represent Lesbians and Gay men on film, this lowbrow feature only serves to exacerbate homophobic stereotypes."

HRC Deplores Senate Passage Of Doma and Defeat Of Enda

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Senate's passage of the anti-Gay Defense of Marriage Act is nothing more than election-year Gay bashing and is destined to be undone, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) asserted.

"The Human Right Campaign is appalled over the passage of the Defense of Marriage Act," said Elizabeth Birch, executive director of HRC. "Denying Lesbians and Gay men equal marriage rights will not stand. HRC vows to continue to fight this legislatively and in our country's courts of law and public opinion."

Birch also deplored the Senate's failure to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), a bill to outlaw discrimination against Gay people in the workplace. Birch said some important accomplishments were achieved nonetheless.

"We are saddened by the vote and believe that it underscores why we must stay focused and engaged this election year and elect a Congress that supports treat people equally and fairly," Birch said at a news conference after the two votes. "The civil rights struggle in this country has been a long journey and we will, with steadfast commitment, continue working toward the day when American's promise of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness will be true for Gay Americans as well."

The vote on ENDA "represents a small but profound victory," Birch said.

"The U.S. Senate, for the first time in the history of this country, debated and voted on a major piece of civil rights legislation for Gay people," Birch added. "Though the outcome is not what we had hoped, it lays a strong foundation for work in the next Congress."

Shanti Classical Guitar Benefit Sept. 21

TUCSON - Roberto Cappochi will be performing in the Second Annual Classical Benefit for the Shanti Foundation, 7:30 P.M., Saturday, September 21 at St. Andrew's Church, 545 S. Fifth Avenue.

Roberto Cappochi has performed exclusively in his native Brazil and is currently teaching at the University of Arizona. Roberto is also currently working on his DMA at the University.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Shanti, or at the door. For more information about the benefit, call 622-7107.

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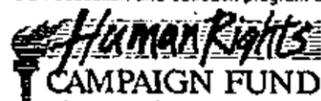
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