

## Employment Non-Discrimination Act Reintroduced In 105th Congress Kolbe And Pastor Co-Sponsor Enda

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TUCSON (ON) - "Pride" month is upon us! In addition to remembering Stonewall and the Gay and Lesbian rights movement, Tucsonans have something else to commemorate, the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the city's anti-discrimination ordinance.

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Their efforts, headed by the Tucson Gay Coalition and MCC Church, resulted in the Tucson mayor and city council approving, February 7, 1977, the city's anti-discrimination ordinance.

According to Betsy Gressler of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Tucson was one of the first cities to have an anti-discrimination ordinance. Gressler added that Tucson had their ordinance long before any statewide ordinance was enacted (Wisconsin was the first state in 1982).

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## Tucson's Anti-Discrimination Ordinance: 'The Best Kept, Misunderstood 20-Year-Old Secret'

WASHINGTON -- A bipartisan coalition of senators and congressmen reintroduced the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) Tuesday, a bill that would make it illegal under federal law to discriminate in the workplace on the basis of sexual orientation.

The five lead sponsors held a news conference to spotlight the record level of support for the measure among lawmakers and the public. The bill -- known as ENDA -- is a top legislative priority for the Human Rights Campaign in this Congress. [Arizona Congressmen Jim Kolbe, R-CD 5 and Ed Pastor, D-CD 2, have signed on as co-sponsors.]

"This bill is about equal rights in the workplace for all Americans," said Human Rights Campaign Executive Director Elizabeth Birch. "The Employment Non-Discrimination Act rises above partisan, religious and regional differences -- and support is growing as more people learn that job discrimination based on sexual orientation is legal in most of the country."

ENDA would protect Americans from job discrimination based on sexual orientation. It would prohibit quotas, and it would not apply to religious organizations, businesses with fewer than 15 employees or the military.

Current federal law does not protect Americans from discrimination in the workplace on the basis of sexual orientation. In 39 states, an employer may legally fire workers solely because they are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or heterosexual.

Eleven states have laws prohibiting such discrimination. California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin have had these laws on the books for a number of years; Maine and New Hampshire enacted such laws earlier this spring.

Incidents of such discrimination are widespread. In nine of the 11 states where there is legal protection, more than 2,000 complaints of job discrimination based on sexual orientation have been recorded.

Victims of workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation were on hand at Tuesday's news conference, conducted by Sens. James Jeffords, R-Vt., Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and Joseph I. Lieberman, D-Conn., and Reps. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., and Barney Frank, D-Mass.

First introduced in June 1994, ENDA came within one vote of passage in the Senate last September. At the reintroduction,

ENDA already had more cosponsors than it had garnered by the close of the 104th Congress last year.

"ENDA is emerging as a common-sense measure as the public learns that countless Americans still work in fear, knowing they can legally be fired from their jobs because of discrimination based on sexual orientation," said Winnie Stachelberg, HRC's legislative director. "With a record level of broad-based support, we have a solid chance of passing ENDA in this 105th Congress."

President Clinton and Vice President Gore reaffirmed their strong support for ENDA at a White House meeting April 24 with HRC's Birch and other leaders from the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. In a statement supporting ENDA, the president referred to the vast majority of states without legal protection from discrimination based on sexual orientation. "Those who face this kind of job discrimination have no legal recourse, in either our state or federal courts. This is wrong," Clinton said.

The president, who first endorsed ENDA in October 1995, said the bill is about "ensuring that Americans, regardless of their sexual orientation, can find and keep their jobs based on their ability and the quality of their work. It is designed to protect the rights of all Americans to participate in the job market without fear of unfair discrimination. I support it and I urge all Americans to do so. And I urge Congress to pass it expeditiously."

## U.S. Thinks Georgia Blasts Connected

ATLANTA, GA (AP) - Nearly a year after the Olympic Park bombing, federal investigators have said that they are increasingly confident the attack is connected to explosions at an Atlanta Gay nightclub and an abortion clinic.

The conclusion, based on undisclosed forensic evidence, was announced as investigators made yet another plea for tips, releasing two detailed composite sketches of two men believed to have been seen outside the abortion clinic.

They also released a letter claiming responsibility for the January 16 clinic blast and the February 21 nightclub bombing. The letter is scrawled in childlike block letters denouncing "sodomites" and those who commit "ungodly perversion."

Officials hope the new information will prompt tips that could help them solve the July 27, 1996 bombing at Cen-

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# UPDATE

## Celebrate Your Pride With Martie Van Der Voort & The Rhythm Method

TUCSON - Start Gay pride week with a fabulous concert featuring singer-songwriter Martie van der Voort and a cappella group The Rhythm Method, Saturday, June 21, 8:00 P.M. at the Unitarian Church, 4831 East 22nd Street (just east of Swan).

The Rhythm is a Lesbian a cappella quartet from Denver, comprised of Michelle D'Arcy, Rachael Hazen, Marla Wasson and former Tucsonan Meladye Shively. Their music is a celebration of diversity and includes everything from doo-wop to jazz, and from blues to harbershop.

Performances include women's music festivals, and many venues all over the country. They have two recordings, including the newest one which features "May We Blessed Be," a song written by Martie Van Der Voort. This will be the Rhythm Method's first performance in Tucson.

Martie van der Voort is a local performer who writes and sings songs that raise consciousness and spirits. Her optimistic perspective focuses primarily on personal empowerment. Songs range from the touching love song "For Tonight" to the heartfelt "Bastard Song" (about adoption) to the fun "Menstrual Rag." Martie has been writing and performing since 1978 at clubs, coffeehouses, festivals and other events.

Emceeding the event will be Tucson performer Jamie Anderson. Tickets are \$7 in advance at Antigone Books and Girlfriends, and \$9 at the door. Work exchange is available. For more information call 325-7828.

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## 'Nope, I'm Not Gay' Says Oprah

CHICAGO, IL (NP) - TV talk diva Oprah Winfrey says she's not the soon-to-come-out-role-model-to-millions alluded to by Liz Smith. Keep watching the skies!

"I am not in the closet. I am not coming out of the closet. I am not Gay." So said Oprah Winfrey, star of the U.S.' top-rated TV talk show, in a prepared statement. Winfrey's guest role in the coming out episode of the ABC sitcom "Ellen," and host role in the public coming out process of its star Ellen DeGeneres, combined with that hot rumor started recently by gossip columnist Liz Smith about the impending coming out of a very much bigger star -- nay, "role model to millions" -- had led to so many questions that Winfrey felt she had to respond.

While it's sad that Winfrey feels a need to issue this all-too-familiar denial after her strong support for DeGeneres and other Lesbians and Gays, the really new news here is that Smith issued an apology. "I am sorry Oprah got what she considered grief because of this," Smith told the New York Post.

## Pride in PACT Party This Sunday, June 15

TUCSON - Information in the current issue of The Common Voice regarding the Pride in PACT Celebration was incorrect.

Invitations which went out last week contain the correct details. If you have been a client, support or Board member and have not received an invitation, but would like to attend, please call PACT, 770-1710.

## Cunanan Manhunt Moves To Boston As City Celebrated Gay Pride

BOSTON, MA (BG) - Authorities have received numerous but as yet unconfirmed reports that Andrew Phillip Cunanan, focus of a month-long nationwide manhunt, has been sighted in the Boston area. Cunanan, a 27 year old Gay man from San Diego, is suspected of killing four people in a grisly, cross-country spree.

Boston's celebration of Gay Pride, which took place this past weekend, which in recent years has drawn upwards of 250,000 spectators and participants. Authorities believe he may try to connect with someone in the relative anonymity of the large crowds.

Federal officials conceded they had underestimated the young man's intelligence and ability to elude them. Since

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Gary Lewis Trent  
1959-1997

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Gary is survived by his parents, Eugene & Frances Trent, of Tucson, and by the many people who were fortunate enough to be touched by the inimitable character and creative wit that was, and always will be....Gary.

Until then, my most excellent friend... I know that our paths will cross again. May the journey be enlightening.

-Cameron.

the manhunt began in early May, investigators have learned much more about Cunanan, including his penchant for altering his looks.

"This fellow is a great manipulator," Chicago criminologist Arthur Bilek told reporters. "He seems to have a high IQ...and a capacity to ingratiate himself and to tell believable stories."

The Boston Police Department had posted hundreds of wanted posters bearing Cunanan's likeness throughout the city's Gay neighborhoods and in places where Gay pride festivities took place over the weekend.

Sergeant Norman Hill, the police department's chief liaison to the Gay community, told reporters, "I think it's safe to err on the side of caution rather than do nothing. People should enjoy themselves throughout the week, but still be aware of their surroundings."

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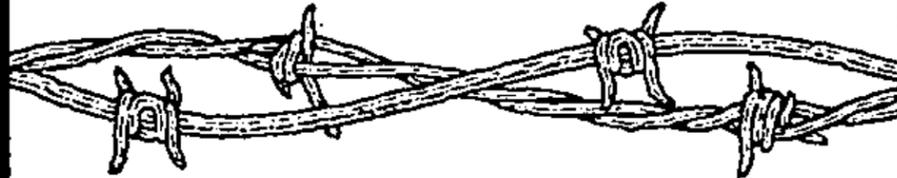


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When these three were finally put on trial, they were found guilty of just manslaughter, not first-degree murder. The judge, who no longer sits on the bench because of this case, gave the three probation. Boys will be boys and justice was bought even before O.J.

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An additional result from the case, Campoy added, was the company incorporated an anti-discrimination ordinance as policy.

The ordinance, adopted twenty years ago, is one of the very few formal avenues that Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals have in the State of Arizona. This policy is in place to protect the civil rights of all Tucsonans, including sexual orientation or preference. A wide reaching law, that hasn't had wide use. That should not be!

With "Pride Week" just around the corner, as you are celebrating, or commemorating, remember there is a law in Arizona that protects your rights to employment, housing, and public accommodations in Tucson. If you have been

Flash forward to 1997, twenty

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## President Clinton Addresses Concerns Of Hate Crimes Citing Gay and Lesbian Victims Among Others

WASHINGTON, DC - The following is a copy of the President's radio address to the nation that was broadcast, Saturday, June 7.

In the radio address, he discusses his new White House Conference on Hate Crimes this November. Clinton specifically talks about hatred toward Gays and Lesbians.

### CLINTON'S RADIO ADDRESS

"Good morning. This morning I want to talk about one of America's greatest challenges and greatest opportunities - conquering the forces of hatred and division that still exist in our society so that we can move forward into the 21st century as one America.

"We are clearly the world's most diverse democracy, bound together across all of our differences by a belief in the basic dignity of every human being's life and liberty and the fight of every American who lives by our laws and lives up to his or her responsibilities to share in the full promise of the greatest nation on Earth.

"Especially as we move into a new century with its global economy and its global society, our rich diversity is a powerful strength, if we respect it. We are clearly stronger as a nation when we use the full talents of all of our people, regardless of race or religious faith, national origin or sexual orientation, gender or disability. Much of America's story is really the stories of wave after wave of citizens struggling over our full history for full equality of opportunity and dignified treatment.

"We stand today in sharp contrast to the racial, ethnic, tribal and religious conflicts which continue to claim so many lives all around the world. But we have still not purged ourselves of all bigotry and intolerance. We still have our ugly words and awful violence, our burned churches and bombed buildings.

"In a predominantly white suburb of Atlanta, Georgia last month, an African American couple was greeted with racial epithets as they moved into their new home. Just a week later, their home was sprayed with gunfire in the middle of the night. In a recent incident right here in Washington DC, three men accosted a Gay man in a park, forced him at gunpoint to go under a bridge and beat him viciously while using anti-gay epithets. Last fall in Los Angeles, a Jewish student's dormitory room was bombed with a quarter stick of dynamite and a swastika was drawn near the door.

"Such hate crimes, committed solely because the victims have a different skin color or a different faith or are Gays or Lesbians, leave deep scars not only on

the victims, but on our larger community. They weaken the sense that we are one people with common values and a common future. They tear us apart when we should be moving closer together. They are acts of violence against America itself. And even a small number of Americans who harbor and act upon hatred and intolerance can do enormous damage to our efforts to bind together our increasingly diverse society into one nation realizing its full promise.

"As part of our preparation for the new century, it is time for us to mount an all out assault on hate crimes, to punish them swiftly and severely, and to do more to prevent them from happening in the first place. We must begin with a deeper understanding of the problem itself

"This is why I'm convening a special White House conference on hate crimes this November 10. We'll bring to the White House victims of hate crimes and their families to understand why the impact of these acts runs so much deeper than the crimes themselves. We'll bring together law enforcement experts and leading officials from Congress and the Justice Department to take a serious look at the existing laws against hate crime and consider ways to improve enforcement and to strengthen them. We'll bring together community and religious leaders to talk about solutions that are already making a real difference in our communities all across the nation.

"In preparation for the conference, Attorney General Reno has begun a thorough review of the laws concerning hate crimes and the ways in which the federal government can make a difference to help us to build a more vigorous plan of action. But, of course, the fight against hatred and intolerance must be waged not just through our laws, but in our hearts as well.

"A newborn child today does not know how to hate or stereotype another human being; that behavior must be learned. And intolerance does not generally begin with criminal acts. Instead, it begins with quiet acts of indignity: the bigoted remark, the African American who is followed around the grocery store by a suspicious clerk, the Gay or Lesbian who is denied a job, the Hispanic or Asian who is targeted because of unfair stereotypes. To truly move forward as one community, it is just not enough to prevent acts of violence to our bodies, we must prevent acts of violence to our spirits.

"By convening the very first White House Conference on Hate Crimes this November, America can confront the dark forces of division that still exist. We can shine the bright light of justice, humanity and harmony on them. We'll take a serious look at the laws and remedies that can make a difference in preventing hate crime. We'll have the frank and open dialogue we need to build one America across all difference and diversity. And, together, we will move closer to the day when acts of hatred are no longer a stain on our community or our conscience, closer to the day when we can redeem for ourselves and show to the world the 220-year-old promise of our founders, that we are 'One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.'"

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Proceeds from the benefit will benefit Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA), Wingspan, PFLAG, Arizona Gay Rodeo Association, Arizona Central Pride, Team Arizona and Desert Voices Chorus.

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### Tucson's Ordinance

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letter writing employee demoted or punished for their actions. EOO worked out a settlement where the letter writing employee was suspended and demoted for their actions.

An additional result from the case, Campoy added, was the company incorporated an anti-discrimination ordinance as policy.

Campoy strongly believes that the word has to get out about the ordinance. According to Campoy, EOO will be holding seminars throughout the city to inform, or reinform citizens about it. Campoy plans to hold seminars throughout the city to inform, or reinform citizens about the anti-discrimination ordinance.

Would Campoy hold seminars for the Gay and Lesbian community to inform them about the ordinance? "In a heartbeat," she said.

If you have been discriminated against in Tucson, or think you have been discriminated in employment, public accommodations or housing, call 791-4593 and speak with someone in EOO. The EOO office is there for you.

### Georgia Blasts

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tennial Olympic Park, which killed one person and injured more than 100, and the later explosions, which injured 12.

"I think it would be fair to say we're all but positive the last two are linked, and we have increasing confidence that the Centennial Park bombing is part of this," said Jack Killorin, agent in charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Atlanta.

As a result, investigators have combined their three separate investigations and extended the \$500,000 Olympic bombing reward to cover the two other blasts.

At the same, investigators acknowledged there are significant differences between the Olympic bombing and the two that followed.

Black powder was used in the Olympic bomb, while the others used dynamite. Also, the clinic and nightclub bombings each contained a second bomb authorities believe was intended to kill or injure law enforcement officials sent to the scene.

Agents asked people with information to call 1-888-ATF-BOMB.

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## At The Movies...

reviewed by:  
Tim Nasson

### 'Love! Valour! Compassion!'

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In many instances, non-musical, stage to screen adaptations do nothing but Hollywoodize a playwright's innermost and passionate feelings. In a few cases (including 'Driving Miss Daisy') the transformation is flawless and even better. Gay playwright, Telfance McNally's Tony Award winning masterpiece 'Love! Valour! Compassion!' falls into the category of the latter, thankfully.

Unusual as well, is an entire Broadway cast reprising their roles on screen. With the exception of the over-rated Nathan Lane, who is replaced in the film by 'Seinfeld's' Jason Alexander, the cast remains the same, giving it the same feel it captured on stage, but at only two hours, with less of the bantering and needless chatter.

'Love! Valour! Compassion!' tells the story of eight Gay men, two who are dying of AIDS, that convene at the Victorian home of one, on three separate holidays throughout the course of a summer.

The film spectacularly succeeds at not becoming too sentimental or overly political, like last year's dreadful 'It's My Party'.

The AIDS plot in this film blends in so smoothly and is not meant to foreshadow the film's true message - the amazing power of friendship - that one may not notice it immediately. Would one expect anything less from such an acclaimed writer? A winner of 3 Tony Awards.

Seated directly behind me at the screening I attended in NYC were Regis and Joy Philbin. From their reaction - though they as heterosexuals were certainly outnumbered that night - it seems apparent (at least to me) that the film will not get lost in the Hollywood shuffle, and only appeal to Gay men.

Being the first out of the theater and holding the door for Joy (Regis' occasional co-host), I could see tears in her eyes.

Included in the cast is Randy Becker. His role as Ramon, the testosterone charged Latino (though Becker is neither Gay or Latino) gives the film it's sex appeal. Not the least bit inhibited, Ramon prances around nude throughout a good portion of the film. Thankfully, his, is the penis the audience sees the most of One is spared from seeing more of Alexander than need be. Unlike the play, most of the character's penises are kept a little tighter wrapped. (If one is going to the movies with those thoughts in mind, one will get the chance to see Marky Mark's equipment, albeit with the help of a prosthetic, when he plays John Holmes in 'Bogic Nights'.)

The biggest stretch in the acting comes from television's George, Jason Alexander. Stepping into Nathan Lane's shoes would seem intimidating at first. Alexander's first few scenes in the film seem a little shaky, but he gets the character Buzz, perfect in no time. He is much less annoying than Lane as well who thankfully took a departure from all of the queeny roles he has played in the past few years.

Buzz, is the glue that holds the group together, the clown that makes the children smile. His is also one of two characters that is coping with AIDS. The other is played by John Glover who deservedly won the Tony for the same role.

Glover brilliantly plays a dual role. Twins, John and James from England. One a crotchety, butch, spiteful Brit, carrying Ramon around, acting out sexual fantasies, and wishing others dead of AIDS. The other, a queeny, dying soul with not a spiteful bone in his body.

Though all of the featured actors are notable; Stephan Bogardus (Gregory), John Benjamin Hickey (Arthur), and Stephen Spinella (Perry) - the other standout is Justin Kirk, as Bobby, the blind lover of Gregory.

Joe Mantello should also gain some recognition since he directed both the stage and screen versions of the story. His is a career that hopefully will ascend to great heights in the near future. This being his first film, sets him well on his way to becoming a powerful presence in the movie industry which is in addition to the name he has already made for himself in the theater world, even in acting. He received a Tony nomination for a role in 'Angels in America.'

'Love! Valour! Compassion!' is a film that will stay with you for a long time and as a touching and powerful film, is one that will be hard to beat. This year or any other.

[Tim Nasson is a syndicated writer whose autobiographical novel 'The Truth' will be released later this year. He can be reached at TNasson@aol.com]

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**NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.**

by Frank E.G. Gallego

[The following information is provided by Ted DiSaute, Certified Financial Planner with American Express Financial Advisors and a board member of TAP.]

Thanks to charitable gifts from you and others the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is able to provide case management and prevention services in Pima County. Each of us can make a personal choice to continue that work using social capital. It's a powerful concept that can make a profound difference in your life and that of others in Tucson.

The best way to define social capital is to think of all your wealth as being in two pockets. In one pocket is your personal capital. It's the money you spend to live, or save for your later use, or save to give to your heirs. In any case, it's money intended for you or your family. For many people, social capital is like forgotten riches. It's wealth they don't even realize they have (much less realize they can actually use and enjoy).

For most Americans, this wealth takes the form of taxes. In fact, taxes have become much a part of our lives that we tend to think that they are the only way we provide for others beyond our family.

There is another way, however, and therein lies the choice. It is charitable giving. Most of us have given something to charity this way. We typically view charitable giving as a moral or civic duty—often one that gives us a good feeling as well. We rarely, however, think of charitable giving as an alternative to tax-paying for meeting social needs. Yet it is an

alternative and some would say a better one.

Why? Because charitable giving involves one factor that tax paying does not control. When you give a dollar in taxes to the IRS, you relinquish all control over its use, it will go into government coffers. From there it will be diluted among 1000 programs serving 10,000 people in 100,000 communities. When, on the other hand, you give a dollar to the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), you are exercising control over its use. It will more effectively serve the people you choose, through the program you choose, in the community you choose.

Because of this control factor, many people view giving to charity as a better way to serve the needs of others, since those who give can specify exactly what needs, and what "others," their gift is intended to serve. Indeed, the federal government itself recognizes the importance of this individual choice, and has made it possible for you to exercise it through, among other things, tax-deductible charitable gifts.

This then is the social capital choice: Pay taxes (Specifically capital gain taxes) and lose control, or make gifts and keep control. By exercising such control, you can literally keep capital working at home. When shown this choice and its benefits, most people are eager to contribute. Even then, however, there are a variety of ways of exercise this choice. . . .

I leave you with this in mind, "Income-tax time is when you test your powers of deduction." - Shelby Friedman

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

**No Big Surprise:** Last week the mainstream media carried a news story reporting on the results of a study comparing children raised by Lesbians with those raised by heterosexual parents. Guess, what? Kids raised by Lesbian parents were found to be just as normal, healthy and well adjusted as any other kids.

The study substantiates what Gays and Lesbians have known from their own experience and have been saying for so long - the sexual preference of a parent (or parents) doesn't impact, one way or another, on their ability to raise, love and nurture children. What would really be interesting to know, though, is if there are any differences in the two groups of children with respect to their attitudes toward bigotry and hate. I'd be willing to bet there are.

This report probably isn't going to cause all of the barriers existing in most states that prohibit Gays and Lesbians from adopting children to suddenly fall away nor will it abruptly change general societal attitudes about this issue. But it

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away"  
Henry David Thoreau

will take a good sized chip out of them, it's a step forward for Gay would-be parents and, perhaps more importantly, will be useful for those who, sadly, have to battle in court for custody of their own children.

**I Should Know Better:** I'd like to get stinking rich quick just like the next guy. Although I normally avoid lotteries the Powerball jackpot hit \$35 million last weekend and the allure of a chance to win enough money to keep me in Mercedes roadsters, Armani suits and Hagen Daz rum raisin ice cream for the rest of my life was too great to resist. I sprang for a few tickets but in the end, of course, I didn't win dime one and the experience was just another item to add to that list of wealth building "Fat Chances" which includes:

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## You Have The Right...

by Sharon Kutzschbach

**Q:** I didn't pay my fine, and now there is a warrant for my arrest. What can I do to avoid going to jail?

**A:** Unpaid fines will not just go away. If you fail to pay a fine as ordered by the court, several things will happen.

Shortly after your missed payment, a notice will be sent to you at the address the court has on record for you. Take the notice to the court (for City Court, go to Sentence Enforcement, Room 108, 103 E. Alameda) and set up a new payment schedule. It is very helpful if you can pay at least some of the fine at that time.

If you ignore that notice, you may be ordered to appear in court for an Order To Show Cause. That is a hearing where you explain (or show cause) why the judge should not hold you contempt for refusing to obey the court's order to pay the fine.

Contempt is a separate charge in addition to your original violation. If you are found to be in contempt, you may be ordered to serve up to thirty days in jail. To be found in contempt for failure to pay a fine, the judge must find that you had the ability to pay at least some portion of fine and did not do so.

Be prepared to explain in detail your income and expense. Bringing pay stubs and copies of your bills can be helpful. At this time you want to show the judge that you are responsible and willing to pay your fine, but you did not have the money to do so.

You and the judge may differ in your opinion as to your ability to pay the fine. For example, the judge may consider that money you spend on alcohol or tobacco products is money which could be used to pay your fine. If the judge finds that you have tried to pay your fine, but were unable to pay it, you will not be sent to jail.

The judge may allow you to perform volunteer work for a non-profit agency to reduce your fine. In City Court, you will usually receive \$5 credit toward your fine for each hour of community service you perform.

Not all fines can be converted to community service. The law requires that some fines, such as those for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, No Proof of Insurance, or Failure to Register a Vehicle, must be paid in cash. Even in these cases, the court may be able to reduce the amount you owe.

For example, the "mandatory minimum fine" for a first DUI is \$400. That includes the base fine of \$250 which must be paid in cash and \$150 in surcharges which the judge may waive or allow to be paid with community service.

Ignore the Order to Show Cause, and the next notice will be that a warrant has been issued. All is not yet lost. You still have a chance to avoid going to jail, but you must act fast. Come to the court as soon as possible to schedule a court date. Carry the paperwork with your new court date at all times. Should you be stopped by the police, if you have this paperwork, they will not take you to jail for the outstanding warrant.

This only works once, so get to court on time!

Once the warrant is issued you will have other problems. The court will notify the Department of Motor Vehicles and your driver's license will be suspended. You will not be able to get your license back until you have paid at least half of the fine. With no license, expect to have your insurance canceled. Notice how your troubles are piling up? How could this have been avoided?

The best defense is a good offense. At the time you are sentenced, ask the judge if community service is an option or if the surcharges may be waived. When setting up a payment plan, opt for minimum payments. You can always pay more and sooner than scheduled. You cannot pay less or later. If you can, pay larger payments than agreed to finish paying the fine as soon as possible.

If something happens and you find that you will not be able to make a payment, notify the court before the payment is due. The court is usually willing to work with you in changing your payment plan when necessary. Offering the same reason for failing to pay after a warrant has been issued may sound like an excuse which the court may not accept as well.

Be responsible. Show up for your court dates. Pay your fines. Stay out of trouble.

(Sharon Kutzschbach is an attorney with the City Public Defender's Office and a member of the State Bar Task Force on Homophobia in the Bench, Bar and Criminal Justice System. Questions for future columns may be addressed to her at PO Box 77362 Tucson AZ 85704. Questions of general interest will be answered in The Observer. No personal responses may be given.)

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## Sodomy Statute Defender Comes Out As Adulterer

ATLANTA, GA (NP) The unadulterated truth is that Georgia's anti-LesBiGay legal gladiator is not "Mr. Clean" at all — he's (self-avowed) "Mr. Hypocrite."

One of the more successful legal defenders of "traditional" marriage has announced that he himself helped to destroy an employee's marriage while violating his own nuptial vows over a 10-year period. Michael Bowers, Georgia's state attorney general for sixteen years (he resigned at the end of May) and now its only formally declared candidate for governor, publicly announced that he had a ten-year affair with an unnamed woman.

The woman, who initially was working in his office and was married herself, later went on to work in the private sector and get a divorce. Bowers made his announcement in a series of one-on-one interviews with reporters.

Adultery is a misdemeanor in Georgia, although Bowers was not aware of any prosecutions under that statute during his tenure as attorney general. His announcement comes less than a week after his federal appeals court victory in the case of lesbian attorney Robin Shahar, from whom Bowers' withdrew a job offer in 1991 because, in his eyes, she would have damaged the credibility and effectiveness of the state's Law Department by flouting the state's sodomy law with her private religious commitment ceremony. His own illicit affair was apparently in progress at the time.

Georgia's sodomy law itself stands because Bowers successfully defended it before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1986, also apparently during his affair. In recalling that famous case of "Bowers v. Hardwick," most reports have neglected to mention that open Gay Michael Hardwick was arrested in his own bedroom after his roommate let a police officer into their home for unrelated reasons.

Bowers declined to state if he had engaged in heterosexual sodomy as part of his own affair. Bowers also worked to strike down a first attempt by the city of Atlanta to extend domestic partner benefits to its employees, and determined that the newspapers of government-run colleges could not reject anti-Gay advertisements.

Why did Bowers make the announcement, and why now? He gave three reasons, none of which seem to stand up very well:

He resigned his commission as a two-star general in the Georgia Air National Guard on June 5, three months before his planned retirement, in his words, "to try to relieve the Guard of the trauma of dealing with this" — and while it's unquestionably true that the U.S. military is in crisis over adultery right now, a Department of Defense official claimed there was no violation of Guard rules as long as Bowers carried out his affair with a civilian while off-duty.

There was his feeling of guilt, which he says the confession will not erase; there is his hope that the announcement will help some of those he hurt to be able to heal, although it's hard to see how. There were increasing rumors in Georgia political circles, yet the head of the Georgia Christian Coalition (whose membership was variously reported as 30,000 and 60,000), Jerry Keen, says he'd already known for a year.

Perhaps it's a political hope that

with more than a year to absorb the shock of this stain on their "Mr. Clean" candidate, voters will still choose to put Bowers in the State House in 1998. Although the announcement has probably ruined Bowers' opportunity to obtain the Republican Party's gubernatorial nomination without opposition, the troops are lining up behind him — without exception, according to state Party chair Rusty Paul.

In one sense, they even lined up in front of him:

Paul and others were calling around breaking the news to key movers-and-shakers for ten days before Bowers went public. Bette Rose Bowers, his wife of 33 years who separated from him for a few years in the early 1990's because of the affair, has also called on voters to forgive him as she has.

Keen made a very neutral statement that the news might be important to some of his Georgia Christian Coalition members, but said, "Whether it's Mike or anyone else, let's don't judge anyone's character by the mistakes they make, but by the way they react to them." He praised Bowers' forthrightness in owning up to his "mistake" and referring to forgiveness as a Christian tenet. The two Democratic gubernatorial hopefuls both refused comment.

In asking voters to make their own judgment as to whether the affair outweighs his performance for 16 years as attorney general, Bowers used a phrasing that echoes with irony in the ears of Gays and Lesbians. "If this [the affair] is what defines me, I sure don't need to be governor," he said. "If this is not defining, but one of many events...that's up to them."

Bowers didn't leave much for the Gay and Lesbian community to say that he hadn't already said himself. Has he been a hypocrite, especially with respect to Shahar? Yes; he "felt funny" about it but also felt he "had no choice." Shahar said his actions against her, made "while knowing that he himself was in wrongdoing is an example of how Gay people are held to different standards. Straight people are permitted to break laws and there are no consequences."

Shahar's attorney, Ruth Harlow of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, said, "We've been saying throughout the litigation that Georgia's antiquated laws against all kinds of consensual sexual behavior — including adultery — are irrelevant to a state attorney's qualifications. Given his own behavior, Michael Bowers would finally have to agree. Those laws certainly can't be used to harm Gay and Lesbian attorneys' employment chances while being flouted by the Attorney General himself."

Even the mainstream "Atlanta Journal-Constitution" newspaper's editorial board led off its response saying, "Had Georgia Attorney General Mike Bowers applied the 'Robin Shahar standard' to everyone in his office, he would have fired himself."



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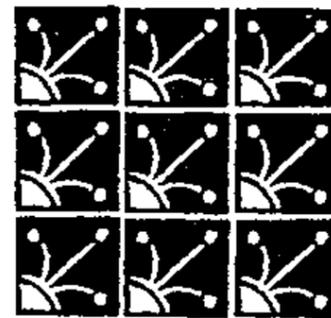
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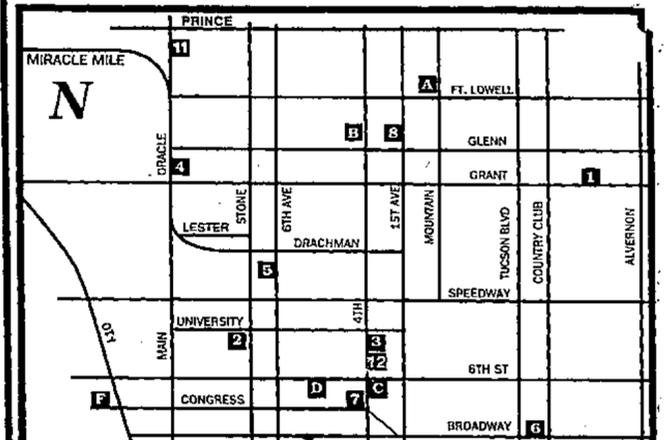


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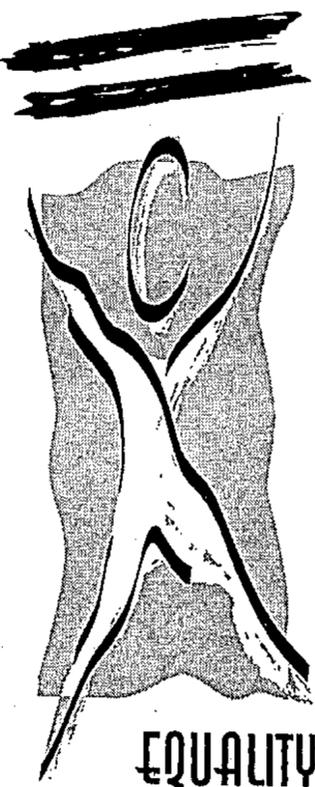
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**CLUBS ARE WILD** I'd like to get together with friends and enjoy life. I'm a nice guy, and rather a homebody. I don't enjoy the club scene very much. If you feel the same way, and are 25 to 40, let's get to know each other. (Tucson) #1339

**TELL ME WHAT TO DO** 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. (Tucson) #30367

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

**ARE YOU PLEASED?** It would please me to please you. This good looking, Goy, White male, 34, is into making other men feel good. I like to do it all. (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) #27302

**LOOKING GOOD** Who's out there? I'm a good looking, White male, 5'9, with Brown hair and Hazel eyes. Wanna meet? (Yuma) #1741

**BIG BANG THEORY** I love to meet other good looking, White males, who are versatile bottoms, who like to get wild. I'm an attractive, extremely well endowed, very horny, White male, 37, 5'10, 170lbs. Let's party. (Yuma) #24276

**MAN OF THE HOUR** Me and my girlfriend want to party with another guy. She wants to watch you and I go at it. I'm a good looking, muscular, White male, 33, 6'2, 240lbs, with Blond hair and Blue eyes. She's a knockout Brunette. We love to party but this will be our first time with another man. (Yuma) #34818

**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 Goy, men to get naked with. We can play alone or my wife can join in, depending on your pleasure. (Yuma) #13085

**SEX IN THE SHRUBBERY** This good looking, Italian male, with Black hair and Blue eyes, 6'1, 165lbs, loves the outdoors and sex. #1601

**SLOW STARTER** I'm looking for friends in northeastern Arizona. I'm a Native American male, interested in the outdoors and travel. Let's start slow and see where it goes. #1027

**EVERYTHING'S BIG** Maybe I like things big because I just moved here from Texas. I'd like to meet a guy, over 5'8, for friendship and fun. #34814

**FRIENDS AND MORE** I'd like to meet nice guys, 18 to 28, for friendships or a relationship, whichever happens. I'm an 18 year old, White male, 6ft, 200lbs, with Black hair and dark Brown eyes. #34399

**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

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**A FRACTION FEMINE** I'm a little shy and bashful so it might take me an extra minute to get to know someone. I'm a White female, 5'5, 135lbs, with long Brown hair and Hazel eyes. I enjoy music, camping, movies, and more. I'd like to meet another friendly female, a little on the feminine side. (Phoenix) #1571

**BREAK THE ICE** I want to talk to womyn in the area. I'm a 23 year old, White female, 5'5, 120lbs, with Brown hair and Hazel eyes. Let's talk on the phone or, maybe, get together for coffee. (Phoenix) #34799

**HIT IT OFF** I've been here for a year so I'm settled but now I'm ready to meet more friends. I like interesting, exciting people who like to do fun stuff. I'm a social drinker and occasional smoker. Shall we hook up and see if we hit it off? (Tucson) #1723

**TUCSON TWOSOME** I'd like to get to know another lesbian with the hope that a special bond will develop between us. I'm a 20 year old, White female, 5'2, 110lbs, with a fun loving personality. I'm outgoing, athletic, love to dance, and enjoy all music. (Tucson) #1496

**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

**LUXURIOUS PACE** This mature, business oriented, 20 year old, female enjoys dancing, being wined and dined, and massage, both giving and receiving. I seek a friend I can call my very own. I'm willing to take it very slow. #33575

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## PERSPECTIVE...

by Mark Landsfeld

[The following was the veto letter from Colorado Governor Roy Romer, D, to the Colorado State Assembly over Sr. Hse. Bill 97-1198, which would have banned, and prevented the recognition of from other states, same-sex marriages.]

### LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I am returning to the Secretary of State House Bill 97-1198, "Concerning the Invalidity of Certain Marriages," which I vetoed today, (June 5) at 4:20 P.M.

I am taking this action for two reasons. First, experts in family law advise me that the final language in this bill could threaten the thousands of common-law marriages that currently exist in Colorado. This was unintended, but if there are correct in this interpretation, the consequences could be very real in terms of the loss of such things as health benefits, pensions, paternity rights, and child support enforcement.

Second, as we began work on legislation earlier this year, I was hopeful there could be some clarifications of Colorado law that would not further polarize us on this issue. But as I watched the debate unfold around H.B. 1198, it became clear to me that, regardless of how benign the wording, this bill is fundamentally negative and divisive.

We do not need H.B. 1198 to protect marriage in Colorado. Colorado's current law on marriage is sufficiently clear, and I support it. The only real effect of this bill is to target Gay and Lesbian people and to exclude and stigmatize this group in our society.

I want to assure all Coloradans that the institution of marriage - as we traditionally understand it - is safe and secure in Colorado and is in no way threatened by this veto. Colorado law already states very clearly that marriage is between a man and a woman. That will not change regardless of what happens to this bill. Nor is it at all likely that any other state - including Hawaii - will legalize same-sex marriage any time soon. Should another state do so in the future, nothing in the current law indicates those marriages would be recognized in Colorado.

In my veto message last year, I suggested that the Legislature establish a commission to review and evaluate the legal and policy issues involved in recognizing same sex relationships. Since they have not done so, I am going to appoint such a commission. The Commission on the Rights and Responsibilities of Same Sex Relationships, to be chaired by The Reverend William J. Winterrowd of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado, will examine issues of civil law relating to same sex relationships. Among others, this could include such issues as what legal and economic rights, responsibilities and benefits might be extended those in a long-term committed relationship with a person of the same sex. For example, should a same sex partner have hospital visitation rights when his or her partner is dying? Should the estate of a same sex couple be treated as it is for a legally married couple? It seems to me that there are many estate, property, inheritance, health care and other topics that need to be reviewed.

I believe this commission, the details of which I will outline in the near future, will be a constructive forum in which to discuss many of them. These are serious issues and require thoughtful and

thorough debate which we have not yet had. We must come together as a community to have a rational discussion and work to find some common ground. I look forward to such a reasoned and constructive dialogue.

Sincerely,  
Roy Romer, Governor

## California School Rights Bill Pulled

SACRAMENTO, CA (NP) - A bill to protect California students from homophobic harassment was killed by things lurking in the recesses of some assemblymembers minds, but a job discrimination measure escaped the "heifer argument."

In this final week for the California Assembly to consider bills its own members introduced, a number of items of interest to gays and lesbians are under consideration, but the most publicized of those measures has been dropped. Openly Lesbian California Assembly President Pru Tem Sheila Kuehl, D-Santa Monica, withdrew her bill to establish protections from discrimination in schools based on sexual orientation, after discovering it lacked the votes necessary for passage.

More than an hour of after-midnight debate on the measure ranged from a rambling reflection on farm animals' behavior to the Bible, which was cited by both opponents and supporters.

The bill would have added sexual orientation as a protected category in the state's education code, which prohibits discrimination in employment, defamation in texts or classrooms, and harassment in public schools, colleges and universities (private religious schools are exempt). The Lesbian behavior of a handful of heifers was recounted to no obvious purpose by Peter Frusetta, R-Los Pinos, who attributed it to hormone imbalance. Bill Morrow, R-Oceanside, felt it was "a real problem" that the term "sexual orientation" might be taken to mean pedophilia, necrophilia or transvestism.

White Kuehl said she was "proud" of her colleagues' debate, Carole Migden (D-San Francisco) was driven to say, "I don't know what is hiding in the recesses of some of my colleagues' minds. It is astoundingly beyond describable proportions."

Assemblymember Antonio Villaraigosa's bill to add sexual orientation as a protected category in the state's Fair Employment and Housing Act found the minimum number of votes needed for passage, but the measure may be reconsidered at the request of the Republican caucus.

Although California is generally recognized as a "Gay rights" state because it has some provisions for recourse for Gays and Lesbians who experience workplace discrimination, they appear in a separate and weaker law than the employment and housing protections for other groups under the Fair Employment and Housing Act.



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## 'Stonewall', A Film Benefit For Desert Voices June 22



La Miranda (Guillermo Diaz) in drag, stars in "Stonewall", a romantic love story set against the historical Gay freedom riot in 1969. The film will be shown June 22 as a benefit for Desert Voices chorus. See story below. From Strand Releasing.

TUCSON - Come and celebrate Gay Pride! For the second year in a row, Blue Coyote Productions provides Tucson and southern Arizona with a film to celebrate Lesbian and Gay pride week. Blue Coyote Productions presents the film Stonewall, Sunday, June 22, 7:30 P.M. at the Gallagher Theater.

The production will benefit Desert Voices, one of Tucson's premier choral arts organizations. Tickets are \$7, and available at the door.

The film takes its name from the infamous New York City bar where in June of 1969, the Stonewall riots sparked the modern day Lesbian and Gay rights movement. The film is based on Martin Duberman's book "Stonewall," a fictionalized account of the riot and events leading up to it.

Stonewall follows the lives of a half-dozen Gay New Yorkers in the weeks leading up to the riots. It examines the police harassment, the Mafia control of Gay bars, and the general oppression faced by Gay men and women before the Gay Rights Movement began in earnest.

It's summer 1969 in New York City. Matty Dean arrives on a Greyhound bus. Young, Gay and full of dreams, Matty heads downtown. It's the time of Vietnam War and the Apollo Moon Walk; homosexuality is still illegal. It's also the summer of love, but not if you're Gay.

Stonewall Inn, the wild haunt of fabulous diva drag queens, is the hangout of young street queen, LaMiranda. Matty just happens to turn up on a night the cops are on a routine harassment spree, and LaMiranda gets defiant.

At a Gay campaign group, Matty meets Ethan who is confident, articulate and determined to fight the system from within. Caught between two worlds -- Ethan, who is aiming for social acceptance, and the disreputable warmth of LaMiranda and the Stonewall gang -- Matty must choose.

Opting for safety, dressed in penny-loafers and a neat suit, with placard in hand he heads for a miserable, ineffective demonstration in front of Philadelphia's Independence Hall with Ethan. But realizing Ethan's too scared to love him in the open, Matty returns to LaMiranda. Stonewall is raided again. This time the girls hit back with their own campaign.

Before long, New York is a riot of high-kicking, power-fisted drag queens. And this is just one story from the legend of Stonewall and the beginning of Gay pride.

Director Nigel Finch said, "It's a reminder that you have to fight for your rights - they are not given voluntarily! And as a symbol for change, Stonewall is valid universally. Young Gay men and Lesbians need to know that we had to fight for our rights the whole way. And we are still fighting!"

Stonewall is about so many things -- sexual identity, gender politics, the political dialectic of change. But most of all it is a wonderful, stylish, and enthralling story.

For more information call Blue Coyote Productions, (520) 696-1612.

### National AIDS Quilt Group Must Cut Back

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (NP) - Despite record attendance at AIDS Quilt showings last year, falling revenues for 1997 mean there will be fewer names on the NAMES Project's staff list.

1996 was a hauner year for the AIDS Memorial Quilt, with the 4.5-million viewers at 2,000 locations worldwide in that single year, including more than one million visitors in a single October weekend in Washington, DC -- not far from equalling the total of the previous eight years -- but it's possible that peak will never be repeated. This week, the Quilt's parent organization, the San Francisco-based NAMES Project, announced that falling revenues are forcing a staff reduction from 51 to 42.

As spokesperson Greg Lugliani told reporters, "The good news about AIDS [treatment] has translated into some not-so-good news about AIDS fund-raising." Attendance has fallen by half and income from sales of related merchandise are down by almost 60%, forcing the NAMES Project to decrease its budget projections by nearly 10%.

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### San Diego Pride Weekend July 25-27

SAN DIEGO, CA - The staff and volunteers of San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride are preparing for a high-energy weekend that will attract massive attendance and reflect this year's official Pride theme, "Share The Vision: Equality Through Visibility."

San Diego Pride's new executive director, Mandy Schultz, says this summer's events and parties, July 25-27 are designed to bring Gays, Lesbians and their supporters together in an effort to "share one vision of a better world."

For more information about San Diego Pride, call (619) 297-7683.



## A Taste of the Water of Life

News from MCC Tucson

### Rev. Dusty Pruitt Returns To Speak In Tucson

TUCSON - The Reverend Dr. Dusty Pruitt, noted southern California Lesbian activist and religious leader, will be speaking at the MCC-Water of Life Church, Sunday, June 15, 10:45 A.M., focusing on the mission of the church.

Reverend Pruitt will also be sharing the exciting progress of new church development throughout the Southwest and southern California.

Beginning in 1980, Rev. Dr. Pruitt served as the Senior Pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of Long Beach, California. She led that congregation into unprecedented growth, and quickly became well known for her dynamic preaching and powerful healing ministry.

Rev. Pruitt was also active in community organizations promoting justice and civil rights issues. She was honored by the Long Beach Democratic Club for her outstanding commitment to human and civil rights, and in 1993 was awarded the

Southern California Women for Understanding's "Outstanding Woman" award.

She also recently presented her doctoral dissertation on "But Thou Shalt Forget the Same of They Youth: A Study of Authoritarianism, Religiosity and Child Sexual Abuse" at the National Gay and Lesbian Health Conference in Washington, D.C. After serving a year as the Interim Pastor at Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church in Phoenix, Rev. Pruitt now pastors MCC South Bay in Torrance, California.

Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church is proud to sponsor Rev. Dr. Pruitt's return visit to the Tucson community. The church is located at 3269 North Mountain Avenue (between Fort Lowell and Prince Roads). Everyone is cordially invited to come and hear this exciting and dynamic leader in the Gay and Lesbian community. For more information, please call the church office, (520) 292-9151.

## A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

We are living in a very unique time in the history of the world. It is a time when many prophecies of the Bible are coming true at a rapid rate. There are countless numbers of religions, and offshoots, or sects of these religions, each pronouncing their own view concerning the nature of God and his relationship to creation. Some see God as the Judge of works, with salvation resting on our ability to conform to standards set forth by religious leaders of their particular faith. Some, such as Hinduism and the New Age, view God as nothing more than an impersonal force not to be separated from creation itself. Christianity is unique in that it is the only religion which holds to belief in a personal loving creator who interacts with believers through his Holy Spirit, offering salvation as a free gift by grace through faith. The apostle Paul express it in this way: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8,9) This faith that Paul spoke about is a faith in the son of God, Jesus Christ.

Humanity has always challenged the things of the heart, wanting tangibles of the flesh to affirm them. We want to see and feel the truth. We want solid proof, and yet ironically, many have been led astray by charismatic teachers whose ideas have no rhyme or reason. The Bible has given us many marvelous tools for living, but one which can be shown to the skeptic and treasured by the believer is prophecy! It is impossible to list all the fulfilled prophecies of the Bible in an article of this length, but if you are skeptical, if you are earnestly seeking truth, I urge you to inquire about them.

We have a God who understands the minds and hearts of humanity. We have a Savior, Jesus Christ, who understands suffering and temptation. The book of Hebrews tells us: "Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-yet was without sin." (Hebrews 4:14,15)

Jesus knew what it would be like our time. He knew of the great deception that would come against humanity. Among other warnings, he told his disciples, "For many false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect-it that were possible." (Matthew 24:24) Today we have seen that come to pass over and over again, and more is yet to come.

At one point in Scripture, before giving warnings to his disciples of the coming age, Jesus laments over those in his homeland who rejected him and his teachings: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing." (Matthew 23:37)

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Tal como les prometí de darles un breve resumen sobre la 55a. Conferencia anual de la Asociación Fronteriza Mexicano/estadounidense de Salud; (AFMES), que se efectuó en la ciudad de Phoenix, Az., la pasada semana; pues de verdad que se contó con la participación de cerca de 400 asistentes, la mayoría de los 10 Estados Fronterizos que comparten geográficamente los límites territoriales de los Estados Unidos y México; la conferencia en sí, tubo una gran calidad en sus talleres y paneles, y las conferencias majisteriales con una calidad sobresaliente, aunque siempre tiene que haber "prietitos en el arroz" por decirlo en términos sencillos y usuales (no racista), pero en fin, se pudo apreciar que los asistentes entendieron que a veces es difícil coordinar las acciones de las personas, y algunas personas suelen no tener ética, ni dignidad con los compromisos que aceptan al momento de quedar incluidos en los

# Columna Abierta.

by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

programas a desarrollarse y simplemente no se presentan a la hora que se les ha asignado por, infinidad de razones (pretextos) que es mas fácil no mencionarlos y darlos por entendidos, en fin que el deseo de que "se habra la tierra en este momento"... la pasamos los organizadores... En fin, así se aprende a "tener otra vela encendida por si se apaga" e ir descartando y sobre todo saber quienes "si estamos en la arena" y no nada más "de los dientes para afuera" persuadiendo fines políticos y que sus nombres aparezcan en primera plana y nada más... De esto, creo que todos tenemos algo que decir... y a su debido tiempo.

Dentro de los muchos trabajos que se presentaron en la mencionada conferencia, uno de los cuales me "contrarrestó" el mal sabor por lo arriba mencionado, fué la presentación de la colega y amiga de bastante gente que le aprecia y le respeta por el sur de Arizona, es la dinámica e incansable, activista, etc. sobran los calificativos que de verdad le quedan chicos, a la Dra. América Bracho quién trabaja en el Condado de Orange en Santa Ana, Ca. que de verdad transmite energía y sensibilidad por estar en contacto con tantas y tantas familias latinas en esa área de California., no hubo participante alguno que no se le pusiera de pie al finalizar su presentación y la obación duro algunos minutos, de verdad que es la segunda vez que nos toca compartir con la doctora Bracho, en sus presentaciones ya que la anterior fué en la Conferencia Anual de Promotores en Yuma, Az. que se efectuó el pasado abril. Felicidades una vez más América y ojalá te tendremos

pronto entre nosotros para que nos dejes con "la chispa encendida" como lo has hecho en esas dos presentaciones...

Y sobre todo una característica entre muchos de los inmigrantes a éste país, es la renuncia de ir al médico. "Acudimos al doctor hasta que estamos muy enfermos. Nos curamos con hierbas y remedios caseros. Es algo muy de nuestra comunidad, algo cultural: no ir a ver al doctor hasta que te estás muriendo". Fueron algunos de los comentarios hechos por algún asistente.

Para las autoridades sanitarias esta tendencia es alarmante. Especificamente en los pacientes de SIDA. A pesar del consenso de que los nuevos tratamientos de combinaciones de medicinas deben iniciarse antes de que el SIDA progrese, algunas investigaciones señalan que muchos latinos no se enteran que son VIH positivos hasta que ya es demasiado tarde. Se presentó un estudio que demostró que muchos latinos se enteran que son VIH positivos ocho meses antes de que desarrollen SIDA, comparado con un periodo de 32 meses en el caso de los sajones. El periodo entre el cual alguien se infecta con VIH y manifiesta el SIDA se calcula entre diez y once años, "eso significa que durante esos años la gente no aprovecha los tratamientos disponibles y no toma las precauciones para no transmitir el VIH". Algunas personas indocumentadas temen ir a los hospitales por miedo a que se les niegue atención médica o ser reportados a las autoridades de Inmigración. Cuando finalmente buscan ayuda, no discuten con los

médicos. Y como resultado de esta tendencia a no interactuar más con los médicos, muchos de esos pacientes no están informados sobre cómo aprovechar mejor los nuevos tratamientos. El terror de tener SIDA o de ser VIH positivo continúa dominando la manera de pensar de muchos en las comunidades latinas. Especialmente los hombres no quieren hacerse la prueba aunque anden acostándose por todos lados, sean homosexuales o usen drogas.

Por hoy es todo, hasta la próxima semana D.M.

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In the May 28 edition of this paper, the article entitled "Stress Deadly for HIV+ men," talked of the deadly effects of stress on the progression of symptoms of AIDS. That is certainly plausible, however, not all news is bad! I sent off for a sample issue of POZ Magazine, and it had some good news for coping with stress, talking about a Vitamin I have discussed before: B-12. It has been shown to help PWA's (People With AIDS) since it greatly improves their energy and helps restore memory and lessens nerve problems.

According to the article, they don't know how the B-12 may slow the HIV virus progression down, but I suspect it is simply the power of a natural supplement doing what it's supposed to! Remember what I have said before, for far too long, doctors have been ignoring natural methods, and just now are beginning to accept herbs, and other methods, as far more powerful healing modalities than ever before suspected.

What they suggest is Vitamin B-12 injections, since people living with HIV often deal with the malabsorption problem, and don't benefit much from oral doses. I had a Vitamin B-12 shot once, we purchased the shots in Nogales, Sonora Mexico. It did give me more energy for a while. I take oral Vitamin B regularly.

## Go In Good Health

by Rev. Andrew Brooks

It's benefits (already known to me, and backed in this article, by Lark Lands, Ph.D., by the way, in the current July 1997 issue) are, as quoted "It's necessary for the production of red blood cells for the building of bone marrow and nucleic acids (needed in large quantities) because of rapid cell turnover with HIV infection), and, with the other B vitamins, for the conversion of fats . . . it's also essential for the healthy function of nerve tissue." So there you have it folks! That's a bit of good news! So look into this vitamin!

There is also much information already available on the soothing effects of herbs. If daily life, and also financial woes, lover problems, grief over a death, or the prospect of facing a life-threatening illness, either in a loved one's life or your own, consider these herbs. Kava-kava, which I have discussed before, modifies neuron receptor spaces, and acts in the emotional center of the brain, and also reduces pain. It helps against anxiety. Avoid high doses.

St. Johnswort, which I myself have used, (the flower buds of this herb

comprise the medicinal effect), is a good anti-depressant, antiviral, and is also mildly antibiotic, according to an article by Doctor Daniel Beilin, OMD. It helps with fear, and nervous disturbances. When I suffer a mild epileptic seizure (I am blessed that I do not suffer grand mal seizures) St. Johnswort has helped immensely, and I don't have them when I take it. High stress brings them on, and this herb has a shielding affect. So consider this extract to combat those stressful thoughts and nervous fears you may be facing.

Passion Flower, which also aids sleep, is helpful for anxiety states, and has a more sedative effect than Kava Kava. I am glad to see that research is being done on these supplements.

Lastly, Wild Oats, another one I mentioned, is good for chronic and acute anxiety states, and will help soothe the body. It is good to have things on hand to assist you, I know of an herbal blend from Dancing Willow, that includes Kava Kava and St. Johnswort. If you have any questions, please call me. I will happy to explain more.

Beyond herbal assistance, you may consider counseling, or lifestyle changes. Life can be very hectic, and sudden upsets or bad news, or just the daily grind, can wear us all down. Those with compromised immunity suffer a bit worse. But they can seek benefit from help. Learning to find a little bit of time each day to do something relaxing, and peaceful that brings you personal enjoyment is a good thing.

Here is something else to consider. A blue light-bulb, left burning at night, has been shown to have a soothing affect on the nerves, very tranquil. You can find a blue light-bulb almost anywhere, just have it near your sleeping

area, and lay under it at night, and let it help you relax and rest. Laying under it in the daytime can sooth you also. Color healing has a long history of affecting emotional states, which are directly linked to physical health. Relaxation and learning to unwind are critical to healthy living. If you are always wound up, stressed out, or pushing yourself too hard, you will suffer from it.

It is good to think over what actually for your highest good from day to day, and if your body wants you to rest, listen! We force ourselves sometimes to keep going, but sleep and proper relaxation are two simple tools to enchain our well-being. Good luck! I wish you peace amid life's turmoil. Believe me, I have had some stress lately, too, but with a little help from my herbs and resting, I got through it. You can too! Till next time, Go in Good Health!

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

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**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Saturn in your own sign may erode your self confidence, but this is only a test, dear. It's time to turn the microscope inward as mistress Saturn plunges deep into your pithy core. Closeted Rams must come to terms with who they are. Don't fear the outcome; Saturn will not tolerate falsity and self delusion. Frankly dear, you have nothing to lose but your chains.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Gay Bulls see the light at the end of the tunnel with Saturn in Aries. (Is it the oncoming train?) Stand back and admire all that you've built over the past few years and prepare for new opportunities to unfold. I see a cathartic spring cleaning when Saturn casts a light into your dreary closet. Boom! It's all out in the open cousin! Good thing too.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Pink Twins enjoy having an adoring entourage wherever they go. Now, stern Saturn in Aries puts you at odds with the group think and the social dynamic. It may feel a little lonely but take heart. The lesson to be learned here is that sometimes you have to march to the tune of a different drummer and if that tune is a polka, so be it.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Saturn in Aries encourages every pink Crab ready and able to go for the professional gold. It's time to cash in your chips, play your trump card or do whatever needs to be done to grab that corner office. It won't be accomplished quietly; Those Gay Machiavellis who prefer to be the power behind the throne, tough luck! The spotlight finds you, ready or not.

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Saturn in Aries makes travel a bit more difficult during its year and a half reign, but don't despair; sometimes something requiring the extra effort is ultimately far more enjoyable. Avoid any lawsuits and legal entanglements with joint arrangements if you possibly can. Sour old Saturn does not appeal to the court and the case will be rested firmly on your bank account.

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Queer Virgins may not feel like the most accomplished of lovers during the Saturn in Aries transit. Chalk it up to Saturn's repressive ways and do the best you can with what nature gave you. Speaking of repression, try unearthing a few psychological barriers that are keeping you from true happiness and affirmation. Saturn is a good nuncher.

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Diplomatic Gay Libras are put to the test in any one-to-one relationship. If partners have been making your life one long stress fest, leave it to Saturn in Aries to release the pressure. The secret is to know what makes you tick. If your partner doesn't wind your clock it may be preferable to be alone than in an incompatible relationship.

**HOROSCOPES**  
BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Proud Scorps may feel like a rat on an ever racing treadmill as Saturn in Aries causes stresses and strains on the job. Of course, this too shall pass, but not before you emerge older, wiser and more fatigued. Perhaps a well crafted exercise regime can take the sting out of the job's whip and chains. Of course, Gay Scorps often prefer whips and chains.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Spoilsport Saturn in Aries places a well needed lesson in any pleasant pastime. Proud Archers ache through every creative opportunity. Talk about writers block! Masterpieces are produced by perspiration more than by inspiration. You may love to strut your time on stage, but now Saturn places sharp tacks in strategic places. Ouch!

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

If you have been quietly suffering and compromising at home or among relatives, it's time to reevaluate your domestic life. Queer Caps can put up with just about anything for the sake of appearances but now appearances be damned! Saturn demands that you break free of your "straight jacket" and live life proudly. Others will simply have to adjust.

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

If neighbors are more annoying than usual, blame it on Saturn in Aries boiling up the community pot. Are you living in the right neighborhood? If not, consider a change of venue. Step back and view your day-to-day habits with a cold eye. If the dress no longer quite fits, take it in or let it out but don't get depressed about the shape of it. Saturn demands changes.

**PISCES**  
**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**  
Money is a source of fear and frustration; is there ever enough? Queer Fish may need to keep an extra watchful eye on their bottom lines. In fact, Saturn in Aries recommends that you review every aspect of your value system. "Value" can mean monetary things, but it can also mean higher moral stuff. Make sure your assets outweigh your debts.

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## FRIDAY, JUNE 13

**BOOM BOOMS - Blues Band** Tony and the Torpedoes featuring top female vocalist Anna Warr 9:00 p.m. in the "Other Room". \$3.00 cover.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 14

**BOOM BOOMS - Zap Productions** presents the live country vocals of Billy "D", Kimber and Zane. 9:00 p.m. in the "Other Room". \$2.00 cover at the door. Special guest performance by Kenneth Blake as "Reba".

**IBT'S - Miss Gay Arizona America** In Revue show. Hosted by Raven. Starring Devina (1990); Pussy Le Hool (1992); Kyra Starr (1993); Lucinda Holliday (1994); Ms. Marcus (1995) and Gilda Fatalé (1996).

## SUNDAY, JUNE 15

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## SATURDAY, JUNE 21

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# Non-Bar CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

**Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome).** 7:00 p.m. Mah Jong is the name of the game, and Martin is the name of the man to contact for a fun evening of playing (and/or learning) this ancient game. For reservations and directions, please call Martin at 623-1732.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 12

**"Taps to TAP" 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** A gathering as Tucson AIDS Project becomes a part of SAAF (Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation). Come share memories and celebrate the future at the TAP office, 151 S. Tucson Blvd., #252. Call 322-6226 for more info.

**Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome).** 8:00 p.m. Join MSN for a fun night of roller skating on "Adult Night." The cost will be \$5 for rental of traditional skates, or \$8 for in-line skates. Call C. W. at 328-5439 or Donn at 325-4257 for details and directions.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 13

**Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome).** 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing The Dreyfus Affair, by Peter Lefcourt, a very funny book about two gay baseball players. Even if you don't read the book, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, call Jerry at 690-9585.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 14

**Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome).** 8:00 a.m. Join the MSN guys for tubing down the Salt River. It's a fun, lazy way to spend your Saturday with your gay family. Cost: \$8.00 for tube rental and transportation to and from the river. Call Donn at 325-4257 for reservations, details, and the car pooling location.

Desert Voices will present "Fairy Tales" in concert at 8:00 p.m. at the Temple of Music & Art Alice Holcstew Theatre. Appearing with Desert Voices will be The San Diego Men's Chorus. Box seats are \$15; Reserved Seats \$12; Students/Seniors \$10. Tickets are available at Antigone Books, Tucson Trunk, Girlfriends and the Temple of Music & Art. Following the concert, Desert Voices will host an All White Party and Freedom Ring Dance in the courtyard of the Temple of Music from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door. There will be a no-host bar and food from the B&B Cafe with a late night menu available. Jon Brown will DJ.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 15

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

Raven/Parker Productions present the 1997 Miss Gay Arizona America Pageant and official preliminary to the 1998 Miss Gay America Pageant. Leo Rich Theatre in the Tucson Convention Center. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with pre-judging at 5:00 p.m. The pageant begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$13.00. For reserved tables of ten or more call 328-9133.

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

2. **Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome).** 7:00 p.m. Join us for the Father's Day Film: "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert." This funny, outrageous comedy stars Terence Stamp. For reservations and directions, call Les at 690-9565.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

**Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome).** 7:00 p.m. ish. The Movie Out was not selected at press time. For movie title, location and time to meet, please call Larry at 795-9125 after June 13.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 19

**Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome).** 7:00 p.m. MSN goes on a fun Dinner Out tonight at Nico's Tacos and Penguins. Bill, our host says it's good food at a good price. For reservations, details and directions, please call Bill at 615-0979 by 6/17/97.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 20

**Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome).** 7:30 p.m. Have an evening meal and a night of lively conversation as Bill & Stephen host Dinner & Conversation Night. The evening will be limited to 10 participants, so call early if you would like to attend. For reservations and directions, please call Bill or Stephen at 647-3436.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 21

1. **Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome).** 8:00 a.m. The men of MSN will troop off to Mt. Lemmon for a hike in the wilderness. The location was not confirmed at press time, so please call Larry at 795-9125 for details, directions and reservations.

2. **Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome).** 11:30 a.m. Whether you joined the guys on the hike or not, you're still welcome to come to a mountain-top Summer Solstice Brunch at Will's cabin. For reservations and directions, please call Will at 298-9454. If you call after June 17, please call Will at his cabin; 576-1435.

**Tucson Arts District Partnership Downtown Saturday Night.** The restored Transit Center will be transformed into a fun and delightful international setting full of wandering mistrels and musicians, easels and tables where artists are drawing, exhibiting and showcasing all types of visual art from oils and watercolors, to photography, tin smithing and plaster mask making.

**Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome).** 7:00 p.m. Our Topic of Discussion this month is "Sexuality & Spirituality," a continuation of last month's very popular topic. For details, directions and reservations, please call Bob at 623-1732.

# Tucson CALENDAR

## Sunday

**AIN'T 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 Noon Noon - 8pm \$1.25 small pitchers of draft. Karaoke with Nancy 8-10pm. Blues and Jazz music 10-1.  
**GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm** all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Drink specials do not apply during special events.  
**HOURS - Bloody Marys and Scrubs \$1.25 til 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 B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.  
**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. Bert Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

## Monday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer.** Free pool 2-4. Trash Disco with Hilary 8pm to close. \$1.75 well 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. Drink specials do not apply during special events.  
**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. All drink specials not available during special events.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon to 7pm.** Party with Stephan. Free pool 7 to close.  
**VENTURE-N - Open 8am.** Draft Beer 75¢ 8am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm.

## Tuesday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 pm 2for1 well and domestic long necks.** 2-7 p.m. Boys Night Out 9pm to closing. \$1.00 longneck Hot dance music.  
**BOOM-BOOMS - Happy Hour 4-8 daily.** Alternative dance music at 9pm. Dart Tounney 8:30. Special prizes for all tourney players. \$1.50 domestic bottle beer & \$1 Coctshuckers 8-close.  
**GRADUATE - Open 9am.** Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.  
**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. All drink specials not available during special events.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm.** Stonewall opens at 9pm with Latin Music Party.  
**VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am.** Draft Beer 75¢ 8am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm.

## Wednesday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7.** 2for1 well or domestic beer. \$1.25 pitchers from 9 to midnight. Alternative music w/Stephanie 9pm to close.  
**BOOM-BOOMS - Boot Scootin' Country/Western Dance 9pm.** Ladies Nite Out with Mary & Nancy bartending (1st & 3rd Wednesdays). \$1.50 well & \$2.25 call 8-close.  
**GRADUATE - Open 9am.** Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50; Domestic \$1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool 10:00. 7pm. Pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.  
**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 8pm  
**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 9pm to close. Dance with David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm.** College Logo Nite w/Darren 9pm. Karaoke 9pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Corona & 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

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer.** Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.  
**BOOM-BOOMS - \$1.50 well & \$2.25 call 8pm to close.** Top pop Dance Party 9pm to close.  
**GRADUATE - Open 9am.** Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75. 301 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.  
**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. All drink specials not available during special events.  
**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 Leathers 8pm to close. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm

## Friday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer.** Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors d'Oeuvres. Michael spins hi energy dance music 8:30 to close. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.  
**BOOM-BOOMS - Happy Hour 4-8 Country Western in the "Other Room".** at 9pm. Dance Party with Raymond in the main bar at 9. Watch for the random "Reverse Happy Hour" after 10.  
**GRADUATE - Open 9am.** Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.50 domestic \$1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.  
**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. All drink specials not available during special events.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm;** Hot Hors 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

**AIN'T 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.** Boot Scootin' Country/Western dance in the "Other Room". Random "Reverse Happy Hour" after 10pm  
**GRADUATE - Open 9am.** Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.50/domestic \$1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm. Double Elimination, pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.  
**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. All drink specials not available during special events.  
**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

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for tea on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Group meets in front of the Memorial Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Miki at 326-3555

People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (FACT ForLife), 661 W. Congress. Office hours MWTF Sun to Sun, 10 am - 7 pm. Th. Noon - 5 pm. An ongoing HIV testing and support groups available. Call 776-1718 for more information.

SMART 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, 522-7167. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

P.F.A.S. - Friends and Family of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-6443 or write P.O. Box 34264, Tucson, AZ 85745-6264. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and referral about Alcoholism 881-1784 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

YOUNG AND GAY

Lesbian and Gay youth's 25 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for chatting, 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, 524-1779.

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 547-7493 to leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 1st Sunday, 4-8 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 131 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Breadner Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-4226.

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 831-1794 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 8:00 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 725-8377 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINDSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups for late life social events / literary / reading space. Volunteer opportunities. Read meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussion in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 17. Call the church at 298-9063 for information.

LICHEN HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Lichens in Rhyolite National Park available at Anigear 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 Wednesdays 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 824-1779.

L.D.S. - EX-L.D.S. GAYLESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7pm. 320-1318 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 4:00 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Denny 858-1258 for more info.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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

GAY CONVOY CLUB - McDowell Personal Ads. Admins welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavrick, Box 8543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL WINDSTERS - Tucson Teachers in a support group open to all - Make activities scheduled both in-school and out-of-school. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Teachers, P.O. Box 84-G, Centura, AZ 85622.

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 578-9028

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 918, Stiles, AZ 85603 / (520)432-3591. Rep. Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 578-0027 for more

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1820 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE Men and women welcome. Pager 368-6643.

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

LESBIAN AND GAY ALABAMA - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2840 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Call 581-8850 or 800-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

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

SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-10:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Greenway (Academy Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Art (520)782-8135.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adreana at 829-7299.

MAKE MEN: Long-haired Gay male pop-up network. Photo, 3 IRC's in Jaja, Box 231, Stiles B, Oazwa, CANADA, R1P6C4

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP at St. Philomena in the NM 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. 3rd Wednesday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 323-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm 9162. For information call 791-9482.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 2841 N. Campbell Ave. #385, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3268 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEM'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social/pedag gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 890-8963 for information and a newsletter.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact, Mary 776-8878 or Berle 318-3415.

NOTICES

TUAK, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams in support HIV programs, a referral network of HIV-care providers, and a telephone service of testing and help. For more information call 298-8447.

THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities in a fun and friendly setting away from Tucson. Call 797-3118 for more information and a membership bio.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUALS ANONYMOUS. Meetings every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 7-9 pm in UMC Dining Room. \*F\*. 325-8476 or 878-1854.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELLING AND TESTING irrevocable through the Pima County Health Department at three throughout Tucson. Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7678.

CATHOLIC GAYLESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 3200 N. Camel's Pile Decade in the Kiss Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie 721-2003 or Anne Marie at the Parish office 843-3573.

COCAINE ANONYMOUS

"The Fruits of Sobriety" particularly for Gays and Lesbians (but everyone is welcome) meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at St. MCC Church, 3268 N. Mountain. Hotline: (520)326-2211

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAYLESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church, 7370 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 297-8492 or Sr. Joan 742-8300.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Health HIV/AIDS Hub offers a full range of services including home visits, support groups, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or privacy - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 298-9083.

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. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call Dr. Tucson AIDS Project at 322-8222.

"EVOLVED" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V., C.D.'s, T.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our members and friends. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held on 4th Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. Call 844-0541.

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-9402.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 320-1318.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. BB or better players only. Games coast Northwest corner of Memorial Park 5:00 p.m. Check it out!

THE MEN'S MESSAGE GROUP meets the 2nd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, and with the aid of a caring coach. 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 HARTER MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1946 E. Lee St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-8015 or Jane Perri at 328-8577.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the 3rd Thursday of every month. Call Greg Holliman 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 calm, patient environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 894-7082.

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Si eres hombre que tiene sexo con otros hombres y quieres ayudarnos a entender y apoyar los programas para los Latinos, llama para una entrevista estrictamente confidencial al 322-6226 y pregunta por Jimeno. 674

If you see a Latino man who is having sex with other men and you want to help us to support and expand our programs for Latinos, call for a confidential interview at 322-6226 and ask for Ernie. 674

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MALE ROOMMATE NEEDED. Southwest Tucson. Negotiable. Jim 294-5380 674

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