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New Tucson Gay & Lesbian Radio Show

by Deb Whalen and
Janet Haines

TUCSON - OUTLOUD! in Tucson! A new Lesbian and Gay Radio show. Tune in and turn on your radio dial to KXCI-FM, 91.3 today, August 20, at 6:30 P.M. to hear OUTLOUD!

This new radio show is a lively half-hour program dedicated to news, views, and other events which concern Tucson's Lesbian and Gay community. The first successful broadcast of OUTLOUD! was aired August 6, and will continue on the first and third Wednesday of the month. The show will alternate with "This Way Out," a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio program.

The broadcast will be an exciting show. Featured guests will be a member of the Community Business Association, and two Democratic Candidates for the Tucson Ward 6 Council seat, Carol Zimmerman and Alison Hughes. OUTLOUD! is currently being hosted by Janet Haines, Deb Whalen, Tom Maza and Tim Redmond.

You are also invited to participate in this great new venue for the communi-

ty. If you would like to list an event, discuss certain issues, or help plan the programming, we'd like to hear from you! You can call the TLGA Out Line, 622-3200, and leave a message. You can also write to OUTLOUD!, c/o KXCI, 220 South Fourth Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701. You can also e-mail to "azjade@flashnet."

Individuals and organizations are also encouraged to help underwrite this program. Your business will receive recognition on the radio, it is an inexpensive way to advertise, and you will support an important public venue for the Gay and Lesbian Community. For information on underwriting, please contact Michael Hyatt at KXCI, 623-1000.

Be sure and tune in to 91.3 FM today at 6:30 P.M. and every Wednesday from now on, to listen to Lesbian and Gay Programming.

Also, please write to KXCI at the above address and voice your appreciation for their support of our community. Send your letters to Michael Landwehr, program director. Voicing your support will encourage the board of KXCI to include more programming.

Domestic Partners Ups and Downs

HONOLULU, HI (NP) - The Hawaiian AG may have found a way to punish reciprocal beneficiary early-birds, while a Pennsylvania arbitrator gives partnered journalists good news and Colorado's largest employer covers its spouses.

Hawaii DP Woes Multiply: In the wake of Hawaii state Attorney General Margery Bronster's statement that only a handful of employers are actually required to extend spousal benefits to couples who have registered as "reciprocal beneficiaries," there's a real possibility that some who have been receiving those benefits will have to pay back their employers' contribution. One of the employers at issue is the state itself, whose Hawaii Public Employees Health Fund had already warned that it would withhold from employees' paychecks any difference if reciprocal beneficiaries coverage proved to cost more than other family health coverage.

These kinds of issues seem to justify the decision of those partners who chose to delay in registering for the first statewide recognition available to same-gender couples in the US.

The registry began in July, offering any two unmarried people who cannot legally marry each other the chance to qualify for about 17% of the statutory advantages of legally married couples. Five leading employers in the state immediately filed a lawsuit against the perceived -- and apparently intended by the legislature -- requirement to extend spousal benefits to reciprocal beneficiaries.

Last week, Bronster previewed an official interpretation she's expected to hand down in another week or so, one she hopes will lead the court to dismiss the employers' lawsuit. She said that because the legislature amended only certain sections of the law, employers whose health benefits are provided by health maintenance organizations or member-owned group health associations are exempt from providing for reciprocal beneficiaries. In her opinion, only the minority of employers still using private insurance carriers would have to extend coverage to reciprocal beneficiaries, which she estimated might affect 2,000 workers in the state.

Pennsylvania Arbitrator Awards DP: An arbitrator last week ended a four-year union-management deadlock by awarding health benefits to the same-gender partners of employees of "The Philadelphia Inquirer" and the "Philadelphia Daily News."

The benefits come out of a \$6.3-million health and welfare fund jointly administered by three representatives of employer Philadelphia Newspapers, Inc. and three representatives of the 1,100 employee members of the Newspaper Guild of Greater Philadelphia.

Breaking a tradition of changing benefits only as part of collective bargaining was the employer representatives' leading concern, followed by cost questions and nervousness about the possible controversy involved. Union representatives maintained that the cost would be

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Tucson's Anti-Discrimination Ordinance "The Most Misunderstood Secret," Part 2

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - So you think you have been discriminated against because you are Gay or Lesbian? The alleged discrimination, over employment, public accommodations or housing took place within the City of Tucson? Where can you turn? What can you do?

As previously reported, this is the twentieth anniversary of Tucson's Anti-Discrimination Ordinance, which protects minorities, Gays and Lesbians included, from discrimination in employment, public accommodations and housing. The City was one of the first in the nation to adopt such an ordinance, during the days of disco and Anita Bryant.

History aside, the Tucson Anti-Discrimination ordinance is just words, it provides an avenue for those who've alleged been discriminated against. The ordinance is one of the few legal recourse Gays and Lesbians have in the state of Arizona.

How does it work? With a phone call. Who investigates the cases? The City of Tucson Equal Opportunity Office (EOO). What is the purpose of the EOO office? According to Silvia Campoy, head of EOO, the office acts as a neutral party to investigation any alleged incidents of discrimination that fall within the guidelines of the ordinance and within city limits.

When the person makes the phone call to 791-4593, Campoy stated that an EOO employee will take some basic information from the individual (complainant) about the alleged incident(s) and then send them a form to fill out about their alleged discrimination.

What about a statute-of-limitations? Campoy said that if the alleged incident occurred at the place of employment, the complainant has 90 working days to file from when the last alleged incident took place. All other categories, according to Campoy, is 180 working days from the last alleged incident.

The complainant has to fill out the EOO form and send it back. The form asks for the: basic information, (name, address, etc.); action or behavior (work, housing, etc); description of the events of the alleged incident(s) of discrimination; appropriate resolution (what are the complainant's expectations to resolve the dispute); action, if any, taken by complaint (filed a lawsuit, went through the place of employ or dispute, or filed a complaint with the Arizona Civil Rights Division); has gotten counsel and; requires an Oath of Affirmation.

Campoy said the complainant can offer documents as well regarding to bolster their case of alleged discrimination. Campoy said the EOO will review the

complainant's statement to see if it falls within *Prima Facie*, or comparators of discrimination. If the person was singled out, not being "in the same class," Campoy said.

(Campoy cited an example, if someone complained that they were fired because they were a racial minority for an action that other employees, (WASP's) also took and who were not disciplined in any form).

If the alleged discrimination meets the guidelines, then the EOO office will ask the person, company, firm (respondent) to send a "Position Statement." Campoy said the respondent has to show, via the statement, that there was no discrimination in the alleged incident. The respondent has from 2-3 weeks to answer the allegations.

(Campoy added that if the alleged incident doesn't fall within the guidelines, the complainant will receive a letter from the EOO office stating as such.)

If and when the respondent files the position statement, and they have not proven the alleged incident was not discriminatory. The investigation goes forward. Campoy said both side will provide evidence, facts and witnesses to back up their side. The EOO office will gather facts and testimony in the alleged incident of discrimination and render a decision of either "cause" or "no cause."

What happens after all this? According to Campoy, the EOO office will offer "conciliation," to settle the matter between the parties. Campoy said the conciliation offer is made twice during a dispute.

If the situation is still not resolved? Campoy said the case is turned over to the Tucson City Prosecutor's Office for review. She added that the Prosecutor's office will review the entire case further for potential prosecution.

Campoy added that the EOO office is currently working with the City of Tucson Human Relations Commission on the development of a brochure that discuss the ordinance and the process to file a complaint. She said that when the brochure is completed the EOO office plans to distribute at the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), Wingspan and Tucson's Gay and Lesbian bars.

**Plan To Attend the
Gay Community
Business Trade Fair
At The Doubletree
Thursday, Aug. 21**

UPDATE

Meet The Ward 3 Candidate At IBT's
Sunday, Aug. 24



by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - IBT's will be holding the third of their "Candidate Forum" series, Sunday, August 24, 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

The featured candidate will be Ward 3 Councilman Michael Crawford, (D). Crawford is running for a full-term on the Tucson Council. He was appointed in 1996 to represent Ward 3, succeeding Tom Saggau, who vacated the post.

Crawford, an attorney, works in

the Pima County Public Defenders office. Crawford is being challenged in the Ward 3 Democratic primary by former McKasson aide, Jerry Anderson; law student Demetri Downing and, Alex Kimmelman, former City of Tucson government employee.

The second of the series featured Alison Hughes, candidate for the Ward 6 Democratic nomination. Hughes (pictured with Dave Huff, owner of IBT's) met with patrons of IBT's and informed potential voters her positions on issues of concern to Tucsonians.

ences to Desert Voices, P.O. Box 270, Tucson, AZ 85702. . . .

"Monsoon Madness" a Desert Voices fund raiser will take place Sunday, August 24, 4:00 to 10:00 P.M. at the Stonewall/Eagle.

Barbecue, burgers and other delights are being offered. A 50/50 raffle will also take place. Rare Breed will be performing at the fund raiser. All proceeds from "Monsoon Madness" will go to Desert Voices. . . .

On Monday, August 25, at 6:00 P.M., Desert Voices will be holding auditions for the upcoming '97/'98 season.

The auditions will take place at the U of A Music Building. Potential choral singers need to call 791-9662 and schedule an appointment for an audition.

Northwest Bisexual Meeting Aug. 27-Sept. 2

MT. RAINIER, WA - Northwest Bisexuals will hold their sixth annual gathering and campout over Labor Day Weekend, August 27 - September 2, in the Wenatchee National Forest near Mt. Rainier National park in Washington state.

The gathering, sponsored by the Bisexual Network of Oregon (BiNet), will be held at a secluded campground between the Bumping the American rivers, 23 miles east of Chinook Pass and Mt. Rainier National Park.

The gathering has attracted campers from as far away as Massachusetts and New Mexico. Campers may come for any portion of the Wednesday evening through Tuesday morning gathering.

All Bisexuals and their guests are welcome. For information contact BiNet Oregon at 503-622-5401.

Fall Bowling League Starting Sept. 3

TUCSON (ON) - The Desert Coyotes are getting ready to howl again in the fall!

The 1997-98 season of the Desert Coyotes bowling league is set to commence, Wednesday, September 3 at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile.

On September 3, there will be an initial league meeting at 8:00 P.M., to form teams and deal with league business. Teams will consist of three people. League bowling will start at 9:00 P.M. Bowling will begin at 9:00 P.M., every Wednesday for the rest of the league schedule.

For more information call 743-9659.

Reveille To Hold Open Auditions Aug. 26

TUCSON - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus will hold open auditions for the '97-'98 season Tuesday, August 26.

Any male vocalist who wishes to tryout for the Chorus should be at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain Avenue, 7:00 P.M. No prepared material is necessary.

Chorus membership is currently at 30 singers, somewhat evenly distributed between the four vocal sections. However, Reveille's Artistic Director, James Gall, would like to start the season with at least 35 members and, he says, "It'd be orgasmic to have 40 or more quality singers by the second half of the season!" Rehearsals begin in early September.

Three major concerts are planned for '97-'98: the holiday show, "Nutcracker: Men In Tights" on December 6; "Prayers For Bobby" on March 14; and "SSSteam Heat" on May 30, 1998.

For more information, call the Reveille Hotline, 617-3100.

GLMA Withdraws Support Of United Airlines

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) announced that it will no longer promote United Airlines as its "official" airline.

GLMA made the decision because the airline has failed to adopt domestic partnership policies and is a part of a legal challenge to a San Francisco ordinance requiring all companies that have contracts with the city to provide health insurance employees' same sex partners if they provide health insurance for legal spouses.

"As an organization of medical professionals, we cannot publicly endorse a corporation that actively attempts to ignore its responsibility to its Gay and Lesbian employees and their partners and families," said GLMA President Jocelyn White, M.D.

By withdrawing its support of United, GLMA is forgoing thousands of dollars worth of travel vouchers that it would have earned under the arrangement, as well as travel discounts for members. Also, GLMA is withdrawing from consideration a pending application for a \$10,000 United travel grant.

GLMA recognizes that it is critical to respond to assaults against the well-being of Gay and Lesbian communities in San Francisco and throughout the country.

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News From Desert Voices

TUCSON (ON) - Desert Voices is seeking a Production Manager for the 1997-98 season.

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Community Business Association Trade Fair At Doubletree Thursday, August 1

TUCSON - Tucson Gay and Lesbian Community Business Association (CBA), will hold its annual Trade Fair Thursday, August 21, starting at 5:30 P.M.

The site for this year's fair is the Grand Ballroom at the Doubletree Hotel, 445 South Alvernon, Tucson. The annual event is open to the public; admission is \$3 for non-members. Entertainment will be provided by Take V, from Reveille Men's Chorus.

CBA was formed in January, 1996 for the Tucson's Lesbian and Gay business community for the purpose of networking and marketing their services.

According to Greg Hollman, president of CBA. "The association has more than doubled in members over the past year. Plus, our members are more diversified covering from Doctors, Artists, Restaurant owners and almost every professional service needed."

According to recent newspaper articles and surveys, Tucson was voted one of the top cities in the country for Gay and Lesbian lifestyle acceptance, making the Tucson area a growing business Mecca for future members.

In other communities, the increase of Gay and Lesbian business managers and

owners gives a huge economic boost to their community. The economic benefits of Gay and Lesbian couples are greater than that of average married couple. Benefits include less of a burden on the school systems, most couples do not have children. Also, 60% of Gay couples income is spent on housing, home furnishings, entertainment and travel all having a greater than normal tax rate.

Other Gay and Lesbian business managers and organizations are invited to join our monthly Thursday morning breakfast meeting, enjoy an interesting speaker and take the opportunity to meet each other and promote products, services and

specials.

To join CBA, please contact Greg Hollman or Brad Sensenbach, (520) 577-5999 Ext. 1112.

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

For the Better: Beginning tomorrow and continuing through Saturday the nationally syndicated comic strip "For Better or For Worse" will focus its story line on its gay character, Lawrence, and the object of his affection, Ben. Strip creator Lynn Johnston first introduced Lawrence, a school friend of the character Michael Patterson who is the son in the strip's main family, in 1993. Lawrence has been a regular component since then. Ben has made occasional appearances, once accompanying Lawrence to the prom. In the upcoming sequence the two characters, now college age, wrestle with Ben's desire to move to Paris to study piano.

When Lawrence, a high school student at the time of his introduction, originally revealed his homosexuality 13 newspapers cancelled the comic strip. Currently it runs in 1,700 newspapers. Universal Press Syndicate, the strip's Kansas City-based distributor, recently notified its subscribing papers of the upcoming story line and 20 publications, mainly in Ohio, Texas and Alabama, have indicated their refusal to publish the upcoming sequence and will substitute reruns instead.

Johnston is disappointed that some editors will not run the sequence but says she understands that some of them will face local issues over the content and stated, "I respect that, I understand that."

However, she also asserted, "It's not frustrating for me but for the people who are harassed because they have to put up with this every minute of their lives." Johnston originally created the character of Lawrence and illustrated his outing following a similar experience by her brother-in-law and the effect that had on her own family.

Art Imitates Life: A 12 year-old boy in Pacifica, Ca., is suing the local school district charging that district officials failed to protect him from daily anti-gay taunts, slurs, and physical attacks, and claiming that he was discriminated against and harassed by students, teachers and administrators. The suit claims that the harassment began in 1995 and continued for two years despite his mother's letters and repeated visits to teachers and school officials in an attempt to enlist their assistance in halting the assaults.

During the two year period of harassment the youth, identified in court

documents as "John Doe", lost weight, became depressed and his grades suffered. It seeks an unspecified monetary amount as compensation for emotional distress, general damages and punitive damages and also requests that the school district be forced to provide instruction to students, faculty and administrators concerning the issues of sexual orientation and sexual harassment.

Among other allegations are that the district failed to enforce anti-harassment policies, as required by state law, when the victim was perceived as Gay.

Time for Change: Both Johnston's upcoming comic strip sequence and "John Doe's" lawsuit illustrate the sad truth that harassment directed against Gay youth in our public schools remains a shameful reality in today's enlightened world. Although attitudes toward Gays and Lesbians among the adult population are changing and improving (albeit slowly), the amount of harassment and discrimination directed toward Gay and Lesbian youth by their school peers remains at disturbingly high and intolerable levels. Teachers and school administrators have turned their backs on this problem far too long. This sort of willful nastiness occurs during a period in young people's development when they are emotionally vulnerable and poorly equipped to deal with the psychological damage it causes.

While many government and corporate entities include the issue of sexual orientation in their employee sensitivity and anti-discrimination training programs for both managers and employees, and enforce workplace rules prohibiting discrimination and harassment on the job based upon sexual orientation, the nation's schools fail miserably on both of these counts and Gay and Lesbian students remain exposed and unprotected.

While conservatives and so-called "Christians" loudly protest mandatory anti-discriminatory instruction in public schools by claiming it "promotes homosexuality" (one of their favorite smoke screens), the damage and pain inflicted upon Gay youth in most of our nation's schools continues unchecked. The sad message that sends to Gay youth is that they are not worthy of basic human respect and the message it sends to their gay-bashing peers is that hunting season is open.

And then it was now.....

AS I SEE IT BY CLARK



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Hola!!!, se les saluda con los mismos deseos de siempre, que estén disfrutando de las lluvias que hemos tenido, recordando el dicho de: "Agua es Vida" aunque la noticia al principio de ésta semana que ha dado el CDC es en relación a que los niños recién nacidos, no es recomendable darles agua en los primeros meses, aunque se hace la aclaración de que se debe tomar en cuenta los climas cálidos y se debe usar el sentido común, lo que se menciona al respecto es el contenido de sodio que contiene el agua potable, que en cantidades fuera de lo normal, causa problemas a nivel celular (en este caso concreto a las neuronas, que son las células del cerebro) causando problemas irreversibles con consecuencias que hay que considerar y desde luego que se pueden prevenir, así es que hay que comentar esta noticia con buena información y sobre todo reconocer que debido a la contaminación ambiental de la cual todos somos responsables de una manera u otra, ha sido necesario utilizar ciertas sustancias químicas para "curar" un poco al agua para que sea potable, pero los niños recién nacidos no tienen la capacidad de "aguantar" algunos de "esos" químicos causando los mencionados daños, así es que hay que poner la noticia a consciencia de todos.... Y sobre todo hacernos responsables y ayudar a contrarrestar los problemas de contaminación de nuestra madre tierra...

Como les comenté la semana pasada; se llevó a cabo la 24a. Conferencia anual de Salud Rural en Rio Rico Arizona; y uno de los momentos más emotivos fueron la entrega de los reconocimientos a diferentes programas así como a diferentes personas, el caso fue el de la persona voluntaria del año; fue para la Señora Elsa Flores de Douglas Arizona, donde la Sra. Flores es más que popular, ya que ella se ha sido una persona a tiempo completo abogando por los pacientes en relación al VIH; así mismo ha sido un pilar sustancioso para los derechos de los homosexuales en esa región, y siempre esta dispuesta a hablar de prevención al VIH, y las jovencitas que se acercan a ella para hablar de diferentes tópicos encuentran en la Sra. Flores oídos a escucharles y sobre todo consejos y recomendaciones apropiados para cada una de ellas... De verdad ha sido una nominación muy acertada ya que tengo el placer de haber trabajado en algunos programas, presentaciones, etc., con la Sra. Flores y de verdad transmite lo que siente... Muchas felicidades!!!

Me tocó ver el programa de beneficio que presentó Sasha Miss Gay Hispanidad '96 en el Stonewall el pasado domingo 17, estuvo bien; se notó que tiene bastantes simpatizantes que le quieren; que tiene bastante compromiso con la comunidad hispana para hacer recíproco ese cariño, quién no ha cumplido con lo prometido es el joven Norberto Valdéz Mr. Gay Latino '96 ya que han sido "contadas" (3) las veces que

ha colaborado y participado para la comunidad que le dió "el gane". Personalmente le pedí una entrevista para esta Columna Abierta y no ha sido posible consertarla desconociendo las razones... Cabe recordarles que las preguntas que se les hace al momento del certamen tienen su razón; y que es un compromiso, informal; pero en fin es compromiso. Además se les recuerda que el certamen '97 ya está cercano, estén pendiente de los avisos que les hará llegar Ernie Pérez...

Se les hace un recordatorio que Marco Martínez del TAP necesita personas voluntarias con una hora por semana para hacer llegar las despensas de alimentos y artículos para limpieza para las personas que se viven con el VIH; puede llamarle al 322-6226 para más detalles...

Por hoy es todo le esperamos la próxima semana D.M.

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**Wingspan Calling For
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TUCSON - The third annual OUTober-FEST Juried Art Exhibition will be held the month of October and Wingspan is searching for Lesbian and Gay artists.

Artists will submit three works to the new Wingspan Community Center, 300 East Sixth Street, and fill out an entry form. Please submit your art on or before September 24. The Wingspan volunteer will assist you with the entry.

All of your works will be hung and a Jury, yet to be selected, will judge the exhibition on October 3. Ribbons will be awarded to the Best of Show, First Place, Second Place, Third Place and two Honorable Mentions.

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For more information, contact Wingspan Curator, Bob MacMahon, 624-1779.

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Unsafe Sex On The Rise Given New Therapies Promise

BOSTON, MA (BG) - That health professionals working closely in AIDS and HIV-related counseling are reporting a dramatic rise in high-risk behavior among Gay men.

A recent study conducted by researchers at the University of California in San Francisco found the apparent success of new AIDS treatments is leading to new complacency among Gay men regarding high-risk sexual behavior.

In a letter published in the New England Journal of Medicine, researchers questioned 54 men who reported having unprotected anal intercourse in the past 12 months. A full 26 percent of them indicated they were "less concerned about becoming HIV-positive" because of new treatments that slow the progression of the disease.

The results confirm the observations of many volunteers and professionals in the field. "My sense of what we've been hearing in the community on the hot line is that more people are gambling," Larry Kessler of the AIDS Action Committee said. "We've heard a lot about 'barebacking.'"

These findings and others like them are spurring on efforts already underway to remind Gay men, especially younger Gay men who grew up with AIDS and are perhaps desensitized to it, that new drug therapies are expensive, often debilitating, and don't always work.

"We're trying to get across the message that prevention is worth it," Kessler said. "There's life after 30, so don't take the risks now."

Chicago Gay Sperm Donor Gets To Sue Lesbian Mother

CHICAGO, IL (NP) - A Chicago case proves that, even among friends, Lesbians' artificial insemination agreements with Gay men are more complicated than getting a child from "the baby fairy."

The Gay father by artificial insemination of a Lesbian couple's child has been granted the opportunity to sue for his paternal rights by a Cook County, Illinois Circuit Court. The Lesbian couple believe the decision to be discriminatory, because for legally married couples a sperm donor's rights are automatically voided in favor of the mother's husband, so they may take their motion to dismiss his lawsuit to an appeals court. It's the latest illustration of the general lack of legal protections for mothers by artificial insemination who do not make use of a physician or clinic in the process and use a donor whose identity is known, as well as of the misunderstandings that can arise even between the closest of friends in these situations.

There are few points of agreement between Kevin Green and Lynn Alleruzzo as to their expectations at the time of the conception of the child born in 1996, although they'd been close friends for over a decade at the time. Alleruzzo says Green and his partner, Thomas Askounis,

volunteered themselves as donors; Green says Alleruzzo recruited them. Green believes that Alleruzzo and her partner of 15 years, Charlene Crotty, had agreed that both men would actively participate in the child's upbringing. Alleruzzo believes Green agreed to allow Crotty to co-adopt the child and to not seek visitation for himself and Askounis. Somehow this conflict failed to come to light until three weeks after the child's birth, when Alleruzzo sought Green's legal consent for the adoption by Crotty and he refused. Alleruzzo has denied Green any visitation with the now 11-month-old child ever since.

Green is seeking joint custody, visitation and a legal declaration of his fatherhood. The court has appointed a guardian to assess if a bond with Green would serve the best interests of the child, a determination Green's attorney is confident will be favorable to Green as "an upstanding citizen with a good job and a good income" as a real estate broker. One of his stated grounds for seeking to retain his legal standing as parent is that Crotty is 57 years old.

In a handful of comparable cases around the country, the sperm donors have generally prevailed in court.

Tasty Lesbian Dishes

ALBUQUERQUE, NM - "Tasty Lesbian Dishes" is the title of a cookbook by Albuquerque Lesbians for Change (LFC).

Over 200 recipes, from many cultures, were compiled by members of LFC "to refute the idea that Lesbians can't cook" while raising money for the yearly scholarship program. Recipes cover vegetarian and non-vegetarian choices and range from "Tex-Mex Millet" to "Thai Beef with Noodles" to "The Best Scones" to "Clovis Chocolate Cake."

LFC is dedicated to the empowerment of Lesbians through political involvement, higher visibility, community service and economic impact. Besides these two programs, LFC has sponsored mayoral forums, contributed labor to Habitat for Humanity and picked up litter along the highway, in exchange for a sign noting the group's efforts. For fun, the group has taken trips to Bosque de Apache (Bird Refuge), river rafting, ski trips and pool parties. "Everywhere we go, we're out," says LFC member Joan Robins.

To order your "Tasty Lesbian Dishes," send a check or money order for \$12.50 (postage included) to Lesbians for Change, P.O. Box 27664, Albuquerque, NM, 87125.

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"Sex, Verdicts, Foreplay, Idiots, Lawyers, Campaigns and Videotape!"

With the "overkill reporting on nothing" from the Tucson TV news nitwits aside, the federal fraud case of Arizona Governor, J. Fife Whitewash III, *R-Soon To Lose His Freedom*, is in the hands of the jury.

The jury is deliberating on the 21 federal indictments against the Fiferster. Will they believe that Whitewash, "is a successful, rich, white guy, who made 'simple, honest mistakes' and it was his (still dead) accountant's fault," or will they say "Liar, liar, pants on fire!"

The jury has to consider: testimony from 40 witnesses (35 for the feds, five for Fiferama); 1,400 pieces of evidences and; 1,000,000 pages of documents pertaining to Whitewash's alleged "cooking of the books." Plus, the now eleven-jurors have to reach a unanimous verdict on all 21 counts. A quick verdict? Not likely! . . .

This just in! Tucson TV news still "doesn't have a clue!" When the Whitewash case went to the jury, the Tucson stations made a big to-do about the case, (finally!), and send their mobile units to Phoenix for the "quick verdict" which never came. So we got a week of "overkill reporting on nothing!" Whoopee!

Remember the enlightening stories about what jurors had for lunch? Perhaps the dramatic telling about the jurors moods were, and the cock-a-mamie testimony from a local jury consultant put this one over-the-top? Was it the controversies surround the restaurants the jury wanted to go it that did it? Or was it the "Elsa Klensch" stories about the fashion sense of the jury? My personal favorite was Arizona Illustrated's blathering about the type of press conferences the governor and heir apparent, Secretary of State Jane "Dee Dum" Hull would have if (when!) Whitewash is convicted! Give me a break!

Even with a "mob" of Tucson TV reporters, camera crews, etc. in the "Evil City of the North," local viewers got the half-assed story of the assassination attempt of Maricopa County Supervisor, Mary Rose Wilcox. They couldn't tear themselves away from their jury "fashion, lunch and mood patrol" to go over to the County building and cover an important story, since the attempt happened during a meeting. They broke the story alright, into many pieces!

KGUN news said Wilcox was on the Phoenix City Council. The "big-three" stations couldn't confirm where Wilcox was shot. Instead, viewers were force-fed a press-conference from Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio.

Arpaio is known for pink-undies for prisoners, 1930's "gangster movie" prison uniforms, tent-jails and brutality, (but maybe I've said too much!). Arpaio, looking more spookier than usual, claimed the whole thing was a conspiracy and he was launching a full-investigation. Someone call Oliver Stone, we have a movie here! Our intrepid reporters lapped up all this bile like heroin served at "the last Robert Downey Jr. Christmas party." It just goes to show, Tucson television news still stinks! . . .

This past Sunday, the second in

a series of Tucson City Council Candidate Forum's took place at IBT's. The featured candidate was Alison Hughes, running for the Democratic nomination in Ward 6. On Sunday, August 24, the third in a series of Forums will take place, from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

The featured candidate will be incumbent Councilman, Michael Crawford; D-Ward 3. Crawford is running for a full-term on the council, having been appointed to fill out the remainder of the term of his predecessor, Tom "West Virginia Bound" Saggau, who abandoned the seat.

A special thanks goes to Dave Huff of IBT's who set up these events to encourage the Gay and Lesbian to get involved in the process and vote in the upcoming elections. He's right, the community can be a major player in the upcoming elections, with two Council seats being contested. We will decide who'll serve, if we go to the polls and vote! Bravo Dave! . . .

"Dan, Dan he his man! If he can't do it, who cares!" Dan Copeland, still a Republican candidate as of presstime for the Ward 3 Council seat made the news yet again. Go figure!

As you have read in this column, Copeland's campaign treasurer and chair have quit and "jumped ship." Vernon Lewis, his former chair, in his resignation letter, demanded Copeland remove his name from any campaign organization and finance statements. Mary Preble, his former treasurer went to law enforcement authorities and demanded that a criminal investigation be initiated on Copeland. Oh no!

This turn of events didn't sink Danny, our hero! Oh no! Despite not filing a campaign finance report, a violation of city law, and having an ongoing Tucson Police, who found the time to launch an investigation into alleged criminal wrong-doings, Copeland's reorganized his farce, err campaign. His new chair? Dan Copeland. His new treasurer? Dan Copeland? The only person who thinks he can run and win? Dan Copeland! . . .

Harping more on Ward 3. As you may have witnessed this past weekend, like a bad case of acne, the campaign signs for the City elections have sprung up. Get me a Stridex pad!

One of which is from Ward 3 Democratic candidate, Demitri "The City Charter Sucks", Downing. Downing's signs have the slogan, "Ward 3 Born and Raised." Interesting, Downing, 24, registered to vote in September of 1994, at the age of 21. The minimum age to vote is 18? What happened over the past three years? "Born and Raised?" . . .

Another week has passed for the Pima County "Domestic Partners" extension of medical benefits battle. The Pima County Attorney Civil Division is stalling, still not having filed the next set of legal motions to move their "case" along to have it heard before Judge Bernado Velasco, who's still waiting!

Go figure, the County Attorney Civil Division, headed by the tag-team of
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HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON
by Scott Weidamoyer

OLD TUCSON STUDIOS - MARCH 20-21 & 22 - Be there or be square for the return to Old Tucson for the 1998 Saguaro Regional Rodeo!!! We had a great general membership meeting this last Sunday at Rodeway Inn. Thank you to Wes Clark and the staff of the Rodeway for their hospitality.

Now for the details... Old Tucson presented us with an offer to host the 1998 Saguaro Regional Rodeo this March and we as the general membership graciously accepted the offer. Thank you to Bruce and the OTS gang for the time they spent and their consideration for this years rodeo. We look forward to hosting the best rodeo Tucson has EVER seen in this town.

We also voted on a new host hotel for the rodeo this year... the Rodeway Inn. Wes Clark put together an offer to be this years host hotel and again the membership came through with a vote to accept Wes' proposal as the host hotel.

We look forward to working with both Wes and Bruce on the rodeo this year and congratulations to all parties involved.

Below is AGRA's financial statement as presented to the Board and general membership this past Sunday. As you can see we are hard at work to get financially set for the rodeo this year. Pat Terry and her Fund Raising Committee are doing a great job, keep up the great work!

Next month we will be holding our annual Chile Verde Days at the Stonewall/Eagle September 19, 20 and 21. We decided this year to move the event to September so we are not freezing like last year.

Stay tuned for more details. Sort and sweet again this week. So much to do and so little time.

Until next week! Keep your pride and play safe in the saddle.

AGRA Tucson Chapter
PO Box 40894
Tucson, AZ 85717

Profit and Loss Statement
July 1997

Income			
Membership-Tucson Chapter		\$10.00	
Fund Raisers			
Fund Raiser-Hours	\$473.00		
Fund Raiser-Stonewall/Eagle	\$998.56		
Fund Raiser-Nobody's Biz	\$212.00		
Fund Raiser-Gay West	\$1,292.83		
Fund Raiser-Boom-Booms	\$104.00		
Total Fund Raisers		\$3,080.39	
SRR Income			
Program Ads	\$250.00		
Total SRR Income		\$250.00	
Total Income			\$3,340.39
Expenses			
General Expenses			
Office Phone	\$114.50		
Name Badges	\$61.36		
Fund Raiser Expenses	\$354.93		
Total General Expenses		\$530.79	
Advertising		\$70.00	
Total Expenses			\$600.79
Operating Profit			\$2,739.60
Other Income			
Other Expenses			
NSF Checks	\$6.75		
Total Other Expenses			\$6.75
Net Profit/(Loss)			\$2,732.85

Assets			
Cash			
Cash Checking Account	\$2680.94		
Savings Account	\$8000.00		
Total Cash		\$10,680.94	
Cash Bank		\$150.00	
Total Assets			\$10,830.94
Liabilities			
Deferred Income-Gay West	\$21.00		
Total Liabilities			\$21.00
Equity			
Retained Earnings	\$8,090.15		
Current Year Earnings	\$2,719.79		
Total Equity			\$10,809.94
Total Liability & Equity			\$10,830.94



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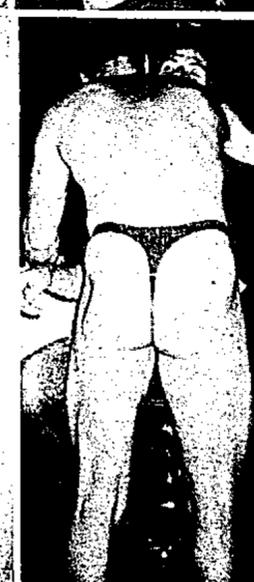
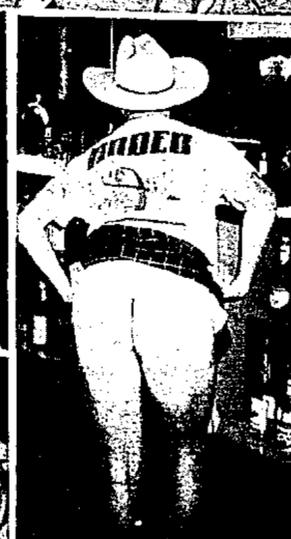
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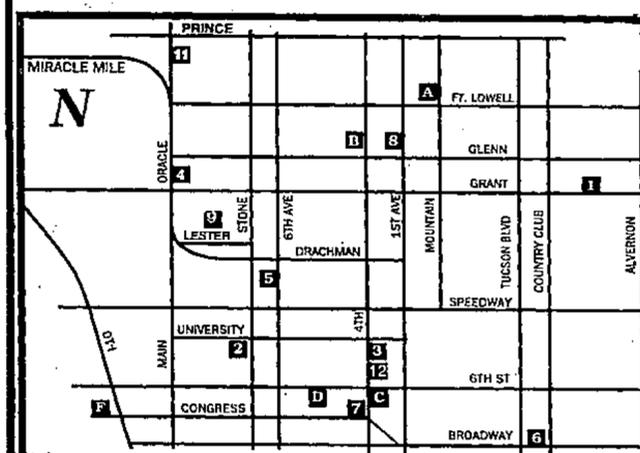
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OUTlines by Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance

The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance (TLGA) is gearing up to produce OUToberFEST '97 & Reid Park Saturday, October 18, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. October is coming up incredibly fast so we're starting our weekly updates now to keep you informed. First, we would like to thank all the clubs, especially Ain't Nobody's Biz, Rainbow Planet Coffee House, Girlfriends, Antigones, Jamie Anderson, Gateway Villas and Desert Voices for all their support and fund raising during Gay Pride week in June. All the funds raised go to pay for OUToberFEST 97. A special thanks to Old Tucson Studios for producing Gay West and giving Tucson a grand event to culminate Gay Pride Week as well as providing a fund raising opportunity for many groups, including TLGA where the vital funds will help pay for OUToberFEST 97.

The Gay Pride King and Queen contest is underway, currently we have Shaundriana, aka Sandy, out there madly raising funds for the crown and for the funds for OUToberFEST. Watch the Observer for dates and location of the next show. And/or join the contest where who raised the most (money) wins the crown and title.

Vendor and advertising packets have already been mailed. If you have not received one, and would like either or both, please call the OUTline, 622-3200 and we'll mail you one. Deadlines for the

advertising are September 12, and for the vendor(s) is October 16.

Pride tee shirts and tanks are on sale at Tuff Stuff (at Venture-N) and Girlfriends with other locations coming soon. TLGA is raffling tickets for two from Tucson to anywhere on the west coast USA that Delta flies for only \$2 each or six for \$10, generously donated by Arizona Travel. Great odds at winning. Support your picnic and get a vacation too!

Community TLGA meetings have been moved to the new spacious Wingspan building, 300 East Sixth Street. Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. We need your input. The picnic is for you, and by you the community.

Come visit our booth at the Community Business Association (CBA) Trade Fair this Thursday at the DoubleTree Hotel, 445 S. Alvernon. Also be sure to see all the other Gay and Lesbian businesses that will be represented.

That is it for now. See next week for OUToberFEST 97 updates. We always need volunteers, or just plain cash. If you can help or contribute, please call the OUTline, 622-3200. If you have a couple of hours a week or just two hours on the Big Day, it would be a big help! Play safe, be out, and be proud.

AIDS INFO UPDATE

Second Mutation Is Found To Inhibit HIV

WASHINGTON (AP)- Researchers studying specimens from 3,000 people have confirmed a second gene mutation that inhibits the disease progression of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

In a study being published in the journal Science, scientists at the National Cancer Institute said the altered gene, along with one discovered earlier, account for about 30 percent of the long-term survivors of HIV infection. This suggests that still other gene mutations exist that protect against HIV, the researchers said.

The mutation, in a gene called CCR2, tends to protect people infected with HIV from rapid deterioration into AIDS, an advanced stage of the disease. An earlier study identified a protective mutation in a gene called CCR5.

"These gene alterations tell us that nature already has devised a therapy that works without significant side effects," said Stephen O'Brien, a doctoral researcher at the cancer institute and senior author of the study.

"If we can pinpoint how these altered genes contain HIV, it may be possible to use this knowledge to develop treatments that help people delay the onset of AIDS."

Both CCR2 and CCR5 are genes that produce chemokine receptors, a group of proteins found on the surface of immune system blood cells. Studies last year showed that people lacking both normal copies of the CCR5 gene do not become infected with HIV despite repeated exposure. Those with one missing copy of the CCR5 gene can become infected but take years longer to progress into AIDS.

Earlier laboratory studies suggest-

ed that a CCR2 mutation also retarded HIV infection, but the new study is the first to confirm this in actual clinical studies. The study shows that patients with the CCR2 mutation develop AIDS up to four years later than patients who have the normal CCR2 gene.

The researchers said the CCR2 mutation apparently is present in 20 percent to 25 percent of Americans, in about the same proportion in all races.

NC System Of HIV Notification Threatens Privacy

ASHEVILLE, NC (SV) - The HIV partner notification system in place in North Carolina is subjecting individuals who test positive for HIV to privacy violations and acts of state-sanctioned harassment.

That contrary to programs conducted in other states, the system used in North Carolina borders on patient abuse. While health authorities generally agree that HIV reporting (known as "surveillance") is the best way to track the epidemic and to encourage patients to seek early treatment, complains that state health officials are showing little or no regard for privacy concerns are on the rise.

David Bradburn, education coordinator for the Western NC, AIDS Project said, "I'm very biased about the whole process in our state and have been pissed off for years about partner notification. We've had loads of complaints over the years from our clients that they've literally been harassed by these disease intervention specialists."

Bradburn said some people have been approached at work by state officials to notify them of their HIV-positive status or to inform them they have been sexually

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A View From The Rock A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Once again I have been reminded of the truth of the Scripture which says, ". . . What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while, and then vanishes" (James 4:14)

A week and a half ago my friend was in the hospital. I knew he was ill and was receiving treatment for his illness. Then last Tuesday the doctors talked about moving him to hospice, but not until he had only six months to live. Thursday he was moved to hospice and commented about what a comfortable place it was to die. Saturday when I went to visit him he was comatose, and early Monday morning he went to be with his friend Jesus. I guess I am still somewhat numb from his death. It doesn't seem possible that he could be gone so soon!

But one thing I am glad about-I didn't wait until it was "convenient" to go visit him! Whether he knew I was there or not, at least I got to tell him good-by!

How often do we wait too long to do things we really know we should do right now? Because we live in a world governed by time, many of us have to plan in the greatest detail every aspect of our lives! Business people carry day-timers, to which they refer often throughout the day, to see what is next on their schedule. If it isn't written down, there isn't time for it!

And then, something like my friend's death intrudes to reminds us again that we need to make good use of the

"today" which we have, because we aren't even guaranteed our next breath, let alone tomorrow!

What have you been thinking about doing but just haven't gotten around to yet? I keep thinking about calling someone who hasn't been at church for a while, just to see how she is-but I "haven't had the time" to do it. Is there someone you need to apologize to, someone you hurt without meaning to, but have been putting it off? Maybe you intend to spend some time with an "old" friend (either in years or length of time you have known each other), but the hustle and bustle of everyday living keeps you from planning the visit. Maybe you have thought about joining one of the community choruses but somehow never bother to try out. Perhaps you really would like to volunteer at a hospital, nursing home, or an AIDS organization, but the days just go by so quickly that you never make that call.

Whatever it is that you have been meaning to do, let this be an encouragement to just do it! And if you have been putting off the most important decision of your life, that of accepting what Jesus did for you on Calvary in payment for your sins, ". . . I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation." (I Corinthians 6:2) If you don't make that visit, or call that friend, or apologize, you may have consequences to deal with here on earth. But if you don't accept Jesus as your savior, you will have to live with those consequences for all eternity!

New Web Site Provides Internet's First Social Support Group For HIV+ Gay And Bisexual Men

CHICAGO, IL - A web site that recently went online provides the Internet's first social support group for HIV+ Gay and Bisexual men:

The HIV Positive Zone can be found by pointing a web browser to <http://www.poz-zone.org>.

"There are many terrific AIDS-

related web sites, but this one is the first to exclusively address the unique social needs of HIV+ men. The Poz-Zone provides a safe, comfortable way for Gay men to meet each other without fear that disclosing your HIV status will result in automatic rejection. Cyberspace is a great medium for this sort of thing," said the administrator of The HIV Positive Zone, who goes by the pseudonym, Wundrboy.

Judging from the site's early feedback, Internet users agree. "Bravo! A site like this is long overdue!" wrote a user of America Online.

Michael, an Internet user, wrote to say "I've checked it out and personally have found it to be a great site that I will definitely recommend to others (I actually already have!)"

The site provides free, anonymous chat and photo personal ads to its users. Other features include links to the home pages of HIV+ Gay and Bisexual men who are "out" on the Net. The site is organized as a nonprofit organization, and has been constructed and maintained by volunteers, said Wundrboy.

Aren't there other sites that address the social needs of HIV+ Gay men? In response, Wundrboy said, "Of course there are many sites that have chat. And many sites that provide AIDS/HIV info. What makes The HIV Positive Zone unique is that it's the first Internet-based community focused on relieving the social isolation of HIV+ Gay men. It's there to help them meet, make friends, find dating partners, and have fun.

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Focus Co-Founder Apologizes

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO (NP) - Like Saul of Tarsus with the scales falling from his eyes, a Dobson defector recants homophobia — and other "un-American" sins. Is it the road to Damascus...or the road to book sales?

"I apologize to any American who has felt the sting of James Dobson and the Christian Right wagging their holier-than-thou fingers in your face, shrieking that because your views differ from theirs, you are ungodly, evil and unworthy of the rights of full citizenship," said Gil Alexander-Moegerle, a co-founder with Dobson of Focus on the Family (FOF), at a press conference at the Gay and Lesbian Pride Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

That city is home to the headquarters of FOF, which according to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is now the largest right-wing group in the U.S., with 1,300 staff, affiliates in 30 other states, and an annual budget of more than \$110-million.

[Not coincidentally, Colorado Springs, where several other right-wing Christian organizations have followed FOF, is also familiar as "Ground Zero," the birthplace of Colorado's anti-Gay ballot initiative Amendment 2, passed by voters in 1992 and struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court last year.]

Alexander-Moegerle extended more specific apologies — for Dobson's behavior, not his own — to women; to African Americans and other ethnic minorities; to Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and atheists; to news reporters; and "to Lesbian and Gay Americans who are demeaned and dehumanized on a regular basis by the false, irresponsible, and inflammatory rhetoric of James Dobson's anti-Gay radio and print materials."

He further apologized "to my fellow Christian Americans, many of whom have been misled by a man I once loved and trusted. I hope you will not make the same mistake I made in letting my personal loyalty to an old friend blind me to the unchristian and un-American words and actions of James Dobson and so many of his Focus on the Family guests."

Alexander-Moegerle indicated that his statement had been prompted by conservative radio talkshow host and popular Jewish philosophical writer Dennis Praeger that, "Civility requires that responsible members of the various groups that make up a culture have the courage to apologize to the rest of society for bad people within their group."

Not surprisingly, Alexander-Moegerle also has a book to push, "James Dobson's War on America" (Prometheus Books, 1997), which he calls "the first book to critique James Dobson's character, style and political agenda from an insider's perspective." That critique describes the Dobson approach as the "'I've fallen morally and I can't get up without new legislation' theory."

Alexander-Moegerle identifies himself as one of the seven members of FOF's original Board of Directors, a signer to its founding documents twenty years ago along with Dobson and Dobson's wife Shirley. He takes credit for setting up the group's Broadcast, Publication and Mail Processing Divisions, including serving as founding editor of "Focus" magazine (current circulation in combination with other FOF publications reportedly 3 million) and as an on-air co-host of the daily "Focus on the Family"

radio show (heard daily on over 3,000 stations worldwide with listenership reportedly 5 million).

His own separation from the organization is not discussed in Alexander-Moegerle's planned press statement. According to a review of his book in "The Political Investigator," the author is not without a personal ax to grind when it comes to his long-time associate. "Dobson is a ruthless and invasive manager," says the article, "and ended up firing Alexander-Moegerle because of a divorce and later remarriage (the new relationship was not the cause of the earlier breakup, he had met her after his separation from his wife). He did so in a way which clearly violated Alexander-Moegerle's privacy."

In spite of that, that reviewer concluded that, "it does not seem that this profile of Dobson is merely an attempt at revenge."

Alexander-Moegerle told the Colorado Springs gathering that FOF was founded with only two objectives: to help Americans raise their children and maintain their marriages. He attributes the politicization of the group strictly to Dobson, and he calls Dobson's politics both un-American and unchristian for being "exclusionary" and "demonizing" of other points of view.

Alexander-Moegerle called on Dobson to stand aside from politics; to separate from Gary Bauer and his Family Research Council in particular (which was formally part of FOF from 1988-1992), to cancel his political radio series and magazine "Family News in Focus" and "Citizen," to cease his lobbying and grassroots political organizing efforts, and to return to the original goals of the organization.

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Therapies To Change Orientation Not Favored By Psychologist Association

CHICAGO, IL (SFC) - The American Psychological Association has voted to discourage controversial therapies that seek to change a person's sexual orientation, although the association did not explicitly condemn the practice.

The psychologists approved a resolution warning that "societal ignorance and prejudice," combined with family pressure, cause some Gays and Lesbians to seek so-called "conversion" therapy that may do them serious harm.

The resolution was adopted by an overwhelming voice vote conducted during the semiannual meeting of the association's Council of Representatives, a policy-making body.

The resolution reaffirmed the association's position that homosexuality is not a mental disorder and warned psychologists not to make "deceptive statements" about the scientific validity of their techniques.

In recent years, a small group of psychiatrists and psychologists have argued forcefully that they have helped many Gays and Lesbians become heterosexual.

Adherents of so-called "conversion" or "reparative" therapy are frequently affiliated with religious movements - such as Seattle-based Exodus International - populated by men and women who call themselves "ex-Gays."

The American Psychological

Association, which has about 150,000 members and is the nation's leading body of psychologists, spent two years working on the approved statement. An earlier version, which would have explicitly condemned "conversion therapy," never came to a vote because the group's leaders were concerned about a lack of hard scientific data on the issue.

"This resolution is saying that as an association we have some strong concerns about these therapies," said Clinton Anderson, the organization's specialist on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual issues.

"We know that people often present for this kind of therapy because they have internalized prejudices and negative attitudes toward homosexuality," he added. "We decided that we needed to make our voice known that we oppose the portrayal of Gay people as mentally ill."

Gay and Lesbian rights groups welcomed the resolution.

"Reparative therapy is psychological terrorism, so we would have preferred to see a full condemnation of it, but we believe this resolution is a positive development," said David Smith, spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign.

In recent years, some evidence has suggested that there is a significant biological component to homosexuality. And many mental health professionals believe that sexual orientation, once established, is very difficult if not possible to change.

Gay Neighborhood In Chicago To Get \$3.2 Million Facelift

CHICAGO, IL (CST) - The six-block stretch of North Halstead Street, the longtime heart of Chicago's Gay heart, is to undergo a \$3.2 million city-financed facelift.

The North Halstead investment plan is the second major city-sponsored initiative in five months to recognize the Chicago Lesbian and Gay community. The City Council last month passed a domestic partners ordinance that extended health benefits to the same-sex partners of municipal employees.

The focal point of the investment effort will be two 25-foot-high structures which will serve as gateways to both ends of the six block area. 22 steel pylons placed along the street will re-emphasize the rainbow motif introduced at the entrance. The effect - most visible at night - say planners, will be a string of rainbow lights stretching over the entire six block expanse.

The project will also include the planting of 180 trees, the installation of new street lights, and the widening of sidewalks to ease the crush of pedestrian

traffic in the area.

"If I were coming from out of town, I would identify this as a neighborhood that is friendly to Gays," Mary Morten, Mayor Daley's liaison to the Lesbian and Gay community said. "The overarching theme is that this is a diverse community. It's not about being only a Gay hub. But clearly there is a strong Gay and Lesbian community in that area."

The city has worked closely with the North Halstead Merchants Association on the development of the plan but is still seeking suggestions from the community. Schematics of the project will be widely distributed with a series of meetings planned to channel the input of local residents.

Even semi-officially designating a neighborhood as Gay or Gay friendly is a big step forward in a major American city. "Chicago is definitely a first," Mark Johnson, a spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said. "But I don't think this will be the last time you'll see it. It'll be trend-setting for other areas as well."

12-Year-Old Boy Sues Calif. School District

PACIFICA, CA (NP) - A 12-year-old boy has filed a lawsuit against his Pacifica, California school for failing to protect him from homophobic harassment, while the city of Boulder, Colorado hopes to take a proactive step with a grant to train school personnel in dealing with the issue.

The latest student to follow in the footsteps of open Gay Jamie Nabozny, who won almost \$900,000 when he successfully sued administrators of his Wis-

consin schools for failure to protect him, is known as "Student Doe" in the papers he filed August 11 in San Mateo County Superior Court against administrators and unnamed students in the Laguna Salada Union School District.

Despite his youth, and although he says he is not, in fact, gay, Doe has already experienced years of being "harassed, assaulted and battered and discrim-

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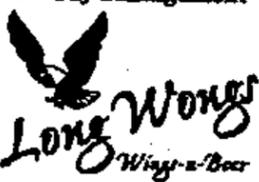


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Organization Says Other Gay Killers Still At Large

NEW YORK, NY (WS) - The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP) has called upon law enforcement at the local, state, and federal level to maintain close ties forged with the Lesbian and Gay community during the nationwide manhunt for Andrew Cunanan.

Leaders of the NCAVP hope that through closer cooperation, suspects can be identified and apprehended in five other unsolved serial-killing cases across the US in which Gay men and the Transgendered have been the principal targets.

The NCAVP lists a grim rundown of killings nationwide that police have as yet been unable (and some say unwilling) to solve.

In Atlanta, six male-to female Transgendered persons have lost their lives in "execution style" murders; six older gay men have been murdered and dismembered in and New York City since 1991, their bodies dumped in garbage bags on nearby interstates; four Gay men have been stabbed to death under similar circumstances in Denver; five African-American Gay men have been murdered in their homes in and around Washington, DC since last October; and nine black Transgendered people have been found murdered in Virginia.

"While law enforcement and the media debate whether Cunanan was a 'serial' or 'spree' killer," said Jeffrey Montgomery of the NCAVP, "the deaths of at least 35 people at the hands of other murderers remain unsolved. We hope the lesson learned from the past few weeks is that law enforcement needs to work hand-in-hand with the community to put an end to anti-Gay bias crimes."

UPDATE

Eddie Murphy Drops Libel Suit

HOLLYWOOD, CA (WS) - The three hanky story of how the comic actor's altruism led him to be caught with a Transgendered sex worker will not end up as a courtroom drama.

Don't look for comic and film star Eddie Murphy in court for the libel suits he filed against two tabloids which alleged his activities with Transgender sex workers pre-dated the May 2 arrest of Atisone Seiuli while Murphy was driving her in his car.

His publicist Arnold Robinson announced that Murphy's dropped the lawsuit seeking \$5-million in damages from the Florida-based "National Enquirer" for its May 20 story "Eddie Murphy's Secret Sex Life -- His Transvestite Hooker Tells All," while his similar lawsuit for the same amount against the "Globe" was previously settled out of court without the terms being made public.

Robinson - who should surely get the spinmeister-of-the-year award for quickly turning into a heart-rugging tale of humanitarianism the fact of Murphy's early-morning ride with Tranny sex worker Seiuli in a neighborhood where sex is commonly sold on the streets - said Murphy has now decided the "National Enquirer" did not act maliciously when it published the story he'd previously claimed its reporters had known was false.

In the course of the May 2 inci-

dent, police arrested the beautiful Seiuli on an outstanding warrant after following Murphy's car a few blocks. Murphy had not committed any violation and was not charged, but was quite embarrassed when stories began to emerge that contrasted with his current happy-husband-and-father image.

Team Arizona Golf Tournament

TUCSON - Team Arizona will host its Third Annual Golf Tournament, Saturday, August 30, at the Westin La Paloma Country Club in Tucson.

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Evanston Okays Transgendered Civil rights Protection

EVANSTON, IL (WS) - The Chicago suburb has joined the handful of US cities that recognize Transgendered people as humans with rights who shouldn't be discriminated against.

Evanston became the first municipality in Illinois to enact civil rights protections for Transgendered people, with a unanimous vote of the City Council on July 28. Evanston amended its human rights ordinance to cover Transgendered and Transsexuals at the recommendation of its Human Rights Commission, which was also voted unanimously earlier this month.

Only a few cities in the U.S. have any comparable laws, including San Francisco, Seattle, Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The new law is credited to a careful lobbying effort by the Tranny organization It's Time, Illinois!, which presented documented instances of discrimination against Transgendered and Transsexuals in housing, employment, credit, and medical treatment, but the new law was not passed in reaction to any specific case.

Members came out to the Commission and the Council in order to put a face on the issue and were willing to answer all questions in depth. One parent of a female-to-male Transsexual also spoke to the City Council in support of the new ordinance. The next target for It's Time, Illinois! is the famously liberal Chicago suburb of Oak Park.



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Politics

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David Dingeldine and the mysterious Chris Roads, filed the suit, on the behest of a whopping total of two tax-payers, claiming it was an "illegal expenditure." Dingeldine has said the case would be resolved by early August, yet we're heading towards Labor Day, September and the beginning of the fall television season.

So why the stall? A question without an answer since Dingeldine and Roads haven't returned numerous phone calls. Could it be their case is as flimsy as a "house of cards?" With all this, the tables may turn. Paraphrasing Dingeldine, a Gay "taxpayer" and "registered voter" has formally complained to Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall, demanding an investigation over the "illegal expenditures" of moneys on this case by the Civil Division, (Dingeldine and Roads). More later! . . .

So it goes for now kids!

NC System Of HIV

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active with someone who tested positive for HIV. Bradburn said the psychological effects of this approach can be devastating.

Bradburn complains that since anonymous HIV-testing was outlawed in North Carolina in May, the options available to those fearing exposure have diminished greatly. "Now all we have through the state health department is 'confidential' testing," he said, adding many do not realize the results of that test will be, by law, entered into an aggressive state notification.

Domestic Partners

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small -- a position backed by the testimony of Boston-based benefits consultant Segal Co. that in other employers' experience, claims didn't change and less than one percent of eligible workers even applied for coverage. The union also argued that it was inequitable to deny partner coverage to Gay and Lesbian couples, who cannot qualify for spousal benefits via legal marriage.

Arbitrator Robert Nagle accepted the employees' claim that the costs would be "negligible" and that the fund had "ample resources" to cover them. Philadelphia Newspapers, Inc. is considering taking advantage of what its attorneys called "limited" avenues for federal appeal of the binding arbitration. Details of how same-gender couples will qualify for coverage have yet to be worked out.

US West Covers DP: Englewood, Colorado-based US West, Inc. announced that it will be extending spousal coverage to the same-gender partners of the Gays and Lesbians among its 69,000 employees in 14 states. Medical, dental and vision care benefits will go into effect January 1 for those employees and their adult same-gender partners who sign an affidavit that they "share mutual obligation of support for the basic necessities of life" in a "committed relationship."

The company includes US West Communications, one of the regional telephone companies resulting from the 1984 breakup of AT&T, and the US West Media Group which offers broadcast and cable TV services as well as telephone and directory services, for combined annual sales reported at \$13-billion. It's the largest corporate employer in the state of Colorado.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 22 Noche Latina Featuring Variety Show at 10:30 p.m.
Boom Boom's Dance Club 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

August 24 Desert Voices Fundraiser and Tardeada Featuring Rare Breed and Proyecto Latino.
Dance Concert at 8 p.m. Stonewall 4 p.m. to 1 a.m.

August 30 Noche Latina Grand Opening Fiesta. Stonewall 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

September 13 Miss Gay Hispanidad - Tucson 1997 Pageant 7 p.m.
Mexican Independence Fiestas. Stonewall 9:30 to 1 a.m.

"Salud es Poder" is a project of the AIDS Prevention Collaboration, via the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). Funded by DHHS/CDC.



To Protect Yourself Is to Love Yourself

While it is certainly true that actions speak louder and prouder than words, watch what you say when Mercury is retrograde. The old sod fouls up communications for the next three weeks and words can take on a horrible life of their own. Thoughts and speech should carry and warning label; open at your own risk.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Mercury can lead you astray on the job if you insist on tackling a heavily detailed project that requires deft coordination. Proud Rambos may tip the spinning plates and are advised to delegate if possible. Take a break and pamper yourself by avoiding strenuous and grueling exercise. Mercury gives you a kick in the old patoot if you don't treat your body like the temple it is.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

If you feel like a mad artist plagued by creative blockage, blame retro Mercury and give your great Gay muse a rest. Gay Bulls will also find that the path of true romance may be especially cumbersome and tricky now. They're selling tickets for cheap dramatics and Mercury has reserved a front row seat for you for the performance.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

A home is not a home until it can be completely remodeled. Well this is all well and good dear, queer Gemini, but don't hire the contractor and map out the plans just yet. Retro Mercury turns any simple home project into the building of the pyramids. When Mercury acts snarly like this, it is best to put off any major renovations or big moves.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Mercury encourages Gay Crabs to say the exact wrong thing at the exact wrong time. It is fine to demand your rights (goodness knows we must, because no one else seems to), but it is another thing to whine about petty or ridiculous things. Mercury retrograde tempts you to make mountains out of molehills so resist the temptation.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud Leos are generous to the core but now, with addle minded Mercury gone retrograde, you may squander more dough than you anticipate. Where did all that hard earned money go? As we say in New York, "Fugetaboutit;" Lions have to realize that we don't always get what we pay for. Often, we get far less.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Mercury is retrograding in your own sign which means you could be your own worst enemy when it comes to first impressions, interviews and new projects. Gay Virgos are advised to postpone any important meetings if possible. If the spotlight is inevitable, think before you decide to say something clever and be sure you have all the facts before you make an assessment.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Nebulous Mercury retrograde may encourage you to imagine enemies or problems that are just not there. It is probably not the best time to peer longingly into that crystal ball for answers. You are apt to let your intuition run away with your better judgment. Proud Libras should stick to the obvious and stable, no matter how boring that may sound.

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SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

You may envision yourself as the master of ceremonies, but Mercury retrograde just canceled your contract. Proud Scorps like to command the group dynamic but the party boogies on without you during this woolly transit. Chats with pals may not promote harmony. If you can't say anything nice, brood quietly and curl up with a good book.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Proud Archers are not always the most politic of folks and now with retro Mercury you are almost guaranteed to spit in the eye of superiors. Despite the initial elation, it is not a wise career move. I frankly love a good corporate revolution, but if you still have to work to pay the rent, I suggest that you zip the lip and only think nice thoughts for the next three weeks.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

You think that you're ready for broadcast but Mercury retrograde has changed the schedule. What you say and think has global impact, but the energy is too erratic and volcanic to harness effectively. Gay Goats should avoid any legal entanglements now. Try to not to enter into any contracts or negotiations. A very least, be sure to read the fine print with a microscope.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

The path of true lust may not run smoothly for Aqueerians on a sexual tear. Retrograde Mercury pours cold water on a hot patoot. Is it possible that, in the heat of passion, you may blurt out the wrong name? Heavens, let's hope not! Try to use the word "darling" as much as possible; They'll never know that your mind is one someone else.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Try to avoid any discussions (read: arguments) with partners during the Mercury retrograde. Thoughts may not be on target and emotions can be misread or misinterpreted with less than inspiring results. When all is said and done with relationships, Mercury can encourage you to say one more sordid thing. Laugh and the world laughs with you. Gripe and you sleep alone.

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CALENDAR

of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

HOURS - Free and anonymous HIV testing by the Pima County Health Department 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

IBT'S - Tonight! The Girlie Show 9:00 p.m. hosted by Larry Moore and featuring Celia Putty, Lani, Felice Renard and Victoria Du Puis.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

IBT'S - Cruise Nite continues from 9:00 p.m. to close. Register to win an RSVP Gay Cruise to the Mexican Caribbean and sign up to join the IBT Cruise. Special drink prices for those in their underwear. (Pant check available).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Back by an overwhelming demand Erotic Dancers Show starts at 8:00 followed by hot dance music. Cover.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

BOOM BOOMS - End of Summer Beach Party and Luau. If you didn't make it to Hawaii this summer, here's your chance. Check upcoming ads for more information.

IBT'S - Birthday Bash for Gary Clark from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Food, fun and who knows what else as we see it!

VENTURE-N - VENTURE-N - Pet Watch Beer Bust from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the Patio and following that the Mr. Venture-N contest will take place. Judging in full leather, casual leather plus a fantasy exhibition. The audience will judge the winner. Come on down!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Drag Show a benefit for Dianna K. Shane a contestant for Miss Gay Western States featuring Karina, Jasmine, Mariah and Diamond. Show starts at 9:00 p.m. Latin music follows. No cover.

IBT'S - Benefit All-You-Can-Eat Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust (The only 16oz Beer Bust in town) to benefit Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Meet the Candidate continues this Sunday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. with Michael Crawford answering your questions. Come and meet him. He's running for the Ward 3 City Council seat. Then at 9:00 p.m., The Love Company's gone 80s with Puttin' On The Lips Contest hosted by Kirk with Felice Renard and Victoria Du Puis. 9:00 p.m.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - "Dance Thru The Monsoons". Live band Rare Breed, BBQ, folkloric dancers, drag show at 10:00 p.m. It all starts at 4:00 p.m. with proceeds to benefit Desert Voices. For ticket info call 791-9662.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Dating Game. Come have fun as the Biz sets up mysterious dates. The fun starts at 7:00 p.m. No cover.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

IBT'S - Male Box Night! Meet the new campus studs and party 9:00 p.m. to close. Drink specials for those wearing their P.O. Box number.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Miss Jody Show at 9:00 p.m. Featuring Cappuccino, Elise Barbara Fox, Sandrianna, Salire, Miss T. And Mama Reyna.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

BOOM BOOMS - Black Out Party. DJ Raymond controls the lights for this event and be assured he likes it dark. Free give-aways and door prizes.

IBT'S - Free and anonymous HIV testing by Pima County Health Department 9:00 to 11:00 p.m. Cruise Nite continues from 9:00 p.m. to close. Register to win an RSVP Gay Cruise to the Mexican Caribbean and sign up to join the IBT Cruise. Special drink prices for those in their underwear. (Pant check available).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

IBT'S - Special Pre-Pageant Show for Miss Gay Western States America.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Avatar! Tucson's hottest Latin band. They start at 9:00 p.m. And don't stop until closing. Come early to get a seat. Cover.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - The return of Miss Touché. Showtime at 9:30 p.m. in the Stonewall.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

HOURS - Join the hours crew for the last Bar-B-Que of the season. Say goodbye to summer with hamburger, hot dogs, etc. Also Adrianna's famous Indian Fry Bread. On the patio.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Manager "Mae's" Birthday Blowout all day long.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

IBT'S - Cruise Nite continues from 9:00 p.m. to close. Register to win an RSVP Gay Cruise to the Mexican Caribbean and sign up to join the IBT Cruise. Special drink prices for those in their underwear. (Pant check available).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Miss Carousel Pageant will be held here beginning at 7:00 p.m. sharp. Call Misti Malone for more information and an entry form. Digital Pager (520)566-5185.

Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A Discussion Group will read a section from the recent bestseller "Conversations With God", then discuss the reading. For reservations and directions, please call Justin or Gary at 792-4224.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

Cronies Social Club. August is the 8th anniversary of this club. Call Dick at 742-1271 RSVP and help us celebrate at El Corral.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take place at Les & Jerry's house. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For directions and reservations, call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join your gay family in Tucson for a fun night out at Fantasticks as we hold the 1st Annual MSN Miniature Golf Tournament. After the game, we'll head over the Jerry & Les' for dessert. For details and reservations, please call Dan or Richard 622-8112.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

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. The final "Favorite Film" of the month is "Ghost." This 1990 film stars Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore as lovers whose love knows no bounds. Please call Les at 690-9565 for reservations and directions.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

The Church Ministry to Gay/Lesbian Catholics and their families invites anyone interested to attend and participate in a general meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. in Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Church, North Campbell Ave. and Adams St. The agenda will include an opportunity to fill out an anonymous questionnaire on the needs of Gay/Lesbian Catholics and their families. If unable to attend the meeting, call 320-7881 and a questionnaire will be sent to you. Also copies of the questionnaire are available at Wingspan.

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Due to popular request, Jack is having a second class on Stained Glass. This class meets every Tuesday for the next six weeks. By the time it is over, you will have completed your very own piece of Stained Glass Artwork. Keep in mind that you must attend this class from the very first session, but if you're interested in another class in the future, please call to let Jack know. For details and reservations, please call Jack at 745-8844.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A Discussion Group will read a section from the recent bestseller "Conversations With God", then discuss the reading. For reservations and directions, please call Justin or Gary at 792-4224.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 a.m. Tube the Salt River with a fun group of gay guys, as we carpool up to Phoenix for a cool day in river. For reservations and details, please call Donn at 325-4257.

3rd Annual Team Arizona Golf Tournament at La Paloma Country Club, 3680 E. Sunrise. 1:00 p.m. Shotgun. \$75.00 per player (4 player scramble available) This is a fund raiser for Team Arizona's trip to the Gay Games. Call Colette 327-3591 in Tucson or Kevin 274-9729 in Phoenix. Call for banquet only prices.

Miss Gay Western States America Pageant takes place today at the Holiday Inn-Palo Verde, 4550 S. Palo Verde Blvd. This is an official preliminary pageant to the 1998 Miss Gay America Pageant. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with pre-judging at 5:00 p.m. The pageant begins at 7:00 p.m. Miss Gay America 1997, Lauren Taylor will make a special appearance. \$13.00 tickets in advance or \$15.00 at the door. All 326-9133 or 327-1576 for more information.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 2:00 p.m. MSN's last pool party of the summer! Join the family for a fun day in the sun. Catch some rays or splash in the cool water-or just come to have some fun with the guys. For details and reservations, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

2. 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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Rainbow Families, a network for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, is having a Family Bar-B-Que at 3:00 p.m. Parents, partners, kids and all family members are welcome. Bring something to share. Contact Craig at 318-9348 for directions or more information.

Tucson Prime Timers invites Gay men over 30 to their monthly Wednesday dinner at Chad's Steak House on Ft. Lowell near the corner of Swan at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP 687-7493.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Rainbow Families, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents network, holds a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis in the foothills church, at River and Swan, Room 31. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are welcome. Call Craig at 318-9348 for more information.

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 4pm. \$1.25 small pitchers of Bud or Miller.
Happy Hour 4-8. Karaoke with Nancy 7-11pm. Blues and Jazz music 11-1am.
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 Screwdrivers \$1.50 til 7 pm. Pool Tournament 4pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.
IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 Well. Benefit 8-8-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 - Open noon. Beer Bust 2-7 pm \$1 Pitchers, 50¢ a glass. Free hamburgers 4-7 Pool Tournament with Zipperman. Karaoke Night, drink specials to singers.
VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-9pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Bart 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. \$1.75 white well 8pm to close.
BOOM-BOOMS - Closed Mondays. See you out at the other bars.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50 Draft \$1.75 Domestic. Drink specials do not apply during special events.
HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.50. 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 / \$2.25 pitchers. Retro 80s Dance 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. 2-4-1 Well & Domestic 2-6pm. 50¢ draft 6-9pm. Service Industry Nite: 1/2 price drinks for those in service industry. Monday Night Football and Doc's Dart's at 8:30. Free pool all day.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 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. Dart Tourney 8:30. Special prices for all tourney players. \$1.50 domestic \$1 Cocksucker 9-class. DJ at 9.
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 \$1.50. 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 - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. 2-4-1 Well & Domestic 2-6pm. 50¢ draft 6-9. Salsa Nite: \$1.75 Corona, \$1.75 Tequila Gold.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 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-1.
BOOM-BOOMS - Happy Hour 4-8pm. Karaoke with Christopher 9pm-1am. \$1.50 White Well 9pm to close.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50; Domestic \$1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tourney. 7pm. Pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.50. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. Feb. 19 New Pool Tournament Begins 6pm
IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour Noon to 8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. Mystery Night. \$1.75 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. Dance with David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. 2-4-1 Well & Domestic 2-6pm. 50¢ Draft 6-9. Salsa Nite: Drink specials to singers.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Curves Gold \$2 all daylong. 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 - Playgirl Cabaret Show at 9:30 in the "Other" Room \$1.50 Dark Well 9pm to close. Hi NRQ Dance Music at 9 with Raymond.
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 \$1.50. Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.
IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 Well and \$1.75 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. 2-4-1 Well & Domestic 2-6pm. 50¢ draft 6-9pm. Naughty Bodies Male Dance Revue 10:30pm.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 6pm 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 4-8pm. Latin Dance Party in the "Other" Room at 9pm. Dance Party with Raymond in the main bar at 8.
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 \$1.50. 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 - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. 2-4-1 Domestic and Well 2-4pm. Hors d'oeuvres 5pm. Beer Bust 6-9pm \$1 pitchers 50¢ glass. 2-4-1 Well & Domestic 9-11pm. Wear a Stonewall/Eagle T-shirt and drink half price all night long.
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 - Happy Hour 4-8pm. Country/Western Danced in the "Other" room at 9:30 with lessons starting at 8pm. Dance to the latest club mixes in the main bar 9pm to close.
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, Pina Colodas \$3. Country/Western Music 8-1.
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COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hoffman 577-8333 for more info.

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Swiss Provide Compensation To Gay Victims Of Nazis

GENEVA, Switzerland (WS) - The International Lesbian and Gay Association has announced Lesbian and Gay Holocaust survivors will be entitled to receive assistance from a newly created Swiss Fund to assist victims of Nazi persecution.

The Government of Switzerland has made it clear, according to the ILGA, that no distinction will be made between different groups of victims. The first 10 percent of the Fund (\$11.6 million) will be distributed to the neediest. All other claims will be processed regardless of whether Nazi persecution was based on religion, ethnic background, sexual orientation, or political opinion.

The Fund is aimed principally at those who have not yet been able to collect compensation. Generally this refers to Eastern European Holocaust survivors who were generally exempt from postwar German compensation arrangements.

While homosexuality has not been a punishable offense in most of Western

Europe for decades, many former-Soviet Bloc countries continue to carry laws making it a punishable offense. As a result, many Lesbian and Gay Nazi victims have been reluctant to come forward.

The ILGA reports the Bern-based Pink Cross/National Gay League of Switzerland is continuing its effort to find and notify Gay and Lesbian Holocaust victims and their relatives so they may receive their rightful portion of the Swiss entitlement. Less than half a dozen have so far come forward.

The number of Gay victims of the Holocaust continues to be the subject of scholarly dispute, though most estimates are in the 10,000 to 15,000 range. Gay survivors of concentration camps (and other forms of persecution such as imprisonment, forced castration, and conscription in delinquent military battalions such as the "Strafbattalion Dirlewanger"), tended to hide their sexual orientation following their liberation.

New Biography Reveals Possible Kinsey Report Bias

NEW YORK, NY (WS) - An article appearing in the August 25 - September 1 issue of The New Yorker asserts that Alfred Kinsey's landmark 1948 study, "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male," was adversely influenced by Kinsey's own sexual predilections.

The study is perhaps the most influential sex study ever performed in the United States, a benchmark by which all other subsequent studies were measured. It is the source of the much disputed "1 in 10" figure for homosexuality in the general population, a stubbornly persistent figure despite numerous studies challenging Kinsey's findings.

James H. Jones, who has spent 25 years researching Alfred Kinsey for a biography to be published in October, says Kinsey's ground-breaking research efforts may have been skewed by his own same-sex tendencies and a separate fascination

with masochism.

Jones writes that beneath the guise of a disinterested scientist was a "covert crusader" who sought to free America from its sexual straight jacket and justify not only his same-sex attractions but his interest in the more fetishistic side of sexual behavior.

"Within a select circle of staff members and trusted outsiders, [Kinsey] set out to create his own sexual utopia," writes Jones. "Kinsey decreed that the men could have sex with each other, that the wives, too, could be free to embrace whatever sexual partners they liked."

Jones writes that members of Kinsey's circle were actively encouraged to engage in extramarital sexual affairs (with his permission) and also asserts that in the name of science, Kinsey was filmed engaging in sexual acts as were other members of his team.

Gay Arts Funding Battles Flare Nationwide

NEW YORK, NY (NYT) - The cultural battle over whether to finance the arts with public money is being fought not just in Washington and Charlotte, N.C., but in communities all over the country. More often than not, the spark that fires community opposition is Gay themed.

In Charlotte, the county commission disbanded the \$2.5 million arts and sciences council following the production of Tony Kushner's "Angels in America." Gay themed works also inspired bitter community fights in Greensboro, N.C. and Anchorage, Alaska, and local governments have wrestled with, and defeated, efforts to kill public funding in Clearwater, Fla., San Antonio, Texas, and Santa Ana, Calif.

Many say conservatives have been inspired by the near evisceration of the National Endowment for Arts on the federal level and are now joining forces with community groups to strangle public funding on the local level.

Art Mathias of the Christian Coalition of Alaska said he doesn't believe the government should fund art a majority of people might consider offensive. He and his group have challenged public money grants to a theater that stages Gay-

themed productions.

The Supreme Court has frequently held that the government cannot regulate artistic expression based on its content, but has not given clear guidelines on whether the state can make funding decisions based on such considerations.

"The fight is for an open exchange of ideas in the arts," quoting Kushner, whose national tour of his Pulitzer-prize winning play "Angels in America" has sparked several battles of the kind that took place in Charlotte. Fears that theaters will lose public funding if they put on controversial productions has had a chilling effect on the kinds of work shown, with the result being that "plays about women, Lesbians and Gay themes are not getting produced," Kushnersaid.

Efforts by some theater companies to serve notice that no public funds were used in producing certain controversial works prompted Kushner to state, "I don't want to hurt anybody, but I think theaters weaken themselves by it," he said. "It's not a good strategy, it's like Neville Chamberlain. But this is not a fascist state. This is not a theocracy."

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12-Year-Old Boy

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inated against" by his peers who perceived him as Gay. He suffered depression, migraines, asthma, and weight loss as a result.

The suit alleges that, "The school district had enforced policies and procedures to prevent sexual harassment, discrimination and violence to girls, yet refused to enforce the policies with respect

to Student Doe because [he] was perceived as Gay and because they were afraid of controversy." Doe mentioned a classroom training session on sexual harassment that consisted of giving students 20 minutes to read a pamphlet which made only a brief reference to males harassing other males. He now attends an alternative school. The school district is still hoping to reach a resolution without having to go to court.