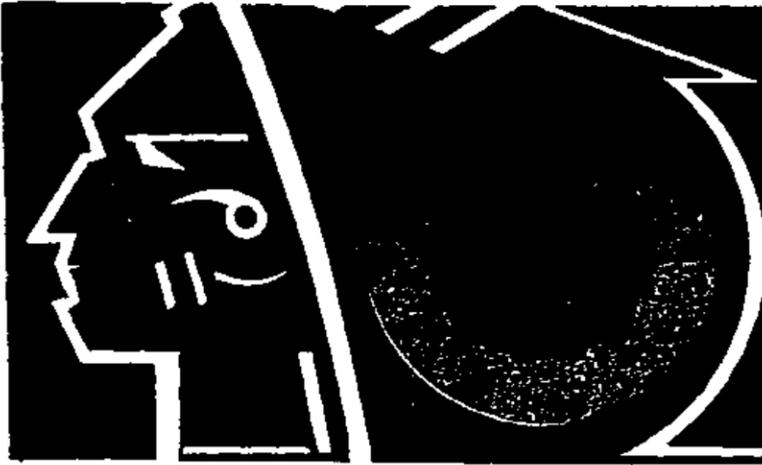


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## Roast And Toast Raises \$6,000 Plus For MPS

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON). — Despite the stormy weather, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian community came out again to help a special member of the family.

A Roast and Toast of Gilda Fatale, a benefit for Woody and other children who are living with MPS raised more than \$6,000 for the National MPS Society. The event was held at the Holiday Inn City Center.

Hawkins, Pete Lara and Patrick Tobin. Those in attendance learned some of the intimate details of Miss Fatale; such as her many past loves and infamous pageant experiences. Much to the audience and Gilda's surprise, it was revealed that Miss Fatale owns an amusement park in the suburbs of San Manuel, called "Gilda-world."

Entertainment for the Roast was provided by: Lucinda Holliday, Miss Ajia Simone, Mr. Kenneth Blake — the reigning Miss Gay Arizona, Felice Renard, Victoria DuPuis, Reveille's Take Five, Pete Lara, Angelica West and Miss Gilda Fatale who thrilled the audience with shop-stopping numbers.

Beth and Natalie Perry expressed their heartfelt thanks. "We have spent years looking for the 'answer' for Woody and the other MPS Children, only to hear how a treatment would not be feasible in his/life time. But, we did it! Thanks to the Tucson Lesbian and Gay community, Woody has been able to participate in the only experimental treatment there is available for MPS I (Hurler-Scheie Syndrome) children," they said.

Beth expressed her thanks to the following people: "To Rodney for letting us roast Gilda, to Natalie for putting it all together this year, to Ricky for directing, producing and listening, to Aviva Diamond, the entertainment director and the entertainers, roasters, bartenders and technical staff for making this the most enjoyable of all roasts."

She went on to express her gratitude to Marie Capobianco, present at the Roast, for her "twenty-plus years of fighting for MPS families. I will always be grateful for all of your hard work. You are Woody's angel, and he knows it."

To her two other children, Erin and Matthew, Beth said, "you've had a rough road to walk. You've both done it with dignity and grace. I admire you both."

A good time was had by the family on that stormy Sunday evening. A good cause was helped out by the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community.



Roastee Gilda Fatale & Woody

For the final MPS Roast, the Roastee was Miss Gilda Fatale, a former Miss AGRA and Miss Gay Arizona. The Mistresses of the Roast were none other than the "Queen of Comedy," Lucinda Holliday and Ajia Simone, who regaled the audience with sterling performances, delicious wit and a possible new career as a comedy team.

What would a Roast be without Roasters? Thousands had attempted to "fry" Miss Fatale, but only a special few made the grade. They were: Nancy Anaya, Roland Bayne II, Bob Ellis, Dave Huff, Robin Gayle Shanks, David Zuzieta, Scott

## San Francisco Strengthens Domestic Partners Law

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (AP) — The San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted to strengthen their domestic partner's ordinance, enhancing the rights of Gay and Lesbian couples despite a congressional backlash that could cost the city millions of dollars.

The ordinance - passed without a hint of objection - will make San Francisco the nation's only city that demands private businesses offer domestic partners the same customer discounts they extend to married couples. Mayor Willie Brown says he will sign it.

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## Anti-Gay Amendment Banning Federal Job Discrimination Is Defeated By House

by Mark R. Kerr

Log Cabin Republicans.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (ON) — A bipartisan group of Republicans, upset by attacks on Gays and Lesbians by their party leadership and colleagues, joined Democrats and the lone independent to uphold President Clinton's May 28 executive order banning discrimination based on sexual orientation in federal employment.

By a vote of 252 (188 Democrats, 63 Republicans and one independent) to 176 (167 Republicans and nine Democrats), the House defeated an amendment, sponsored by Rep. Joel Hefley, R-CO, which would have overturned Clinton's executive order and would have ended protections for Gays and Lesbians in federal employment.

Of Arizona's delegation, Reps. Hayworth, Shadegg, Salmon and Stump voted to overturn Clinton's order. Reps. Kolbe and Pastor voted to uphold Clinton's order.

Before Clinton's order was issued, many federal agencies had their own separate policies banning employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. This led to confusion among government workers as to whether or not they were protected. Clinton's executive order clarified the law for government workers by bringing uniformity to existing anti discrimination policies across the federal government. The first policy was put into place in 1975, by executive order from then President Gerald Ford, a Republican.

The vote was welcomed by Gay and Lesbian rights groups which had lost two votes on amendments last week: prohibiting the City of San Francisco from using VA/HUD funds to implement their domestic partner's ordinance and cutting the \$21 million funding increase for HOPWA, (Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS).

"Religious political groups and their congressional allies overreached, and in the process, delivered our community a strong statement from Congress that they agree with most Americans and support protecting Gay Americans from unfair discrimination," said Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC).

"The message to the Republican leadership is clear, stop the Gay bashing now and return to a positive, unifying agenda going in to this critical election," said Richard Tafel, executive director of the

Gay and Lesbian employees were elated by the House vote. "Members of Congress are to be applauded for standing up for fairness and equality in federal employment," commented Rob Sadler, President of Federal GLOBE, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Employees Organization of the federal government.

President Clinton reacted to the vote in a written statement, saying, "this vote reflected the values of our nation. The American people believe in fairness, not discrimination, and the Hefley amendment would have legitimized government-sponsored discrimination against its own citizens based on their sexual orientation."

Hefley's amendment, attached to the \$33.5-billion Commerce, State, Justice and Judiciary Appropriations Bill, H.R. 4276, was the last amendment considered, in an attempt by the Republican leadership in the House to "keep a low profile on the question." Debate was limited to twenty minutes, ten minutes for each side of the issue.

A few Republicans spoke in support of Hefley's amendment. The sponsor himself argued that "This amendment is not about homosexuality, and it's not about discrimination. It's about the misuse of the executive order process. . . ." Hefley went on to declare, as he has prior, that Clinton's executive order would lead to affirmative action and quotas for employment of Gays and Lesbians.

Republicans spoke out against the proposed amendment. "I speak strongly in my outrage that someone on my side of the aisle, my leaders in particular, have sought to make this a political issue," said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-CT.

House Democrats lined up as well to denounce the amendment.

"The Hefley amendment is one more example of the unabashed homophobia of some House members, said Rep. John Oliver, D-MA.

The two Representatives, according to Elizabeth Birch of HRC, who spearheaded the fight against the amendment were openly Gay Reps. Barney Frank, D-MA, and Jim Kolbe, R-AZ.

Rep. Kolbe, in his speech to the House, argued that the order simply rein-

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# UPDATE

## Seeking Information On James Guptill

[ED NOTE: The following was received via email. If you have any information that would help please contact Stephen and Jeff at the address below]:

"Hello, I am Stephen Pinker, and I have a companion, Jeff Guptill. Why I am contacting you is that we have been looking for Jeff's brother, James, for nearly 15 years.

James Guptill was born January 15, 1935. James was a loner and contacted us very seldom. However, I stumbled upon him on the computer. He died on January 20, 1989 in Tucson. Adair Funeral Home in Tucson did the cremation, but could not give us any information except the ashes were picked up by someone with the initials 'L.W.' and that his ashes were scattered on Mt. Lemmon, but by whom, we don't know.

We have not gotten a death certificate, but doubt that it will give us much to go on. We are not looking for anything. If he had a lover, we would like to get in touch and maybe meet him. What we really need is a closing to his death. Where his remains are and how he died. It is possibly AIDS-related. I also have AIDS and hope he did not die alone.

We would like to get a later picture of James as all we have was when he was really young and one when he was in his early 30s. James had worked for funeral homes in the past. This is about all the information we have been able to learn.

Whatever you can do to help us to put some kind of closure on his passing will be greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless us all." Steve and Jeff

[ED NOTE: Anyone with any information that might be of help is urged to write to Jeff Guptill, 10702 Hudson Ave., Hudson, Florida 34669 or you may Email: pinker@gte.net]

## Gay & Lesbian Film Night Aug. 29

TUCSON — The St. Philip's Gay & Lesbian Spirituality Group invites the community to attend a Gay and Lesbian Film Night, Saturday, August 29.

The films will include: Go Fish at 4:00 P.M. In & Out at 5:30 P.M. Priest at 7:30 P.M.

St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church is located on the north-east corner of River & Campbell, East Gallery. Refreshments will be available. Five dollar donations accepted, with proceeds to benefit Wingspan and the Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance.

For more information, call (520) 326-1286.

## Tucson's G/L Radio Update

TUCSON — Tucson's Gay and Lesbian radio station is progressing very well, according to Bob MacMahon.

MacMahon said that the necessary equipment is being assembled and the transmitter is in the process of being tested for frequency and operation. The frequency is tentatively 100.5 MHz on the FM band.

The station is still looking for "on air" personalities and volunteers to help set up and maintain the station. Gay and Lesbian organizations are still invited to participate with on air material of interest to the community. If interested, or for more information, call (520) 903-1800.

The radio station will not have call letters but will be known as Tucson's Rainbow Radio. An advisory board is the process of being formed. This board will help guide the programming of the station.

The on-air date is still up in the air, due to testing of the equipment to determine the area the station will cover.

## Massage Therapists Needed At SAAF

TUCSON — The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is in need of massage therapists to help with SAAF's wellness clinic.

If you are a massage therapist or body worker and are interested in helping people with HIV/AIDS, please let SAAF know. SAAF provides the facility for the massage, tables, linen and the massage lotion.

If interested or need additional information, contact the clinic coordinator, Curt Beall, (520) 299-8586.

## Largest Same-Sex Wedding To Take Place At Millennium March

LOS ANGELES, CA — A mass celebration of same-sex marriage will be one of the highlights of the Millennium March on Washington for Equality in April of 2000, the first human rights march of the new millennium.

The Rev. Troy Perry, founder and moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UF-MCC), will officiate at "The Wedding: Now More Than Ever."

Perry conducted "The Wedding" for 2,600 couples at the 1993 March on Washington. That event stands as the largest same-sex wedding celebration in history.

"Based on early response, I anticipate that more than 5,000 couples will take part," said Perry.

The service will take place in front of the IRS Building, Saturday, April 29, 2000. The event is open to all couples who wish to publicly make their wedding vows, or wish to renew their wedding vows.

According to an assistant to Perry, their will again be a modest registration fee to participate and each couple will receive a personalized certificate of participation in the historic event.

For additional details, contact UFMCC by E-mail at ufmcc@aol.com, or write to UFMCC, 8704 Santa Monica Boulevard, Second Floor, West Hollywood, CA 98869.

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# UPDATE

## Kathleen Mayer Arizona Prosecutor Of The Year

by Tom Collins

TUCSON — The attorney who heads Pima County's prosecution of child abuse and domestic violence cases was named Arizona's prosecutor of the year.

Kathleen Mayer, a 12-year-veteran of the Pima County Attorney's Office, heads the seven-lawyer Sex Crimes, Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Unit. The unit convicted 70 defendants in 1997 trials, Mayer said.

She won the top prosecutor award last week from the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council.

"It's an incredible honor" to be recognized by her peers for quality of work and community service, she said.

Mayer said she was the first Pima County prosecutor to use DNA evidence at trial, and that she leads Arizona women prosecutors in putting criminals on death row.

She is scheduled to lecture tomorrow on child abuse prosecutions to the American Prosecutors Research Institute at a Tucson conference.

Child abuse cases have increased in Pima County as the population has grown. But, she said, more people are on the lookout for signs of abuse, and there are more places for victims to get help.

"It is our goal to give them some power and control over their lives at the same time we try to hold the perpetrators fully responsible," Mayer said.

Mayer, who has won 150 trials, has overseen many high-profile cases including the prosecution of Rodolfo Sedeno Morales.

Morales was sentenced this spring to 248 years in prison for the kidnaping of five southside girls and the molesting of three in 1993 and 1994.

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

### Local Help For Depression

TUCSON The University of Arizona depression research program has recently been awarded three separate five-year NIMH grants focusing on treatments for depression totaling \$3,976,000.

The program currently is exploring promising new alternative treatments for depression, including groundbreaking studies using acupuncture, St. John's Wort, Cognitive Therapy, and studies treating sexual dysfunction caused by anti-depressant medications.

This renowned depression research program has made vital steps toward understanding the biological underpinnings and relationships between stress, life events, medication and psychotherapy and the role they may play in the treatment of Depression and other mood disorders. In addition, the Program provides essential ongoing scientific direction in the field of psychopharmacology, through ongoing testing of a vast array of new and novel antidepressant medications.

Every year, depression affects over

11 million people, with estimated annual costs of \$44 billion. While there are a large number of treatments currently available, 30-40% of people do not respond at all to the available treatments, or have intolerable side effects to currently available medications. Many medications for depression take a long time to begin working, leaving a depressed person at risk for a worsening of their illness. Further research also needs to be done related to individuals and families who are at risk for developing depression in their lifetime. These areas are all being explored by the University of Arizona Research Program in Psychiatry.

Due to the large number of treatment studies that are ongoing, the program is seeking up to 140 patient research participants this year alone. All studies are free, and provide excellent, regular care during the course of the studies, as well as comprehensive follow-up and referral. Most patients are recruited from the community through newspaper advertisements and are screened for appropriate studies. To be considered for screening for a Depression study, call: (520) 626-5400.

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Congress giveth and Congress taketh away... in just a day! In Monica D.C., where millions and millions have been served, with a "Super-Starr Subpoena," the U.S. House of Representatives finally voted on the Hefley amendment, after 132 votes or so, on other piddly-ass amendments. Talk about an Aaron Spelling plot-twist!

For those not playing the home game, the amendment, sponsored by Rep. Joel Hefley, R-CO, leechod to H.R. 4276, the Commerce, Justice and State Department's appropriation's bill would have overturned President Clinton's (May 28) executive order (with no authority) codifying policy banning federal workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation and ending the current policies banning such employment discrimination. The first policy was put into place back in 1975, by then President Jerry Ford, a Republican to boot via executive order, so there!

This was the third, or so it seemed, of the "anti-Gay" amendments. Two other amendments had been already voted on.

The House, a.k.a. "Newtie's Place," approved, 214-212, an amendment by Rep. Frank Riggs, R-CA, prohibiting the City of San Francisco from using VA-HUD funds (up to a quarter billion in moolah) to implement its domestic partner's ordinance against discrimination in city contracts. Remember, "it's not a Gay thing," as Frankie put it so well. (Note: This past Monday, the San Francisco Board of Supes voted to expand its ordinance. Viva local authority! Screw the feds!)

Funding for HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS) was the target of another amendment. Rep. Van Hilleary, R-TN, sponsored an amendment to cut the increase for funding for the

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HOPWA program (\$21 million) and freeze funding at current levels. Hilleary's amendment passed by a vote of 231-200. Go figure.

With the House's track record, this session and for the past, Hefley's amendment looked like a sure thing, or did it? Debate on Hefley's amendment was limited to just twenty minutes (10 for bigots, 10 for sensibility).

A few Republicans spoke out in favor of the amendment, including of course the sponsor Hefley, who said, "This amendment is not about homosexuality. It's about the misuse of the executive order process," and then blathered, "that the order would lead to affirmative action and quotas for employment for Gays and Lesbians." Majority Whip Tom Delay this and that, R-TX echoed Hefley's huffing, twanging, "equal employment for Gays and Lesbians equaled special breaks for special interests and its deletion represented fairness. . . . but it was not really an issue in my mind over sexual orientation." What mind?

Buying it? Nope. Sixty-three congressional Republicans didn't either. Some of the most conservative and with anti-Gay voting records, such as Reps. Thomas Bliley, R-VA and Dana Rohrabacher, R-CA, actually spoke out against Hefley's amendment. The debate turned into an episode of the classic TV series "Twilight Zone." "I unequivocally oppose discrimination. I feel if a person can do the job and does an honest day's work for an honest day's pay, that's all I have to ask,"

said Bliley. Really now? "Homosexuals are taxpayers too and deserve an equal break in terms of fairness in employment. There is no reason for the federal government to discriminate for or against an individual," Rohrabacher said in his speech on the floor. Was this a new beginning or something too good to be true?

Democrats "united in opposition," joined in, pulling no punches in many speeches against Hefley's amendment. "Excluding someone from the workplace because of their sexual orientation is discrimination plain and simple. . . ." stated Rep. John Lewis, D-GA, summing up the sentiments of Democrats who dared to speak for Gay and Lesbian rights, especially during an election year. Gasp! How brave!

The vote on Hefley's amendment and according to Elizabeth Birch, Human Rights Campaign executive director Elizabeth Birch, "for the first time in the history of this country, the U.S. House of Representatives voted that discrimination against Gay and Lesbian Americans is wrong." By a margin of 252 to 176, the House rejected Hefley's amendment. Sixty-three Republicans joined 188 Democrats and one independent to vote against bigotry. A victory!

Who led the fight to a surprising victory? According to the Log Cabin Republicans (LCR) it was Reps. Mark Foley, R-FL, Tom Campbell, R-CA, Brian Bilbray, R-CA, Jim Kolbe, R-AZ, Jim Leach, R-IA, Christopher Shays, R-CT and Constance Morella, R-MD. As said earlier, was this a new beginning or something too

good to be true?

According to Elizabeth Birch it was the two openly Gay Reps. Barney Frank, D-MA and Jim Kolbe, R-AZ. Kolbe was one of those who spoke out against Hefley's amendment on the House floor during the debate:

"This amendment asks: Do you believe that federal employment supervisors and managers should be able to hire or not hire and whether to promote based solely on the basis of sexual orientation?" Kolbe asked during his floor speech. "An eye vote is simply putting this body on record as saying that discrimination based solely on sexual orientation is okay." You go Jim!

The prez, still cramming for his appearance on the "Ken Starr Follies," on August 17, released a statement saying, "The American people believe in fairness, not discrimination, and the Hefley amendment would have legitimized government-sponsored discrimination against its own citizens based on their sexual orientation." What about "don't ask, don't tell" then Bill?

Gay and Lesbian rights groups called the vote an achievement of a new level of cooperation between Gay and Lesbian advocacy groups and members of both parties who oppose discrimination. Yes, peace, love and bugle beads for the day and the Potomac press hounds. When the cameras and the media spotlight were turned off though . . .

The next day, moments before they were to adjourn for its August recess, the Republican leadership struck back at Gay and Lesbian rights, voting 227-192 on an amendment by Rep. Steve Largent, R-OK, which forbids unmarried couples, Gay and

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by Ernie Perez

### SAAF's Latino Men's Health Project Hits The Border

NOGALES — A Bi-national effort in HIV prevention for Latino men who have sex with men (MSM) has been established through "Salud es Poder" and the Arizona/Mexico Border Health Foundation that has an office in Nogales, Arizona.

The project is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The intervention is a community level, designed to work in medium and small cities where Latino men are recruited and trained to "diffuse" risk reduction messages and themes that are culturally relevant. Aside from trainings, volunteer recruitment is also vital as the project will also sponsor events and activities to promote safe sex and increase testing among Latino MSM.

The rationale behind the intervention is that Latinos account for the greatest number of HIV cases reported each year in Arizona among minority groups, where a large majority of the cases are in Latino MSM. Because many HIV efforts base their service programs on basic risk reduction, brief counseling or AIDS 101 presentations, the need for culturally appropriate models must go beyond the basic presentation. Given that there is no known cure for AIDS, education to prevent high risk behaviors offers the best and only hope for reducing the incidence of the disease, among Latino MSM.

Despite Latinos knowledge of HIV and how infection is spread, messages about high-risk behavior, testing and protection against the virus have not reached the Latino subcultures. The problem is not with knowledge, motivation or skills, but rather a natural outcome of cultural factors that undermine the ability to self-direct sexuality.

It was therefore necessary to develop a training manual focused on Latino MSM, which identify sociocultural factors/barriers that can lead to risky sex. These factors are primarily machismo, homophobia, family loyalty, sexual silence, poverty, racism and others.

The success of the project will be determined by the trainers who will carry these messages to almost 1,000 Southern Arizona Latino MSM each year. Currently, six Latino community peer leaders have been trained with an additional six candidates awaiting training in Tucson. These leaders will impact men from both Mexico and the United States.

The program is managed by Ernie Perez and assisted by an Outreach Educator, Jorge Rascon in Tucson. The Outreach worker in Nogales is Adriana Romero. There are many opportunities in this new and innovated prevention project, which welcomes volunteers and supporters. For more information, please call (520) 322-6226.

[Ernie Perez is the program manager for Salud es Poder.]

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## Poor Organization Bedevils Gay Games Events

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (WS) — The refusal of the international body that governs figure skating to recognize the Gay Games in Amsterdam as an "official event" has forced nearly 100 skaters to risk participation in Amsterdam with expulsion from all future official skating events and an end to professional competition.

The skaters were threatened with expulsion from the International Skating Union, their ruling body, will wear masks when they compete, but that without ISU sanction or waiver, none of the professional judges or referees brought in can participate as planned.

The European Gay & Lesbian Sporting Federation has called on all skating participants, whether professional competitors or not, to skate wearing face masks in protest. "This is proof of the still-existing homophobic atmosphere within the regular sport associations and organizations," said a statement.

During the 1994 Gay Games in New York, organizers obtained waivers from the United States Figure Skating Association and the Canadian Figure Skating Association that allowed skaters to participate even though it was not an official event.

Angry participants complained that Amsterdam organizers said initially that the ISU had sanctioned the skating competitions and even pointed to Gay

Games publicity and registration forms which declared the Games had met ISU criteria, when in fact no such approval was issued.

Complicating the matter, say Gay Games organizers, were stricter regulations issued by the ISU in June which said participation in non sanctioned events would permanently preclude participation in official ISU competitions.

Gay Games officials are faulting the Dutch figure skating association, Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond (KNSB), for leading them to believe these issues would be properly handled. But according to KNSB officials, they only promised to do what the Canadian and American associations did four years before - grant waivers to Dutch nationals wishing to participate.

Organizers are working frantically with the ISU, the International Olympic Committee and other organizations to ensure the skaters who have traveled to Amsterdam can compete as planned, but observers offer little hope the ISU will alter its stance.

A KNSB said, "The Gay Games figure skating organization has made one of the biggest mistakes they could have made. They never contacted the KNSB in 1996 when they were organizing the event. And they never contacted the ISU at all."

## Vice President Gore Featured Speaker At HRC National Dinner Sept. 19

WASHINGTON, DC — The Human Rights Campaign announced that Vice President Gore will attend HRC's Second Annual National Dinner as a featured speaker and to receive the HRC National Leadership Award.

"We are very excited and honored that Vice President Gore will attend our National Dinner," said HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch. "The Vice President has a long record of advocating equal rights for Gay and Lesbian Americans. The Vice President's presence reaffirms his commitment to battling discrimination and demonstrates his willingness stand up for what is right."

The Second Annual National Dinner will take place on Sept. 19 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington. In addition to Gore, the black-tie gala will feature world-renowned poet Dr. Maya Angelou. HRC will also present its first National Family Civil Rights Award to singer songwriter Melissa Etheridge and her partner, filmmaker Julie Cypher. Last year, President Clinton was the event's keynote speaker.

OutVote '98, HRC's second national political convention, will take place the same weekend as the National Dinner, Sept. 17-20. OutVote '98 will help mobilize the vote for fairness and equality and teach members of our community and our allies the campaign skills necessary to have an impact in the November elections. The event will also give activists the opportunity to network and form working alliances with the community's brightest leaders. OutVote '98 is expected to draw 1,000 Lesbian and Gay activists to Washington. Like the National Dinner, the political convention will also take place at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel.

OutVote 98 will offer a top-notch lineup of speakers including: Jesse Jackson, AFL-CIO President John Sweeney, Assistant to the President Virginia Apuzzo,

White House AIDS Policy Director Sandra Thurman, Reps. Barney Frank, D-Mass., Cynthia McKinney, D-Ga., and Connie Morella, R-Md., Seattle City Council member Tina Podlodowski, Betty DeGeneres, and John and Michael Galluccio and other prominent national leaders.

The weekend will begin early for dedicated activists, who are invited to Washington on Thursday, Sept. 17, to lobby their senators and members of Congress. "We encourage everyone who can spare the time to come to Washington that day and visit their elected representatives," said Winnie Stachelberg, HRC's political director. "Get in touch with us and we'll help you coordinate these visits and provide whatever background materials you might need to talk to your congress people about the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, hate crimes, lesbian health, HIV and AIDS or other subjects."

### Anti-Gay Amendment

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forces the federal government's policy against discrimination in hiring practices, ensuring that no one could be denied a job or promotion based on sexual orientation.

Had Hefley's amendment had been enacted, in a written statement, the American Civil Liberties Union was poised to challenge its constitutionality. The group called the proposal "the latest in a series of anti-Gay actions by the Republican leadership and their extreme right-wing supporters."

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# Viewpoint

by Warren J. Blumenfeld

## Homophobia Hurts Everyone

In this season of increased public criticism of lesbian, Gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people by political and "religious" conservatives, I cannot help thinking about something Frederick Douglass, the escaped slave and abolitionist, once said when he described the dehumanizing effects of slavery not on slaves alone, but also on white slave owners, whose position to slavery corrupted their humanity. While the social conditions of the 19th century were very different from today, nonetheless, I believe Douglass's words hold meaning by analogy: "No [person] can put a chain about the ankle of [another person] without at last finding the other end fastened about [his or her] own neck."

Though it cannot be denied that the scapegoating of LGBT people by conservatives serves their POLITICAL interests in a number of ways, eventually this strategy will backfire and the chain will take hold of them.

In truth, homophobia (prejudice and discrimination against LGBT people) is pervasive throughout the society and each of us, irrespective of sexual identity, is at risk of its harmful effects.

First, homophobic conditioning compromises the integrity of people by pressuring them to treat others badly, which are actions contrary to their basic humanity. It inhibits one's ability to form close, intimate relationships with members of one's own sex, generally restricts communication with a significant portion of the population and, more specifically, limits family relationships.

Homophobia locks all people into rigid gender-based roles, which inhibit creativity and self expression. It often is used to stigmatize, silence, and, on occasion, target people who are perceived or defined by OTHERS as Gay, Lesbian, or bisexual, but who are, in actuality, heterosexual.

In addition, homophobia is one cause of premature sexual involvement, which increases the chances of teen pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Young people, of ALL sexual identities, are often pressured to become HETEROSEXUALLY active to prove to themselves and others that they are "normal."

Societal homophobia prevents some LGBT people from developing an authentic self identity, and adds to the pressure to marry, which in turn places undue stress and oftentimes trauma on themselves as well as their heterosexual spouses and their children.

Homophobia combined with sexphobia (fear and revulsion of sex) results in the elimination of discussions of the lives and sexuality of LGBT people as part of school-based sex education, keeping vital information from all students. Such a lack of information can kill people in the age of AIDS. And homophobia (along with racism, sexism, classism, sexphobia) inhibits a unified and effective governmental and societal response to the AIDS pandemic.

With all of the truly important issues facing the world, homophobia diverts energy from more constructive endeavors. It also prevents heterosexuals from accepting the benefits and gifts offered by

LGBT people: theoretical insights, social and spiritual visions and options, contributions in the arts and culture, to religion, to family life, indeed, to all facets of society. Ultimately, it inhibits appreciation of other types of diversity, making it unsafe for everyone because each person has unique traits not considered mainstream or dominant. Therefore, we are ALL diminished when any one of us is demeaned.

The meaning is quite clear. When any group of people is scapegoated, it is ultimately everyone's concern. For today, Lesbian, Gay, bisexual, and transgender people are targeted. Tomorrow, they may come for you. Everyone, therefore, has a self interest in actively working to dismantle all the many forms of bigotry, including homophobia.

I believe that we are ALL born into an environment polluted by homophobia (one among many forms of oppression) which falls upon us like acid rain. For some people, spirits are tarnished to the core, others are marred on the surface, and no one is completely protected. Therefore, we all have a responsibility, indeed an opportunity, to join together as allies to construct protective shelters from the corrosive effects of bigotry while working to clean up the homophobic environment in which we live. Once sufficient steps are taken to reduce this pollution, we will all breathe a lot easier.

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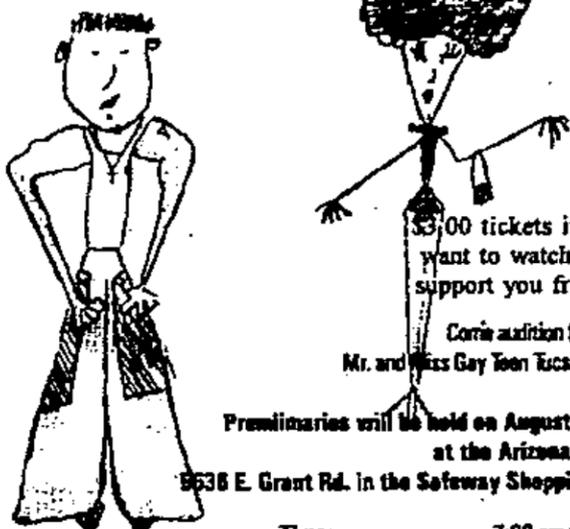
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**AIDS INFO UPDATE****Help is on the Way**

The news of the past year has been good for most people with HIV disease but the new drug cocktails do not work for everyone. New antivirals are in the pipeline. Some are new versions of old drugs, and some are drugs that stop the virus in completely new ways. These new drugs may help many having trouble with their existing regimens or who have failed all available therapies, however they may not be effective in people whose virus is now resistant to some current antivirals.

**Trial and Error**

There are now eleven HIV antivirals at your pharmacy. They are divided into three different types of drugs, "nukes" and "Non-nuke" RT Inhibitors, as well as Protease Inhibitors, which attack the virus at two different places in its life cycle. It has been found that combinations of these drugs set up blockades that are far more effective in stopping the virus than if any one drug is used alone.

It has taken doctors over two years of trial and error to better understand ways to use these new antiviral combinations. Unfortunately, for those who took the drugs before it was known how best to use them, some, or all of the current drugs no longer work. Their virus has developed 'resistance'.

In addition, because of side effects, some people have been unable to tolerate many of the available therapies. Other people have been unable to keep to the complicated schedules that some drugs require. So the need continues for potent, more tolerable antivirals which are convenient to take.

The good news is that such drugs may be on the way; several should be FDA approved this year. Others will take a while longer before they become available.

**Coming Attractions**

There are three experimental antivirals now in clinical trials, which are likely to be approved by the FDA this year: abacavir, Sustiva, and adefovir. Two are improvements on types of drugs already available. One belongs to a new class altogether. For those who have used up their antiviral options and cannot afford to wait until these drugs are approved, there are expanded access programs making them available for some people now. (See BOX on how to get access to these new drugs).

**A New Nuke**

One of the promising newcomers is called abacavir. (formerly known as 1592-U89). Abacavir is a nucleoside analog reverse transcriptase inhibitor or "nuke" RT inhibitor like DDI or AZT. This type of drug slows down HIV by interfering with its ability to teach your cells how to make more HIV. But unlike the old nukes, like AZT which only suppress HIV by about 70% in patients who have never used antivirals, abacavir was able to suppress the virus by as much as 99%. This is as good as any other drug now available.

One problem with HIV antivirals is that if you failed one drug, a similar antiviral you have never used may not work. This is called cross-resistance. The good news about abacavir is that even if a person has already failed D4T (Zerit) and

possibly DDI (Videx) abacavir may still help. When tested in such people it brought the amount of virus down by 97%. Unfortunately, there is some evidence that abacavir may be of less benefit to those who have failed AZT-3TC.

The major side effect of abacavir is nausea, although there have been some reports of a serious allergic reaction to the drug in a few people.

**A New Non-Nuke**

DMP-266 is a non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor or "non-nuke" RT inhibitor. The brand name for DMP-266 is Sustiva. Non-nukes like Sustiva stop the virus at the same point in the viral life cycle as the nukes but in a different way. Data shows that Sustiva can drop the amount of virus by 97%.

Sustiva has been testing in combination with the protease inhibitor, crixivan. Together they can drop the amount of virus in the body by 99.8%. Studies are now being done with the drug in combination with other protease inhibitors. Unfortunately, Sustiva may not work if you have failed either of the other available non-nukes, nevirapine (Viramune) and delavirdine (Rescriptor). Sustiva is easier to use than other drugs because it requires just once a day dosing.

Side effects of Sustiva include rash, headache, dizziness and nausea.

**A new kind of drug, a "Nucleotide"**

The drug adefovir (or PMEA) is

one of a whole new class of antivirals called nucleotide RT inhibitors. Adefovir also blocks the virus at the same point as the nuke and non-nuke RT inhibitors, but, as a Nucleotide, it needs less processing by the body for the drug to change into its active form than the others do.

Lefovir does not seem to be very powerful at suppressing HIV, dropping the amount of virus by only about 80%, but it has several advantages over current antivirals:

Adefovir is slower to develop resistance than current drugs so it can successfully suppress HIV for longer periods of time. Adefovir is a broad-spectrum antiviral that suppresses herpes and other viruses that may contribute to HIV disease progression. It is also possible that adefovir will still work in people that have already used up all the nukes and non-nukes available. Like Sustiva, adefovir only needs to be taken once a day.

However, adefovir depletes the body's supply of the amino acid L-carnitine, so a person taking it will also have to take an amino acid supplement. An additional potentially serious side effect of adefovir is kidney toxicity. Regular blood tests will be required to monitor the drug's effects on the kidneys.

**Further Down the Road**

Further down the drug pipeline are other promising experimental drugs which can be accessed through clinical trials.

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chemical cousin of adefovir but looks a lot more powerful. In its first clinical trial it dropped the amount of HIV by 99%. Like adefovir, PMPA may also work for those who have failed other drugs although it's too early to tell for sure. Also, more has to be learned about PMPA's side effects.

Also in early testing is the drug the drug known as T-20 (or Pentafuside). T-20 is one of a new class of antivirals called "Fusion Inhibitors". Fusion Inhibitors do something that none of the current antivirals do, it stops HIV from getting into t-cells, which keeps the virus from reproducing. In its first trial T-20 also dropped the amount of virus by 99%.

T-20 could be a major breakthrough in HIV antivirals adding an additional barrier, along with the RT Inhibitors and the protease inhibitors, in blocking the virus. Because T-20 stops the virus before it infects the cells where all the other antivirals work, it should be effective for those who have failed any other drugs. Unfortunately, because the body gets rid of T-20 so quickly, the drug may have to be put into your body constantly by a small portable pump similar to that used by diabetics. So far T-20 appears safe and fairly well tolerated but more data is needed to determine if this will be true over the long term.

Amprnavir (OW-141) is a new protease inhibitor from Glaxo-Wellcome and Vertex. There have been recent reports of impressive results with amprnavir in combination with several of the current protease inhibitors resulting in 99.9% decreases in virus. This is similar to the result of the saquinavir (Fortovase) plus ritonavir (Norvir) combination. These are the most powerful combinations of antivirals yet tested. Test tube studies suggest that amprnavir may be useful to people who have used up the benefit of other protease inhibitors, but it remains to be seen if this is so in people.

In time more will be known about these drugs, and there are still others to keep an eye on such as zinc finger inhibitors, antisense drugs and integrase inhibitors. To find out about clinical trials for experimental HIV antivirals call the AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service at 1-800-874-2572.

### In the meantime

While waiting for these new therapies there are actions you can take to protect your options:

Plan a treatment strategy using a doctor who is experienced in HIV care. With your provider, select antivirals carefully, so as not to limit your options later if that combination fails.

Choose the most powerful antiviral

regimen you can tolerate. If possible, choose a regimen that is likely to suppress HIV completely and prevent drug resistance. That means a combination that will get viral load down to below 50 copies per ml. of blood and keep it there. The lower you can get your viral load, the less likely the virus will get around your drug blockade. Also, be sure it is a regimen you can take on time and as prescribed.

If you have no or limited antiviral options make sure you have a doctor who is giving you the care you need. One who is aware of the most effective treatments for opportunistic infections as well as being knowledgeable about current clinical trials. A doctor who is willing to use expanded access programs to get you the drugs you need, keep the virus at bay, and stay alive.

The Boston AIDS Writers Group consists of Robert Folan and Lou Pesce of ACT UP Boston; David Scandras, Robert Krebs, Derek Libby, and Larry Bresslour from Search For A Cure. The Review Panel consists of Dr. Cal Cohen, Research Director of CRI New England; Dr. Ken Mayer, Director of The Brown University AIDS Program; Dr. Steven Boswell, Medical Director at The Fenway Community Health Center; Stewart Landers, Senior Consultant at John SnowInc.; John James, Editor and Publisher of AIDS Treatment News; and Dr. Alfred DeMaria, Assistant Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Foggy Neptune usually takes us off on tangents but now our ability to get lost accelerates. The old sod retrogrades out of Aquarius and back into Capricorn on August 24. What we naively thought we could grab in our fist leaks out like Jell-O. Prepare now for the squish later and wear vinyl.

**ARIES**

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

There is an unspoken understanding among compadres that no matter how bizarrely you behave, they will still love you. Proud Rams test the limits of friendship during Neptune's retrograde. However, when Neptune regresses back into Capricorn on August 24, expect your offbeat judgements to impact career decisions. All is not lost if your boss loves you as much as pals do.

**TAURUS**

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Gay Bulls adeptly maneuver professional twists and turns meted out by retrograde Neptune. Their political acumen and sense of corporate survival is nothing short of amazing. But, as Neptune plows back into Capricorn, can the same thing be said for your ability to relax? Vacations take on a seamy underworld life of their own. Who knows? You may enjoy it.

**GEMINI**

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Retro Neptune takes otherwise composed Gay Twins on a wild goose chase. You may believe that you are planning a serene little getaway, but these beliefs are now made to be challenged. Moreover, as the old sod regresses back into Capricorn, expect a little wild wooliness to seep into sexual encounters. Is it a trip to the moon on gossamer wings or just one of those things?

**CANCER**

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

If pink Crabs were ever partial to a combination of whips, sour cream and a protractor, this is that time. Retrograde Neptune conjures up a variety of seductive maneuvers that can be generously applied to anyone and everyone you crave. Hopefully, as Neptune continues to back into Capricorn, that discrete object of your desire will be your partner. Ah, is three really a crowd?

**LEO**

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Queer Lions ache for a relationship where they are justifiably adored and revered. With retro Neptune however, you happily allow yourself to be despoiled and discarded. Wise up, cousin; as Neptune continues to retrograde, you will also find yourself picking up the slack for other slobes at work. Have tread-marks on your back become a fashion statement?

**VIRGO**

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

There's no one neater than Virgo so if your desk looks condemnable, blame it on retro

Neptune and take the day off. Proud Virgins are best served pursuing the Zeitgeist of their daily existence rather than hunkering down to work. As Neptune regresses into Capricorn, your Zeitgeist may also require a few stiff drinks. Suggestion: avoid drinks and pursue other stiff things.

**LIBRA**

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Randy retro Neptune tempts you to commit greater and greater acts in the name of fun. It will be impossible for Gay Libras to know when they've reached their limit. Usually, this is no big deal, however now you get into some pretty hairy situations. (no names please...) As Neptune continues to regress, your playful insanity finds a way to your front door. Don't answer the bell.

**SCORPIO**

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Past rifts with family may come to the fore during the Neptune retrograde. Gay Scorps may feel that one parent in particular does not give them the understanding they need. The temptation may be to lay it all out on the table and demand acceptance. Frankly though do you really need anyone's stamp of approval? Just be your proud self and stop caring about what others think.

**SAGITTARIUS**

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Retro Neptune either makes you sound like a guru or a goon. Judging from past experience with Sag foot in mouth, I bet on the latter. Proud Archers are best served by letting others do the talking for a change. Meanwhile, as Neptune backs into Capricorn, also avoid speculative investment schemes. A fool and their money are soon parted. That goes double for a Sag.

**CAPRICORN**

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Gay Goats are not usually warm and fuzzy but now you're about to molt. Retro Neptune makes you a pretty soft touch for dough and then, as it regresses back into your own sign, encourages you to take fashion suggestions from just about everybody. This could be dangerous. . . Conservative Caps should never be seen in public wearing a puce velveteen jumpsuit.

**AQUARIUS**

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Although you tend to have a clear idea of who you are, retro Neptune causes doubts. Aquarians struggle with their consciences; Are they doing enough to help the community? Well, as Neptune retros back into Capricorn, you tackle your demons by tirelessly toiling behind the scenes for a worthy Gay cause (is there any other?). Find a reward at the end of the rainbow.

**PISCES**

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

The best use of retro Neptune energy is to open your closet and let all the gremlins escape Out. Pink Fish should not let their fertile imaginations prevent them from achieving the affirmation they so deserve now. As Neptune continues its backward journey into Capricorn, you begin to reexamine the social circles you revolve in. Maybe it's time to dance at another ball . . . or two.

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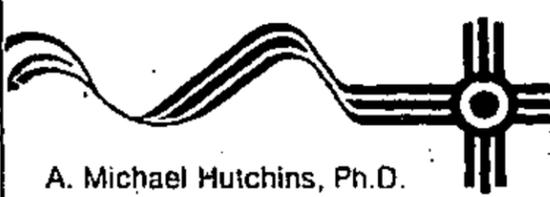
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# Desert Vision

by Rev. Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D

## Dealing With Spiritually Re-Born People - Part 2

Last time, I discussed a letter from a reader about his friend and roommate who had just experienced a spiritual awakening. In the letter, he wrote, "(My roommate) has become 'spiritual' in a big way... Do you think you could write a column on how to deal with reborn spiritual people?" Further in the letter, he said, "I am ... afraid that we are losing touch with one another."

This week, I'd like to discuss some specific things to consider when someone has a new spiritual awakening that those close to the person don't really understand.

First, a spiritual awakening of any kind presents a person with a larger, broader, or different perspective of life than the person previously had. It takes time to integrate this new perspective with the rest of life. It's important to allow those close to us to have the time they need for this step of personal growth. In other words, the best way to keep a friend is to be a friend. Friendship requires patient understanding.

Second, a radical spiritual awakening often empowers some people to make fundamental changes in life. Spiritual awakenings cause people to stop years of alcohol or drug dependency, change manipulative or dishonest behavior, and break harmful patterns of living that have persisted for years. When someone is undergoing this level of change, that person is so zealous that they tax the patience of even the most devout believer. However, these are life-saving changes that should be supported. Again, with patience and proper direction, a person is often able to integrate the changes and lead life in a more relaxed and content way.

Third, if someone close to you is experiencing some sort of spiritual awakening that is putting stress on the relationship, talk to the person about it in a non-judgmental way. Tell the person, "I know something new had happened in your

life. I don't really understand it. Can you tell me about it?" If the new pursuits are making you feel uncomfortable, talk about that, too. Say something like, "Your friendship is very important to me. Since this change has happened, I'm afraid I might be losing your friendship. Can we talk about it?" Chances are that the person is unaware how the changes are affecting you. That's not because the friend is self-centered but rather that something important to them has their attention.

Lastly, not all things labeled "spiritual" are healthy or beneficial. Healthy, authentic spiritual growth makes people more open and respectful of others. Unhealthy pseudo-spirituality creates judgmental, critical people. Watch for patterns over several months. If someone claims to be have had a conversion experience which results in them treating others badly, breaking off relationships for seemingly no reason, and becoming irresponsible for their commitments, there is cause for alarm. Speak to the person and be specific about the behavior that appears dangerous, saying something like, "When you say I am not enlightened enough to understand, I feel...." If this kind of discussion is not helpful, speak to a religious or spiritual teacher. Sometimes, what appears to be spiritual enlightenment is a sign of psychological instability or indoctrination into a cult. Someone with more expertise in this area can help sort out what is happening.

More often than not, enthusiasm after a spiritual awakening is a normal, healthy sign of personal growth. Most people simply need the patience and understanding of their friends in the process. Being a good friend during these periods of growth often helps to cement the bonds of friendship.

The Rev. Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D., is a counselor and spiritual director in private practice in Tucson.

## A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Remember way back when you were a kid and the neighborhood or on the playground at school, or even perhaps in P.E. class when the teams were picked? Before a rousing game of kick-ball or baseball the childhood (and childlike) ritual of picking the sides would have to come first. That for many brings back prideful memories as you remember your hey-day as the star athlete in the group. You were always one of the first picked. But for others, it's a painful memory — one they'd rather not recall.

Our Pastor recently shared in a sermon that she was not athletic and although she wanted very much to fit in and be a part of the team, she was always the last one chosen. Sometimes she wouldn't even be chosen at all. Her redemption came though in the form of her best friend. She was the best athlete in the neighborhood and would take pity on our Pastor went on to say that although she always felt like such a loser in those situations, when her friend picked her to play she felt like a winner. You see, the best friend's team always won. It may have only been an hour or two at a time; but that transformation from being a loser nobody wanted to a winner was held dear to her heart.

It's a shame how kids and even

adults at times lessen the worth of individuals based on a lack of ability in one area or another.

There is a correlation with life in all of this. We all are playing, if you will, in the "Game of Life." We have momentary victories much like the quarterback who completes a good pass or the running back who scores a touchdown. But eventually, even when you've played your best, one team must win and one must lose. In the case of "life" the world's team loses and Jesus' team wins. Always. Jesus, the son of God says that if we will call on him to be our savior then he will bless us with an abundant, full life. Turning our lives over to Christ, or in keeping with our story, joining his team, means enjoying the final victory. And unlike the cruel selecting process of a neighborhood game among kids, you are never the last he selects, nor does Jesus grudgingly accept you on his team. No, he welcomes each one as if he or she is the best, most important player. Jesus' team always wins.

So, if you're tired of the battles, the losses, and the defeats, then perhaps you will consider changing teams. The eventual outcome of joining the right team will have eternal consequences. Choose God.

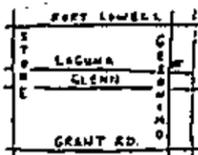
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### San Francisco

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Most city businesses that might be subject to the law, such as gyms, car rental companies and insurance agencies, already comply. Still, supervisors were determined for the city to set a standard for human rights.

The vote comes despite what Gay rights advocates are calling an anti-Gay campaign in Washington.

Less than two weeks ago, the House voted 214-212 to block the city from receiving federal housing money because of its year-old Equal Benefits Ordinance, which requires businesses with city contracts to extend health benefits to its workers' partners. The measure, which still has to be approved by the Senate, could cost San Francisco up to \$260 million.

"We should not force or coerce (businesses) to adopt policies they find morally objectionable," said Rep. Frank Riggs, a Republican with a mostly rural

Democrats attacked Riggs' proposal as mean-spirited and bigoted. "I don't know why Mr. Riggs wants to create a war," said Rep. Nancy Pelosi, who represents San Francisco.

Despite the Riggs measure, the expansion of the domestic partner benefits law caused hardly a flutter in the city. It has faced little opposition from business owners. Supervisor Mark Leno, who introduced the measure in June, could not name a company in the city that would have to change its ways.

"It makes good business sense," he said. "It gives business an additional marketing tool and could help them compete with other businesses."

At 24 Hour Fitness near downtown, where domestic partners already fall under the club's "household membership" category, John Pelletier, got a 50 percent discount two weeks ago because he shares a household with his partner, club member Donald Leighton.

Laura Gilleran, 23, said she and her live-in girlfriend, T.C. Myers, are more excited by the symbolism of the ordinance than by any discounts.

"It's important, since (Gay) marriage is not legal," Gilleran said. "It's important to do what it takes until it becomes such."

### Politics

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Lesbian included, from being able to adopt children in Monica D.C. Arizona's delegation voted as follows: YES - Hayworth, Shadegg, Salmon, Stump. NO - Kolbe, Pastor.

(Note: Reps. Rohrabacher and Bliley voted in favor of the Largent amendment. Of the Republicans who "helped" to defeat the Hefley amendment, all voted no with the exception of Rep. Brian Bilbray, R-CA, who did not vote. Bilbray's non vote is interesting because he's in a fierce reelection contest against former San Diego Council member Christine Kehoe, an open Lesbian, who is neck-in-neck in the polls and is ahead where it counts, fund raising. Too good to be true huh?)

"It might give some Gay rights advocates a warm feeling to see Gay couples treated as if they were married. But these are real kids . . . who have already had a rough start. . . . It is simply wrong to turn them into trophies from the culture war, to exploit them in order to make some political point," Rep. Largent blathered during the debate. He then went on to flatly deny the amendment would target would-be Gay parents. What was it about then? . . .

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### G/L/B Vets Prepare To March

PHOENIX — The Phoenix chapter of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America (PGLBVA) are making plans to join the 1998 Veteran's Day Parade sponsored by the City of Phoenix and the Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center, marking the first time a G/L/B/ has marched in the Phoenix Veterans parade.

"Veteran's Day is a time to pay respect to all veterans who have served our country patriotically and courageously," according to Phoenix Chapter President, Wally Straughn.

Straughn added that, "our goal is to show respect for all veterans and to show that we have in fact always been there for our country. We have members who served in WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf, so as patriotic veterans, we've earned the right to march. The fact that we march behind a Gay and Lesbian banner is no more separatist than the Vietnam Veterans banner, or the AMVETS banner."

The chapter's first event was this year's Gay Pride Festival where uniformed veterans provided an Honor Guard. Straughn said the event created a "great deal of interest in the Gay and Lesbian community. He said that he hopes their presence in the Veteran's Day parade will promote respect and acceptance in the straight community.



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Cronies Social Club 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at Pinnacle Peak, 6541 E. Tanque Verde (Just West of Grant). Call Jack Z. at 573-6653 for head count.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for Dinner Out as we visit Club 21 on Oracle Road. Please phone in your reservation to Bill as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant of the number of men attending. For directions and reservations, please contact Bill at 546-7539.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13**  
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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15**  
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2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Starting tonight, we bring you the next chapter in the saga of 28 Barbary Lane. Join us for part I of "More Tales of the City". Please note that space will be limited, so call early if you would like to see this entertaining follow up to the original "Tales of the City". For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16**  
Tucson Prime Timers monthly meeting will be held at Wingspan, 600 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. 4:00 p.m. Call 584-0280 for more information.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-5 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. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Tonight, we conclude our ministeries about the residents of 28 Barbary Lane. Join us for part II of "More Tales of the City". Please note that space will be limited, so call early if you would like to see this entertaining follow up to the original "Tales of the City". For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 17**  
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Bond films continue with the 6th movie, "Diamonds Are Forever". Sean Connery stars. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 18**  
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A fun evening devoted to British comedy series. Three episodes from your favorite series: "Absolutely Fabulous," "Fawlty Towers," and "Keeping Up Appearances." For directions and reservations, please call Loren at 733-0072.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19**  
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join the guys for a Lunch Out as we eat Indian food at the Taj Mahal. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 298-7415.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20**  
Cronies Social Club Luncheon at "Sweet Tomatoes" Stone and Wetmore at 1:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 21**  
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take be held at Les & Jerry's home. 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 reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, August 20 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23**  
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. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 24**  
1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A night is 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 are provided. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Another summer rerun of a movie we have seen before (but love to see again): "My Fellow Americans". Join us for this funny film that features a very small, but important, Gay subplot. For reservations & directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25**  
Cronies Social Club - a day trip to Kitt Peak is planned. Call Jack Z. at 523-6653 for more details.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who August want to refresh their bridge skills; table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 790-8735.

# Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12**  
IBT's - 9:00 p.m. "Puttin' On The Lips" Spasac contst. \$50.00 1<sup>st</sup> prize. Hosted by Victoria De Puls and Felice Renard.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15**  
VENTURE-N - The Real Bears Beer Best on the Patio from 3:00 to 7:00 pm

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16**  
IBT's - Karaoke on the patio hosted by Billy D. 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. and the benefit All-You-Can-Eat Barb-Que and 16 oz. Beer Best from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. This week's BBQ proceeds benefit Ravaille Gay Men's Chorus. Then it's Wet Shorts Contest time again. 9:30 p.m. sign-up. \$175 first prize!! Get Wet and Get Wild and win some cash!

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Burger Bust to benefit the Purple Team, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Hope & Charity in Faith a benefit. No cover. Benefit hosted by Christina De Alexis featuring Truly Fabu, Misti Malone, Aloha Whoremeans, Lea Perron and Dani Bordofo. 9:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19**  
IBT's - It's the Girlie Show at 9:00 p.m. with your host Lucinda Holliday (The Queen of Comedy) with Victoria DePuls, Truly Fabu, Bunny Fubu, Faith and Sabrina Crawford.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20**  
HOURS - Motown Sound & 70s Dance Party. Mark your calendars.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30**  
STONEWALL / EAGLE - Purple Team Benefit Show starring Misti Malone & guests.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**  
STONEWALL / EAGLE - Second Annual Turnabout Show benefitting T.I.H.A.N. See a Stonewall/Eagle employee for sponsoring details.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**  
STONEWALL / EAGLE - Miss Carousel Pageant. Contact Misti Malone for entry form and info. 327-6299.

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**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26**  
Tucson Prime Timers luncheon get-together at Cushing Street Bar & Grill, 343 S. Meyer Ave. at Cushing Street. 12:30 pm. Contact 584-0820 for additional information.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28**  
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us as we have a Game Night devoted to all sorts of games. Play a favorite card game or board game—the choice is yours. If you have a favorite you'd like to play, bring it along, but there will be plenty of games from which to choose. For reservations and directions, please call Perry or Stephen at 321-4387.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29**  
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us for a night at the theatre as we go to see "Shifted Gaze", a play written by a local, Gay artist. For info call Davey 686-1208

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30**  
1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). TBA. There is a hike for this day, but the place and time were not available at press time. For more information, please call Ron at 327-1032.

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. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 31**  
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Bond films conclude with the final Connery Bond film, "Never Say Never Again". For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17**  
OUTOBERFEST '98 will take place at the Southwest Corner of Reid Park at 22nd Street and Country Club from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Watch for more details.

# Daily Bar Calendar

## sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Best 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music 9-1. Shot specials all night.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm. \$2 Bloody Marys & \$1.50 Screwdrivers till 8pm. Country music & dancing with FREE country dance instruction 7pm.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 Well. Beer/B-B-Q and Beer Best 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, \$1.75 pitchers 75¢ a glass. Pool Tournament 2pm w/Zipperman. Buffet for SAAF \$2 a plate, 3-77 Mean changes. Karaoke Night 8-close hosted by Billy Dee. Stonewall opens at 9pm with hot dance music with DJ Rayman

VENTURE-N - Open 1pm. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Best 3-7pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched) Bart Burgers served 5-7pm. Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 7pm.

## monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. Open Jam Session 9-1. \$1 Pitchers all night.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50 Draft \$1.75 Domestic. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Closed Mondays.

IBT's - Open noon. Martini Monday all day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Extreme dance with DJ Michael 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Party with Rob in the evening. Doc's Dart Tournney 8pm in the Eagle. Free pool all day.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon.

## tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 pm. Free Pool 2-4pm. Pool Tournament 7:30 pot matched. \$1 longnecks for pool players. '70s/'80s dance music 9-1. Shot specials all night.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. \$1.50 well or domestic beer. Draft Beer 8-close. \$2 sma K&S large pitchers.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. 9 pm to close \$1.75 well. Wear a Tank or T. Extreme Dance with DJ Michael 9pm to closing.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour till 8pm. Miller & Miller Lite \$1.75 Caervo Gold \$2 after 8pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well drinks and longnecks 6am-noon.

## wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free Pool 2-4. Beer Best 8-midnight w/\$1.25 pitchers & 75¢ glasses. Alternative music 9-1.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50; Domestic \$1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tournney. 7pm, Pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well or domestic beer. Import Night \$2.25 8pm-1am

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 till 8pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close w/Billy Dee in the Eagle. Stonewall opens at 9:00 p.m. Bare Chest Nite (Sorry men only). Men wearing no shirt will get \$2 Bud & Bud Light (Stonewall side only). Dance w/Rayman

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon. Caervo Gold \$2 and Caervo 1800 \$2.25 Open to close.

## thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8:30 pm to close. (New time)

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 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well or domestic beer. 75¢ Schnapps 8pm to close. \$2 Caervo shots and country/western dance at 9pm

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8 pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 Well and \$1.75 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear (pot 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 till 8pm. Latino Dance Party w/EdUARdo at the Stonewall which opens at 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6am-noon. Patio Bar open 8pm. Fosters Bottles \$1.50 from 9pm-midnight. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-lsh. \$3 entry (Pot Matched). Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 8:30

## friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 5:30 - 7 free food. Top 40 dance music 8-1 w DJ Hill.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.50/ domestic \$1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well and domestic beer. Country Western Music and Dancing 9pm to 1am.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Live Jazz on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30. Patio Bar 9-1. Dancen Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour till 8pm. Food Buffet 6pm. If YOU wear a Stonewall/Eagle T-shirt YOU get happy hour prices all night. DJ Rayman 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 5pm. Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 8:30pm.

## saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Hi energy dance music from 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

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 1pm. Small Pitchers \$2 & FREE pool 2-5. Xena on the big screen with pot luck at 6pm. Country Western Music all night.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Happy Hour till 8pm. Free Pool all day. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hot sounds with Rayman.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ draft 3-7pm. Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 8:30pm. Partnership Cricket Tournament 8:30pm \$3 entry (Pot Matched).

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FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmelfarb Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 325-3353

P.F.L.A.G. - Partners and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8668 or write P.O. Box 34284, Tucson, AZ 85748-6284. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 366 E. 6th Street from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1778.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men and their advisors to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and advisors) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 584-0289, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 325-AIDS. Hours: M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 743-8977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1778.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. Call the church at Devey at 886-1298 or Brian at 682-4726 for information.

LICEN HIRING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hire with other women. Listings in Rubyville Journal available at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX. For information and membership write: CBPA of P.O. Box 2997, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and solutions. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1778.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Saturday 3 to 5 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Devey 886-1298 for more info.

ARIZONA GAY ROдео ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-8865 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 48884, Tucson, AZ 85717.

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-8665. Leave message.

GAY CONVOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mirvick, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL MUDISTS - Tucson Tamers is a social group open to all - Made activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tamers, P.O. Box 84-8, Corona, AZ 85602.

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COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 218, Bisbee, AZ 85803 / (802)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 576-0827 for more

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 43918, Tucson, AZ 85733-3918, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTLine for info at 888-3541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:40 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2948 E. Thomas, Phoenix. EHO 581-8858 or Room 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walker, (602)371-1162

CROWES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Mario at 888-7284.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2962 N. Germann (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9486 or Ray at 743-8247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7298.

MALE MEN: Long-haired Gay male penpal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P9C4

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 322-7843 for more information.

LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS: Workshop at 7:00 p.m. third Wednesday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Church Resource Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30pm at Arroyo Park Senior Center, 229 S. 9th Ave. Call 791-0882.

NOTICES

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3461 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain, All alcoholic welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and short weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 694-8545 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact: Mary 778-9979 or Berdie 318-3415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 799-9063.

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 322-6228.

"EVOLVERE" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held at Wingspan on 4th Saturday of each month at 6 p.m.

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-9662.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 8523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 682-278-4805.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1778.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. BB or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmelfarb Park 18:00 a.m. Check it out!

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4502 for more information or sign up.

THE JOHN HANTER MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1948 E. Lao St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-6815 or Jean Perri at 325-8577.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hoffman 577-8333 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3298.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 8 weeks. 884-7863.

TIHAN, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 298-8647.

THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men is or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing every from Tucson. Call 797-3116 for more information and a membership fee.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contact 325-8676 or 327-4293.

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

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1894 N. Camino Pio Declino in the Kino Room at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Ernie 721-2963 or Anna Maria at the Parish office 885-3573.

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odile's Catholic Church, 7578 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 297-9682 or St. Joan 742-8988.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9928, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (evellan@ix.netcom.com)

AZdytes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyam@theriver.com and request guidelines.

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast each 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:30pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. This show alternates with "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show.

THEATER/DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (Bachelors) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 883-3785 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. New in their 15th year! (1st in Tucson).

TRANSSEXUAL ISSUES: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on first Mondays for informal discussion of transgender topics. Hosted by Danett Bays. For information call Gary at 628-8659 or send email to: membership@sagatucson.net.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info, APEX (Arroyo Park Exchange) 682-416-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

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## Gay Games Go On; Board Loses Gold

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (NP) — The Gay Games are a big winner in the eyes of Amsterdam city officials, who have guaranteed a temporary bail-out, but local organizers won't reap medals in the Financial Management event.

"We did not give five million guilders to the Gay Games," said Amsterdam Mayor Schelto Patijn. "We gave them a guarantee at the bank so that the bills can be paid for the rest of the week." Patijn addressed the news media, and confirmed that there is likely to be as much as a \$3.6-million deficit when all of the bills from the fifth international Lesbian and Gay sports and cultural event are paid.

Still, Amsterdam officials are saying that it is worth it to guarantee that the Games continue to operate as planned, because the economic impact for the city far outweighs the budget overruns.

Stichting Gay Games, the Amsterdam organization that is responsible for this year's event, has been rocked with financial scandals ever since The Netherlands' largest newspaper reported a week before the Games began that managing director Marc Janssens had previously cheated a former business partner and tax collectors out of more than \$2-million.

On the eve of the Opening Ceremonies, the Board of Directors of Gay Games Amsterdam removed Janssens, claiming that he had exceeded his budgetary authority by over-committing the organization's resources in contracts of which Board members claimed to have no knowledge; city officials, however, have said that the Board of Directors is accountable to them, and an audit is underway. In the meantime, the Games are going on with no interruption of programs or services.

Henry Sang, Deputy Mayor of Sydney, Australia, was also present at the news conference and said that officials from the site of the next Gay Games aren't really concerned about a repeat of Amsterdam's fiscal nightmare when the event takes place there in 2002. Sang pointed out that Sydney has a strong history of managing large events like the annual Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, and that the Gay Games Sydney organizers are using the same accounting professionals that are supporting the Olympic Games in 2000, and will be well-prepared for the task by the time 2002 rolls around.

Gay Games V concluded Saturday, August 8, with Closing Ceremonies at the Amsterdam Arena.



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## Methodist Court Mulls Same-Sex Weddings

DALLAS, TX (NP) — Will the U.S.' second-largest Christian denomination rule that same-gender commitment ceremonies are prohibited under its laws, or advised against under its guidelines?

The Reverend Jimmy Creech was back before a United Methodist Church court arguing that the denomination's position against its ministers celebrating same-gender commitment ceremonies is a guideline rather than a law — but this time he appeared as a witness rather than a defendant. His widely-publicized church trial in Nebraska in March for having presided at a Lesbian couple's September 1997 ceremony, fell just one vote shy of convicting him of disobedience as his fellow clergy split on the issue of guideline versus law. Creech lost his post at Omaha's First United Methodist Church nonetheless, as Bishop Joel Martinez felt him incapable of healing the split his action had created in that congregation.

After the trial, Martinez and other

bishops of the 8-state region's South Central Jurisdiction requested that the 9.5-million member denomination's highest judicial body, the Judicial Council, definitively answer the guideline versus law question and, if it found the prohibition to be law, whether its violation constitutes a chargeable offense for the minister involved. The Judicial Council met in Dallas, Texas for that purpose, and many feel that its decision could divide the U.S.' second-largest Christian denomination.

Like U.S. Supreme Court appeals, the long-awaited Judicial Council hearing was brief. In a session closed to the public, the nine-member group heard testimony for only 90 minutes before adjourning to confer in private. Reverend Doug Williamson of Lincoln, Nebraska and Omaha attorney Mike McClellan, who defended Creech in Nebraska, appeared with him again in this hearing, and a representative of the South Central Jurisdiction's College of Bishops also presented.

The Council, which had also accepted written submissions over a three-month period, may choose to hold an additional session. A decision might come as early as the following week, but more likely will come 10 or more days later, and definitely within three weeks.

The crucial text, which was approved by the denomination's 1996 General Conference, reads, "Ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions shall not be conducted by our ministers and shall not be conducted in our churches." One key point for consideration is that the statement is recorded in the denomination's Book of Discipline among the church's Social Principles, which generally have been viewed as guidelines rather than laws.

While some 150 Methodist ministers across the nation have signed a statement in support of celebrating same-gender couples, a much larger number of conservatives have been threatening to withdraw from the denomination if those ceremonies aren't strictly banned, and at least one congregation has already done so.



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1. Yes            2. No

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