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## Miss Gay Hispanidad-Tucson 1998



TUCSON - This last Sunday, Sept. 12, a crowd of nearly 300 persons filled the ballroom at the Clarion Hotel to attend the Third Annual Miss Gay Hispanidad-Tucson '98 Pageant.

People and contestants came from all over Arizona and Mexico and as far away as Brazil to participate in this year's pageant. Dazzling costumes, elegant evening wear and refreshing Latin entertainment kept the evening event at a fast pace.

As usual, the judges had a difficult time picking a winner from the nine contestants. When it was over, Karla, pictured here, was crowned Miss Gay Hispanidad 1998. She was crowned by Grecia, Miss Gay Hispanidad 1997. Salma was chosen first runner-up and China came in a close third.

The evening was presented by Salud es Poder, Latino Men's Health Project (LMHP). Mr. Ernie Perez director of the LMHP was the driving force behind this most successful event and is to be congratulated as are the nine contestants, and the dozens of people who helped make this a most memorable evening.

More photos can be found on pages 10 and 11 of this issue of Observer.

## 'Jenny Jones Murderer' Gets Conviction Overturned

DETROIT, MI (NP) — The straight man convicted of murdering his TV talk show Gay admirer must stand trial again because a defense objection to one juror shouldn't have been overruled.

Jonathan Schmitz will have to be retried for the so-called "Jenny Jones" slaying of open Gay Scott Amedure, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled, because of an error in jury selection. At a 1995 taping of the nationally-broadcast "Jenny Jones" talk show, Amedure revealed his "secret crush" on non-Gay Schmitz, who three days later purchased a shotgun and shells, drove to Amedure's trailer, broke in, and shot Amedure in the chest twice at close range, once when he was already lying on the floor. A widely publicized jury trial in 1996 ended with a finding of second-degree murder and a sentence of 25 to 50 years for Schmitz.

On the third and final day of jury selection in the case, Schmitz's counsel had asked to remove a particular juror without having made any previous objection. Prosecutors objected, and trial judge Francis O'Brien upheld their objection. However, the appellate court has ruled that the removal should have been allowed at any point before the trial began, and wrote that, "We hold that it is impossible for this court to find that the trial court's error was harmless. Consequently, we reluctantly conclude

that, under the circumstances presented here, reversal of defendant's convictions is required." (Schmitz was found to have committed a firearms violation as well as homicide.)

The 1996 jury had deliberated for about six hours before making their selection from charges ranging from involuntary manslaughter to first-degree murder, and apparently most of that time was spent with as many as ten favoring first-degree murder and two favoring second-degree. First-degree carries a mandatory life sentence, but requires a finding of premeditation.

Although Schmitz went through a series of actions in preparation for the killing — withdrawing money from the bank, purchasing the shotgun and shells at two separate stores, driving to Amedure's home and breaking into it — the jury seemed to believe he was incapable of premeditation as a result of his mental illness, alcohol and drug abuse, and possibly his Graves disease (a thyroid condition).

Like the defense counsel, some jurors denied that the Gay angle had anything to do with the killing, even though they clearly believed that the talk show was the trigger and that the "humiliation" Schmitz experienced would not have oc-

## Former Red Lobster Gay Employee Awarded Settlement

CHICAGO, IL (NP) — Cook County, Illinois' Commission on Human Rights has ordered a hefty award to a Gay assistant restaurant manager, finding that his employer's claim against the anti-discrimination law was just a red lobster.

The Lincolnwood, Illinois Red Lobster restaurant discriminated on the basis of sexual orientation when it fired open Gay Dale Hall in April 1996, the Cook County Commission on Human Rights ruled last week.

The Commission ordered Hall's reinstatement as associate manager (the rank below manager), payment to him of \$50,000 in damages and \$45,000 for back pay, interest and lost value of benefits; the Commission also ordered diversity training for staff of the six Red Lobster outlets in the county.

It's believed to be the first time the Commission has ordered a reinstatement, and the panel actually increased the damages award over the \$10,000 previously recommended by hearing officer David Lee. The case sparked national outrage among Gays and lesbians when parent company Darden Restaurants, Inc. of Orlando, Florida briefly sought to have Cook County's 1993 human rights law — Illinois' only county-level law protecting Gays and lesbians from discrimination — struck down as unconstitutional. The company is likely to appeal.

Hall began working at Red Lobster in 1986 while attending college, and made it his career goal to become a manager. He advanced to assistant manager in 1988 and associate manager in 1990. He came out to his co-workers in 1991 while working at the Waukegan outlet. A Darden vice president demanded Hall's resignation in the early 1990's when he broke a company ban on hiring fat people to work in the dining room; Hall refused. In spite of that, Hall had reached the level of associate manager of the Lincolnwood restaurant with strong evaluations when his supervisor Michael Moore began a homophobic campaign against him in 1995.

Hall's 1994 performance review had specifically urged him to take "professional, prompt action with those employees who do not contribute." In April 1996, Hall advised one server he could not leave work when he wanted to, and the server threw money at Hall and walked out. When Hall attempted to discipline the server for this and other violations, Moore fired Hall and rehired the server, who commonly muttered racist and anti-Gay remarks on the job. The stated basis for Hall's May 1996 firing, rather ironically, was "creating a hostile environment" for other employees.

Hall initially filed with the Human Rights Commission claiming that he had

been denied promotion based on his sexual orientation. He watched others advance in shorter periods of time despite his own strong performance evaluations, and became convinced there was a "glass ceiling" for Gays. While hearing officer Lee found inadequate proof for that charge, he felt that Moore's actions supported a claim that Hall's firing had constituted illegal discrimination.

It was only after his firing that other employees advised Hall of what Moore had been doing behind his back, although Hall knew something was going on as workers' cooperation with him diminished. "Moore would be standing behind me while I was talking to people and they would be looking at him and start laughing," Hall told reporters. Workers told the Commission that Moore made limp-wrist gestures, shook his hips, and rolled his eyes on such occasions, and Moore once told one staff member, "I've got to get rid of this faggot." Moore was also known to "make fun" of other Gay employees.

When Lee recommended a discrimination finding against the restaurant, a corporate attorney on June 29 argued that the Human Rights Commission itself should strike down the human rights law because it "exceeds the scope and power of home rule permitted under the Illinois Constitution and is therefore unconstitutional and invalid."

The Illinois Federation for Human Rights (IFHR) responded with a July 8 letter warning Darden (which owns the Olive Garden and Bahama Breeze chains as well as Red Lobster) that, "Should you continue your challenge of the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance, we will have no recourse but to inform your patrons that you are actively seeking to overturn civil rights protections in Cook County."

On July 10, the IFHR issued a press release in which executive director Rick Garcia said, "It is bad enough that Red Lobster was found guilty of anti-Gay discrimination, but to try to overturn the human rights ordinance is beneath contempt. They should be ashamed." It was believed to be the first attack on the human rights law since the 1960's.

Deluged with angry communiques from Gays and lesbians across the country, Red Lobster officials met in Chicago on July 17 and July 22 with IFHR representatives and Roger Leishman, the director of the Gay and lesbian rights project of the ACLU Illinois who was also representing the Federation of Statewide Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Political Organizations.

The company withdrew its challenge to the law, saying it was a mistake on

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# UPDATE

## Share Bears Report For August

TUCSON — The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) issued the following financial report for the Share Bears program for August:

AUGUST 1998

Contributions	\$ 380.60
Previous Balance	\$1,664.31
<b>Total Available</b>	<b>\$2,044.91</b>
How money was granted:	
Medical expenses	\$217.50
Telephone assistance	\$156.80
Transportation assist.	\$125.00
Housing assistance	\$144.00
<b>Total Spent</b>	<b>\$643.30</b>
People Served	6
Carried forward	\$1,401.61

SAAF expressed their gratitude to the community for supporting the Share Bears program.

## Borders Book Signing Oct. 7

TUCSON (ON) — A book signing, by author Emmet Velten will take place at Borders Books and Records on Oracle Road, Wednesday, October 7, 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.

Velten will be signing, "Optimal Aging: Get Over Getting Older" and "When AA Doesn't Work For You: Rational Steps to Quitting Alcohol. Both books were co-written by Albert Ellis.

## AGRA Quarterly State Board Meeting In Tucson Sept. 19

TUCSON — The State Chapter of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA), will be holding their quarterly board meeting in Tucson, Saturday, September 19.

AGRA's meeting will take place at the Stonewall/Eagle, starting at 5:00 P.M. The board meeting is open to the public.

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## Married Men's Support Group Resumes On Weekly Basis

TUCSON — The support group for Gay and Bisexual married will resume its weekly meetings. These meetings started today, Wednesday, September 16.

All previous members are invited to continue their participation and men interested in joining the group are asked to call Dan Overbeck, Ph.D., (520) 745-6977, to find out more about the group.

As before, there is no charge for the group meetings.

## Gay Marketing Whiz May Join Sony

HOLLYWOOD, CA (HR) — Chris Pula, the former Warner Bros. marketing chief and one of Hollywood's highest-profile Gay executives, is in talks "to head or be a top-level executive within a new-genre division."

If the deal goes through, the new division would make midrange-budget pictures, much like the roster at New Line Cinema, where Pula made his mark with successful marketing strategies for films such as Nightmare on Elm Street and Seven.

## Illinois State University Offers Domestic Partner Benefits

NORMAL, IL (WS) — Illinois State University is now offering benefits like sick leave and tuition waivers to the unmarried domestic partners of faculty and staff.

As Gay and unmarried heterosexual couples become more common, the school is offering the benefits as part of an overall diversity plan, said spokesman Jay Groves. The expanded benefits were announced in a staff newsletter. Southern Illinois University at Carbondale is the only other university in the state to offer a formal domestic-benefits plan. But some other schools, like Northern Illinois, offer limited benefits to domestic partners as part of other policies, such as sick leave.

Illinois State's program does not cover medical and dental insurance. Those benefits are provided by the state and do not include domestic partners. To enroll, couples will have to attest that they are each other's sole domestic partner and intend to remain so indefinitely. They also must have lived with each other for at least 12 months and share financial obligations like a joint mortgage or a joint checking account.

## Openly Gay Mayor In Iowa Resigns

MELBOURNE, IA (WS) — Bill Crews, the openly Gay mayor of Melbourne, Iowa, is resigning and moving to Washington, D.C., after having accepted a job with the Environmental Protection Agency.

Crews said he no longer felt room for advancement in central Iowa. "We're leaving friends and a wonderful place to live for something we think will be equally exciting and nice," Crews said. Crews has been mayor of Melbourne—a town of about 700 people, located 40 miles northeast of Des Moines—since 1984.

"By our being role models, they can say, 'Well, wait a second. Those guys—they're Gay, and they seem pretty normal, and they're doing good things,'" Crews said. He made headlines in 1993 when he and his partner, Steve Kehoe, returned home from a national Gay rights march to find that their house had been vandalized and spray-painted with anti Gay graffiti.

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**Panel Rejects Ad Complaint**

HONOLULU, HI (NP) — Same-gender marriage supporters see most of their complaints against the rights' campaign ads rejected, but continue their own spots in favor of keeping Hawaii's Constitution neutral.

direct political activity." POC has given no indication that it will challenge the Forum's tax-exempt status.

The Hawaii state Campaign Spending Commission have voted unanimously to reject a complaint against an ad about the November initiative against same-gender marriage. Two political action committees opposing the initiative, Protect Our Constitution (POC) and Protect Our Constitution/Human Rights Campaign (POC/HRC), had charged that radio ads by the Hawaii Family Forum crossed the line from apolitical "education" into political "advocacy" for "yes" votes, and wanted the Forum forced to register as a political action committee, which would include public disclosure of their funding sources.

POC and POC/HRC were represented before the Commission by Dan Foley, who is also the attorney for the three same-gender couples who have been suing the state to obtain marriage licenses in "Baehr v. Miike," which is still undergoing its final review by the Hawaii Supreme Court. He could see no reason other than political influence for the Forum to be running the ads at all. He said, "There's no question what vote they're trying to get cast."

The Commission had previously rejected several other complaints by POC and Hawaii activist Bill Woods charging campaign violations by organizations supporting the ballot measure; only one such case remains open, a POC complaint against the Virginia-based national Christian Coalition.

But Hawaii Family Forum's attorney John Yamano insisted that the ads were not "expressed advocacy" because they do not explicitly call for a particular vote. As to why the Forum would run the ads, its executive director Kelly Rosati said it is an effort to "provide the people of Hawaii the kind of clear disclosure they're really interested in — disclosure about the meaning of yes, no and blank votes on the very confusing November 3 ballot question."

The Hawaii Family Forum is affiliated with James Dobson's Colorado-based national Focus on the Family. It began airing 60-second paid radio spots on July 29, and more recently television spots have been added. The ad describes the Forum's opinion of what a "yes," "no," or blank ballot would mean in response to the November measure reading, "The Legislature shall have the power to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples" by means of an amendment to the state constitution.

Although the content of the ballot measure itself may not seem very confusing, the issue of the meaning of blank ballots became a complex legal battle in the wake of Hawaii's 1996 vote as to whether or not to hold a state constitutional convention — a movement also very much driven by the same-gender marriage issue. In that vote, although ballots favoring a constitutional convention narrowly outnumbered those opposing one, the number of voters who abstained on the question was very much larger than the "yes" votes' margin. Ultimately it was determined that the blank ballots counted as "no" votes.

POC campaign director Jackie Young had said when the complaint was filed July 30 that, "By stating a 'no' vote would 'redefine marriage to include homosexual couples,' the commercial reveals its true intent — to advocate a specific position on the issue." In fact a "no" vote (or a blank ballot) does nothing except maintain the status quo, a state constitution which is silent on the issue of same-gender marriage. Young said, "Not only does this take [the ad] out of the realm of allowable 'informational' advertising into unabashed advocacy, it violates federal laws [defining non-profit, tax-exempt status] prohibiting groups like Hawaii Family Forum from

The Forum has maintained, and continues to maintain, that the POC complaint was not only without merit, but an effort to gag a message they opposed. The Forum has also indicated that the POC complaint had scared off some of their donors. However, POC has contended that it has no desire to interfere with the Forum's free speech rights, and only wants the public to know who is paying for the messages. Soon after the Forum's ads first aired, POC/HRC was able to begin broadcasting its own 30-second radio spot, which presented the ballot measure as a civil rights issue, rejecting any need to constitutionally distinguish one category of people from the rest.

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## Youth Awarded \$200k By Jury Over Harassment

LOUISVILLE, KY (LCJ) — A jury has awarded a 17-year-old girl \$220,000 for the repeated harassment she suffered at the hands of some of her classmates—and because Spencer County school officials failed to do enough to try to stop it.

The verdict, issued last week, is significant because the case is one of the first that required the victim to prove the school acted with "deliberate indifference" to her complaints. The U.S. Supreme Court established the higher standard, making it more difficult to find schools liable in discrimination suits, last June.

Alma McGowan testified she had been subjected to almost constant abuse from the time she was 11 until she turned 15 and left the school system. She said abuse about her national origin was mixed with threats of rape and taunts that she was a Lesbian.

"This can't go on," McGowan was quoted later on the steps of the U.S. District court in Louisville. "There are so many other girls out there, and they're scared, too." She said she hoped the ruling in her favor would send a positive message and help other harassed students to step forward.

Oliver Barber, McGowan's lawyer, said his client had to show not only that she told the appropriate people about what was happening, but also that they deliberately failed to take appropriate action.

Beth Parker, the director of litigation at Equal Rights Advocates, a public interest law firm based in San Francisco, said this was the first verdict in the country involving the "deliberate indifference" standard. "The standard is much higher," Parker said. "We have been concerned that it would be more difficult to reach."

Barber said the verdict should force school officials nationwide to take a closer look at how they're dealing with sexual harassment. Over the years, courts have split on whether school officials can be held liable when one student sexually harasses another.

Barber told the jury that McGowan lost her entire middle and high school experience: she lost her diploma; she lost what chance she had to win a college scholarship; but, most of all, she lost her innocence—and all because, he said, school officials didn't "do their jobs."

encourage young Life Scout Steven Cozza to undertake his nationally-publicized Scouting for All campaign for Gay inclusion — but Cozza and his father insist that it was they who approached Rice. Rice, who has exhausted his appeals within the organization, charges that BSA used "secret, unfair procedures" and violated its own rules in ousting him, and that it did so because he has testified on three occasions in legal challenges to BSA's discriminatory policy.

Rice was employed at the Scouts' Redwood Council for 16 years and has been a Scout leader in Petaluma for the last 30 years. He's also an ordained elder of Petaluma's First Presbyterian Church. When Eagle Scout Tim Curran was thrown out after being publicly identified as Gay, it set Rice off on a decade of considering how he should respond if a Scout told him he was Gay.

Rice worked side-by-side with open Gays and Lesbians when he was employed by the National Park Service. He says he was in church in 1991 when it struck him that he must take action against the policy, and in 1993 he tried to organize Scouting for All with other leaders in the region, but with no real success. Scouting for All also sought admission of girls and atheists into BSA.

Scouting for All was defunct when Cozza, then 12, decided last year to campaign against the ban. Cozza convinced his father, like Rice an assistant scoutmaster of

Troop 74, to join him in encouraging Rice to restart Scouting for All. Cozza and his father both wrote to BSA, but not only did the organization refuse to involve them in its proceedings against Rice, spokesperson Gregg Shields said BSA would not insert itself into the relationship between father and son.

BSA particularly focused its complaints against Rice on the Scouting for All website, although it's run not by him but by another volunteer. That site is said to have collected 23,500 signatures so far on a petition to lift the ban — Cozza has aimed for one million. Cozza has appeared on national media and been honored by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and New York's Gay and Lesbian police officers association among others, for having stood up for his belief in justice even when it brought harassment to him and his family.

Rice still loves Scouting, but feels the national organization is under the control of the religious right and is wrong in its anti-Gay policy. He's particularly concerned about the recent altercation between BSA and the Unitarian Universalist Association, which is no longer allowed to issue denominational merit badges because the church's teaching opposes anti-Gay discrimination. "If the people who don't agree with this [anti-Gay] policy give up, they'll hand the Boy Scouts movement over to the religious conservatives without a fight," he said. He hopes that his ouster will help to advance the cause of Scouting for All.

## Long Time Scout Outed

PETALUMA, CA (NP) — He came to the aid of the teenager whose inclusion campaign has made national headlines, and now his 59-year career in the Boy Scouts has been terminated for "inappropriately influencing" the courageous youngster.

Dave Rice, actively involved in scouting for 59 of his 69 years, held a press conference to announce that he's been

kicked out by the national Boy Scouts of America (BSA), and that he believes it's because he's been too visible an advocate against BSA's ban on open Gays.

Neither the Scouts' Redwood District nor his Petaluma, California Scout Troop 74 had requested his dismissal. BSA national headquarters claims Rice inappropriately used his influence as a leader to



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## Charges Of Anti-Gay Bias Raise Outcry

LOS ANGELES, CA (BAR) — Charges of gross anti-Gay bias have been leveled at a leading paging company's Los Angeles-based California division by an employee who claims he was denied a promotion because of his sexual orientation and later fired when his employers learned he was HIV-positive.

The plaintiff in the case, Paul Smith, is seeking punitive damages against the Dallas-based Paging Network, Inc., which has more than 10 million "PageNet" pagers in service in the United States and will do over \$1 billion in business internationally this year.

Smith, 34, went to work for the company in December 1993, rising quickly. By 1994, he ranked third in the nation for pulling in the highest company sales; received the company's "Circle of Excellence" honor; was named "Employee of the Quarter;" and in a company that employed more than 2,000 sales people, regularly placed in the top ten in the years that followed.

He contends the company revoked a promotion he had been offered when word spread among his telemarketing workforce that he was Gay. Many of them, he says, were Evangelical Christians who often began meetings with group prayer. Smith was told he was "too Gay" to take the promotion and said he had to fend off offers by co-workers to "save" him.

Smith, who is HIV-positive, began taking AIDS medications in 1997 that made him feel weak. When he needed a week's time off, he divulged his serostatus to Marketing Director Sue-Ellen Douglas after which he claims he was summoned to human resources and told he was being fired. They cited an overpayment on one of his accounts which was actually filed by Smith's supervisor.

He stated the company withheld his final wages and did not notify him how to continue his health benefits, as is required by federal law. Later when he applied for a job with AT&T, the Human Resources Department at Paging Network allegedly told the AT&T representative Smith was "fired because he was stealing from the company."

Christian Scali, a lawyer representing Smith, said, "We have sued the company for several violations of the labor code, for defamation, and for intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress."

"Citizens Against Discrimination," a national civil rights organization, has called for an immediate national boycott of PageNet. A statement issued by the group's director, Charles Merrill, said, "This is the most egregious example of Gay discrimination by a major corporation I have ever witnessed."

## Homophobe N.C. Sheriff Cops Plea In Case

MITCHELL COUNTY, NC (NP) — What's "one queer football coach" worth in North Carolina? A felony wiretapping conviction, a \$15,000 fine, and two ruined careers.

In exchange for two other charges being dropped, Mitchell County, North Carolina Sheriff Vernon Bishop pleaded guilty to one federal felony charge of illegal wiretapping, in a case that forced the resig-

nation of a closeted Gay high school football coach. Although no sentencing date has been set and Bishop is unlikely to have to go to jail, the conviction does mean the end of his law enforcement career, when he'd been confident of winning reelection to another four-year term. Bishop has also agreed to pay a sum in excess of \$15,000 to the coach for his lost income.

A year ago, it had appeared that Bishop was going to get off almost scot-free. Although Mitchell County District Attorney Tom Rusher had agitated for a state indictment, a grand jury rejected the motion, partly because the coach — who still lives and works in the small rural county — was not eager for any additional publicity.

Rusher went on to petition for Bishop's removal from office, but finally had to settle for Bishop giving up half of one month's salary and making a public apology. The apology delivered September 4, 1997 was less than satisfying — no sooner was Bishop out of the courtroom than he declared that his actions had been guided by his concern for the children of the county. Still more revealing was his remark to state investigators. "Was one queer football coach really worth all this?" Bishop has always maintained that Rusher's pursuit of the case has been motivated by politics.

In January 1995, deputies under Bishop had apparently accidentally heard an innocuous call on a cordless phone on their police scanner, and reported it to the sheriff because it seemed to indicate that the coach, Leland Riddle, was Gay. Bishop, who had already had suspicions of Riddle's sexual orientation, ordered deputies to make tape recordings of any more such calls they heard. He went on to present

those tapes to school officials, who confronted Riddle.

When Riddle resigned after thirteen years in his post, Bishop ended his "investigation" of what he later described as a "conspiracy to commit sodomy." But one of the deputies involved confessed what he believed to be his own illegal action in the course of an interview for another law enforcement job, which ultimately led to Rusher learning of the situation.

In June, a federal grand jury considered evidence from the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and returned indictments against Bishop for illegal wiretapping and two other charges relating to having revealed the contents of the illegal recordings to the school officials. In a plea bargain with federal prosecutors, Bishop agreed to plead guilty to the first charge in exchange for the other charges being dropped and a recommendation for sentencing to either probation or home detention rather than jail.

U.S. Attorney Mark Calloway told reporters that, "It is especially troubling when those who are charged with protecting the public abuse their positions of power and violate the public trust. Law enforcement has a duty to bring to justice those in law enforcement who knowingly violate the law."

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Congress released Starr's report. Ec-eye-ee-eye-oh! In Kenny's report, there's a lot of nookie! Ec-eye-ee-eye-oh! With a grope here, a lot of oral there, some phone sex here and a cigar where?! Congress released Starr's report. Ec-eye-ee-eye-oh!

Americans dared read Kenny's report. Ec-eye-ee-eye-oh! How did they react in the numerous polls? Punish Clinton here, they like him there, but no impeachment here! America reacted to Kenny's report. Ec-eye-ee-eye-oh!

Congress will hold an impeachment inquiry. Ec-eye-ee-eye-oh! They may release Clinton's video taped testimony this week. Ec-eye-ee-eye-oh! Will this come to an end soon? Of course not, it's election time! Ec-eye-ee-eye-oh! ...

Still, on the subject of illicit "breeder bedpost banging," another Member of Congress admitted last week to having an affair. Get another "Scarlet Starr Letter" ready!

Rep. Helen Chenoweth, R-Mashed Potatoes, admitted during a Monica D.C. press conference, to having a six-year fling with a business partner and prominent Idaho Republican politician in the early 80's. Reaganomics really worked then, huh? Later the press conference, Chenoweth blathered that she has asked for God's forgiveness and received it. Pat Robertson really did forgive you?

Chenoweth, the anti-Gay, poster pin-up girl for the militias, was initially elected in 1994, when the incumbent, Democrat Dan Williams (In Idaho?), admitted he'd lied about his own illicit nookie. Helen ran campaign ads asking, "Where do you stand, Dan? So where do you lie, lay, or stand now, Helen? ...

Tammy Baldwin, the first open Lesbian member of Wisconsin state Legislature, won the Democratic primary for the state's second congressional district and will face Republican, Josephine Musser in



POLITICS

1998

By MARK R. KERR

### 'A Possible impeachment Charge Kenny Missed: What If The Alleged Cigar Was Cuban?'

the fall contest. Will the infamous "Lennon Sister's chart topping song" be her campaign theme? ...

Reverse Queer Bashing for Profit & Votes: The Final Chapter. "If they're saying they're not spreading the rumor, I accept it" stated the campaign manager of the Republican gubernatorial candidate, Linda "I'm really not a Dykel" Lingle, last week, over "rumored allegations," allegedly spread by the campaign of the Democratic incumbent, Ben Cayetano. They were wrong? Oh, no!

Oh, yes! According to Ann Kobayashi, Cayetano's campaign co-chair, who said, "When you're caught in a lie, you're supposed to apologize." Well, we're waiting! Lingle's campaign, in a press release stated, "we're going to put this behind us and we're going to work on the real issues of the campaign." Prohibiting same-sex marriages? ...

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, last week, urged the U.S. Senate to move on the very comatose nomination of openly Gay philanthropist James Hormel, as ambassador to the strategically-important principality of Luxembourg. "... I urge the Senate the schedule a vote as soon as possible," Maddie said with a straight face. Talk about perfect timing! ...

This past Tuesday was, "Primary Indecision Day" in Crapaign '98. An underwhelming number of Arizonans actually went to the polls to decide the few, paltry, primary elections on the ballot. Whoopee!

Some candidates were elected to office, by default, with the primary election due to no primary or general election opposition. Isn't democracy grand?! One-third of the State House, two-third's of the State Senate, Superintendent of Public Instruction and State Mine Inspector got to "Pass Go and collect another term," but we digress.

A rundown of the few, real contests:

U.S. House — C.D. 5. Openly Gay incumbent, Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Tucson, will actually face a challenge since his initial election in 1984. Kolbe will face former Tucson Mayor, Tom Volgy, the Democratic primary winner in the general election. To make it interesting, Phil Murphy, an intelligent, articulate man, ready to call Kolbe on his stands and votes, is running for the seat as the Libertarian candidate. Murphy will play a factor in the contest. The Perot parrot in the race is Bob Connery, Sr.

Governor — The incumbent, Jane Dee Hull, won the Republican nod for a full term, defeating two worthless opponents. Hull goes on to face the token sacrifice, or the Democratic challenger, former Phoenix Mayor, Paul Johnson.

Scott Malcomson will be the Ross Perote candidate. Yippie-skippiel! Meanwhile, Kat Gallant, a Mesa Salon and Lingerie owner, edged former Maricopa Supervisor and former Republican, Tom Rawles, for the Libertarian nod. Gallant made the news a couple years' back when she was arrested for impersonating Lady Godiva, horse and all, during a protest over income taxes in Mesa. There may be some life in this race after all!

Secretary of State — Incumbent Republican, Betsy Bayless fended off a challenge from the UFO conspiracy queen and extra on the X-Files, former Phoenix City Council member, Frances Barwood. After Bayless claimed victory, those lights, mysteriously seen over Phoenix a couple years ago, reappeared. Probably Barwood's Venusian volunteers. Bayless will go on to face the Democratic candidate, former State Representative, Art Hamilton.

Attorney General — "Clearly the negative ad did not get the type of response it was meant to get," was said by a big loser, John Kaites. Really now! Former

State Senator Kaites, the anti-Gay, Republican candidate and McCain's anointed choice, for Attorney General (A.G.), got his ass whooped by Tom McGovern, a special assistant to Grant Wood's, the current state ambulance chaser.

McGovern will take on the Democratic candidate, former U.S. Attorney, Janet Napolitano, in the general election. McGovern promised a clean campaign. Right! I just bet there are some, "Anita Hill," questions over Napolitano's marital status, and exactly, how many Phoenix Mercury games she's attended, sleazy hit-pieces in the works!

Arizona Corporation Commission — Commissioner Carl Kunasek defeated Commissioner Jim Irvin, so to write. In the Republican primary, Kunasek's candidate, current Treasurer and former State Representative and Senator, Tony "Pension Padder" West, defeated Irvin's hand-picked candidate, Gary Carnicle. West will take on the Democratic candidate, and former State Representative, Paul Newman, in the fall fiasco, or contest.

Treasurer — In the Republican general, or primary election, former State Senator, Carol Springer defeated car-dealer and loan-giver, D.L. Culiver in the contest. With no opposition, Springer is Arizona's newest Treasurer. Yes, burying your money in the back yard will be a good thing, especially now!

State Legislature — Two primary contests for the State House to represent Pima County took place. In District 9, both incumbent Representatives, Lou Ann Preble and Bill McGibbon won their primary contest and got a free pass to another term. No Democrats need apply. They didn't! ... In District 12, Republicans chose incumbent, Rep. Dan Schottel and that big meany, Steve Huffman. Both will face Democrats, Dr. Mark Osterloh and Andy Morales. Can we say lack of unity of the side of the Elephants in District 12? The Ulm factor perhaps?

Pima County — For the special election for the Board of Supervisors, District 4, to fill the remaining two years of the term. The current officeholder, Republican Ray Carroll, won his primary with 43%, beating his two opponents. Carroll faces

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**Columna Abierta. by Dr. Eleazar Garcia**

Se les saluda con el mismo respeto y agradecimiento de siempre; esperando que encuentren en esta Columna Abierta, algo de interés y entretenimiento y se les recuerda que todos los comentarios y sugerencias, son bienvenidos. En esta ocasión hay mucho que contar sobre todo del certámen de Miss Gay Hispanidad '98 donde fué elegida Carla I como la sucesora de Grecia, y no cabe duda que el jurado "se las vió duras" para la elección de este año ya que, todos los participantes estaban bien preparados, desde los trajes típicos, como en sus presentaciones artísticas, y desde luego que el hablar en público y la facilidad de palabra sobre todo en los temas que conciernen a la comunidad gay hispana, fué y será siempre lo determinante para las elecciones del proyecto Salud es Poder; y siempre se les ha hecho saber a las personas participantes que; los jurados son personas que trabajan o que tienen interés común en los temas que afronta la comunidad gay. Y no cabe duda que Carla I, por sus respuestas tendrá una - magnífica representación de la comunidad gay hispana tanto en Tucson como en las diferentes ciudades donde se mantienen estrechas relaciones enfocadas en los objetivos a trabajar del mencionado proyecto que dirige Ernie Pérez con sus "mano derecha" Jorge Rascón y desde luego, con la desinteresada labor que los voluntarios desarrollan, entre los que siempre están "al pié del cañón": Valentín, Victor, Eduardo, Ruben "trampa", Sotero, entre otros que de momento se me escapan, pero de verdad que en esta ocasión todos pusieron todas las ganas para que fuera un gran éxito... Así fué... Felicidades a todos y hay que seguir adelante!!!

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Tucson's Gay and Lesbian bowling league takes to the lanes every Wednesday, 9:00 P.M., at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 West Miracle Mile. Teams consist of three individuals.

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Estuvimos en la presentación sobre los tratamientos para el VIH/SIDA por el Dr. Kevin Carmichael de la clínica inmunológica de El Rio, para los integrantes del Consorcio de Ryan White del Condado de Cochise; con la gran experiencia del Dr. Carmichael, de verdad que estuvo muy interesante y no cabe duda que todavía hay mucho por aprender sobre las acciones de los fármacos que se han estado utilizando, y desde luego que hay mucho por estudiar sobre los efectos colaterales que dichos medicamentos presentan, pero no cabe duda que ya hay esperanzas de un futuro no lejano sobre la total cura para el VIH/SIDA y desde luego que el desarrollo de la vacuna que han prometido los científicos en la reunión de Ginebra; se espera dentro de los próximos diez años. Por lo pronto se les recuerda que el uso del condón correctamente y sexo seguro es lo recomendado.

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

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I want to acknowledge everyone who participated in the "Turnabout" benefit show for T.I.H.A.N. Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at the Stonewall. I would like to send special accolades to the performers, stage crew, costuming and make-up crew.

The show was excellent however one heckler aka Christina, could have used a lesson in proper etiquette. He continued to spout off obscenities and vulgarities especially during the performance by Miss Gay Arizona, Kenneth Blake.

I find this behavior totally ignorant and crude given that there were many guests from various organizations, churches and charities. I kind of felt that you ask you pastor, mom, aunt, parents to support T.I.H.A.N. (and believe me they do) and some jerk has to act like he's in a tea room.

Wake up Christina, some of us don't like toilet manners. Clean it up.

Sincerely, R. LeBlanc

EDITOR:

As you may know, there are ballot measures to amend and revise the state constitutions of Alaska and Hawaii to limit marriage. In each case, the aim of religious political extremists is to exclude Lesbians and Gays.

In Alaska, the campaign against Ballot Measure 2 is called Alaskans for Civil Rights/No on 2. The corresponding campaign in the 50<sup>th</sup> state is called Protect Our Constitution - Hawaii. Both campaigns have established web sites that contain voter information and details about how to contribute:

<http://www.no-on-two.org/>

Both campaigns faced a well financed political machine run by religious political extremists in the contiguous 48 states. These precedent setting votes are important issues for the entire nation. Keep in mind that Alaska's 600,000 people account for only 0.2% of the U.S. population. They should not be setting policy for millions of Gays and Lesbians without hearing from us first. To be heard over the shrill messages and disinformation from religious political extremists we need support from concerned people throughout the country. Keep in mind opponents of equality from outside Alaska have already pledged matching funds that will ensure a minimum 50% of their support comes from other states.

People outside Alaska and Hawaii can help by fund raising and contributing money (donors must be identified in accordance with campaign finance laws!), asking others to contribute, spreading the word about these ballot initiatives, and lobbying for positive media coverage.

This is time critical! We need help and need it now! Otherwise we will be overwhelmed by right-wing money coming from outside Alaska and Hawaii.

To send money to Alaska, make checks payable to "Alaskans for Civil Rights/No on 2," Alaskans for Civil Rights/Vote No on 2, P.O.B. 240751, Anchorage, AK 99524-0751.

To send money to Hawaii, make

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[This letter was an appeal from Alaskans for Civil Rights]

DEAR OBSERVER & COMMUNITY:

I would like to convey our gratitude to Misti Malone for choosing the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) as the beneficiary of the proceeds from the 1998 Miss Carousel Pageant. In addition to a great show, over \$250 was raised to support TIHAN, our mission and our programs.

I also want to thank emcee Christina de Alexis (Miss Gay Tucson/America) and Faith (Miss Carousel 1997), along with all the contestants and performers who so generously donated their tips to TIHAN. Additionally, I wish to thank the many, many dedicated volunteers behind-the-scenes who worked hard to make this pageant successful, including the ever-generous staff and management of the Stonewall/Eagle.

And, of course, our thanks to everyone who came out and supported this benefit. On behalf of all of us at TIHAN, thank you!

With love and gratitude,  
Scott Blades  
Executive Director  
TIHAN

DEAR FRIENDS:

I owe an apology to my friend Bob

Ellis and possibly others of you in the community. Some of you know me as a Carol Channing look-a-like. I have caused more controversy, mostly unintended, than I ever wished. I am outspoken.

If you doubt this, ask Lucinda Holliday. I have great regard for the things she's done for our community. But, in my view, I am not above calling into question anyone who misses the mark. Perhaps we don't really wish to read things left undone by the Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Transgender community.

I still contend, to these many months later, that some of us have the ideas and charisma to win political office. But at 57, I recognize some of you "kids" just don't recognize the possibilities. I will argue that drag queen crowns are nothing more than "feel good" ventures. The few thousand dollars will capture for our favored causes pale in comparison to what could be, especially during "sine die" last minute negotiations in the Legislature.

This "letters" column should be more than just "thank you, thank you" stuff.

I, for one, as a professional journalist all my life never would have tolerated it. The Observer, please note, lacks an editorial page. Oh well, it's this sort of criticism that made me a pariah.

I wish I could walk into some of our favorite nightspots without being singled out as a target for public ridicule. The problem is you need me. I know the issues the 21<sup>st</sup> century will bring but nothing I say is sacrosanct.

Scorn me if you will. I am grate-  
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Prepare for a planetary pile-up this week as the Sun "conjuncts" both Venus and Mercury. This means that our long term desires can be thwarted by what we spontaneously say, think or feel. Ready for fireworks in September? Keep on flapping those lips, bubble.

### ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

You've been trotting down a primrose path at work for quite a while, proud Ram. Now, as the Sun collides with Mercury and Venus, be prepared to step on a few thorns. A new demand here or there could have you shunted into the sub-basement before you can say "Pass the paperclips, please." On the bright side, if you're angling for new employment, this could clear the way.

### TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

When is enough, enough? Hard to tell when the Sun jabs both jittery Mercury and slothful Venus. Fun has a way of getting out of hand this week so perhaps it's best to stow the stash and settle into a easy chair while this transit howls overhead. Gay Bulls are let loose in a china shop. You break, you buy, cousin so don't forget to bring your credit card.

### GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

If your home isn't all it should be, it's fine to begin to explore new options. But don't rush into anything while the Sun hamstringing both Venus and Mercury this week. Queer Twins are awash in great decorating ideas but sometimes the best ideas on Monday are no-nos by Friday. Sure, crushed red velveteen bucket love seats make a statement, but do you want to be quoted?

### CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

The sages say that a picture is worth a thousand words. Heed their advice and let fingers to the talking rather than a flapping jaw. Pink Crabs may become a little too expressive when the Sun conjuncts Mercury and Venus this week, saying things they would normally chew on for a while and swallow. The secret is not to bite off more than you can handle. (Ain't it the truth, kids!)

### LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Somewhere along the line, a bear has trampled on your carefully constructed financial portfolio. Don't panic, proud Lion; this is just the fleeting sting of the Sun conjunct Mercury conjunct Venus. Before you sell short, chalk the roller coaster up to market fluctuations and bide your time. You'll be king of the beasts (both bulls and bears) soon enough next week.

### VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

There is considerable commotion occurring in your own sign this week as the Sun, Mercury and Venus all figuratively collide in Virgo. While some faint of heart Gay Virgins may prefer to remain on the sidelines, those with greater courage may venture Out and create an unintentional a social stir. You'll have them talking for weeks, cousin so give them something to talk about.

### LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

If you get your wires crossed, blame it on the Sun conjunct Venus and Mercury. Prophetic queer Libras are apt to slush their crystal balls this week and let others do the divining. As long as others are in charge of the excitement, why not use this transit

to explore relaxation techniques like meditation, yoga or even hypnosis? Clear your mind and prepare for next week.

### SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

More often than not, Gay Scorps prefer to go it alone. Why is that? The answer becomes clear when the Sun conjuncts both Venus and Mercury and friendships become more trouble than they are worth. If you tire of the scene, take a breather until next week when everybody's nose sniffs up new business and moves out of yours. For now though, keep your knees together..

### SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Queer Archers face a changing professional landscape as the sands shift with the planets. Sun, Mercury and Venus create a few potholes in your superhighway of success this week. While the temptation is to act or react, clever Sags will trot along with the crowd and wait. This corporate situation will soon downsize and you'll be in a good position to capitalize on it.

### CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

It may not be the best time to take your act on the road. Proud Goats may find that their glorious plans don't seem quite so delicious when the Sun jabs both Venus and Mercury. Maybe it's best to step back and take a serious look at the blueprints. You may find that a few of the finer points are missing. Review and re-plan; next week you will act up with authority.

### AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

All dressed up with no place to go? Blame the down time on the Sun conjunct Venus and Mercury. Aquerians may yearn to scratch a low down dirty itch but may find there is no suitable scratcher available. Wiggle around until next week as the transit passes and your urges can be unleashed in all their hot and heavy fury. Temperatures rising...

### PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Partnerships may hit a snag when the Sun shunts both Mercury and Venus. Pink Fish may feel romantic and supportive but the feeling may not be mutual (or vice versa). Keep your sunny side up as your commitment is tested. Remember that Rome wasn't built in a day so don't expect quick fixes. Of course a few quickies here and there may not be a bad idea...

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# Perspective

## A Curious Political Crusade

REPUBLICAN POLITICIANS could have shooed away James Dobson, the Colorado Springs radio psychologist, when he came around with a "family values" agenda with an anti-Gay bent.

They could have reminded him of the party's philosophical commitment to individualism, and disdain for government meddling beyond a spare basic mission. They could have told Dobson about their determination to build a majority party with a "Big Tent" that would welcome minority groups that traditionally vote Democratic.

They could have even invoked the suffer-no-fools wisdom of the father of modern conservatism, Barry Goldwater, who scoffed at efforts to chase Gays out of the military. "You don't need to be straight to fight and die for your country," he said. "You just need to shoot straight."

Yes, they could have told Dobson in equally plain language that you do not have to be straight to vote Republican, and they intend to keep it that way.

But recent activity on Capitol Hill suggests that pressure from Dobson and other leaders of the Religious Right is putting a distinct and disturbing imprint on the GOP agenda.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R Miss., has been holding up the nomination of San Francisco philanthropist James Hormel as ambassador to Luxembourg. That diplomatic post would not normally receive much scrutiny and deliberation, but the 64-year-old Hormel's work on behalf of Gay causes has incited the wrath of the Religious Right.

Hormel was put through a grueling confirmation process in the Foreign Relations Committee. He was even pressured at one point to promise that his partner would not have the status of ambassadorial spouse.

In another move against the Gay-rights movement, House Republicans recently provided most of the 214 votes for passage of an amendment by Representative Frank Riggs, R-Windsor, aimed at San Francisco's domestic partners law. The measure, if it survives a House-Senate conference committee, would strip the city of millions of dollars in federal housing funds if it persisted in requiring contractors to provide domestic partners benefits to their employees.

Also on the horizon is a proposal by Representative Joel Hefley, R-Colo., that would repeal President Clinton's recent executive order barring government job discrimination based on sexual orientation.

So what is the possible electoral benefit of such politics of division? Two of the promoters of the latest anti-Gay crusades, Dobson and Family Research Council leader Gary Bauer, have shown an ability to raise money and motivate voters to the polls with Gay-related issues. That have been running a high-profile advertising campaign that suggests they are the victims of public persecution. One ad claims, "We've paid a heavy price with sound-bite labels like 'bigot' and 'homophobia.'" Their small but freshly galvanized voter base could be a factor in low-turnout elections.

Picking up on the theme, Senator Lott stirred waves of outrage with a television interview in which he called Gay sex a sin and compared homosexuality with afflictions such as alcoholism and kleptomania.

Yet these are not just the views of one Mississippi Republican or a fringe group out of Colorado Springs.

Tim Leslie, the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor in California, offered virtually identical reasoning this spring in explaining to The Chronicle why he opposes the "sanctioning of Gay marriage lifestyles" through domestic partners laws. As with Lott, Leslie said he has nothing against Gays as people, but objected to their sexuality.

Leslie said it did not matter to him whether sexual orientation was genetic or chosen. He compared homosexuality to "alcoholism or an anger management problem" - something that needed to be controlled.

Also disturbing was the decidedly tepid responses to Lott's remarks by other statewide GOP candidates. Gubernatorial nominee Dan Lungren stopped short of criticizing Lott or even calling him intolerant. Lungren said he would not have used such words to describe homosexuality, but he suggested that Lott's critics were unfairly making "a crusade" out of the interview.

Matt Fong, the Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, approached the Lott controversy with great delicacy. "I wish he didn't say that," Fong said, adding that he supported the Hormel nomination, opposed discrimination against Gays and believed the party needed to "do a better job" of embracing diversity. But Fong would only go so far in distancing himself from the far right. He also made a point of saying, "I do not support homosexual behavior."

This is one of the curious refrains of Dobson, Bauer & company: Their quarrel is not with Gays and Lesbians as people. It is their *behavior*, or lifestyle.

So the crusade against "homosexual behavior" is leading to attempts to stop Gays and Lesbians who want to serve their country in the armed forces, to establish legally recognized long-term relationships, to do their government jobs without fear of discrimination, or to become a U.S. ambassador overseas.

Indeed, it seems there really is a need for politicians to defend mainstream American values this November.

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# Desert Vision

by Rev. Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D

## An Old English Tale

I recently came across an old English tale. Because I found it to be a story that was both a beautiful and rich meaning, I wanted to share it.

A long time ago there was a great forest. It ranged for miles and miles from one end of the land to the other. One day, a great standing tree, an oak, was having a conversation with a tall, elegant pine. As they liked to do, they talked about the other trees, life in the forest, the weather, and all the news the birds brought them from far away lands. But mostly, they spoke of the other trees.

The oak mentioned the lovely, delicate azalea with its pink, soft white and lavender blossoms. God certainly must have wanted to create beauty in making azalea. Then the pine said, "Don't forget the rowan tree. It's shade and branches, its smell, and it is so easily carved and made into such beautiful things. It's a wonderful creation." They went through the trees one by one, and then the oak nearly split itself, "And look at that ash tree. I just don't know why God created that tree! And so many of them! They sprout up everywhere but they are rather useless. They burn quickly and the wood is so soft that you can't do much with it. It's really such a waste!"

Days later a woodsman came through the forest looking for a tree. He needed to make something. His house and workshop were falling to ruin. He spoke finally to the great trees, the oak and the pine, for in those days humans and trees could still talk to each other. He asked

their suggestions on what tree to choose. They conferred and quickly said, "Take an ash. There are a lot of them."

So, he did. He chopped the nearest ash tree down and went home. There he made an ax handle for his blade and then returned to the forest and started swinging. One by one the trees were felled. Down they all went, one after the other, until all that was left were the oak and pine. They realized too late what was happening to them. The oak ruefully said to the pine, "My friend, we made a mistake. We forgot something basic in our willingness to give up the ash. We are all trees at root. The death of one of us means the death of all."

This story, adapted from Megan McKenna's book, Parables, reminds us that as people, we really aren't all that different from each other. Society in general teaches us to be suspicious of each other because of race, culture, gender, or national origin. In the Gay/Lesbian community, we separate ourselves according to age, body type, gender, apparel (drag, leather, country), and so many things that don't mean a great deal. Our own petty divisions prevent us from forming a cohesive community. We fail to recognize that we are all people looking for meaning, purpose, connection, and worth in life. Perhaps if we learned to respect the fundamental things we share as human beings, the much of the pain we encounter in life would be transformed. Well, it's just a thought.

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

Many people have a rudimentary knowledge of Jesus Christ. Some of you reading this column may even believe his declaration of John 14:6, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me." We are told in Acts 4:12 that "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name (besides Jesus) under Heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

In the waning years of the twentieth century, everyone seems to have an opinion about how soon the "end of the world" will come? If they will be alive then? What will happen to everyone living, and themselves especially? This hot topic can stimulate conversation and perk up interest at parties, yet the end result is no more than sheer speculation.

In Matthew 24:36, Jesus told his disciples, "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in Heaven, nor the son, but only the father." Jesus told them that when he comes it will be as it was when Noah built the ark and people continued eating, drinking, and carrying on with their lives, unconcerned about the future.

The day Noah entered the ark,

people suspected nothing until the flood came and took them all away. When you really think about the cost which has paid by everyone who was not on the ark when Noah closed the door, it is sobering. Yet, in Matthew 24: 39-42, Jesus stated, "... That is how it will be at the coming of the son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."

I don't know if Jesus will come in the next five minutes or five years, but I have a vivid mental picture of the sheer hopelessness and despair of the man left alone in the field and the woman left to grind with a hand mill alone. I certainly don't want to be like that man and woman!

You see, if our lives on earth are over, or the second coming of Jesus Christ occurs before we have accepted Jesus as our own personal savior and Lord, it is simply going to be too late to make that decision. All of us desire salvation and an eternity spent in God's beautiful Heaven. We need to understand that time is of the essence, for the sake of our own eternal futures.

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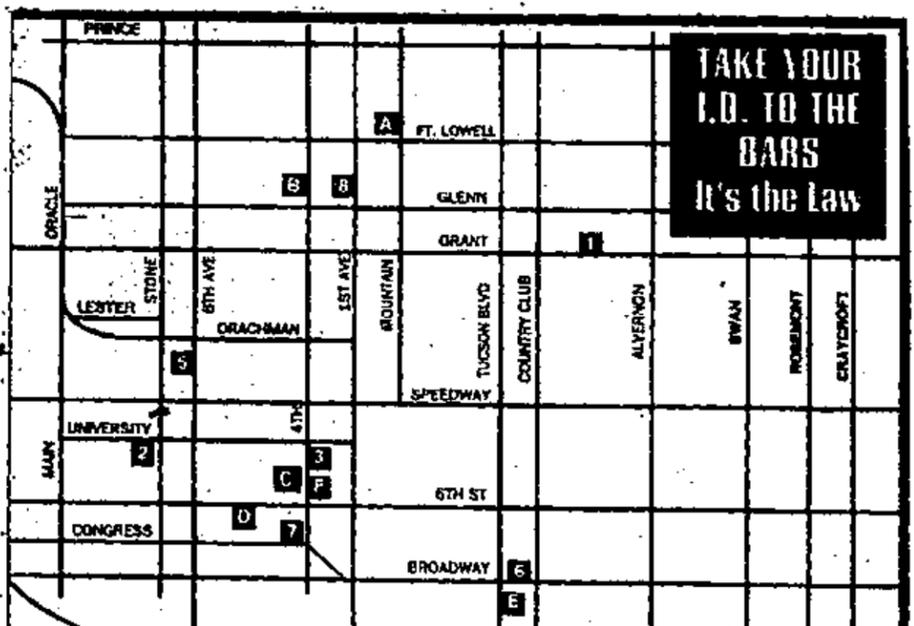
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ful for the few who still love me, despite my outrageous opinions. All of you reading these pages know I am right, to give you a chance not just to circle round the covered wagons against the outside community, but to debate internally the issues that concern us. Hey folks, it's called the First Amendment.

Bob, apparently, has forgotten why we met in Philadelphia in the 1700's. I haven't.

Elise Barbara Fox  
 Your Neighborhood Pariah

[EDITOR'S NOTE: The editor doesn't remember meeting Ms. Fox in Philadelphia. He stated it was way before his time. The editor also asks Ms. Fox if she served as an intern to the Continental Congress or the Constitutional Convention?]

**Politics**

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Libertarian, Gay Lynn Goetzke in the general election. The Democratic primary nod for the Clerk of the Court went to Penny Bradford...

It's been an interesting week. After all that's transcribed, I frankly won't be able to look at a stogie or a Marx Brothers movie the same way. Oh the humanity!

So it goes for now kids!

**Red Lobster**

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the part of their attorneys, a change of strategy that was welcomed in a joint statement July 23 by Garcia, Leishman and Equality Florida executive director Nadine Smith (although the earlier IFHR release continued to echo around the Internet causing confusion among activists regarding the current status of the case).

Although at various points throughout the case officials at various levels in Darden and Red Lobster have insisted there is a "zero tolerance" for discrimination of any kind, sexual orientation is apparently not a protected category in company policy, and former Darden restaurant employees from Michigan and Oklahoma have both testified in public forums to losing their jobs for being Gay.

The "Chicago Tribune" twice used Hall's case as an occasion to editorialize in support of statewide protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation, noting that if Hall had been working in another county, he would have had no recourse. Such statewide legislation has been repeatedly proposed in the legislature since 1974.

**Conviction Overturned**

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curred if the "secret crush" had been a female. Some activists definitely saw the case as another so-called "homosexual panic defense," but in a broadcast milieu.

Still pending is a \$50-million civil lawsuit by Amedure's family against talk show host Jones, Telepictures, and Warner Brothers, which had been scheduled to begin this week but has been postponed until after the Amedures' attorney, Geoffrey Fieger, finishes his gubernatorial campaign in the November 3 election.

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## Elderly Gay Man Murdered In Miami

MIAMI, FL (MH) — Few clues in the stabbing death of a 71-year-old Gay man in his Miami Beach apartment has prompted police to seek out the help of the city's Gay community for information that could help investigators solve the crime.

The murder of Kenneth Siegel, a retired school principal who moved to Miami Beach only a year ago, brings to three the number of unsolved murders of Gay men in Miami Beach over the last several years. Siegel's murder has baffled Miami detectives who have, as yet, been unable to establish a reason why anyone would want to kill the quiet, friendly and docile man.

Sgt. George Navarro said that Siegel's body was found Saturday afternoon after his neighbors reported an unpleasant odor coming from the apartment. Siegel

was discovered to have suffered several fatal stab wounds. The coroner said he been dead for up to two days.

Police did not reveal if the crime scene showed signs of a struggle or if the apartment had been burglarized, but a friend of the victim, David Chodrow said there was no sign of forced entry. "[I]f it was a stranger, it wasn't a complete stranger," he said.

The murders of two other Gay men in Miami Beach, Casey Sigler and Manny Perez, have yet to be solved. In May 1997, Sigler was found beaten to death in his apartment. The killer stole Sigler's 1994 Toyota Celica. A year earlier, Spanish soap-opera actor, Manny Perez, was also found beaten to death. His VCR was missing. Both men were known to cruise for partners.

A ten year study conducted in 1992 by the Broward County Medical Examiner's office found that murders of Gay men in the county showed 42 percent of the victims were killed by hustlers who also robbed them. Thirty seven percent were killed by domestic partners. Like Siegel, most victims were older white men who were stabbed.

The New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti Violence Project conducted a national study showing that half of Gay murder victims met their killers in friendly circumstances, like a bar.



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Cronies Social Club Luncheon at Wags, 4026 E. Grant. 1:00 p.m.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Mr. and Miss Gay Tucson Teen Pageant and Dance! 7:00 p.m. (Pre-Judging begins at 5:30 p.m.). Dance begins at 9:00 p.m. 408 S. 6th Avenue (on the corner of 6th and 14th). Tickets are \$8 for the pageant; \$8 for the dance or \$12 for both and are available at Antigone Books, Unique on Central, Rainbow Planet Coffee House and SAAF. This is a fund raiser for "Creating Change: A Youth Leadership Conference" and is sponsored by Queer Voice and Candyman Productions.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take place at Marty's home on the southeast side of Tucson. 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 Marty at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, September 17 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).

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). Noon. Just us for an "insider's Tour" as we visit San Xavier del Bac for a tour created just for MSN. Space is limited, so please call early if you'd like to have a spot. For reservations and directions, please call Steve at 887-1140.

AGRA-STATE (Arizona Gay Rodeo Association) will hold its quarterly board meeting in Tucson beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Stonewall/Eagle. The board meeting is open to the public. Dan Iverson, President; Tony Ragan, Vice-President; Ron Trusley, Secretary; E.J. Powers, Treasurer; Chuck Browning, Trustee; Bob Khmentel, Phoenix Chapter Rep.; The Tucson Chapter Representative seat is vacant at press time.

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 Bill at 546-7539.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1 p.m. Lloyd hosts a Sunday Brunch at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. Well known for their excellent buffet, you can't go wrong with the good food and great company. For reservations, please call Lloyd at 792-8537.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-8 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 318-1850.

3. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Tonight, we conclude our miniseries 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 Bill at 546-7539.

4. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jorge as he hosts an evening of a Decadent Dessert Experience. Jorge makes his unique desserts as only he can. He advises that you may not want to eat dinner due to the number of desserts and the richness. Limited to six participants for each of the three events. For directions and reservations, please call Jorge at 887-4055

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Cronies Social Club mid-month Dinner at Home own Buffet on Oracle.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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, SEPTEMBER 23

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for Dinner Out as we visit La Rancherita on Prince. Please phone in your reservation to Donn as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant of the number of men attending. For directions and reservations, please contact Donn at 325-4257.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 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. Join us for a showing of "My Own Country", a recent movie about the life of an Indian doctor as he treats AIDS patients in the rural midwest at the beginning of the epidemic. For reservations & directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). Dusk. Join the guys for a night out at the movies as we head out en masse to the drive in! At press time we don't know what will be playing, but it's sure to be a fun night out with a bunch of guys. For details and reservations, please call Jay at 624-5304.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Marsha Stevens will appear in concert at 7:00 p.m. at the Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain (between Prince and FL Lowell). Marsha is author of the contemporary hymn, "For Those Years I Died". Marsha still writes and sings but now it's for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual community. She brings good news and great music wherever she appears. Marsha will also be special guest at the Sunday morning worship service at 10:45 a.m.

# Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Mexican Independence Day! Come celebrate. \$1.25 pitchers from 8:00 - Midnight, \$1.50 Tequila shots and 75¢ watermelons all night. HIM will spin Latin music from 9:00 till closing. No Cover!

IBT's - 9:00 p.m. "Puttin' On The Lips" Lip Sync Contest. Hosted by Victoria Du Bois and Felice Renard.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Bare Chested Men get \$1.75 Bud or Bud Light in the Stonewall only.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

GRADUATE - 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Garage Sale in the Parking Lot and Benefit Beer Bust for the Blue Team: Lucinda Holliday and Kirk-O-Rama. Proceeds to go to offset costs of our OUToberFEST celebration.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - AGRA - STATE will hold its quarterly board meeting here in Tucson beginning at 5:00 p.m. The board meeting is open to the public.

VENTURE-N - Beer Bust on the patio hosted by Bears of the Old Pueblo 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

IBT's - Special fund raising day for The Blue Team: Lucinda Holliday and Kirk-O-Rama for King and Queen of OUToberFEST. (Proceeds go to the pride picnic. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Show starts at 8:00 p.m. Hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring the best "Girls" in town. Don't forget Karaoke from 4:30 to 7:30 on the patio too!

STONEWALL/EAGLE - The Aloha Express: "3 Tons Of Fun" starring Aloha Whoremans, Mamma Reyna, Regina Reed. Don't miss the train. Showtime 9:15 p.m. 455 minute show, start to finish! A Purple Team Benefit.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Salud es Poder - Latino Men's Health Project presents Fuerza Latina - Travesti Show, 10:30 p.m. in the Stonewall.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - It's Latin Friday at the Biz. As always the Biz plays Latin music the last Friday of each month. Lots of drink specials! Music starts at 9:00 p.m. Come early for Latin Happy Hour - free food! 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. No Cover.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Noon to 5:00 p.m., Arizona Aces Softball Team Car Wash. Come get your car cleaned and help your softball team. Then at 9:15 it's the Aloha Express starring Aloha Whoremans, Mamma Reyna and Regina Reed. More show, less talk. A benefit for the Purple Team working for the OUToberFEST!

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Purple Team Car Wash from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Miss Gay Latina Pageant. More later!

# Daily Bar Calendar

## sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 8-10, \$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.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 Well. Benefit 8-9-0 and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. \$1.75 pitchers 75¢ a glass. Pool Tournament 9pm w/Zipporana. Buffet for SAAF \$2 a plate. 3-77 Moon changes. Karaoke Night 8-close hosted by Billy Dee. Stonewall opens at 9pm with hot dance music with DJ Rayman.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched) Bert Burgers served 5-7pm. Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 7pm.

## monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 8-Ball tournament 6pm, \$3 entry, pot matched. Monday Night Football - 3 screens. \$2.00 Cuervo Gold 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-3pm, \$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 Rab in the evening. Doc's Dart Tourny 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 Nite 8-close. \$2 extra 1/24 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. Mixer & Mixer Lite \$1.75 Cuervo 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. \$1.25 pitchers & midnight. Free swing dance lessons 8:30-9:30pm. Swing music 9:30-close.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50; Domestic \$1.75. 8 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tourny. 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 (Bony man 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. Cuervo Gold \$2 and Cuervo 1800 \$2.25 Open to close.

## thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 20oz 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 Cuervo shots and countrywestern 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 (paid 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/Edwards at the Stonewall which opens at 8pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am \$1.50 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6am-noon. Patio Bar open 8pm. Fosters Bottles \$1.50 from 8pm-midnight. Day prizes for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-1am. \$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 9-1 w/DJ HIM.

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 with the Delex of York 5-9pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 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. Beach 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. 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. \$1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon. 50¢ draft 3-7pm. Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 8:30pm. Partnership Cricket Tournament 8:30pm \$3 entry (Pot Matched).



**MR. AND MISS GAY TUCSON TEEN PAGEANT AND DANCE!**

DATE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH  
 TIME: 7:00 P.M. (PREJUDGING BEGINS AT 5:30)  
 DANCE BEGINS AT 9:00 P.M.  
 PLACE: 408 S. SIXTH AVENUE (ON THE CORNER OF 6TH AND 14TH)  
 PRICE: \$8.00 FOR THE PAGEANT  
 \$8.00 FOR THE DANCE  
 \$12.00 FOR BOTH

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:  
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 Tucson, AZ 85705

FOR MORE INFO CALL 322-6226, EXT. 227  
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NOTICES

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about AIDS policy.

GAY MORNING, EX-MORNING. New support and discussion group. For information call 529-4588

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS. Individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual and Trans men who are victims/survivors in same-sex relationships.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 348 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. 8B or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 4:30 p.m. Check it out!

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of massage touch.

THE JOHN HANTEN 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, 1946 E. Lee St. at 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3200.

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.

THAN, 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.

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

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts: 325-6676 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 791-7676.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Decimo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m.

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m.

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.

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tynd@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 6:30pm 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+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 883-3785 before 10:00 p.m.

TRANSGENDER ISSUES: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on first Mondays for informal discussion of transgender topics. Hosted by Ozzart Boyz. For information call Gary at 628-2659 or send email to: mozlaydyke@earthlink.net.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 692-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 575-9020

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (602)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 576-8027 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 43810, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month.

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 888-5541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Eline 581-8850 or Ronn 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 Walters, (482)371-1102

CRDRES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Merla at 888-7264.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Hall, 2992 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to all. Call Liz at 325-9486 or Ray at 749-3247.

LIGHTING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adriana at 889-7206.

NOTICES

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadview Building). Office Hours 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday.

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

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 841-1794 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 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 5 pm.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIDE TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Pride Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Pride Timers activities.

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 681-1784 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitates. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSpan - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 308 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 624-1779.

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 Davey at 686-1208 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

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

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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

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 Davey 886-1208 for more info.

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

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-3655. Leave message.

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

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send 3ASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

MANE MEN: Long-haired Gay male penpal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P6C4

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 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 Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 8th Ave. Call 791-9682.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3561 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85718.

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

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 890-9563 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Sex Calendar in the Observer.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary 770-9978 or Bertie 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.

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.

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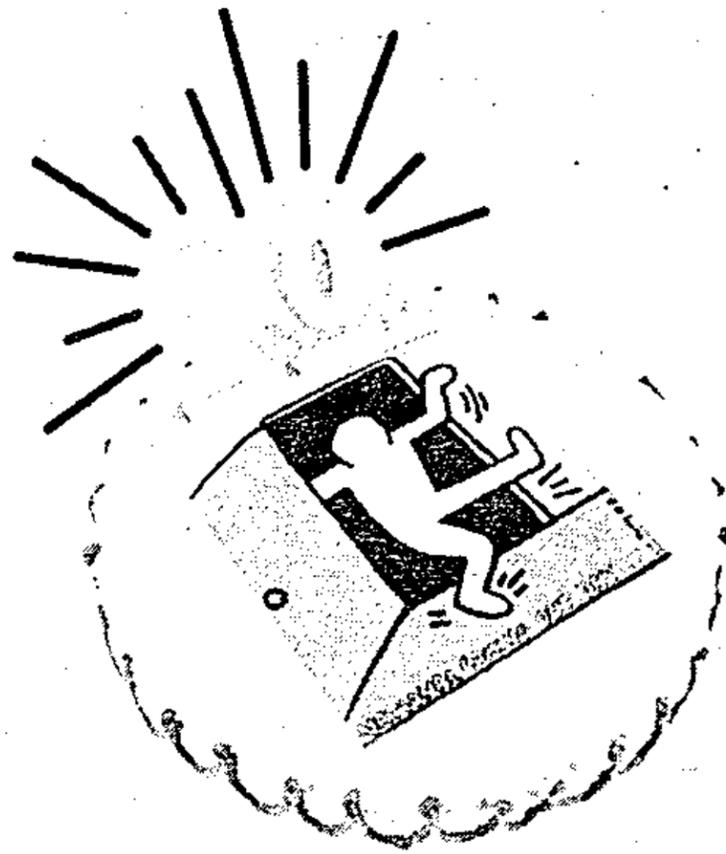
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### American Schools Get Failing Grade, Not Protecting G/L Students From Harassment

WASHINGTON, DC (WS) — The Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), the largest organization devoted to ending anti-Gay bias in American schools, issued its second annual "report card." The report grades school districts on their efforts to protect Gay students and teachers from harassment and discrimination.

The average grade for the nation this year was a D.

The findings of the GLSEN report, which reviews the policies of 42 of the largest public school districts in the country, were endorsed by the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), the National Education Association (NEA) and the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). The report covers school districts responsible for the education of 6 million students nationwide.

The GLSEN grading effort followed a landmark 1996 court settlement in Wisconsin in which high school student Jamie Nabozny won \$900,000 in punitive damages against his school district for its failure to protect him from years of harassment and physical harm.

Kevin Jennings, GLSEN's executive director, said the Nabozny decision set a precedent which, for the first time, made school systems directly accountable for the

protection of Gay and Lesbian students. "The report card initiative," said Jennings, "is our effort to make fair, objective judgments of districts on this issue and to [assist them in taking] steps needed to improve conditions."

GLSEN said it based its grades on adherence to a small number of factors: whether schools had adopted anti-discrimination policies; the presence of faculty workshops and sensitivity groups; the availability of classes that presented students with honest portrayals of Gay people; and whether the district allowed the formation of Gay/Straight Alliances and other "safe areas" for Gay students at school.

GLSEN's Kate Frankfurt said the organization was pleased more districts were making an effort at protecting Gay students, but said real reform takes more than the passage of resolutions. "Our concern," she said, "is that a number of the districts that received passing grades are not enacting the policies that are in place."

On average, GLSEN reports, a typical high school student hears anti-Gay slurs as often as 26 times a day and faculty intervene in such verbal incidents only 3 percent of the time. This lack of intervention, says the report, allows verbal abuse to escalate into violent physical assault. Nineteen percent of Gay and Lesbian high school students report suffering physical attacks

associated with sexual orientation. 13 percent of them skip school at least once per month and 26 percent drop out all together.

GLSEN estimates there are 5 million Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual students nationwide, representing 9 percent of the total school population. With the increased visibility of these students, says the organization, immediate action by school districts has never been more pressing.

### Arkansas Considers Proposal To Ban G/L Foster Parents

LITTLE ROCK, AR (WS) — The Arkansas Child Welfare Agency Review Board held hearings as it deliberated a proposal to exclude Gay men and Lesbians from the state's foster care program.

Religious conservatives and representatives of national Gay civil rights organizations battled before an agency subcommittee offering sharply divergent views on the suitability of Gay people to provide temporary homes to the more than 2,800 Arkansas children placed in foster care each year.

Dennis Rainey, the executive director of Family Life, launched a series of broadsides against Gay and Lesbian couples, calling them "partners in perversion" living in "counterfeit households." Said Rainey, "We do not have to condone a way of life that represents a further unraveling of the family and thus is a danger to the fabric of society."

Rita Sklar, director of the Arkansas chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, presented findings from more than 20 studies forcefully rebutting claims that Gay people are unfit to be foster parents.

Notable among them was a study by the American Psychological Association which concluded children raised in Gay and Lesbian households were no more likely to be Gay or Lesbian and were as healthy emotionally as children raised by a mother and father.

Richard Rosen, also with the ACLU, vowed that any action taken by the board which sought to exclude Gay men and Lesbians from the state's foster care program would be fought on Constitutional equal protection grounds.

"It's discriminatory, and we're against it," Mr. Rosen said. "If they go through with this, we will file suit."

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