

## Tucson AIDS Service Organizations To Merge

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON - Tucson's three primary AIDS Services Organizations -- the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT for Life), Shanti Foundation of Tucson, and the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) -- announced their intentions to merge into a single AIDS service organization (ASO).

The decision to formally merge was reached this past week by the respective Boards of Shanti, PACT and TAP.

The new organization will be called, the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). SAAF should be fully operational and plan to be in one location by July 1. PACT, Shanti and TAP should dissolve as separate entities by June 30, 1997.

The temporary location for SAAF will be 151 South Tucson Boulevard, while the new ASO searches for a permanent home. The goal of SAAF is obtain the funds to purchase a building to house the new AIDS service organization.

"This will make it so much easier for our clients to have access in just one location, rather than does the client have to think they have to go to one of the three ASO's. One location, one telephone number to help clients," said Alan McLaughlin, board member of PACT.

Craig Bradford Snow and Anne Maley, currently the Executive Directors of TAP and Shanti respectively, will serve as Co-Executive Directors of SAAF.

Why a merger? According to Craig Snow of TAP, "it makes good economic sense in a community this size to go beyond the consolidating that we were doing and we can better use funds otherwise spent on administrative staff to maintain services. We're all having trouble maintaining services."

Snow continued, "shifts in Ryan White funding priorities which are driven the availability of new medications are behind what everybody knows already that PACT had to give up some programs. I think we can all see that it can happen to any one of the ASO's. We're joining forces and we'll be stronger and hopefully serve clients better."

Anne Maley of Shanti said this action was an urgent matter. "We weren't seeing the number of clients we serve drop. In fact, there are more people, living longer and AIDS treatment is expensive and since what can we do help our client base and their expanded needs. That was the motivation," Maley said.

Even before the announcement, some aspects of a "merger" had already been in place with the ASO's. Anne

Maley cited the AIDS Prevention Collaboration, Case Management Collaboration, fund raising collaboration, volunteer collaboration and database management.

Maley said the collaborations have had "a good success rate, and received positive feedback from surveys done by the ASO's."

Even with the collaborative efforts, there are many things to be done bring the merger into fruition:

grants and contracts need to be transferred into SAAF;

reduction of duplicated staffing (to the extent possible drawing from SAAF staff from existing staff at PACT, Shanti and TAP. A process is being developed in order to make these decisions in a fair and responsible fashion.);

formation of a new Board of Directors and Executive Board for SAAF;

marketing SAAF to clients, donors, volunteers and the community; and,

communicating with clients regarding how programs will be administered - and getting their input into the process.

About the new SAAF Board of Directors, Alan McLaughlin said that the membership will come equally from all three of the old ASO's plus in an agreed stipulation, that no less than 33% of the Board of SAAF shall be comprised of persons living with HIV/AIDS, and that at least one person living with HIV/AIDS will serve on the Executive Committee of SAAF.

Initial reaction to the merger was positive:

"I am very pleased to see that the Tucson AIDS community continues to be at the forefront with collaboration and cooperation. I am confident that this merger will not only enhance services to clients, but it will provide a unified voice on HIV-related issues without muting the voices of the people living with HIV to openly express their individual feelings and opinions," Christopher Brown, head of the Office of the HIV/STD Services Arizona Department of Health Services, in a statement, said.

David Hoover, Program Manager for the STD/HIV program for the Pima County Health Department commented, "I think this is the culmination of hard work by the three AIDS service organizations. People living with HIV/AIDS will be better served by this coordinated effort."

"It's good for the community and

## Millennium Theatre Company Three-Play Mini-Season, Beginning In May



TUCSON - Pictured above are some of the crew and cast of the newly formed Millennium Theatre Company. See story below.

TUCSON - The Millennium Theatre Company proudly presents a three-play mini-season beginning May 16. The Company will perform a trio of comic delights for Tucson audiences.

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## Hate Crimes Passes House Despite Veto Threat; Arizona ENDA Revived

by MARK R. KERR  
Observer Political Reporter

Shaw, R-Phoenix.

PHOENIX - Two bills of concern to the Gay and Lesbian community were considered by the Arizona House of Representatives this past week.

After long and emotional debate going into the night;

controversy over alleged anti-Semitic remarks made by the Speaker regarding the measure; and;

attempts by the governor and some conservatives to water down the measure; the state House of Representatives voted 36-20, to approve S.B. 1047, the proposed statewide hate-crimes ordinance.

Of the southern Arizona legislators, Reps. Dan Schottel, R-District 12; Bill McGibbon, R-District 9; and; Gail Griffin, R-District 8 voted no. All others voted in favor.

S.B. 1047 would allow a judge to impose a harsher penalty in a felony case if the victim was targeted because of race, religion, color, gender sexual orientation or national origin or ancestry. The sponsor of the measure was state Rep. Robin

The bill includes a clause barring someone from using the law to file a civil discrimination suit linked to sexual orientation. As previously reported, Rep. Shaw stated this provision was demanded by conservative lawmakers and Gov. Symington for their support.

Before the vote on S.B. 1047, the House voted to kill the compromise measure on hate-crimes proposed by Governor Symington, which removed the specific groups and used only the words "identified group and "identity within a group."

Republican leaders and the governor called this amendment "a compromise," but as the debate progressed, support quickly eroded and was killed by House Democrats, moderate Republicans and the original bill's staunchest foes. The vote was 18 in favor, 29 against.

After the vote, Governor Symington, despite the earlier amendment over civil litigation in the bill, said he would veto S.B. 1047 in its present form.

Despite the veto threat, the bill now goes to the state Senate for concur-

# UPDATE

## AGRA-Phoenix To Distribute Rodeo Profits

PHOENIX - Arizona Gay Rodeo Association-Phoenix (AGRA-Phoenix) Chapter has announced a profit of \$20,000 from the 1997 Roadrunner Regional Rodeo held in January.

As outlined in the organization's By-Laws, the profits are to be disbursed to 501c3 charities voted on by the organization's general membership.

This year, the profits will be donated to PFLAG, Coalition of Meal Providers, Valley One-in-Ten and the Arizona Humane Society. Representatives from each organizations will be on hand at the AGRA-Phoenix Chapter's May 11 meeting to accept their allotted donations.

The public is invited to attend the meeting, beginning at 5:00 P.M., at Charlie's, 727 W. Camelback Rd, Phoenix.

## The Ride In Arizona May 13-18

GRAND CANYON - The RIDE is a 302 mile, five day bicycle ride to benefit AIDS Service Agencies located throughout Arizona.

The RIDE begins at the Grand Canyon on May 13, passes through the Navajo Nation, Painted Desert, Oak Creek Canyon, and Verde Valley before concluding on May 18 in Flagstaff. Each rider agrees to raise funds for one or all of the non-profit, volunteer based agencies providing service to those affected by HIV and AIDS in Arizona.

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## Shanti Plus Seminar April 18-20

TUCSON - The Shanti Foundation Positive Living for Us (PLUS) Weekend Seminar, is scheduled to take place, April 18-20 at the Kino Learning Center, 6625 North First Avenue.

This is a free weekend seminar that empowers you to take charge of your life. If you have HIV/AIDS or are a caregiver, Shanti invites you to participate in this seminar.

For information and registration, call The Shanti Foundation of Tucson, 622-7107.

## AIDS Organization Lauds Clinton's Needle Exchange Program

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - In an unprecedented victory for HIV prevention advocates, the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) has recommended to President Bill Clinton that Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala certify the efficiency of syringe exchange programs to reduce the rate of HIV transmission while not promoting increased drug use.

With the release of this finding and the Secretary's subsequent approval, federal funds could be allocated to support needle exchange programs nationwide.

H. Alexander Robinson, the Chair of the Prevention Committee of PACHA said he is, "ecstatic about the decision," and believes that this will "provide the extra shot in the arm (so to speak) to finally put a halt to this epidemic." The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention (NTFAP), of which Robinson serves as President, applauds the Council for joining the growing chorus of national, local and state health officials to reduce the spread of HIV.

## Desert Voices 'Angels With AIDS' Music Fund

TUCSON - Desert Voices, Arizona's Premier Gay and Lesbian Chorus has received a grant to set up a music fund called "Angels With AIDS."

This fund will be used to commission an original music tribute to those Angels we loved that have died of AIDS, or are living with AIDS. "Angels With AIDS," world premiere performance is scheduled for June 1998.

A contribution to this fund of \$50 or more, your contribution will make the memory of anyone who lived or is living with AIDS a part of this musical tribute. Their name, the year of death, and where they lived will become a part of this musical tribute. Desert Voices have already received contributions and names from Mexico City, Mexico, Santa Fe, NM, Tucson, Crestline and San Francisco California.

All contributions are tax deductible. Make your check payable to DESERT VOICES Angels With AIDS Fund, POB 0270, Tucson, AZ, 85702-0270. For more information call (520) 791-9662, or email Keith Kuster, Artistic Director or Phil Holding from Desert Voices home page on the web: <http://www.geocities.com/HotSprings/6216/desertvoices.html>.

## CORRECTION

[COPY EDITORS (CE) NOTE:

Last week, a quote by Gems Coach L.A. was in error by the CE, not by Robert Serrano.

The correct quote should have been, "We had a good draw in the round robin phase of the tourney and did not have to face any of the top teams. I have seen these women play and they are top notch, gaining confidence as a team with each passing week."

The CE apologizes for the error and the inconvenience it may have caused.]

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## Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation Upcoming Fundraising Events

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## Craig Snow To Be Roasted at SAAF Benefit April 25

TUCSON - Craig Bradford Snow, one of Tucson's major voices in community consciousness of and response to AIDS/HIV infection, will be honored at a fund raising dinner event held at the University Park Marriott, Friday, April 25, beginning with cocktails at 6:30 P.M.

Snow, a founding member of the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP), this year celebrates his ten-year anniversary as Executive Director of the largest non-profit AIDS service organization in Pima County.

The event will benefit the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, a collaboration of the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP), Shanti Foundation and People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT for Life).

The evening will feature cocktails, dinner, dancing (music provided by the Mary Baker Jazz Quartet) and good-natured ribbing as community members recognize Craig for his notable contributions, characteristics and coif. Rosters include Sal Quijada, Kathy Allen, John Peck, Steve Gottlieb, Christina Rossetti, and Anne Mafey.

Tickets for the black-tie optional

event are \$75 each and can be reserved by calling 622-7107 by Tuesday, April 22.

In 1987, Craig wrote the first HIV prevention proposal to be funded in Pima County, and he continues to advocate programs to the community, particularly for high-risk groups such as IV drug users, the Gay/Bisexual male community, high-risk adolescents, and persons who are developmentally disabled. Under Craig's leadership, TAP has become a major provider of vital services for people with HIV and their families, and TAP has achieved an international reputation for innovative, effective HIV prevention programs for a variety of target populations that reach over 15,000 people annually.

Currently, Craig and TAP are working with the Shanti Foundation and People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson to undertake an exciting and innovative project: consolidating service programs, operations, and development activities of the three agencies. The prototype of collaboration which he has worked to develop has implications far beyond Southern Arizona's AIDS Service community.

## 14th International AIDS Candlelight and Mobilization Sunday, May 4

TUCSON - Tucson will join over 290 cities in over 40 nations and all 50 states in the U.S. observance of the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization, Sunday, May 4.

The event, which began in San Francisco in 1983, honors the memory of those who have died of AIDS, demonstrates support for people living with HIV and AIDS, and mobilizes community involvement in the fight against HIV/AIDS. It's the world's largest annual grassroots AIDS event.

The Tucson observance of the event will be hosted jointly by Wingspan, Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) and Desert Voices, 7:30 P.M., May 4, in Armory Park in downtown Tucson. Participants will light candles, hear the stories of local people affected by

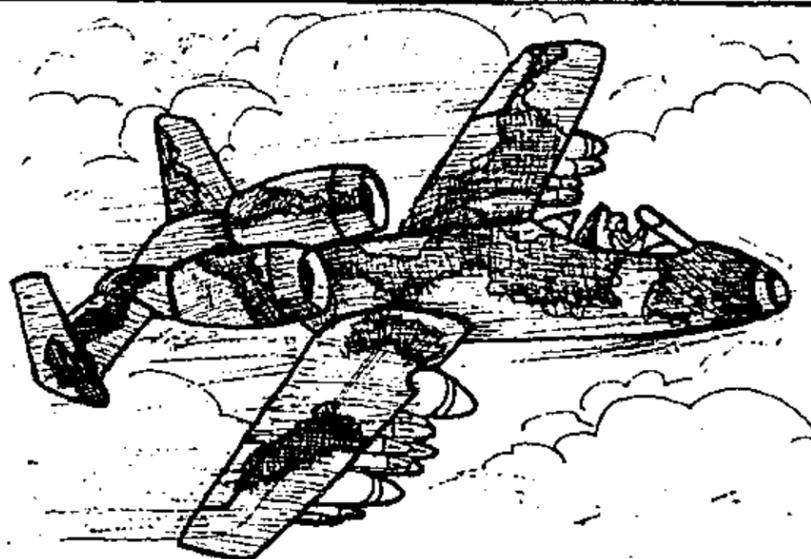
HIV, and listen to music by Desert Voices. The event will include a candlelight procession and an interfaith service of healing hope, as well as opportunities for Tucsonans to learn about HIV/AIDS services offered locally, and about volunteer opportunities.

"Wingspan has been involved in this event since 1994, with TIHAN joining in 1995 and Desert Voices last year. "This event has grown every year since it began in Tucson," said Mark Schaye, local event coordinator. "That means awareness around HIV and AIDS is growing - but it also means the problem is growing. We must assure that prevention education and care for people living with HIV grow as well.

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# 'Ellen' Hype Drains Meaning From The Cultural Drama Of 'Coming Out'

by Frank Rich

NEW YORK, NY - Only in America - Disney's America, at any rate - can the act of a TV sitcom heroine declaring her Lesbianism be turned into a media epic that plays out over seven months, generating a striptease of publicity that in a simpler age would be beyond the imagination of even P.T. Barnum, if not Gypsy Rose Lee herself.

It's till three weeks until ABC unveils the all-star outing of "Ellen," featuring cameos by everyone from Demi Moore to Billy Bob Thornton. But like so many oversold events in American mass culture, it seems like a rerun well before it arrives.

The episode's jokes, plot and emotions are all detailed in this week's news magazine - one of which, Time, runs a cover story (headline: "YEP I'M GAY!") with the not-unexpected revelation that the show's eponymous star, the stand-up comic Ellen DeGeneres, is also Gay.

More revealing is Newsweek's skinny that this announcement has been "carefully" orchestrated by a P.R. firm that "has been shopping interviews with DeGeneres, promising she'll talk about being a Lesbian." Among those to whom she'll be talking are "Prime Time Live" and Oprah, both fellow Disney corporateers. These days synergy is the love that dare not speak its name.

The nation's opponents of all things homosexual, meanwhile, are following a script as predictable as that of Ms. DeGeneres' promoters, with Jerry Falwell, fresh from his joint "Larry King Live" appearance with Larry Flynt, getting plenty of airtime for his call for advertisers to abandon "Ellen."

Some sponsors - Chrysler, J.C. Penney - are taking a pass, but ABC's own courage also has its limits. It has turned down one "Ellen" ad - for a Gay cruise-ship line - as too controversial. Am I the only parent who feels that the straight cruise-ship commercials starring Kathie Lee Gifford are more of a threat to my kinds' view of heterosexuality than anything a Gay sponsor could come up with?

A Hollywood executive I spoke to, and he's not alone, wonders if the network is taking a risk at all in outing "Ellen," given the show's flat quality and ratings. "There's no downside for Disney," he says. "If this works and people actually tune in, it's saved. If not, it was dead anyway."

Yet there could be a downside for Gay people. Though there are some two dozen Gay characters on other network shows, "Ellen," is the first with a Gay lead. If it fails, will the character's homosexuality, rather than the series' spotty quality, be held accountable? Even if "Ellen" is a hit, it remains to be seen how many doors it will open: Who in Hollywood will have the guts to hire Ms. DeGeneres, or any out Gay actor, to play a straight lead in a TV series?

But at least one unusually expert observer regards "Ellen" as a serious breakthrough, tantamount to Bill Cosby's smashing of the color barrier for TV leads on "I Spy" in 1965: Sheila James Kuehl, a popular sitcom actress of the early 60's, fondly remembered as Zelda Gilroy, the smart but plain coed unrequitedly in love

with the hero of "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis."

Speaking this week from California, where she is now speaker pro tem of the state Assembly, Ms. Kuehl recalled how, as a closeted Lesbian in early 20's, she'd been up for her own spin-off series as "Dobie Gillis" concluded its run. "People were high on it," she said. "We thought it would really go. But all of a sudden there was a great silence, and it sank like a stone. A couple weeks later, the director told me that the president of CBS though I was a little butch.

"He didn't say I was Gay, but I was completely panicked. I'd already been kicked out of my sorority at UCLA. I thought of killing myself. I thought they'd tell my parents . . . But nothing happened." Nothing, this is except the rapid demise of her TV career - which would in turn, lead her by a circuitous route to Harvard Law School and a career as the first openly Gay legislator elected in the nation's largest state.

Not every story like this has so happy an ending, as Ms. Kuehl would be the first to acknowledge. Speaking of Ellen DeGeneres' coming out, she said, "Even in 1997, I think it is an act of courage."

The extent to which that act makes a difference in the lives of today's young and frightened Gay Americans will determine whether it is a landmark in the history of cultural civil rights or of show-business hype.

[Frank Rich is the cultural reporter for The New York Times. This article was reprinted from the Arizona Daily Star.]

## Poll Shows More Support Of Gay Rights If Orientation Is Genetic

WASHINGTON, D.C. (WS) -- A new poll says that Americans are more likely to support Gay rights if they believe sexual orientation is determined primarily by heredity and genes rather than upbringing and environment.

The poll was conducted by the conservative weekly US News & World Report and Bozell Worldwide and appears as the US News cover story in the April 21, 1997 issue.

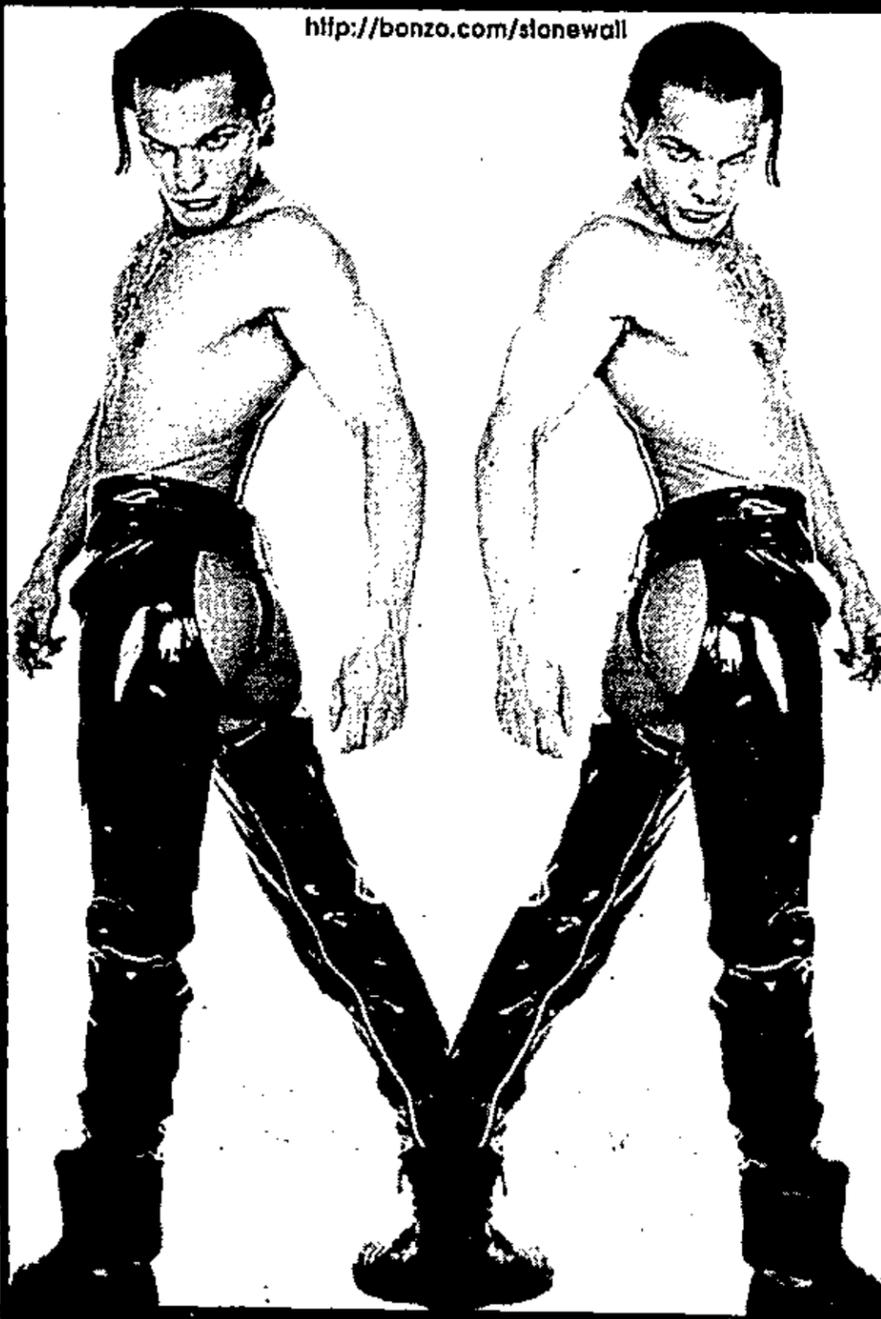
The poll showed a majority of Americans (69%) believe behavior is caused by a combination of genetic and environmental factors. Though only 45% of the total respondents favor Gay rights (44% oppose), a full 69% of those who believe Gay men and Lesbians have a genetic predisposition to same-sex attraction support Gay rights.

The poll notes 66% say they strongly support funding for AIDS research, but support jumps to 77% among those that believe that most Gay men and Lesbians are "born that way."

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## POLITICS 1997

By MARK R. NEW

## "No Sex Please, We're The Arizona Legislature!"

A group-hug isn't going to work for them after this past week!

S.B. 1047, the proposed statewide hate crimes bill was finally voted on and approved by the State House, only:

by a discharge petition with 37 legislative signatures to get the bill heard over the heavy-handed tactics of state House Speaker Don Aldridge;

after a major controversy over the House Speaker Aldridge allegedly making anti-Semitic remarks, "holding the bill up because a few Jews in the Legislature had made the issue emotional and divisive," (later denied by Aldridge);

Fiferama reneging on a promise to support the revised measure and offered a water-down travesty; and;

day-long tortuous debate with barbs, accusations, and threats being bandied about.

The state House then killed Fife's feel-good measure that was unprosecutable and unconstitutional, 29-18 and finally voted on S.B. 1047, and approved the proposed statewide hate crimes ordinance, by a 36-20 margin.

The bill's core supporters (Moderate Republicans and Democrats) stuck with Shaw's original version. Some conservative Republicans voted in favor of the original bill because of Shaw's valiant efforts, and upset over Aldridge's actions.

Of the no votes, three came from Southern Arizona. Reps. Dan Schottel, R-Melittville, Bill McGibbon, R-Beef and Gail Griffin, R-Deliverance voted against S.B. 1047.

With House passage, S.B. 1047 goes back to the Senate for concurrence/refusal. According to capitol sources, the bill will be taken up today (Wednesday) and no later than tomorrow, (Thursday). Also, Fife's travesty will also be considered as well. What will happen?

According to Rep. Robin Shaw's office, she is going to have people testify in favor of her bill, with the strong language. An unheard of act, but she's going to bat for a hate-crimes ordinance with teeth. Hooray!

If the Senate approves the bill, with the teeth, it will then go to Governor Whitewash. Last week, despite earlier agreeing to the wording of the bill, Fiferama now says he will veto the measure. According to capitol sources, the Fiferama doesn't like the language dealing with sexual orientation that's in the bill.

So the governor broke a promise? What a shocker! Gee, tell that to the investors in Fiferama's real-estate boondoggles! Remember the Camelback Esplanade, or Southwest Savings? For that matter, what about his 23-count federal indictment?!

What about a threatened veto? Would it be overridden, or attempted override? According to several legislators, the state House would try, but it's the Senate that's questionable!

[Note: This is not the first time Speaker Aldridge found himself in hot water over remarks he made. At a meeting of Sun City Republicans, the Speaker was reported as saying that some Hispanic boys believe impregnating numerous women is a badge of honor. Evan Mecham must be smiling these days!]

Perhaps as a result of the Speaker's heavy-handedness and alleged "anti-semitic" slurs regarding the hate-crimes bill, the state House tentatively approved a measure that would protect Gays and Lesbians from work-place discrimination.

[For those playing the home-game, it's also known as Arizona ENDA].

The measure, an amendment to S.B. 1464, was sponsored by Tucson Rep. Andy Nichols, (D). Rep. Nichols, in floor debate said he was not advancing a "pro-Gay, pro-Lesbian bill, but 'an equal rights bill.'" Okay!

The bill, amendments and all was approved, 55-2. One of the two "nay" votes was Pima County Rep. Dan Schottel, R-Melittville. The bill goes to the Senate for concurrence/refusal or a conference committee. . . .

S.B. 1408, that was allegedly fast-tracked for approval and quickly failed, 39-14.

The bill would have forced all-night strip shows, topless bars, adult video stores and other sexually oriented business to close between 1:00 and 8:00 A.M. most days and 1:00 A.M. and noon on Sundays.

Critics said regulation of such businesses should be on the local level. Supporters of the bill said the bill would help fight crime that allegedly increases when these stores open.

So, you can still return those "videos" late in Arizona! . . .

This past week, the House without debate, without noise, quietly agreed to increase the per-diem money lawmakers receive for "living" expenses when the Inquisition, err Legislature is in session. Democracy?

S.B. 1016 would raise the per-diem money from legislators living outside Maricopa County from \$60 to \$100 a day. The amount would increase from \$35 to \$50 a day for Phoenix legislators.

This the third attempt for lawmakers to get into taxpayers pockets. The legislative salary, \$15K each session, is set by Arizona voters. Per-diem doesn't fall into this category and is up to the Legislature. The per-diem money is tax-free, so no cut for Uncle Sam or Uncle Fife.

For number-crunchers, add this up: \$15,000 (salary) + \$10,000 (per diem for 1000 day session) = \$25,000 plus mileage for the part-time job. (Non-Maricopa, \$20K plus mileage for Phoenixian legislators.) Would Burger Guy give me that kind of raise? No! . . .

Capitol sources say the current session of the Arizona Legislature may end by this weekend. None too damn soon!

So it goes for now kids!

# Roxanna Returns For Reveille Fund Raiser April 22



Roxanna Ward

TUCSON - Doing stand-up while sitting down takes special talent, especially if you sing and play the piano like Roxanna Ward.

Delivering all this and more, Ward's engaging blend of music and comedy caused one listener to remark: "It's as if Bette Midler and Steve Allen had a love child!" Roxanna makes a special return to Tucson, Tuesday, April 22, to headline a Gay Comedy Spectacular at Laff's Comedy Club, 2900 East Broadway, benefitting Reveille Gay Men's Chorus (RGMC) and other non-profit and social organizations.

Roxanna appeared with RGMC last year and brought down the house with her unique comedy style and music talents. For 14 years, she entertained the faithful at the landmark piano bar in Laguna Beach, California - The Little Shrimp. She claims that her spontaneous, cabaret-style approach to performing evolved out of necessity. "I didn't know enough material, so I had to be funny to fill time."

Featured at venues from Anchorage to Miami, Ward began her career on such shows as the award-winning "Laura Nyro, Woman of the City." After conducting the Milwaukee Symphony Pop Series, Ward began working corporate shows - writing and performing original music for companies like Toyota, Midas, Century 21, Pizza Hit, Cadillac and more.

Throughout her career, Ward has written comedy, musicals and music, including the R & B single, "Remember Who You Are," recorded by Phyllis Hyman in 1993. The song reached #16 on the Billboard jazz charts and will be released on Hyman's upcoming greatest hits album.

Working with Dolly Parton, Lauren Bacall, Kirk Douglas and Bea Arthur, Ward also wrote and produced music for "Splash," the annual "backyard" fund raiser for the AIDS Service Founda-

tion of Orange County. A regular performer for Olivia Cruises & Resorts, Ward currently appears at concerts, including a recent fund raiser for the Elizabeth Taylor Foundation for AIDS. Aside from all this, Ward considers her most singular achievement to be her live recording of "Aunt Bee Unplugged," available on cassette. Her debut CD, "Remember Who You Are," was recently released on the Kiercy label.

Last year's appearance with Reveille was as a guest Diva, but this time Ward will headline two shows: a dinner show at 6:30 P.M. and a cocktail performance at 9:00 P.M. Miss Gay Arizona, Gilda Fatale, will emcee both shows and will do a special stand-up routine. Plus, Reveille will perform a few light hearted selections from their upcoming Spring Concert, "(Not Exactly) Straight From the Heart," which is scheduled for May 31, at the Pima Community College West Campus.

Advanced tickets for the Roxanna Ward Gay Comedy Show are \$8 (no-dinner early show and 9:00 P.M. Cocktail show) and \$20 for the 6:30 P.M. Dinner show. Day-of-show tickets will be available at Laff's for \$10 and \$22.50 respectively. For more information and ticket outlets, call RGMC, (520) 617-3100, or reservations can be made by calling Laff's at 322-FUNNY.

## Team May Be Hot On The Trail Of Whole New Way To Foil HIV

WASHINGTON (AP) - Researchers say they have found a way to genetically prevent the formation of a key protein that allows the AIDS virus to infect some cells, offering promise for a radically new treatment.

Recent studies have shown that HIV must link with specific proteins on the surface of cells before it can infect the cell. These surface proteins are called receptors.

One of the receptors, CD-4, has long been known. Studies last year showed that the virus must also link with one of two other cell receptors, CCR-5 or CXCR-4.

Generally, the virus uses the CCR-5 receptor to invade cells early in the

infection. After the virus mutates, it also uses CXCR-4.

Scientists at the Naval Medical Research Institute in Bethesda, Md., announced in laboratory experiments they are now able to prevent T-cells, the primary HIV target, from making the surface protein CCR-5. This, in effect, shuts down the ability of the virus to infect the T-cells, said Dr. Carl H. June of the institute.

"We know that if you are born without the CCR-5 gene, it is very hard to get infected with HIV," said June. "Our work shows that you can artificially induce this immunity by turning off the CCR-5 gene in the nucleus of the cell."

A report on the study is to be

published in the journal Science.

T-cells play a key role in the immune system. When an infective organism is detected the T-cells multiply, and each new cell has on its surface two proteins, CD-3 and CD-28, said June. When these proteins are made, it signals the nucleus of the cell to also make CCR-5.

In the new research, June said, his group has blocked the expression of CD-3 and CD-28. This, in turn, causes the cell not to make CCR-5.

"If you bind (block) CD-3 and CD-28, that delivers a signal to the cell to turn off the CCR-5," said June. And without CCR-5, most strains of HIV will

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He said an experimental technique, which he declined to discuss, may be tried on patients soon.

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## Columna Abierta.

by Dr. Eleazar Gordo

Hola!!! Se les saluda un poco cansado por el "ajetreo" de estar de regreso de la V Conferencia Anual de Promotores que se levó a cabo en la ciudad de Yuma Az., donde se ha podido constatar una vez más la gran labor que están desarrollando los promotores de salud en todas las comunidades donde se utiliza a estas personas como educadores, líderes, consejeros, defensores de los derechos humanos, etc. ya que es larga la lista de los calificativos que adquieren estas personas al momento de empezar a desarrollar la apostólica labor de promotor de salud; y lo mas sorprendente es el gran número de promotores que existen en toda esta Nación Norteamericana, que ha adoptado este modelo de los promotores mexicanos. De verdad que fué un gran evento y una gran responsabilidad para nuestro centro hermano WAHEC y todo su personal, y demas personas voluntarias que siempre estuvieron al pendiente de todos los detalles para que los asistentes nos sintieramos "más que agusto" y que coordinación tuvo nuestra amiga Tuly Medina para la parte logística!... de verdad fué todo un éxito total...

Y así será la 1a. Feria de Salud para Lesbianas, que se llevará a cabo este sábado 19 en la YWCA de la Sta., avenida al sur de University Blvd., patrocinado por el proyecto para prevención de cancer en lesbianas, con invitación para todo el público y en especial a las mujeres ya que se contempla un programa muy interesante con talleres sobre: nutrición, sexualidad, relación y comunicación, violencia familiar, aspectos médico/legales, entre otros de no menor importancia, además de muchos puestos con información, comida y arte... Todo será gratis; y si necesita cuidado de sus niños mientras asiste a la feria, hay ayuda financiera, ya que no se podrá dar este servicio en la feria por razones de seguro; pero usted puede solicitar ayuda llamando con Juanita al (520) 323-8283 o con Regina Winter al (520) 884-7810 así como para el pre-registro, aunque se puede registrar en la

puerta al llegar. No pierda esta oportunidad de divertirse, aprender y conocer a nuevas amistades y por allá nos veremos!!!

Otra buena noticia que nos comparte nuestro amigo Ernie Pérez, es que las Noches Latinas del Stonewall empezarán de nuevo el día martes 22 de abril, se les pide de muy buena forma que por favor se eviten problemas relacionados al exceso del alcohol, y que se entienda la responsabilidad que esta de por medio para hacer estos arreglos; y sobre todo hay que respetar para ser respetados, y asistir a divertirse, bailar, escuchar, y convivir con sus amistades en un ambiente que siempre hemos deseado... Música en español... Ojalá y que los propietarios del BOOM BOOMS sean accesibles y que se programen otra vez las Noches Latinas en ese lugar, y que no por problemas de unas cuantas personas nos afecte a toda una comunidad que realmente no somos "minorías"... Además que ya se esta trabajando en las Fiestas del Cinco de Mayo que se llevarán a cabo en el Stonewall, este pendiente de los volantes y ununcios que estará dando Salud es Poder....

Por Hoy, es todo le esperamos la próxima semana D.M.

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## Review... Wingspan Art Show

by Leslie Vinson

Love is not, (thank Heaven!), restricted to the young and gorgeous, in our community or any other. But it's such a lovely phenomenon that artists have always express it in forms of youthful beauty. Joaquin Mariscales follows this tradition in his drawings of Gay and Lesbian couples.

The word love is necessary, for Mariscales' pictures are not just pinups. True, the male subjects are model types who spend a lot of time at the gym; and the Lesbians are pretty girls who enjoy stylish makeup. But the mood is intensely romantic, touched with deep melancholy. Two large pencil drawings make this explicit: In one the nude male figures embrace seriously, maybe for the first time; in the other one man blithely departs, while the other stares unseeing into a mirror, his eyes full of tears. The artist's inscriptions, "con amor," make us sure there is some painful story here.

Less clearly narrative, and more successful as design, are the head studies of embracing men. Mariscales uses ink dots, subtle pencil shading, and lightning flashes of black to make these charming works, which would be delightful posters. Again, the erotic feeling is very poignant.

One lover offers a kiss, while his partner (to be?) glances aside, ill at ease. And a beautiful young man, resting his head on his partner's shoulder, has an expression so complex it could be a party game to interpret. No two players would come up with the same answer. This uncertainty speaks profoundly to Gay and Lesbian people. Few of us discover our sexuality with unmixed glee.

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### LIGHTEN UP... Humorous stories retrieved from various sources and to the best of our knowledge anonymous authors. We hope you will enjoy and lighten up with a smile or a guffaw!

An old farmer decided it was time to get a new rooster for his hens. The current rooster was still doing an okay job, but he was getting on in years and the farmer figured getting a new rooster couldn't hurt anything. So he buys a young cock from the local rooster emporium, and turns him loose in the barn yard.

Well, the old rooster sees the young one strutting around and he gets a little worried. So they're trying to replace me, thinks the old rooster, I've got to do something about this. He walks up to the new bird and says, "So you're the new stud in town? I bet you really think you're hot stuff, don't you? Well I'm not ready for the chopping block yet. I'll bet I'm still the better bird. And to prove it, I challenge you to a race around that hen house over there. We'll run around it ten times and whoever finishes first gets to have all the hens to himself."

Well, the young rooster was a proud sort, and he definitely thought he was more than a match for the old guy. "You're on," said the young rooster. "And since I know I'm so great, I'll even give you a head start of half a lap. I'll still win easily," said the young rooster.

So the two roosters go over to the hen house to start the race with all the hens gathering around to watch. The race begins and all the hens start cheering the roosters on. After the first lap, the old rooster is still maintaining his lead. After the second lap, the old guy's lead has slipped a little, but he's still hanging in there. Unfortunately, the old rooster's lead continues to slip each time around, and by the fifth lap he's just barely in front of the young rooster.

By now the farmer has heard all the commotion. He runs into the house, gets his shotgun, and runs out to the barnyard, figuring a fox or something is after his chickens. When he gets there he sees the two roosters running around the hen house, with the old rooster still slightly in the lead. He immediately takes his shotgun, aims, fires and blows the young rooster away.

As he walks away slowly, he says to himself, "Damn, that's the third Gay rooster I've bought this month." ..... From the Internet

## BGALA Retained By 5-2 Vote

by Amanda Riddle

TUCSON - Amidst heated debate, the Undergraduate Senate voted to keep the Bisexual Gay and Lesbian Association (BGALA) as an ASUA program next year.

The Senate passed Associated Students bylaws for the Senate and for clubs and organizations without debate, but objections surfaced when senators proposed to cut some programs and services.

Sens. Lauren Sliger and Chadd Garcia voted to eliminate BGALA to become a club and apply for funding through ASUA's Appropriations Board.

Sens. J.J. Rico, Ryan Anderson, Kim Montanaro, Maile Weigele and Casey Cuny voted against cutting BGALA. Sen. David Kramer abstained. Cuny is ASUA's executive vice-president elect.

After passing a new constitution in February, ASUA chose to restructure programs and services.

Sliger said she wanted BGALA cut from ASUA for financial reasons. ASUA's 15 programs and services are allocated a budget at the beginning of the academic year, while clubs and organizations apply for funding on a case-by-case basis through the Appropriations Board.

Sliger said BGALA's interest is so limited that she could not justify giving it a line-item budget at the beginning of the year while other special interest clubs have to go through the club-funding process.

BGALA has a budget of \$5,261.50. It has already spent \$3,576.01. About \$700 was spent on National Com-

ing Out Day activities in October and \$2,250 was paid to a speaker for Gay Awareness Week last month.

Funding is more carefully monitored through the Appropriations Board, Sliger said.

Garcia said removing BGALA from ASUA's programs and services is a fairness issue.

"There are a vast amount of other minority organizations and clubs, and we're not providing the same appropriations for all of them," he said.

"There's not enough money to make every minority a program or service," Garcia said.

Fifteen people were present at the meeting, of which were members of BGALA. The four BGALA members argued with Sliger and Garcia about cutting the association.

"This is a series mistake," said Michael Kruz, a BGALA member.

"BGALA faces the constant threat of discrimination if its relegated to clubs and organizations. If it is not institutionalized, who else will come out and pick it up, to face open discrimination and continue forward with it?"

BGALA co-director Jason Cianciotto also disagreed with Sliger and Garcia, saying BGALA serves the entire university community by informing the campus of its issues.

[Amanda Riddle is a reporter for the Arizona Daily Wildcat, from which this article is reprinted.]

## Pentagon Cites Abuse Of Gay Policy, Issues Clarifications

WASHINGTON, D.C. (SFE) --

The Pentagon has issued a clarification of certain aspects of the "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy regarding Gay and Lesbian service in the military.

The clarification was written primarily to address complaints that women who rebuffed sexual advances were being falsely accused of being Lesbian. "This guidance is issued because of information we have received that some service members have been threatened with being reported as homosexual after they rebuffed sexual advances or themselves reported acts of sexual misconduct by others," the notice read.

Undersecretary of Defense, Edwin Dom, wrote, "The report of such a threat should result in the prompt investigation of the threat itself. Investigators should not solicit allegations concerning the sexual orientation or homosexual conduct of the threatened person."

The office of Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) released copies of the report to the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network and other groups that counsel Gay men and Lesbians in the Military. Frank told reporters, "We felt a lot of people were not living up to the policy, and this should help them do it." He termed the change "very significant."

## Investigators Say Atlanta Bombings Tied To Militia Sympathizers

ATLANTA, GA (WS) - Federal law enforcement officials conceded that a letter claiming responsibility for the bombings of an abortion clinic and Gay bar in Atlanta made reference to the April 19, 1993 siege of the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas in which 80 people died.

The link to the Branch Davidians is an important indicator, say federal investigators, that the person or persons responsible for the bombings will strike again on or near April 19. The 1994 Oklahoma City bombing, in which 168 people lost their lives in an attack on a federal building, marked the one year anniversary of Waco.

Law enforcement officials in Washington say security at government

facilities nationwide will be heightened as April 19 -- what anti-government activists call "Militia Day" -- approaches. Authorities in Atlanta will also be asking health clinics, synagogues, and Lesbian and Gay establishments to observe strict security protocols.

Local newspapers quote federal investigators as saying there were noted similarities in the bomb construction in the attacks on the abortion clinic and the Gay bar. Newspaper reports said the letter threatened future attacks on "facilities that murder children" and "sodomites."

For the moment, officials still believe they are dealing with no more than one or two people. "I believe we'd know more if it was a larger group," said one investigator.

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Team Tucson used timely hitting as well as good defense en-route to a 9-3 win over Hill Foot Gems. Team Tucson Coach Bertie L is really proud of her team's effort.

In the evening's second game, Girls' Night Out defeated the Lavender Laces 20-5. Laces Coach Chris T. commends Mo for pitching well and all the Laces team for good fielding. She noted that the Laces are definitely improving.

In the final Women's Division game of the night, the Hill Foot Gems played a great game from beginning to end in defeating Girls' Night Out, 20-4.

In the only Open Division Game, Venture-N was paced by Shane A., and Craig C's inside the park home-runs in a come-from-behind 14-7 win over Best Choice Realty Co (BCR). Coach Shane said, "Hats off to the BCR team, they played a great game. BCR gas a two-run lead going into the fourth inning, that's when the Venture-N bats came alive for 7 runs and command of the game.

Thanks to all the fans who came out to support their favorite players/teams.

The Arizona Aces will be having a team fund raiser at the park this weekend during the games. Food and soda will be available for a donation. Monies raised will help the team with expenses (balls, practice fields as well as the entrance fee for the Los Angeles Tournament of the Stars, Memorial Weekend in May.)

For more information on TGSA, please contact League Commissioner, Mary O., 770-9979.

APRIL 20

Women's Division

4:00 P.M. Girls Night Out v. Team Tucson

5:00 P.M. Hill Foot Gems v. The Biz

6:00 P.M. Team Tucson v. Lavender Laces

Open Division

7:00 P.M. IBT's Twisters v. Venture-N

8:00 P.M. Arizona Aces v. BCR

9:00 P.M. Venture-N v. IBT's Twisters

All games at Freedom Park (on 29th, between Swan and Craycroft) bring your blankets and lawn chairs!

## HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

by Anida Cowboy

Hey Tucson! I am back. Did you miss me? It was a well deserved and very rewarding vacation. I was in attendance for the dedication ceremonies of the brand new AGRA/IGRA wing of the Betty Ford Clinic! And guess who got her own VIP Suite, yours truly! Ironically, I returned from the vacation just in time for (guess what) the Fourth Avenue Street Fair . . . I think it was a great weekend! Joking aside, I went home to the east coast for a brief visit with Mom and Dad and the day before I was supposed to leave, I was admitted to the hospital for emergency Gall Bladder Surgery . . . I guess this makes the articles even more vicious because now I can say I have no Gall . . . (such a kiddier I am!)

I want to take a moment to thank all of you who helped make this year's Saguaro Regional Rodeo a great success. To Richard for the outstanding job as Rodeo Director, and his last minute sidekick Terry as Assistant Director. Kudos to the both of you. Thanks to Terry, stock prices for TP jumped over rodeo weekend (ha!). To all the volunteers, I wholeheartedly thank you for all of your hard work. You are the people who really helped pull the entire weekend together. For this, we will be hosting our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party, set for, Saturday, April 26 at Boom-Boom's. We are working out the details; so watch The Observer for more information.

The bad thing about being away for so long after rodeo is that there was no way for me to get the gossip out to the public on the S& R weekend happenings. Well, I am not one to gossip, but I need to ask a few questions . . . I will fire them out and if you have any answers please let me know . . . with the blur of 15's (Segrams 7 & 7's) in my eyes I kinda' lost track of a few things: Who locked the banquet bathroom door on Sunday night for a quickie? How many people thought the kiddie pool was a hot tub? How many belt buckles were traded over the weekend? What happened to Ms. Raybeline

over the weekend? I must have missed her party appearance. Who was the guy on stage trying to pick-up on the stage Pedros? If you want to turn a trick . . . why use the lobby bathrooms? Where do you were a kilt pin? Where were all of the balls that were dropped? (I was on my knees trying to find them!) And, I don't think this was a blowout issue for rodeo! . . . and the number one question of the rodeo weekend . . . Who has my panties from Sunday night?!

REMINDER: April's General Membership meeting will be held, Sunday, April 20, at Hours, beginning at 5:00 P.M. Your voice is important and we need you to help run the Association. All nominations are in for next years' Board of Directors and ballots have been mailed. Elections will be held at Sunday's meeting.

Hope to see y'all Sunday! As always, remember to keep your pride and play safe in the saddle!

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## Go In Good Health

by Rev. Andrew Brooks

I am going to take a one-week break from my A-Z series on herbs, to do something a little different this week. This time, I would like to discuss an important aspect of Good Health, one that is basic: Following your Heart. I would like to quote my all-time favorite singer, Cyndi Lauper, from her new song "You Don't Know (off the new album Sisters of Avalon) about the importance of being yourself. "You Don't Know Where you belong . . . You should be more careful as you follow blindly along . . . you just need to belong somehow . . . You're told what to wear, you're told what to like, it'd be nice if you'd think for yourself sometime, but you don't." That's it in a nutshell we allow society, in our case Gay society to tell us where to fit in, who to be, what to do.

At the risk of sounding "New Agey" (to borrow a popular term) your heart is much more than just the muscle that pumps blood throughout your body, it is the center and source of your being. As Gay Men and Lesbian Women, or Bisexual or Transgendered people, we are a bit unique, in that we buck society, and try to stand apart. The Gay community has sprung up with a life of it's own, with bars, bookstores (and of course erotic movies), and even fashions that are the "Gay look." We have our little sub-groups, like leathermen and bears (like myself) and drag queens and butch Lesbians and "lipstick" Lesbians, but beneath all that, we are individuals. Self-esteem and a sense of self-worth are vital to our beings, and though we may identify with a part of the Gay world (or not at all, some of us are rugged individualists), we need to be ourselves, and true to who and what we truly are.

There is nothing wrong with "being a bear" (to use a personal example) but if I only want to be around other bears, or shut myself off from the Gay community at large, particularly women, then I miss out on some vital connections, and friends from other walks of life. Rather than identify with that portion of the Gay world that only hangs out with men they find sexually attractive, or are their "type" (Even if we are not having sex with them, we seem to gravitate to that type). Living in my heart means having an open heart, trying to embrace everyone, young, old, of all walks of life. It is a daily lesson. I am far from perfect, and have my little shortcomings and judgments, but when I listen to my heart, it tells me to love, to embrace, to accept, to

be open and loving to all.

Now that does not mean allowing others to walk all over us, or to allow them to dictate who we associate with, or what music to listen to, or even what bars to go to, or what to do. Pressure from peers can be heavy. "Why are you dating him? He's not cute!" We are told, or "Why were you with her? I heard bad things about her!" Thinking and living according to the heart means letting go of prejudices, stereotypes, and negative thinking. It means letting go of "attitude" and old one-upmanship games. Rather than waste your precious time in life, closed down emotionally, allowing yourself to be jaded, cold, or even worse, bitter, it means looking inside.

Where are you at right now in life, are you happy? Are you doing what you really want to? In your relationships, are they for your highest good? Are your friends, associates, even your love, kind, loving, supporting people, or are they feeding your negative thinking? I don't mean for you to be judgmental, and suddenly look around and say, "Gee, these people are jerks. All they do is make fun of people, and tear each other down. They can go to hell!" Rather, I mean, step back and look at your life and associations. When we start to make positive changes, people start to notice. They may even pressure us to go back to the old way of living, because it's more familiar to them. That's when you need to stand up for yourself and say, "No. I want to be a kinder, more loving person, and that means loving myself, too." If you don't want to go somewhere or do something, politely be yourself."

Rather than follow blindly along, or lock ourselves in little cliques, we can look around, and see a whole world of people, who all need the same love and acceptance that we do. Then maybe we can drop some of the drama and silliness, and move forward as people (and the Gay community) with a little more love in our hearts, and acceptance of our fellow man (and woman!). Wouldn't that be nice. It's all a matter of who you truly are, and what you project. When you send love out, you get love back. Till next time, "Go in Good Health!" (Next week, back to the herbs!)

[Andrew Brooks is an herbalist and holistic counselor. He can be reached at 326-0841.]

## OUToberFest by Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance

### OUToberFest 1997 T-Shirt Design Contest

by Erli Galindo

It's that time again for our annual t-shirt design contest. This year's theme is "Equality through Visibility." The lucky winner will receive \$75. The winning design will become this year's OUToberFest logo and will be displayed on t-shirts, hats, posters, etc.

Rules for the contest are as follows:

All entries must be received by the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) by April 21, 1997; theme: "Equality through Visibility;" six-color limit; TLGA and OUToberFest 18, 1997 should

be on the design somewhere.

Please mail your entries to TLGA, P.O. Box 40301, Tucson, Arizona, 85717. If you have any questions, please call the TLGA hotline, 622-3200.

If you would like your design returned, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope or package. The winning entry will become the sole property of TLGA. TLGA reserves the right to alter the design as needed for printing purposes.

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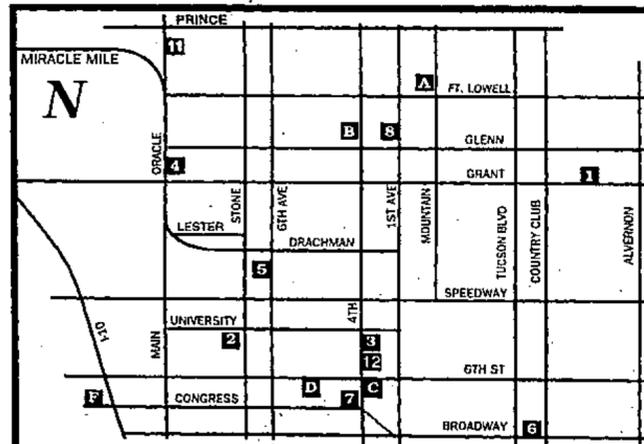


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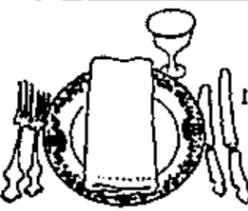


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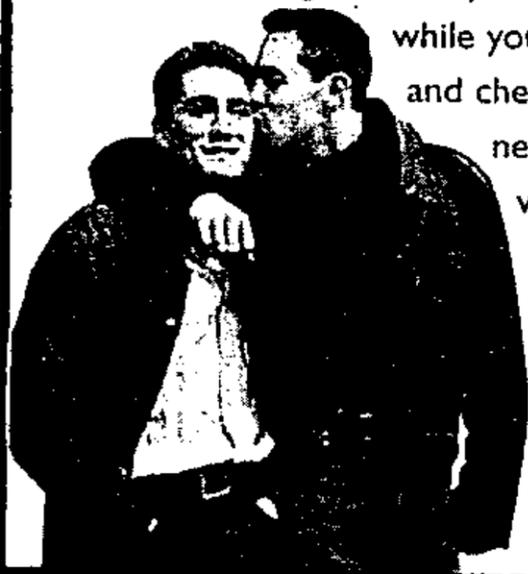


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## Same Sex Marriage Update Hawaii Legislature Still Deadlocked On Gay Marriage

HONOLULU, HI (WS) -- The latest round in the search for a compromise agreement on a constitutional amendment to ban Lesbian and Gay marriage in Hawaii ended in stalemate once again.

House and Senate conferees in Hawaii broke off negotiations around 2:00 am this past Saturday unable to reach agreement on the scope of the proposed Reciprocal Beneficiaries Law.

In a surprise move last week, Senate negotiators abandoned their insistence that the constitutional amendment include language banning gender discrimination in the granting of marriage licenses. This concession opened the way to general agreement between the House and Senate on the wording of the amendment, but the two sides remain deeply divided over what benefits non-traditional couples should be given access to.

The House is offering Lesbian and Gay couples in Hawaii a small package of benefits; the Senate wants a much larger package to be approved. House Speaker Joe Souki told newspaper reporters that if the Senate will not budge from its insistence on broad benefits, he is willing to wait until next year to resolve the issue.

Senate negotiator Sen. Matt Matsunaga told reporters, "We were willing to give the House their entire language on the constitutional amendment, but we felt [their] rights and benefits package was not fair."

Talk of delaying the decision until next year alarms Gay marriage opponents. The Rev. Marc Alexander, a Catholic Priest who has been a vocal supporter of the ban told reporters, "Most observers agree the court will not wait to make a decision until next year... We need to make the decision now," he said. "Otherwise it gives the court the message that the House and Senate don't have the guts to pass the kind of legislation that needs to be passed."

Lawmakers will meet again this week to determine if the deadline should be extended and new talks scheduled. . . .

In Providence, Rhode Island, the Rhode Island House Judiciary Committee killed a proposed ban on Gay marriages in the state according to newspaper reports.

The legislation introduced by Rep. Susan Iannitelli, R-Smithfield, said the ban was necessary to preserve "thousands of years of cultural tradition of marriage between one man and one woman."

Opponents of the ban, however, had the upper hand, characterizing the bill as a blatant attempt to demonize a vulnerable segment of society for shortsighted political gain.

When the bill came up for consideration, defeat of the bill came handily in an 11-5 committee vote. The Rhode Island Alliance for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights applauded the vote, saying, "The House Judiciary Committee said resoundingly that it will not use Gay and Lesbian people as political pawns." . . .

Legislators in the Nebraska Unicameral wrestled this past week with amendments some hoped would soften the blow of instituting a ban against the recognition of Gay marriage, according to local newspaper reports.

Sen. Dave Landis of Lincoln proposed an amendment that would prohibit issuing a marriage license to a person convicted of assault on a spouse three times. The motion failed 17-15. Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha followed with an amendment that would allow Gay and Lesbian couples to enter into legally binding domestic partnerships. This motion also failed.

While some members of the legislature said they supported the Chambers amendment, it was strongly opposed by the bill's sponsor Sen. Jim Jensen. Jensen said the subject of establishing a statewide domestic partnership registry was better addressed in a separate public hearing.

## North Dakota Law Confines Suspected HIV+

BISMARCK, ND (NP) -- North Dakota Governor Edward Schafer has signed into law a measure seriously threatening the civil rights of anyone suspected of having HIV, prompting an inquiry by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

The law allows a police officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, health care worker, or medical patient, who believes another person has "significantly" exposed them to blood to obtain a state court order to detain that person -- without criminal charges or a hearing -- for up to five days, during which a judge can force the detainee to have a blood test for HIV. There are no provisions for maintaining the confidentiality of the test results obtained. Clearly openly Gay men and men perceived as being Gay, as a recognized risk group for HIV, are at special risk for being subjected to the provisions of this law.

ACLU of the Dakotas executive director Keith Elston (who in February threatened to "out" closeted state legislators in protest against legislation to reject same-gender marriages and later was apparently forced by the national organization to recant and apologize) said, "This law is way over the top. It completely violates people's most basic rights, while addressing none of the health concerns raised."

The ACLU's National AIDS Project director Matt Coles said, "This measure gives courts the unprecedented power to jail doctors, patients and ordinary citizens for something as unsubstantiated as a hunch. Even people accused of the most heinous crimes are jailed only after some official has determined there is probable cause. Then they are entitled to a fair hearing within a couple of days. Surely, the possibility that someone has HIV is not a reason to disregard basic due process." Coles was also concerned about the medical confidentiality issues.

The law was enacted in reaction to the case of a police officer in Minot, North Dakota, who found an open scratch on his arm after being exposed to blood in the course of responding to an emergency call. He asked that the person involved be tested. Although that person proved to have HIV, the police officer is still HIV-. As Coles pointed out, this case illustrates that testing the other person doesn't inform an individual about his or her own status.

**IT'S NEWS TO ME . . . BY STEVE RISLEY**

**Simple Symington:** By a two to one margin the Arizona House of Representatives passed a "hate crimes" bill last week that specifically includes crimes committed against individuals based on their sexual preference as a prohibited act. Governor Symington has stated that he will veto the bill if it reaches his desk, as he did last year when a similar bill was passed, because in his view, "We have the problem of enumerated classes in the bill which leads to a sort of exclusivity." The exclusive club includes those who are crime victims because of their religion, race, sex and sexual orientation.

As someone who once found himself in the emergency room with a concussion, my head the size and appearance of a rainbow colored beach ball, with numerous cuts, abrasions and contusions after having been jumped from behind and beaten to a pulp by six young men, I can't tell you how very special it made me feel to learn that as a homosexual man I'm a member of an "exclusive" group. Silly me, all this time I thought we were considered second class citizens. After all, our pets, livestock, and wildlife are better protected from harm by the state's game and animal anti-cruelty laws.

"If we're going to go down this road, we ought to be all-inclusive", he says. This is a very noble sounding statement. It's also his way of clearly dodging the whole point which is to protect certain groups of people who are continuously singled out above everyone else for personal and/or violent attack solely because

of their commonality, be it religious, ethnic or sexual. This is a clear indication that our caring and sensitive governor does not think Arizona Lesbian and Gay citizens are worth two cents.

Symington has proposed his own watered down wording for the bill that is so vague that lawmakers on both sides of the issue have declared it unacceptable. He says that he favored wording that provides for punishment if the victim is a member of an identifiable group. It's apparent that the problem for him is when Lesbian and Gays are included as an identifiable group.

Despite having said that he is committed to signing a hate crimes bill, his message is clear - we don't count, and he will not sign any bill that validates our status as full-fledged citizens. I'd be willing to bet the farm that if the classification "sexual preference" was removed from the bill he'd sign it faster than you could dial 911.

The "good guy" in all of this is Rep. Robin Shaw, R-Scottsdale, who sponsored the bill and had to get a petition of three-fifths of the House to get the bill on the agenda after the Speaker, Don Aldridge, R-Lake Havasu City, refused to allow it to be put to a vote. Aldridge, by the way, is currently under fire after being quoted by a TV reporter as having said that the bill was being backed by "a few Jews" in the Legislature.

And then it was now.....

**A View From The Rock**  
*A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship*

Last week one of my dogs killed a bird! My spouse came home late and was eating dinner in the dining room, when she looked down to see a dead bird lying on the floor beside her chair!

We have two toy poodles who don't know they're dogs! We baby them, giving them several kinds of treats every day. I have even bought them "doggie ice cream" which they really enjoy. One of them has a U of A doggie shirt and the other has a "jogging" shirt. Of course they have appropriate color collars and leashes with fancy name tags on them. They have their own toy box which is filled with balls and socks to play tug-of-war with and stuffed animals. And we taken them to the dog groomer on a regular basis, where they are shampooed, cut, brushed, and given neckerchiefs appropriate to the season (Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc) or else bows on their ears. The biggest proof that they don't recognize they're dogs is that they sleep with me and my spouse. Training manuals I have read indicate that dogs want their own beds, but when I relayed this information to my spouse, she said, "But they have their own bed-it's ours!"

So why is it that my dogs are bird killers, in spite of all this "civilizing" influence in their lives? Some of you may not know this, but poodles were originally bred in France to be hunting dogs. The idea of a poodle being a hunting dog seems strange to most of us, but it obviously remains as a part of their genetic make-up, and once in a while my poodles, at least, are able to act on this repressed trait. If you were to watch my poodles at play you would see this "killer" instinct, because when they have stuffed animals in their mouths, very often they shake their

heads violently from side to side, to break the neck of their "prey," which is how the bird was killed.

Many Gay people today are trying to make themselves appear to be something they are not. They attempt to develop "normal" romantic relationships with persons of the opposite sex. Many marry innocent partners who have no idea that the person they are marrying is hoping that the marriage will somehow erase their identity as a Gay man or Lesbian. Others spend years of their lives and thousands of their dollars in counseling with well-meaning practitioners, trying to "change" their orientation.

In the Old Testament book of Psalms, King David writes, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." (Psalm 139:14) David, who began life as the youngest, smallest son of a shepherd, who at one time in his life had to run away so that his own son wouldn't kill him, could still praise God for the way he was made! His praise to God continues: "My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." (15,16)

The God whom David praised is the same God we worship. And just as he made David a particular way; just as he had plans for David before he was born, so God has made each of us just the way he wanted us to be.

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## Patients Play Russian Roulette With Protease Inhibitors

By W. Scott Page

Can you imagine stopping life-prolonging medical treatment in order to get more money from the sale of an insurance policy?

Recently, a Florida man, seeking to sell a policy to a viatical company, did just that, choosing to play a deadly game.

In order to increase his settlement money, he stopped taking protease inhibitors - remarkable new drugs which can change the lives of people suffering from HIV and AIDS. The potent drugs offer increased life expectancies and improved quality of life for some; unfortunately they have not yet been proven to be a cure for AIDS.

As the president of a viatical company, I find this man's actions very disturbing. As a person who has watched close friends die painfully from AIDS, it's also depressing.

So-called protease cocktails, the most significant scientific advance in the battle against AIDS, can improve the overall health of AIDS patients so that they look better, feel better and live longer. Despite unrelenting side effects and difficult treatment regimens, the drugs offer hope for thousands of people who rarely hear encouraging medical news.

Prior to protease inhibitors and before I started in the viatical industry, it was unusual to see a person suffering from AIDS die with dignity. Often having to choose between paying rent and buying medicine, AIDS patients had little control over their lives.

Viaticals have made a big difference. By constructively using the money from a viatical settlement, our clients can seize the dignity which AIDS has taken away from them. They can purchase medications, pay rent, take a dream vacation or make the funeral arrangements which often overwhelm friends and relatives.

Having been denied years of their lives by AIDS, they at least regain some control over their remaining days. But be certain of this: They would rather have back the lost years. Many of my colleagues are in the viatical business because they have watched friends die of AIDS. It's not just business. It's personal. Had protease inhibitors been introduced a few years ago, our friends might still be alive.

But prolonging life and curing AIDS are not one and the same. Not enough time has passed to know whether the drugs are a cure. And they don't work for everyone. Less is known about sporadic use: No one, not even the experts on the leading edge, knows what will happen to the Florida man when he tries to restart his protease treatment.

That means he is risking his life and allowing desperation to cloud his judgment. We like to say that our business is about dignity and returning it to the terminally ill. Believe me, there is nothing dignified about playing Russian roulette with an AIDS bullet.

Personally, I hope this man's treatment works when he decides to resume it and that he gets better -- my unhappiness about his actions makes me no less compassionate. As I told a friend recently, desperate people do desperate things.

In response to these developments, the viatical industry has taken a long, hard look at protease inhibitors and decided that we must promote and embrace these new treatments and yet manage the difficult issues which they bring.

We have started with open discussions about the drugs. Many companies have adjusted their settlement guidelines. Quite simply, some patients using the protease inhibitors live longer, and because our business is based on life expectancy, some patients may not be immediately eligible for settlements. Even though it appears that many are being denied outright, the reality is that most settlements are delayed because the clients are healthier.

Unfortunately, some viatical companies have stopped buying policies altogether from those with HIV and AIDS. Though this may appear to signal the end of our industry, we are, in fact, stronger than ever, serving more people and a more diverse clientele.

When someone is so desperate for money that they would consider foregoing protease treatment, we are stepping in with a clear plan.

We are showing them how they can get a fair settlement now while still maximizing their prospects for a longer and better life. We are proving to them that a somewhat lower settlement can work hand-in-hand with their improved health.

To answer these new challenges, we need only look to our original mission: help people regain their dignity so they can live better lives.

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Everybody wants to be as healthy as possible, because health is pleasure and the capacity to do what you want with your life. Some of us glimpse the excitement of what it would be like to move, week by week, towards total health. When I use the word "health," I don't mean just "not having any obvious illness." I mean being in a state of radiant, energetic wellness, where your body feels great, moves easily, and looks attractive to others—at any age. Total health means being totally you, at a much higher level of intensity than you're used to. If the idea of radiant health is beginning to appeal to you, you might let the image of your body at peak health develop in your mind's eye. Imagine your body lean and toned, with good posture and glowing skin. Imagine feeling far more energy than you need to get through your day. Imagine others' responses to you being at your peak of health. Imagine feeling proud of your physical self, confident of its beauty.

The challenge for many people: this level of health requires that you consistently make certain choices, and not others. There is no way around this (and believe me, I've tried to find a way around it!). You must say "Yes" to fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains and nuts, exercise, and fresh air. You must say "No" to certain things that give the illusion of instant pleasure, such as fatty foods, sugary foods, cigarettes, alcohol, and drugs. (You don't have to totally eliminate these things, but you do have to make them very occasional if you want to be in peak health. It's what you take in most of the time that determines your health.) In the long run, though, whole foods are much more pleasurable than candy and fried chicken. Once you get accustomed to fruits and vegetables, for

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ROBERT FELDHAUS, PH.D.

## In With The Good, Out With The Bad

example, they taste better than anything else, and you understand that junk food is very accurately named.

The key insight to making these good choices: your body is not just a lump of matter, but a functioning energy system, that takes in outside stuff and gives off waste products. It is made up of what goes into it. You are what you eat. If, over the course of years, you put mainly beef, bourbon, cigarette smoke, and chocolate into it, it becomes clogged, fatty, toxic. You feel aches, pains, cloudiness of mind, lethargy, and emotional dullness. These "foods" do not support life. You are surviving in spite of your diet, not because of it! On the other hand, if you feed your body pure foods, such as fruits and vegetables, water, brown rice, and nut butter, your body becomes youthful, vital, fresh, full of energy.

There are two main challenges we face in trying to get healthy: toxicity and enervation. Toxicity results when we take toxins into the body. Toxins (poisons) include a lot of things that give instant (but degenerative) pleasure, such as tobacco, alcohol, and drugs. When these things are ingested into your energy system, they hang around, clog the cells, overload the liver, and upset the delicate balances in your body chemistry. The body works hard at trying to eliminate them from the system, but is only partially successful at doing so. The body uses up a lot of its energy trying to rid itself of these toxins.

Therefore, it doesn't have enough energy leftover to do some of its essential functions, such as repairing old cells, beautifying the skin, and fortifying tissue. The body gets behind on all of its routine maintenance functions, because it is spending so much of its energy on clearing your body of toxins. The body is then strained, tired, depleted. You can see it in your face and in your skin tone. This explains the effects of long-term drug or alcohol use on the body. The best natural evidence for the idea that drugs and alcohol are toxins to the body: the fact that the body immediately works at getting them out of your bloodstream just as soon as you put them in! The best course is to avoid putting them in altogether, or only on rare occasions.

In addition to toxicity, the other problem to avoid is enervation (depleted-ness). Toxicity results from putting poisons in the body; enervation results from not putting enough pure nutrients into the body. Many of the foods we are used to as Americans do not contain much nutrition. White bread, for example, is not very nourishing at all, since the wheat berry has been hulled and bleached out of the flour. Men in white coats may then advise bread companies to inject ("enrich") their white flour with artificial vitamins, but that hardly makes up for the fact that the flour doesn't contain the bud of wheat. In the same way, if you are not eating five servings of fruits and vegetables per day, you are not getting enough nutrition and

you will be enervated (depleted).

The body is constantly assimilating and releasing. A healthy body is one that is assimilating pure, nutritious substances, and releasing all that is toxic. An unhealthy body is one that does not assimilate enough nutrition, and can't release the backlog of toxins it contains. You have control over your input hole! Use it wisely.

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## Traditional American Censors

Politicians in North Carolina have voted to cut funding for any art work that depicts "perverted forms of sexuality." According to news reports, commissioners in Mecklenberg County voted for the ban because they were "angry over a showing of the Pulitzer Prize-winning, Gay-themed play 'Angels in America.'"

"Angels in America" had been performed in Charlotte last year, amidst homophobic protest. Other "perverted works cited by commissioners included 'Six Degrees of Separation,' another play features a Gay character.

On a 5-4 vote, the Mecklenberg County commission withheld \$2.5 million from the Arts & Science Council (A&S). "Instead of giving the money to the council to distribute, county commissioners decided, they will distribute the money directly to groups that meet its new standards," says newspaper reports.

"We are very disappointed," said A&S Council spokesperson Scott Belford. "We have served as a strong steward of the public's money." According to a poll conducted by the "Charlotte Observer" newspaper, "found 85 percent of the county's residents believe arts experts, not politicians, should decide how arts funds should be distributed."

The de-funding effort was championed by Mecklenberg County commissioner Hoyle Martin, who first introduced the legislation. Specifically, the new law denies funding for art works that "promote, advocate or endorse behaviors, lifestyles and values that seek to under-

mine and deviate from the value and societal role of the traditional American family."

"I would really like to see some our leaders tackle this head-on and raise their voices loudly," says Gay activist Scott Miller. "Charlotte and Mecklenberg county have deeply embarrassed themselves. If this action stands, maybe a boycott of Charlotte is in order."

Action Alert! To denounce the commissions "un-American" ways, contact: H. Parks Helms, Chair, Mecklenberg Board of County Commissioners, 4901 Hadrian Way, Charlotte, NC 28211; telephone: (704) 336-9509, 372-4884, fax: (704) 332-0585; Hoyle Martin, Commissioner-District 2, Mecklenberg Board of County Commissioners, POB 25645, Charlotte, NC 28235, telephone (704) 392-4623, fax (704) 399-1160. All other commissioners can be contacted at the Mecklenberg County Commission, 600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, NC 28202, telephone (704) 336-2479.

To protest this action through the regional press, send letter-to-the-editors of: "The Charlotte Observer," 600 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202; "Asheville Citizen," Box 2090, Asheville, NC 28801; "The Gazette," Box 1538, Gastonia, NC 28503.

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## Marvin Liebman Dead At 73

WASHINGTON, D.C. (WS) - Gay columnist and former leading Republican Marvin Liebman passed away on March 31 from heart and lung problems at the age of 73.

From a pivotal position among conservative Republicans as a founder of several important organizations, a leading fund-raiser, and a campaign strategist for Barry Goldwater and Ronald Reagan, Liebman came out publicly at the age of 67 in a widely-reprinted letter to his longtime friend and mentor William F. Buckley decrying the homophobia in their party.

Liebman went on to become a syndicated writer [his monthly column appeared in The Observer] and activist in the Gay and Lesbian community, walking away from all partisan politics to declare himself an independent.

In the course of his long life, Liebman wore many hats. His first activism was as a Marxist in the days before Buckley pulled him into the first anti-communist and then conservative Republican efforts. In the U.S., he had a public relations firm and served in a number of federal government posts; in England, he was a playwright and theatrical producer.

Although Liebman spent most of his life in the closet -- Reagan for one was quite unaware of his sexual orientation -- his World War II military discharge because of his homosexuality exempted him from any pension benefits.

Liebman's famous 1990 letter to Buckley said, "I am almost 67 years old,

For more than half my lifetime I have been engaged in, and indeed helped to organize and maintain, the conservative and anti-communist cause . . . All the time I labored in the conservative vineyard I was Gay." He warned that without the threat of Communism to hold the Republican Party together, it was "in danger of sinking back into an aggregation of bigotries."

He wrote of that time in his autobiography "Coming Out Conservative: The Founder of the Modern Conservative Speaks Out on Personal Freedom, Homophobia, and Hate Politics" that he had come to feel "like a Jew in Germany in 1934 who had chosen to remain silent, hoping to be able to stay invisible as he watched the beginnings of the Holocaust."

In a 1995 column in national and local G/L newspapers and magazines, Liebman wrote, "I can no longer call myself a conservative, a Christian or a Republican. I am a Gay American and I will retain my independence from any other label. I can no longer associate myself with Rush Limbaugh and other 'conservative' leaders, nor with Pat Robertson and his 'Christian' brigades, nor with Jesse Helms and his new 'Republican' majority. The only identity of which I am absolutely certain is that I am a homosexual in a country that has little patience with us."

His final column looked at the disarray within the Republican Party and assessed the chances for passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) in the current Congress.

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**LUST FOR LINGERIE** I'm a Bi male, crossdresser looking for similar guys to hang out with. I'm a 31 year old, White male, 5'9, 140lbs, with shoulder length, blond hair and blue eyes. I'm mainly submissive but can be versatile. I have a very large lingerie wardrobe and am also into photography, toys, and videos. I love to pose for the camera. (Coahise County) #28928

**ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN!** I wanna have fun with in shape guys, under 40, I'm a healthy, attractive, and enthusiastic, 23 year old male. Let's be friends and kick up our heels together. Long term relationship possible. (Flagstaff) #26815

**LET'S HAVE A PARTY** This 22 years old Gay, White male, is looking for another guy in his mid to late twenties. I'm 6'2, 170lbs, with brown hair, brown eyes, and a smooth body. You should like the outdoors, drinking beer and partying. Let's hook up and pour out some cool ones. (Grand Canyon) #26466

**FEMININE WILES** I'm looking to by someone. I especially like young, feminine guys. In fact, you don't have to be young. I just love effeminate men. (Mesa) #30796

**AT A CROSSROADS** I have a girl-friend but she has given me the green light to explore other avenues. My favorite road is Man to Man Sex Street. I'm a Bi White male, college student, 21. I'm mostly a top but will cross the street for the right, hard-core, built man. I like the clubs, camping, hiking, fishing, boating, and travel. I'm going to Mexico for Spring Break. You should be a hot stud hungry for sex. (Mesa) #8880

**SAFE AND SEXY** I'm looking for sexy, good looking, men for hot times. I'm an attractive, White male, 5'8, 165lbs, with brown hair and eyes. I'm versatile and like safe action. (Phoenix) #31348

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**A DASH OF PINK** This 18 year old, Gay White male, 5'9, 150lbs, with average looks wants a boyfriend who is a top because I'm a bottom, through and through. I have brown eyes, and black hair with pink bangs. (Phoenix) #16679

**HAIRLESS AND HUNG** I want to play with hot men, 21 to 40, who look good and know how to have fun. I'm a hairless and hung, 26 year old, Gay, White male, 5'6, 130lbs, with blond hair, blue eyes and a great bod. (Prescott) #9428

**FIRST TIME EXPERIENCE** I've never done it before. I'm looking for my first time experience. My name is Rich. I'm in Prescott. Give me a call please. (Prescott) #24569

**LOCO-MOTION** I'm looking for guys who hang around here and are into partying good times. You know, rock and roll, backstage, Bi, you name it. If you're clean cut, caring, and, especially, crazy, we need to talk. (Tempe) #31316

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**GET INTO THIS** This tanned, muscular, smooth, All American guy seeks other hot men for hard and fast fun. I'm 26, 6'1, 165lbs. Are you into it? (Tempe) #15655

**A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY** I'm a hot, young stud into country music and hairy men. If you're looking for a good time in southeast Arizona, I'm your man. (Tombstone) #30364

**IS YOUR MOUTH WATERING?** This sexy, 33 year old, Italian, Bi, White male just moved to the area and wants to play with hot men. I'm 5'9, 175lbs, very muscular and good looking, with dark brown hair, dark brown eyes, and a goatee. If you're in great shape, very good looking, and as horny as I am, we should definitely talk, and more. (Tucson) #16773

**TELL ME WHAT TO DO** Let's kick up our heels. I'm a good looking, White male, 5'10, 175lbs, with brown hair and blue eyes. I like country music, and having sexy good times with hot men. I'm mostly passive but can be versatile. (Tucson) #30367

**HARD AND HAIRY?** This hot bottom seeks well endowed, hairy, tops for hard thrusting action. (Tucson) #13136

**ARE YOU PLEASED?** It would please me to please you. This good looking, Gay, White male, 34, is into making other men feel good. I like to do it all. What tickles your fancy? (Tucson) #12116

**GROUPS ARE GOOD** I'm looking for safe, discreet fun with other attractive, well built, masculine guys. I'm a White male, 5'10, 180lbs, with brown hair, and green eyes. Group action sounds like fun, too. (Tucson) #27502

**IT'S A UNIFORM THING** I want to meet an attractive, masculine man for good friendship, and possibly more. I'm a good looking male, 32, 6ft, 190lbs, with short dark brown hair, brown eyes, a mustache, and a very nice, muscular build. I'm especially interested in military men, or other guys in uniform. (Tucson) #8223

**IN MY HANDS** I give great massages and even better oral service. I'm a 35 year old, White male, 5'10, 190lbs, with a clean shaven dark complexion. I work out five days a week. I want to get my hands and tongue on you if you're a Black or Hispanic guy, a bodybuilder, a jock, or a wrestler. I work nights but have Wednesdays and Thursdays off. (Tucson) #27844

**MY TIME IS YOUR TIME** I'm a 31 year old, Hispanic man, looking for an older guy to spend time with. I'm 5'5, 145lbs, and attractive. You should be an honest, nice guy, older than me, and in good shape. All races are encouraged to call. (Tucson) #27137

**THIRD HOTTEST MASTER** You are a reflection of me, so you have to be the best. I want a slave who will make me feel proud when I am among other masters. I will train you well, and if you are truly submissive, you will be in heaven. I'm 6'1, 180lbs, very dominant, and ready to go. (Tucson) #27079

**PROTECTIVE LAYER OF FUR** Do you like a bottom guy who is pretty hairy? Call me. I'm a Gay, Hispanic male, looking for tops, to get down with. (Tucson) #26495

**ALL TOPS: MOUNT HERE** My body is aching for a sizzling good time. I'm a hot, 25 year old, Bi male. I want to meet an older, aggressive top, or couple, wanting to get together for some sweaty action. (Tucson) #25253

**EXPERIENCED WITH REFERENCES** I like young guys. I'm a Gay male, 62, looking for young friends in the area. Sometimes, experience can come in handy. (Tucson) #25067

**YOU AND ME IN YUMA** I'm new at this and want to start by making some friends. I'm a 32 year old male, 6'3, 225lbs. (Yuma) #30164

**ME AND MY GAL** This lusty Bi male is looking for Bi, or Gay, men to get naked with. We can play alone or my wife can join in, depending on your pleasure. (Yuma) #13085

**COWBOY MAN, OH WHERE ARE YOU?** This good looking, 20 year old, Hispanic male, is looking for a very hairy, White, cowboy man, between 25 and 30. I hope I find you very soon. #28489

**BIG BANG THEORY** This'll be my first time and I want to do it with a big bang. I'm looking for one or more big guys to help me out. #11280

**REST YOUR WEIGHT ON ME** I can turn myself up pretty easily. I like to be on the bottom. I love toys, and I'm very aggressive. Can you come out and play? #9994

**BLACK JACK** This well endowed, Black male, is looking, only, for other well endowed, Black men. I'm 6'4, 185lbs, and in very good shape. #26662

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**SHE'S THE ONE** I'm 25 years old, blond hair, blue eyes, 5'7, 130lbs, 36a, 25, 33, feminine, toned, and I have a lover who loves me very much and is OK with me having fun on the side. I'm looking for womyn to have fun and become friends with. (Tempe) #13092

**A TWINGE IN TUCSON** I'm having a good time here in Tucson but it'd be better if I could meet another womyn to have a physical encounter with. Let's have some fun. (Tucson) #31352

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Just when you thought things were pretty much under control, Mercury goes retrograde causing untold confusion and frustration in communications. Prepare for telephone calls to be missed, mail to be mis-routed and opinions to be taken way out of context. Like all else, though, this too shall pass . . . in mid May!

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Gay Rams are advised to hold onto their wallets and avoid major investments during the Mercury retrograde. What you believe to be a safe and sound strategy, may in fact turn out to be more wild and woolly than you expect. Keep a beady eye on the prize and continue to do your homework, but don't spend a buck until after mid-May when old Mercury is back on track and so is your gravy train.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

It is a wise queer Bull who understands the pitfalls of retro Mercury. Simply put darling, you're not fit for human company right now, so zip the lip and find a quiet spot to pout in. Your meager attempts at making the perfect first impression will not go as planned with this planetary influence, but so what? If there was any excuse to curl up with a good book and a glass of wine, this is it.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Retrograde Mercury is wreaking havoc with your intuition. Have you have uncovered a fabulous secret? It will be difficult not to tell a soul but this supposed "secret" may be off-track and perhaps best left unannounced. Pink Twins could wind up with a case of "foot in mouth" disease. Glide through this miserable retrograde with relaxing therapies such as yoga or meditation. Assume the lotus position.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Gay Crabs must hang on tight to their ideas and principles lest retro Mercury lures you into a social swirl that turns into a riptide. Are you going in the direction that you want or are you simply floating along with the crowd? Pull back and quietly reevaluate what you are getting from pals and platonic groups. If there is more to life, wait until mid-May, think again and do what you must do.

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Retrograde Mercury is making its presence known in your career. It is the wise Gay Lion that refrains from voicing any disquieting opinions now in front of bosses or other authority figures. Don't upset your progress by pressing on issues that need time, patience and a direct Mercury to correct. Basically, if you can't say anything nice, it is best to whine out of ear-shot.

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Planning a great escape? Proud Virgins should wait until feisty Mercury goes direct in mid-May before you mail in the deposit and pack your bags. This transit has a way of losing reservations as well as luggage after your flight was rerouted by way of Bali. In addition, it's not a great time to pursue legal issues. Get justice in mid-May when the scales are balanced again.

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Gay Libras can give Dr. Freud a rest during Mercury's retrograde. It will be difficult if not impossible to make sense from all the psychological static. (All

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those "revelations" may just be gas anyway.) All is not lost though; you can revel in pure enjoyment of raw sex for sex sake without having to worry about sparks of self discovery. Oh happy day!

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Relationships may hit a temporary snag when Mercury goes retrograde. Even the most politic and strategic of Gay Scorps may inadvertently say the wrong thing at the wrong time or totally misinterpret partners' actions. The best laid plans will fall to ruin if you push the envelope or rock the boat. Wait until mid-May before you make any major relationship decisions.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Proud Archers must sit back and reprioritize at work; what you think need to get

done immediately may actually have a much lower priority. Retro Mercury leads you down blind alleys and creates false alarms. Remember, it's never too late to revamp your diet or exercise regime but the restful retro Mercury ice cream diet will just not do it.

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Fun may have a way of getting out of hand when nervous Mercury goes retrograde. Gay Goats can fritter away carefully accumulated riches on questionable games of chance so avoid Vegas until mid-May. Even the old artistic muse may need a respite. Keep a harmless flirtation where it belongs - light, fun and unencumbered. (Some of us like it that way anyway.)

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

What can go wrong next around the horse?

A check is "lost" in the mail, the television crashed and the phone reception pretty ratty. What next? Dear Aqueerian, this retrograde Mercury is only a passing phase. Why don't you lock the door, play a little kid and curl up with a good friend. If the electricity has been shut off, make music in the dark.

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Proud Pisces are well advised to think twice before blurting out an opinion or two. Communications gone away will go doubly awry for you at this time. Avoid any important interviews if you possibly can until mid-May. The fateful combination of emotionally charged Gay Fish and wild retro Mercury can ignite smoldering embers to a raging fire. Revolution anyone?

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# CALENDAR

## of upcoming events

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

**BOOM BOOM'S** - "Babes and Jocks" cabaret strip show in the "other Room" with your M.C. Pam Kalso and Nancy Nuñez as your bartender.

**IBT'S** - 9:00 p.m., Miss Gay Tucson Contestant Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Miss Gay Tucson, Felice Renard with Mr. Kenneth Blake, Crystal Abrams, Truly Fabu, Sandi and Shandriana.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 17

**IBT'S** - Underwear Nite from 9:00 p.m. to closing. \$1.50 well and \$1.75 domestic beer for those in their underwear. (Pant check available).

### SATURDAY, APRIL 19

**GRADUATE** - 9:00 p.m., Miss Gay Tucson-America Pre-Pageant Show. Featuring Christina de Alexis ('88); Raven ('90); Tiffany St. Thomas ('91); Candi Plastique ('92); Lucinda Holliday ('94); Felice Renard ('96).

### SUNDAY, APRIL 20

**AINT NOBODY'S BIZ** - Avatar is back for a second time this month. If you missed them on the 6th, then you have to be at the Biz this Sunday. Come hear Tucson's best Latin band. As always come early as this band packs the house. 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Cover

**BOOM BOOM'S** - Spring Cotillion. Southern hospitality at its best. Join Rhett and Scarlet for a down home celebration. Chicken fried steak dinner with all the fixin's \$4.00. Free photograph of yourself and your beau as "Scarlet and Rhett".

**IBT'S** - Sunday brunch and Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. with proceeds benefiting the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). Then come meet your new Miss Gay Tucson-America at the Post Pageant Party and dance from 9:00 p.m. to close.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Show with Jacqueline De. Savoi, Christina de Alexis and a special guest.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 22

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Welcome back Latino night. 9:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

**AINT NOBODY'S BIZ** - Back by popular demand, Nancy and Rose Mary. These ladies packed the Biz last time, so come early! Show starts at 6:30 and ends at 9:00 p.m. Cover \$3.00.

**IBT'S** - Murder Mystery Nite begins 19:00 p.m.. The "Case of the Blessed Reverend" Guess the suspect and get a chance to win a portable phone.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Wear a college logo shirt in the Stonewall and get 50¢ draft beer all night. Show with Kenneth Blake and special guests begins at 9:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Have lunch with guys, as John hosts a Lunch Out at El Torero. Please call John at 615-1366 so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect for lunch.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 17

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our reservations for Dinner Out will be at Cocina, located downtown at the corner of Telles & Court. Good food and a wonderful atmosphere as we eat on the beautiful patio. Please call Bill by 4/15 at 615-0979 for reservations and directions.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 18

**Bears of the Old Pueblo** (Bearish men and admirers, guests always welcome) 7:00 p.m., dine out with the Bears. This month the group will meet outside the Golden Corral at 1st Ave. and Weimora. A great way to meet the fellows in the club and share a good meal.

7:00 p.m., Antigone Books, 411 n. 4th Ave. will present Tucson lawyer Pam Liberty, of Liberty and O'Neill Attorneys, who will speak about simple wills, living wills (health care directives), and powers of attorney. Are you comfortable that your property will go to the right person when you die? Do you know who will make medical decisions for you if you're unable to make them for yourself? These questions can be particularly important for Lesbians and Gay men because their relationships are not legally recognized and can be ignored all too easily in times of crisis. A brief question and answer period will follow and refreshments will be served.

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a showing of Part I "Tales Of The City." This mini-series was originally shown on PBS several years ago. Watch the adventures of Mrs. Madrigal, Mary Ann & Mouse one more time-with a group of gay guys who get all the lines! For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565. Parts 2 & 3 to be shown over the next two succeeding nights.

Cornerstone fellowship celebrates its anniversary this weekend by presenting Evelyn Schava who will speak to the congregation beginning at 7:00 p.m. followed by refreshment in the social hall.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Cornerstone Fellowship anniversary celebration will present a seminar "Our Place In Christ" by Dennis Schave from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. followed by a church service at 7:00 p.m. with the message by Evelyn Schava. Refreshments will be served afterward.

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a showing of Part II of "Tales Of The City." This mini-series was originally shown on PBS several years ago. Watch the adventures of Mrs. Madrigal, Mary Ann & Mouse one more time-with a group of gay guys who get all the lines! For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565. Part 3 to be shown the next night.

Downtown Saturday Night from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The Tucson Folk Festival will give a sample of what's in store at their May Folk Festival. For more info call 624-9977. Free.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) will host a community-wide religious-sacred-gospel music night. All musicians are invited to participate in this musical extravaganza. 7:30 p.m. For more information call 292-9151.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Cornerstone Fellowship anniversary celebration continues with a worship service today at 10:30 a.m. with Evelyn Schava delivering the message. There will be a barbeque following the service in the social hall.

Tucson Prime Timers (Gay and Bisexual men over 30) will have their regular monthly meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. Following the meeting, members adjourn to Caruso's for a social dinner. Members of At-Ease-Again and Cranies Social Club are welcome to join us, as are all mature men. Become a part of Prime Timers, the largest Gay Social Club in the world!

1. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30 p.m. A sunset/moonlight hike is scheduled to take place in the Catalinas. For reservation, directions and details, please call Larry at 795-9125.

2. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a showing of Part III of "Tales Of The City." This mini-series was originally shown on PBS several years ago. Watch the adventures of Mrs. Madrigal, Mary Ann & Mouse one more time-with a group of Gay guys who get all the lines! For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565. Parts 2 & 3 to be shown over the next two succeeding nights.

### MONDAY, APRIL 21

St. Pius X Gay and Lesbian Outreach Group (SPXGLG) meets monthly on the 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Kino Room, 1800 N. Camino Pio Decimo. These monthly meetings are opportunities to foster a spirit of compassion and understanding and fellowship for and among Gay and Lesbian Catholics, their families and friends. Everyone is welcome. Sister Dawn Annette OFB, Prioress and Oblate Director of the Benedictine Monastery in Tucson will be the speaker. She will be discussing Sensuous Spirituality. For more information, please call the parish office at 685-3573.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 22

6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Roxanna Ward will present a comedy concert at Laff's Comedy Club to benefit Reveille Gay Men's Chorus. Dinner and cocktail shows. Miss Gay Arizona, Gilda Fatale will emcee. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Dinner: \$20 in advance or \$22.50 day-of-show. Seating is limited so get your tickets early!

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A Film Flashback to "Priest." This powerful movie is about a priest whose faith is shaken by his love for man, and the evil men do. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

**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 the MSN guys. Dessert and door prizes. Call Les at 690-9565 for directions.

# Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday

**AINT NOBODY'S BIZ** - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.  
**BOOM-BOOMS** - Open at Noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm. \$1.25 small pitchers of draft all day/all night. 8-9-0 3pm. Karaoke 6-10pm. Dance party 10-1.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢  
**HOURS** - Bloody Marys and Screws \$1.25 till 7 pm. Pool Tournament 3pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.  
**IBT's** - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 Well. Benefit 8-8-0 and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 2pm. Steak Fry Beer Bust 2-6pm \$4.75. Stonewall opens at 4pm with Latin music until 9pm followed by High Energy Dance 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

**AINT NOBODY'S BIZ** - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Trash Disco with Michael 9pm to close. \$1.75 white well 8pm to close.  
**BOOM-BOOMS** - Closed Mondays. See you out at the other bars.  
**GRADUATE** - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50 Draft \$1.75 Domestic.  
**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 noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. 8pm to midnight. \$1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s Dance 9pm-1am.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour noon to 7pm, Party with Stephan. Free pool 7 to close.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm.

Tuesday

**AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS** - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic long necks. Free pool 2-4. Pool Tournament 7 pm. Pot matched. \$1 domestic long necks 9pm to close.  
**BOOM-BOOMS** - Happy Hour 4-8 daily. \$1.50 domestic bottle beer 9-close.  
**GRADUATE** - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close. Karaoke 9pm.  
**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. 9 pm to close. 2for1 well Miller Lite. High Energy Dance with David Z.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. 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

**AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS** - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. \$1.25 pitchers from 8 to midnight. Hot dance music all request. 9pm to close.  
**BOOM-BOOMS** - Root Scootin' Country/Western Dance 9pm. 2-4-1 Well 9-close.  
**GRADUATE** - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50; Domestic \$1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tourny. 7pm. Pot matched.  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. Feb. 19 New Pool Tournament Begins 6pm  
**IBT's** - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour Noon to 8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. Mystery Night. \$1.75 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. Dance with David Z.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Karaoke 9pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Corona and Cuervo Gold \$1.75  
**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 8:30pm.

Thursday

**AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS** - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.  
**BOOM-BOOMS** - 2 for 1 well 9pm to close. Top Pop Dance Party 9-close.  
**GRADUATE** - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75. 301 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.  
**IBT's** - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8 pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 Well and \$1.75 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour noon-7pm. Party with Peter in the Eagle. Stonewall opens 9pm 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

**AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS** - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres. Michael spins hi energy dance music 8:30 to close. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.  
**BOOM-BOOMS** - Happy Hour 4-9 Country Western in the "Other Room". at 9pm. Dance Party with Raymond in the main bar at 9.  
**GRADUATE** - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.50/ domestic \$1.75.  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Country Western Music 8-1am.  
**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. ... Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour noon-7pm; Hot Hore d'oeuvres 6pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening. Hot Go-Go Boys 10pm to midnight.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

Saturday

**AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS** - Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%. Michael spins hi energy dance music from 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.  
**BOOM-BOOMS** - Dance to the latest club mixes in the main bar at 9. Root Scootin' Country/Western dance in the "Other Room".  
**GRADUATE** - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.50/domestic \$1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm. Double Elimination, pot matched.  
**HOURS** - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Piña Coladas \$3. Country/Western Music 8-1.  
**IBT's** - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Free pool all day. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Dance Music. Hot Go-Go Boys 10pm to Midnight.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Bitches & Bagels w/31 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.

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NOTICES

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

LAMBDA GAR CLUB. A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call 298-9454.

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ABON - Affected by someone's drugging? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix, Erie 581-8250 or Ronn 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 895, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walker, (602)371-1107

GRIDES SOCIAL GROUP. A social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Merle at 888-7284.

7-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Gerontoma (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Art (520)702-9135.

LIGHTING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 888-7298.

MAKE HERE Long-haired Gay male penpal network. Photo, 31RE's to join. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P6C4

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more information.

'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 #162. For information call 781-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3601 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3769 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 890-8565 for information and a newsletter.

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

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Inpatient 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.

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. If you 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.

'EVOLVE' a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held on 4th Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. Call 884-0541.

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 281-9802.

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

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. BS or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 5:00 p.m. Check it out!

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, sizes, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

THE JOHN HANTEN MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Sacred Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1846 E. Lee St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-6015 or Jane Parri at 328-8577.

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 safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 894-7063.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 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 326-3555

People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT For Life), 801 W. Congress. Office hours MWTF 8am to 5pm, Tu 8am-7pm, Th. Noon - 8pm. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Call 770-1710 for more information.

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 575-8060 or write P.O. Box 38284, Tucson, AZ 85740-8284. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

Lesbian and Gays ages 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

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 687-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 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, 9-5. 322-8228. AIDS Hotline: 326-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 - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 9:00 pm. Licensed psychologist/facilitator. Call 745-8677 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONS-UPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhol, Ph.D. at 870-0027 for more

NOTICES

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 Fourth (1st) Church, Swiss and River Road, Room 32. Call the church at 298-0063 for information.

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

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

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. 624-1779.

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

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 1:00 pm at St. Francis in The foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1288 for more info.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40884, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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

LESBIAN/GAY/BI OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm in UMC Dining Room "F". 325-8678 or 670-1954.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING (available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 781-7678.

CATHOLIC GAYLESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Declino 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.

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NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAYLESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 287-9002 or Sr. Joan 742-8900.

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Advertisement for 'GAY CHAT LINE' with a graphic of a man on a phone. Text includes: 'SIZZLING LOCKER ROOM J/O ACTION', 'CALL AND JOIN IN OR JUST LISTEN', 'HOT PHONE SEX FOR THE GAY 90'S', '1-900-745-0622', 'MORE ACTION AT 1-900-745-2045', 'SEXSY SAMPLES 1-800-714-4865', 'SOUTHWEST DATELINE', 'ALL LIFESTYLES - LOCAL AND NATIONWIDE', 'REAL PEOPLE 1-900-007-3283 REAL #5', '\$2-3.00/MIN - VISIT US AT WWW.HILK.COM - 18+T18'

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## L.A. Gay Bars Subject To More Inspections

LOS ANGELES, CA (LAT) - Gay activists in Los Angeles say a report ordered by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) shows Gay and Lesbian bars are subject to "inspection" by patrol units at a higher rate than are straight bars.

Local newspaper reports Police Commission Vice President Art Mattox, responding to complaints that detectives and L.A. Alcohol and Beverage Control agents were unfairly targeting Gay bars and that patrol officers were harassing Gay men and women, ordered the department to submit a report based on bar-related arrests and raids.

The study submitted by the LAPD confirmed community complaints. Within the department's Hollywood division boundaries, Gay and Lesbian bars which account for 8 percent of the establishments, were subject to 20.4% of the inspections in Northeast Hollywood and 14.5% in North Hollywood.

Local newspaper reports says Gay and Lesbian community leaders, while noting that their concerns have now been documented by the LAPD's own sources, say the report did not delve deep enough into the problem.

Maurice Destouet, who heads an organization of Gay lawyers, said the LAPD report did not document what patrol officers and beverage control agents do once inside the establishments. One of the most common complaints made by G/L owners is that while many straight clubs are given warnings about overcrowding, many G/L bars are routinely closed for the night for the same offense.

"There is a qualitative difference [not reflected in these reports]," said Destouet, "in the way people are handled."

## ASOs To Merge

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it's good for our clients," said Michael O'Toole, President of the Board of Directors of PACT for Life. "As a person living with HIV, I am very sensitive to the need for streamlining service delivery to serve people better."

"By totally merging all three organizations, we have eliminated more than \$125,000 in support, administrative, and development salaries, while not reducing existing services at all," added Steve Gottlieb, President of the TAP Board.

"It was a difficult decision for all three boards. Each organization has had a rich and unique position in our community for the past decade," said Sharon Kutzbach, President of the Shanti Board. "But, we also recognize that SAAF will draw on that depth of experience and will, we believe, become the most effective AIDS Service Organization in the state and a model for communities around the country."

## Hate Crimes

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rence/refusal. According to Senate staffers, S.B. 1047 will be heard by tomorrow (Thursday). Rep. Shaw plans to have testimony given in favor of her measure with the "groups listed." What of the bill's chances?

Sen. Randall Grant, R-Scottsdale, had not reached a decision on whether to accept the stronger language, or accept the governor's version. But with the threat of veto, according Grant, "may force a compromise."

According to the bill's sponsor, Rep. Shaw, "a compromise may be politically impossible." "I would have a very difficult time, given the circumstance surrounding the debate last week and the overwhelming opposition to the compromise and sell it to the House," Shaw said in an interview. . . .

A version of the Arizona Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) was revived last week in the Arizona Legislature.

An amendment by Rep. Andy Nichols, D-Tucson, to S.B. 1464 would protect Gays and Lesbians from workplace discrimination received approval from the State House. The law would apply to any employer covered by the federal Civil Rights Act.

Rep. Nichols said he "was not advancing a pro-Gay or pro-Lesbian bill, but an equal rights bill."

The bill, with the amendment, was then approved by the full House, 55-2. One of the two no votes was cast by Rep. Dan Schottel, R-Tucson. The bill now goes back to the Senate for concurrence/refusal.

According to capitol sources, this session of the Arizona legislature is expected to conclude by the end of this week.



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