

Election '98: Mixed Results For Gays And Lesbians

by Mark R. Kerr

WASHINGTON, DC (ON) — Voters across America, a little more than 37% of those registered, went to their polling booths and sent Gays and Lesbians a mixed message in the midterm general elections on November 3.

Ballot propositions dealing with: discrimination, recognition of same-sex relationships, and openly Gay or Lesbian candidates running for municipal, state and federal office were taken up by the electorate. A run-down of the results:

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Wisconsin Democrat Tammy Baldwin became the first openly Lesbian candidate to be initially elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, a lone victory in a field of openly Gay non incumbents fighting for a chance to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Openly Lesbian Democrat, former Army colonel Grethe Cammermeyer was defeated by incumbent Republican Rep. Jack Metcalf in Washington state by a wide margin. Former San Diego Council member, Democrat Christine Kehoe fared better, but failed to unseat Republican incumbent Rep. Brian Phillip Bilbray, losing narrowly in the contest to represent San Diego in the U.S. House.

Rep. Jim Kolbe, a Gay Republican incumbent retained his Arizona seat against his Democratic challenger, former Tucson Mayor, Tom Volgy. Democratic Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts ran unopposed.

In a race with national implications, Democrat Loretta Sanchez, who was accused by fiery, anti-Gay Republican, Bob Dornan, of winning on illegal votes when she narrowly defeated him for a House seat two years ago, left no room for question with this year's rematch. The Democratic Congresswoman had a runaway victory in a vicious and costly campaign in which no punches were pulled.

It continued even as Sanchez celebrated her victory and Dornan grudgingly acknowledging defeat. Neither was gracious to the other. Sanchez, in an oblique reference to Dornan's 1996 allegations that her 984-vote victory margin was tainted, said, "Tonight, that cloud that has hung over me and over us for so long has evaporated. And the mushroom cloud that erupts tonight and rises above tonight is over the ashes of Bob Dornan."

Dornan, for his part, railed against the "evil that hangs over America" without specifying what it was, and shrugged aside

his defeat in Newport Beach, but it didn't end there. Supporters of senatorial candidate Matt Fong became upset when Dornan spoke at length about his loss to Sanchez. Dornan's daughter and her boyfriend got into a fist fight with some of the Fong supporters. It ended with the boyfriend being carted off by police.

BALLOT INITIATIVES AND PROPOSITIONS

Referendums to amend the state constitutions in Alaska and Hawaii to specifically exclude same-gender couples from legal marriage both succeeded by more than two-to-one.

The Hawaii measure authorizes the state legislature to amend the state constitution for the purpose of restricting marriage to one man and one woman, and was intended to pre-empt a pending state Supreme Court decision which has been widely anticipated to grant marriage licenses to Gay and Lesbian couples.

The legislature has already been grappling with the issue since 1993, when the high court in a split decision interpreted heterosexual-only marriage as a violation of the Hawaii constitution's prohibition against discrimination based on gender; since then, in a decision which has been under review by the high court for two years, a trial court found that the state had failed to present a "compelling" interest in maintaining marriage discrimination.

Newly reelected Governor Ben Cayetano, who came out in favor of the anti marriage amendment, stated he planned to introduce a domestic partners measure in the state legislature. The state legislature had already enacted a "reciprocal beneficiaries" measure last year, but it was soon gutted through a technicality of its most important benefit, spousal health care coverage, for almost all Hawaiians.

In Alaska, the vote itself has amended the state constitution to restrict marriage to heterosexual couples only. Like the Hawaii vote, the measure was sparked by a court decision, a preliminary ruling made in February by a trial court judge, which is now being reviewed by the state Supreme Court. State legislators acted quickly to put the amendment on the ballot to pre-empt the courts. Despite the electoral loss, Alaska activists say that it isn't over yet, and will be planning their next move soon.

Four local elections had initiatives dealing with protections from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

In South Portland, Maine, voters enacted an anti discrimination ordinance by a strong margin to prohibit such discrimi-

nation in employment, housing, credit, and public accommodations, effective immediately. In tiny Maine town of Ogunquit, an essentially identical measure failed by a mere nine votes, after a recount.

In Fort Collins, Colorado, residents rejected a proposal to add "sexual orientation" as a protected category under the city's human rights ordinance. The City Council in Fayetteville, Arkansas enacted an anti discrimination resolution not once but twice, the second time overriding a mayoral veto, but residents took a different point of view and rejected it. This resolution would have only directly affected the city's own personnel policies, although it was presented as a model for the broader population to follow. It had been Arkansas' first ordinance against sexual orientation-based discrimination.

Florida voters also approved a constitutional amendment granting equal recognition to "female and male alike," whose opponents had threatened that it could lead to same-gender marriages.

STATEWIDE RACES

Jesse "The Body" Ventura's election as governor hit Minnesota's political establishment like the pile-driver move the former professional wrestler used to inflict on his hapless opponents in the ring. Ventura, running as the candidate of the Reform Party, body-slammed the two major party candidates: Democrat Hubert Humphrey III, the state attorney general for the past 16 years and son of the late vice president Hubert Humphrey, and Republican Norm Coleman, mayor of St. Paul.

The 47-year-old Ventura, actor, sports-radio host, and former suburban mayor and Navy SEAL is like retiring GOP governor Arne Carlson, a fiscal conservative and social moderate. Both support abortion rights and Gay rights. Ventura also supports legal recognition of Gay relationships. Ventura also suggested the state look into legalizing prostitution.

Republican Steve May became the second openly Gay candidate to be elected to the Arizona House of Representatives, from District 26 in Phoenix.

San Francisco openly Gay incumbent Supervisor, Tom Ammiano will become President of the Board of Supervisors after pulling the most votes in the field of 15 in the at-large elections. Openly Gay Mark Leno was also returned to the seat he was appointed to earlier this year. Openly Lesbian incumbent Democrat Carol Migden retained her seat in the state Assembly, while in Southern California, the state Assembly's first openly Lesbian (or Gay), incumbent Democrat Sheila Kuehl, was

Dade County To Consider G/L Rights Measure

MIAMI, FL (NP) — It's been more than 20 years since civil rights protections for Gays and Lesbians in Dade County, Florida triggered Anita Bryant's Save Our Children campaign that brought the anti-Gay religious right to national prominence, and now an anti-discrimination measure will finally be getting a hearing there again, following a 7 - 6 vote by the Miami-Dade County Commission.

When a nearly identical proposal came up in June 1997, commissioners, confronted with a roomful of conservative Christians carrying on in tent-revival style during the debate, voted against even considering it. Making the difference this time was Commissioner Miriam Alonso, changing her 1997 "no" to a "yes," in the belief that denying a public hearing last time "wasn't fair." The Commission will hear public testimony on December 1.

That belief is shared by Miami-Dade Executive Mayor Alex Penelas, who wrote an impassioned letter to the Commission supporting the bill, saying, "Denying issues a public hearing calls into question our maturity as a community. We cannot profess to be a progressive, multi-cultural community with international appeal while refusing to respect our own

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10th Annual Jerome Beillard 'Festival For Life' November 12

TUCSON — The Tenth Annual Jerome Beillard Festival for Life will take place, Sunday, November 22, 4:00 to 7:00 P.M., at the University Marriot, 880 E. Second Street, making a fine start to the celebrations of the holiday season.

COOL FM's Alan Michaels and KVOA TV-4's Lupita Murillo will be the celebrity emcees for the event.

The Festival for Life offers an opportunity to acquire works of fine art and seasonal decor and gifts at auction, while making a donation to the work of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

Well-known local artists are donating pieces of the work to be auctioned. Designers and decorators are giving their support by decorating trees donated by corporations and individuals, and by making menorahs, wreaths, topiaries and gift baskets.

The designer trees will be on display in the hotel atrium lobby, November 17-22.

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Wingspan Artist Of The Month For November

TUCSON — The public is invited to view the work of Kurt Joachim von Behrman, November 12 - December 5.

Kurt is from Scottsdale and you will be seeing more of his work in the Tucson area.

He commented on his upcoming exhibit:

"This eclectic showing of drawings, paintings, and assemblages is a sampling of the explorations I have made over the past few years. In addition, this exhibition is a collection of works that continue to influence me creatively. The final act of creating art is its presentation to others. By showing these works in this manner, I am attempting to allow the viewer an insight into the range of works I produce. To me, these works are the end results of a creative process that is still evolving.

"The reason I chose artifacts as the title of this show, is that I like the idea of shows having titles. The process of naming a show helps orchestrate not only what will be included, but provides a framework against which the show can be viewed. Plus, I like the idea of giving names to things, particularly when they sum up an idea. It is only on rare occasions when I create a work without a title, or description of some kind.

"With this show I am attempting to showcase a variety of works I have created to see if there are threads that connect them, and to see how my two dimensional works relate to my three dimensional ones. Each piece presented is something of an insight, a peek, and a brief overview of a creative act."

Wingspan's hours are from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

HIV/AIDS Community Forum Nov. 18

TUCSON — The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, in conjunction with Abbott Labs are sponsoring a community forum, "HIV Update: Looking Toward 1999."

This forum will take place, Wednesday, November 18, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., St. Mary's Hospital, 1601 W. St. Mary's Road, Century Room (across from chapel).

A local panel of doctors will review the current state of HIV management and give an update on any new advances in treatment.

For more information on this forum, call SAAF, (520) 322-6226.

Desert Voices To Perform For American Choral Directors Association

PHOENIX — Desert Voices was selected by tape audition to appear at the Arizona chapter of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA).

Desert Voices will perform a half-hour set at Camelback Bible Church, Saturday, November 21, 3:00 P.M. The setting is one of the finest acoustical performance halls in Arizona. The chorus will appear on the program with a middle school choir from Phoenix, and a choir from Northern Arizona University.

The ACDA is a national organization of choral directors from church, school and community settings. Desert Voices is honored to be the first Lesbian and Gay chorus ever to appear at a state convention in Arizona.

There are free tickets available for this momentous event. Call (520) 791-9662 for more information.

Position Open At SAAF

TUCSON — The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is looking for a Gay Men's Health Project Outreach Specialist.

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To apply, pick up job description and application instructions, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., at 151 South Tucson Boulevard, #211, or call (520) 322-6226 to have them faxed to you. Open until filled. AA/EOE

Pima AIDS Ministry Announces New Web Site

TUCSON — The Pima AIDS Ministry announced that it has a new website, offering information on the ministry plus important information and referral links.

Pima AIDS Ministry's World Wide Web address is: <http://home.cwix.com/~revhw@mci2000.com>

Pima AIDS Ministry invites everyone to logon and view the website and offer any suggestions they might have. The ministry hopes the site will be of service to the community as a whole.

The Ministry is starting their annual Christmas drive. Anyone who would like to donate items, such as a sweater or coat for Christmas, call the Ministry at (520) 318-4164.

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TUCSON — The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation presently has affordable, centrally located studio, one- and two-bedroom rental apartments available for individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS.

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than November 15. All proceeds from the cookbook will be split between Tucson and Phoenix. So get cooking!

That's about all for now. Hope you have a great week and I will see you soon! Until then, keep your pride and play safe in the saddle!

[AGRA-Tucson, POB 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717-0894. Phone: (520) 323-0805. E-mail-agratucson@aol.com]

Both evenings will begin with Country Western Line Dancing lessons from 8:00 to 9:00 P.M. We have the most experienced instructors in Tucson to "Bring Back the Line Dancing" and teach us all some new moves. Our instructors (and where they have taught lessons) will be: Gill (IBT's and Hours), Tom (Hours and IBT's), Carol (Hours) and Raul (Hours). We will continue the festivities with an AGRA Royalty show on Friday night from 9:00 to 10:00 P.M., and continue dancing the night away until close with the best country music.

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We will have 50/50 raffles all weekend and also will be raffling off a Cowboy Hat, a Cowboy "Billy" doll and also a certificate for two hours of free pool at a local billiard hall. So, come join us for the fun and festivities all weekend long and celebrate the AGRA Tradition of Chile Verde Days!

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Desert Voices Update

On October 30-31, Desert Voices presented "Desert Voices... Unmasked" at the PCC Recital Hall. Audience members delighted in the intimate cabaret setting of the hall, as Desert Voices featured small groups and soloists from the chorus. Several special guests appeared, including Tucson's own Martie van der Voort, sharing a new original piece entitled Desert Fruit. Liz Heichelbech, a dance student Pima College, presented her original work "Tilt" to the fascination and delight of the audience. Linda Bukata and Amanda Fierman from the University's Arizona Repertory Theatre, presented selections from the recent Broadway musical, Side-show.

Desert Voices women's barbershop quartet reprised their spring hit "Happy Feet," while Four Brothers shared Cole Porter's "Night and Day." The concert also featured hula dancers, music from "Chicago" and "Jekyll & Hyde," original poetry, Al Reynolds, an animated storyteller, film footage from the original "Phantom of the Opera" film, and a tragic death scene of two Desert Voices divas in the finale!

Special thanks goes to Kevin Johnson, director of the show, Stone-wall/Eagle for donating the follow spot, and the many Silent Auction volunteers.

On Saturday, Halloween night, members and audience-goers dressed in costumes and masks. The winner of the most creative mask received a gift package worth more than \$100. One patron possessed one of the scarier masks of the evening, the face of Desert Voices' Artistic Director!

Desert Voices first annual Silent Auction took place that evening and nearly \$3,400 was raised, making it Desert Voices most successful fund raising event in their history. There's a rumor that Desert Voices... Unmasked, The Sequel is already in the works!...

Desert Voices will proudly present their tenth annual holiday concert, "Tra-

ditions," at the Proscenium Theatre, December 11-12, 8:00 P.M.. From the streets of Fourth Avenue, the chorus gathers for a holiday party and shares traditions of cultures from around the world, as well as their own traditions. Highlights include "Miracle," a tale of the White Buffalo Calf Woman, with returning special guest Mary Redhouse, "Betelehemu," the vibrantly rhythmic Christmas song from Nigeria, and "Seven Principles," a moving piece describing Kwanza as written by Sweet Honey in the Rock.

Ensembles from the chorus will be featured, including the women's barbershop quartet reprising their famed rendition of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." Several audience favorites will reappear to delight your senses! Theatrical elements return with a story line, imaginative sets, costumes and choreography! Audience members are invited to bring wrapped gift items to place under our holiday poinsettia tree for SAAF and the Brewster Center, a shelter for women.

The chorus is please to present the world premiere of "Appalachian Carols," by American composer Gwyneth Walker. This major work features four carols of the Appalachian region, for SATB chorus and brass quintet. Soon to be published by EC Schirmer, this work will surely end up in the libraries of schools and community choruses around the country. Ms. Walker will attend the premiere and will present an educational forum on choral composition. The program is made possible in part through a grant from Meet the Composer, Inc., with support from the Arizona Commission on the Arts; the National Endowment for the Arts, the Metropolitan Life Foundation and ASCAP. Instrumentalists are funded by Golden Eagle Distributors.

Season tickets are still available by calling the Desert Voices office, (520) 791-9662. Tickets for Traditions are \$12/\$10 in advance and are available at the office, Antigone Books, Tucson Trunk and Unique on Central. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

Two Men Charged Under Texas Sodomy Law

HOUSTON, TX (HC)—Two Houston men have been charged under the state's 119-year-old sodomy law after police, responding to a burglary call, found them engaging in consensual sex in a private residence.

Harris County sheriff's deputies, responding to a Sept. 17 report of an armed intruder in a Harris County apartment, found the two men engaged in sex and charged them with "homosexual conduct." The man who made the burglary report later admitted to lying as a way to intimidate the Gay resident. He was charged with making a false report to the police.

The two men arrested at the scene

spent several hours in jail before being released on \$200 bail. They are to be arraigned in a justice of the peace court on Nov. 20.

The state's 119-year-old sodomy law, which was modified by the Texas Legislature in 1995, makes homosexual oral and anal sex a class C misdemeanor carrying a fine of up to \$500.

The defendants, 31 and 55, said through attorneys they are willing to fight the law in court. "This is just unbelievable that in 1998, this sort of arrest could happen," said one of their attorneys, Mitchell Katine. "For all those people who have said over the years that this statute is never enforced need to realize that that's not true."

Gay civil rights advocates have tried for years to have the sodomy statute struck from the books, arguing it is used to justify anti-Gay bias in hiring and adoptions. Civil rights advocates say this new case could sink the sodomy statute and were eager for the case to go to trial.

"Obviously, that's what we're hoping," said Clarence Bagby, president of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus. "We certainly hope to move this forward, and we'd love to see it move all the way up the ladder and be declared unconstitutional. We need to get this off the books."



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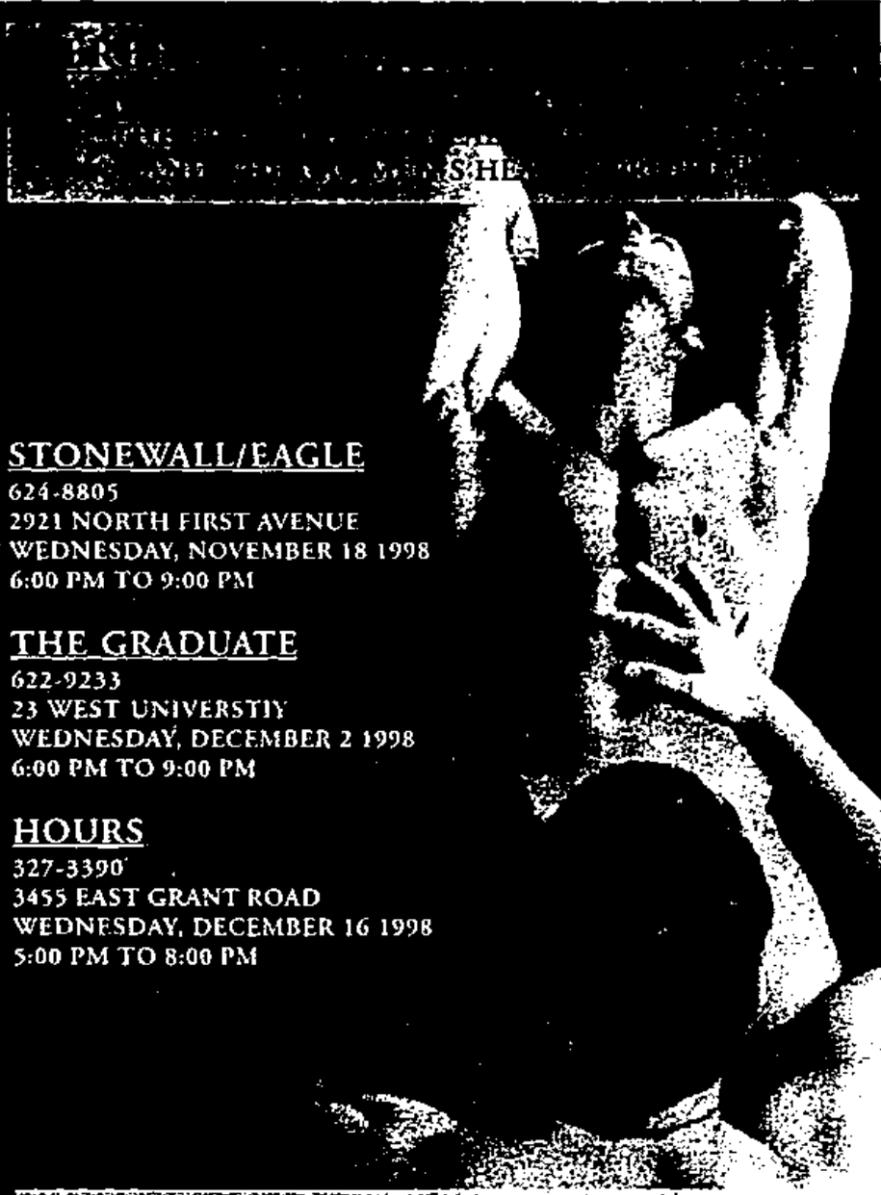
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**Same-Sex Marriage Update:
Alaska & Hawaii After The Elections**

ANCHORAGE, AK (WS) — The state Legislature has asked Alaska's Superior Court to dismiss the Gay discrimination suit filed by two Gay men against the state in light of last week's overwhelming vote to ban the recognition of Gay marriage.

The lawyer for Jay Brause and Gene Dugan, the two men who received a favorable court ruling on their court petition launching the drive to pass Ballot Measure 2, said that the men still have a legitimate case and will continue to pursue it regardless of what voters did on Election Day.

Measure 2 asked voters to add a provision to the Alaska Constitution limiting marriage to one man and one woman. The measure passed by better than a 2-to-1 margin. Kevin Clarkson, who is representing the Legislature, filed a motion Friday that claimed the electorate's rejection of same-sex marriage had removed the suit's legal basis and should be immediately dismissed.

Robert Wagstaff, lawyer for Brause and Dugan, said that approval of Ballot Measure 2 does not change what's at the heart of their case. "Regardless of whether they qualify for a marriage license, which they don't, they are entitled to the same equal protection of law as people who are married," he said.

Clarkson disputed Wagstaff's view in Friday's motion, stating that before people can claim the legal benefits of marriage, they must first be in a legally recognized union.

Anti-Gay rights activist Mike Gabbard attacked Gov. Ben Cayetano's support for a "reciprocal beneficiaries" bill that would extend marriage-related benefits to same-gender couples.

Gabbard said he is astounded that support for such a measure could be made the same week voters overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment that, in effect, bans same-sex marriage.

But Jennifer Diesman, a spokeswoman for Save Traditional Marriage '98, which pushed for passage of the amendment, said the group has no objection to domestic partnerships, which would extend some marriage rights but not marital status to Gay couples.

Save Traditional Marriage polls reveal Hawaii residents have few objections to Gay relationships and homosexuality, but strongly oppose extending marriage to Gay couples. "People are uncomfortable denying rights and benefits to any group of people," Diesman said. "A certain segment that voted 'yes' (on the amendment) favors domestic partnerships," she said.

The domestic partnership bill, unmatched anywhere in the nation for what it granted Gay couples, was part of the compromise that allowed voters to have their say on same-sex marriage, Diesman said. It extended rights such as hospital visitation, probate and property transfers but not child custody, alimony and spousal privilege.

Cayetano, who disclosed he voted "yes" on the anti-Gay marriage amendment, wants the Legislature to approve a comprehensive domestic partnership bill partly to counter assertions that the state endorses discrimination against Gay men and women.

for the unsuccessful effort to derail the anti-Gay marriage amendment, said she fully backs Cayetano's plan to have the Legislature adopt a comprehensive domestic partnership bill for Gay couples. "For some reason, the word 'marriage' has more people hung up than it should," she said.

Dade County

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residents' democratic right to be heard."

But Penelas, who does not have a vote on the question but does have veto power, went even farther to lobby for the measure itself, writing, "Contrary to some assertions, it will not legalize same-sex marriage. . . . Nor does the ordinance 'condone' or promote either heterosexuality, homosexuality or bisexuality. . . . What the ordinance does provide is the same level of protection against discrimination afforded every other County resident. . . . Adoption of the proposed policy, rather than offering special rights, will simply extend protection against discrimination to a currently unprotected group."

During the meeting there were hundreds of people demonstrating both for and against the measure on the ground floor of Dade County Hall. Opponents were members of the Christian Coalition and supporters members of the group SAVE Dade (Safeguarding American Values for Everyone). They also packed the Commission chamber for the vote.

Commissioner Katy Sorenson, sporting a SAVE Dade sticker, introduced the bill to add "sexual orientation" as a protected category under the County's human rights ordinance, which covers housing, employment, finance, and public accommodations. Five other Commissioners lined up behind her as expected, and five others opposed. But while SAVE Dade had hoped that their seventh vote would come from one person who had not been on the Commission last year, Dorrin Rolle, he voted no.

Then Alonso told the crowd, "We vote 'yes' 99% of the time on first reading. It doesn't mean how we are going to vote on second reading, but I believe we should give the opportunity for people to be heard. As public officials, we have an obligation to the public to provide this opportunity, regardless of our personal decision on this matter, how we are going to vote in the end." She would not tell reporters how she might vote on the bill itself, saying, "I have had strong feelings about that, but I think it's only fair we go through the process."

The 7 - 6 vote underscored the wisdom of having delayed the vote from the October 20 meeting it was originally scheduled for, when supportive Commissioner Jimmy Morales would not have been able to attend. Sorenson had consulted with SAVE Dade before withdrawing the item from the October agenda.

Two decades ago, the Dade County Commission approved the civil rights measure, but religious conservatives petitioned for a repeal initiative which was passed in 1977. SAVE Dade has no doubt that there will be another repeal initiative if they manage to win passage by the Commission now, and the group has already been planning for that campaign for months.

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Gay & Lesbian Marriage Proposal Defeated In French Parliament

PARIS, France (RNS) — Conservatives in the French legislature were successful in their efforts over the weekend to postpone a vote on a controversial bill that would give unmarried Gay and straight couples many of the benefits of marriage.

After 30 hours of debate and a weekend parliamentary session in which conservatives proposed more than 1,000 amendments to the Civil Solidarity Pact (PACS), Socialists relented and voted to postpone its consideration.

Legislators recessed early Monday with no new date fixed for resuming discussion of the PACS legislation, which is competing on the French legislative calendar with debate on the national budget. The government vowed to press on with the measure and to see it passed when work on the budget had been concluded.

"We were supposed to vote Tuesday, and we won't vote Tuesday. Therefore,

the opposition has achieved its objective," said Patrick Devedjian of the Rally for the Republic party of President Jacques Chirac.

A crowd of about 7,000 marched through the streets of Paris on Saturday to protest consideration of a bill that French Catholics and other conservatives say would mean the destruction of the family.

Though outnumbered by the governing Socialists, Conservatives proposed nearly a thousand amendments to the bill and planned hours of speeches on each one in an attempt to filibuster the measure. As procedural methods to outflank the Conservatives failed, the Socialists gave up in disgust, fearful other legislative priorities would be lost in the fight.

The bill would allow two unrelated people to conclude a union that would, among other things, allow them to file joint tax returns, gain inheritance benefits and take part in the other's social security coverage.

Justice Minister Elisabeth Guigou called for an end to "fantasies" over the legislation. "The real debate," she said, "is that we must be able to recognize the rights of people who live together without being married, be they homosexual or heterosexual."

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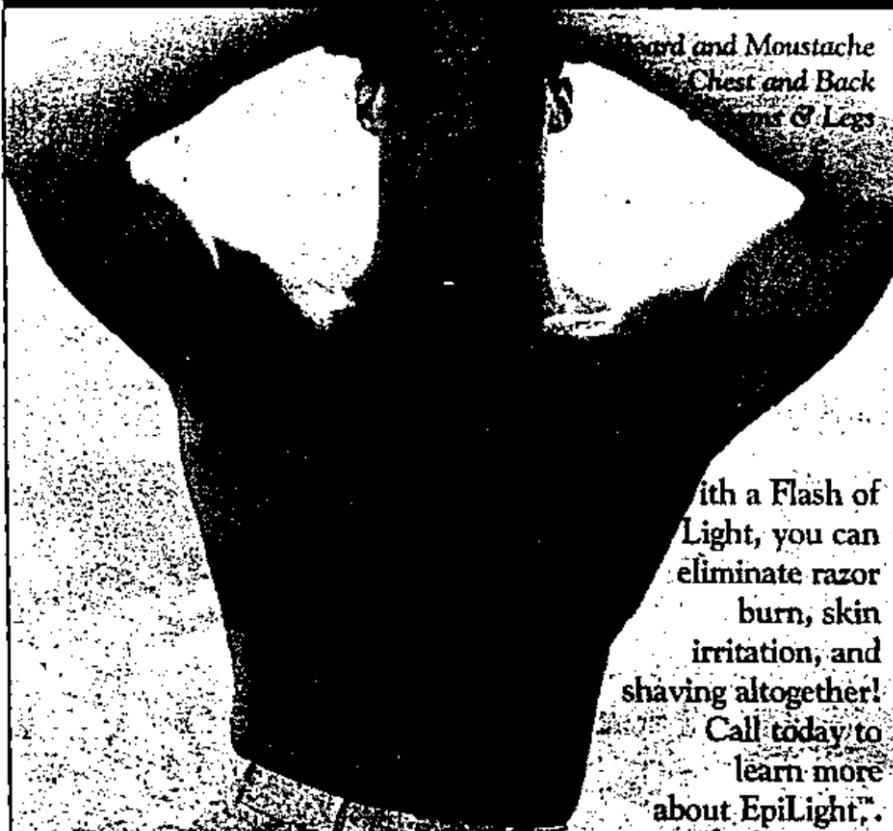
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POLITICS 1998

By MARK R. KERR



"Is It Soup Yet?"

Campaign '98 is history in most of the United States with one exception. Can we guess where? If you said Arizona, pass go and collect some early ballots, they still need to be counted, especially for one contest but we digress.

The race to see who will get "Potomac Fever" in Monica D.C. come January was a surprise, especially to the "Bungling Beltway Breeder Press," who had predicted Clinton's removal and a Republican romp. Like "Dewey defeats Truman," it didn't happen. Quelle surprise! The Democrats picked up five House seats and there was no change in the Senate. For the first time since 1934, the party that controlled the White House actually gained seats in a midterm election. Wowsers!

Many gains but there was a loss to note. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-GA, won another term to the House but took the heat for the entire GOP debacle, resigned as Speaker and will relinquish his seat in the House. Talk about irony, I just bet former House Speaker, Jim Wright, is just laughing over this!

Tammy Baldwin became the first openly Gay or Lesbian candidate to be initially elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Wisconsin's Second Congressional District as a Democrat. Openly Gay House incumbent, Barney Frank, D-MA, was unopposed and Jim Kolbe, R-AZ, won another term, beating his toughest opponent since being elected in 1984 in former Tucson Mayor, Democrat Tom Volgy.

In another House race with national implications, "B-1" got bombed! Democratic incumbent Loretta Sanchez, our heroine, trounced "B-1" Bob Dornan, Republican, homophobe and now, two-time loser, in the race for California's 46th Congressional District seat.

"B-1's" Breeders, 'er family took the loss well by beating up on some supporters of failed California Republican Senatorial candidate, Matt Fong, in John Wayneland during "B-1's" long, long, and did I say very long rant, er concession speech, besting the California record for the longest speech ever blathered in the Golden State. Dornan lasted longer than Greer Garson's 90 minute acceptance speech at the 1942 Academy Awards for her Best Actress Award for "Mrs. Miniver."

Three seconds after the polls closed in Arizona, U.S. Senator John McCain, was declared the winner by the media outlets, defeating Democrat "Ranger Ed" by more than a 100-to-1 margin. Just think that we have John to represent us in the Senate for another two years! Tucson's other Representative in the House, Democrat Ed "Who?" Pastor, won another term over very token opposition to the ambivalence of many. All the other Congressional incumbents from Arizona won another term in Monica D.C. as well. Go figure.

History was made in Arizona as well with the November election. Five women were elected to the top statewide offices. Just like the Spice Girls, but with talent! Jane Hull was elected Red-Head Spice. Betsey Bayless won as Just-In-Case-Red-Screws-Up Spice. Janet Napolitano will star as Prosecuting Spice for the next four years. Lisa Graham-Keegan won as Teacher's-Pet Spice, by default. Carol Springer is the state's new Moolah Spice.

Yippie-skippiel

One statewide race, for the open seat on the Arizona Corporation Commission is still undecided. With 20,000 or so early ballots to be counted, the Republican candidate, former state Treasurer, Pension-Padding Spice, er Tony West, leads the Democratic candidate, former state Rep. Paul Newman, by more than 1,000 votes. A recount is likely but before...

They finally finished counting the ballots from Pima County, home of smooth running elections, who lived up to their motto, again by keeping that streak of fouled-up elections alive! What happened this time? Oh, more than 10,000 ballots not getting counted due to a computer foul up! Who voted? Good question! According to the County's craptacular computer system to tabulate the votes, more than two dozen polling places recorded that no one had voted. Whoopsies! Final results sometime before the term ends for this post, in seven years or so!

For the Grand Inquisition, er State Legislature, Republicans picked up two (but really three, as explained last week) seats in the State House, with the District 3 debacle and Cosmo Kramer, er state Rep. Brian Fagin, who lost his seat in Tucson's District 13. The margin is 40-20 (really 41-19) in the State House. A race to note from the "Evil City to the North." Openly Gay Republican, Steve "He does look good in uniform!" May won his race for the State House from District 26. May becomes the second openly Gay state legislator in Arizona.

The Democrats picked up two State Senate seats, cutting the GOP margin to 16-14. Can we say compromise? A word that is not in Senate President's Brenda "Georgia Peach" Burns, vocabulary! Oh Rhett, where are we to go, what are we to do?!

Fourteen ballot propositions were considered by those few Arizonans, about 25% who bothered to trek to the polls and participate. The lowlights:

Arizona's Lottery survives for another four years. Legislators got their pay raise and voters will still decide when they get another pay hike. Not in this reporter's lifetime I hope! Campaign finance got the thumbs up. Growing Smarter passed and soon the Grand Canyon will have tract housing and shopping malls! The Medical Marijuana Act prevailed over legislative attempts to gut it. Speaking of the bunglers, voters told the Arizona Legislature to cut the crap and formally enact initiatives and referendums as written and approved by the voters. A majority to tinker with Medical Marijuana Act or Indigent Health Care Act? Try three-fourths, or 45 in the State House and 23 in the State Senate!

In Pima County, home of smooth running elections, Republican Ray Carroll won the special election for the two years remaining in the term for County Supervisor from District 4. Patti Noland is our new Pima County Superior Court Clerk. Gloria Copeland is off the Tucson Unified School District Board, while Ken Smith joined the dysfunctional bunch on the Amphi School Board.

The exciting political campaign in
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Columna Abierta. by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

¿Qué tal?... Esperamos que disfruten estos días un poco fríos los cuales continuarán porque según los estudiosos del clima, se espera el invierno más gélido de todos los tiempos... Así es que hay que estar preparados y sobre todo cuidar la salud. Y desde luego tomar precauciones para estos cambios bruscos de temperatura y no está por demás recordarles incluir vitaminas en sus dietas, sobre todo la vitamina C, y andar preparados con alguna "chamarra" por eso que nos agarre "desprevenidos" alguna onda fría...

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verdad que se presentaron muy buenos oradores así como los grupos de trabajo no estuvieron nada menos excelentes; felicidades a todos los que hicieron posible esta magnífica conferencia y dentro de los asistentes me tocó saludar al colega Steve Trujillo de CODAC quien anda muy atareado con la organización de la Conferencia "Inovaciones del VIH en la frontera" a efectuarse en mes de agosto del 1999 aquí en la ciudad de Tucson. Si desca más información al respecto, por favor comunicarse con Steve al 327-4505 ext. 192 y ya les pasaré mas detalles al acercarse la fecha...

Otro relevante programa se llevará a cabo esta semana en Tijuana B.C. donde los Presidentes de los 12 Consejos Binacionales de Salud de la Frontera de Los EE.UU y México y autoridades de la U.S/Mex. Border Health Association del Paso TX. tendrán una reunión para fortalecer los compromisos y actividades de los mencionados consejos; ya les daré la información sobre los resultados y planes de trabajos... Cabe mencionar que el Consejo de Salud de Ambos Nogales tendrá su última reunión el próximo día 25 de noviembre en el cuarto de conferencias del Hospital Holy Cross de Nogales, AZ. si necesita información adicional, la puede obtener al (520) 287-4722.

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Creo que ya se planean las vacaciones por el Día de Acción de Gracias, y no está por demás recordarles que incluyan condones en "el equipo de pesca" y además asignen quien será el conductor...

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

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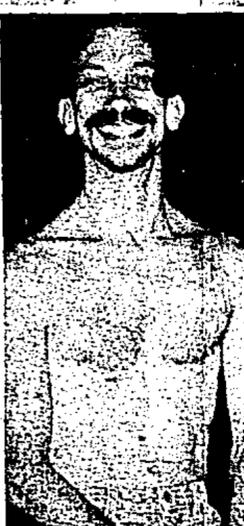
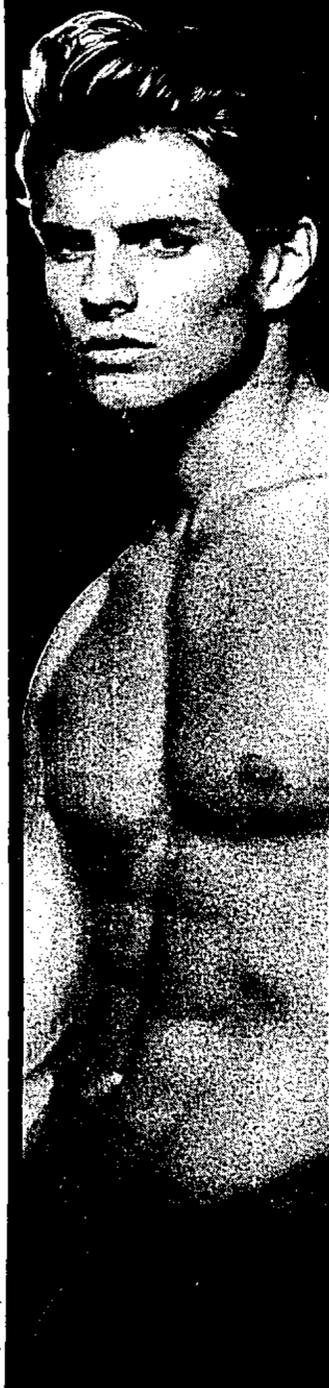
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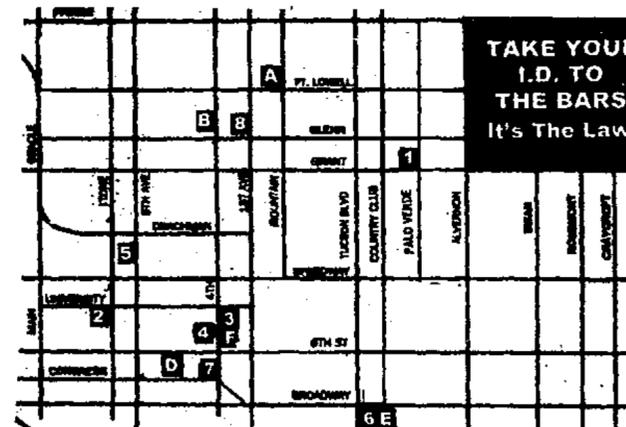
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Aggressive Mars "opposes" expansive Jupiter this week. Mountains emerge from molchills as little actions take on mammoth proportions. Be careful of what you wish, cousin; the speck of dust you blow today becomes a tornado tomorrow.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

It seems that the harder you work, the more there is to do. Feisty Gay Rams are up to it, especially when there's a greater good for our community at the end of the rainbow. You must no longer accept living in a closet. Jupiter's expansiveness blows the door off its hinges. Good! You--I find it liberating. Remember, you're beautiful... except when you wear hounds-tooth polyester.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Are you paying wholesale or retail for your jolly times? It all depends upon how much affirmation you receive from social outlets and friendships. The Mars/Jupiter opposition indicates that no price is too high to pay for true friendship but you can be cheated if the group of the hour is not playing your tune. I say make your own beautiful music and see who comes to dance.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

You can run but you cannot hide in your career proud Twin. The Mars/Jupiter opposition will push you Out of the closet ready or not. Good thing too, cousin; it will become impossible to balance your home life with your professional aspirations unless you can achieve an inner peace and harmony. What better way than to remove the disguise and stop playing it straight.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

The urge to express yourself will become overwhelming during the Mars/Jupiter opposition. But loose lips can sink battle-ships now sailor. Carefully weight your words before you weigh in with an opinion, pink Crab. Jupiter's out of control explosiveness can land you on the cover of the Advocate or the Star - your choice. And your photo will be rather unflattering....

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Can money buy happiness? It may seem that way when feisty Mars unleashes it's fury on ungainly Jupiter. Proud Lions can reap a financial windfall courtesy of ingratiating maneuvering or plain good luck. Thinking of buying a house together? Put it all on paper now so there are no hard feelings later. (However, some of us like it that way.)

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Sensitive Gay Virgins are attentive and nurturing to partners. Now, with the Mars/Jupiter opposition, you demand a little TLC for yourself. Those that gives, gets, cousin so do something good for yourself that will also have a beneficial effect on the relationship. If you're still searching for a dreamboat, you can make an aggressive and daring first impression. Pack a missile.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Mars encourages you to expend greater than average energy into volunteering for our community. No good Gay effort goes unrewarded; expect beneficial impact on the job thanks to the Mars/Jupiter opposition. If you feel like a rat on an ever speeding treadmill, don't despair, the god-

esses have a way of rewarding even the mangiest of well intentioned rats in a big way.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

If your idea of fun is seeing how many friends you can pack onto an already crowded dance floor, you will fully enjoy the Mars/Jupiter opposition. Queer Scorps never seem to know when enough is enough and this transit is no exception. Mull it over the next morning as you nurse your hangover and try to figure out where you left your nipple clamp.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

The Mars/Jupiter opposition hits sassy pink Archers in some pretty personal places. Let's put it this way, actions taken in your career will have an expansive and probably beneficial effect at home but it will also bring you face to face with chaffing family issues. Obviously things can't be changed overnight but it can't hurt to expose them to the light of day.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Gay Goats receive huge amounts of affirmation from international travel or foreign folks. The Mars/Jupiter opposition combines higher learning, communication and the day to day job in a highly charged way. One inspiration spurs another and you may find your more passionate nature guided to global Gay manifestoes which you yourself will type, xerox and distribute.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians are not the most passionate of folks, but now the Mars/Jupiter opposition turns up the hot tub to full boil. (Do I smell cooked meat?) But this hot sexual spike carries with it a cost of living increase. All that wining and dining associated with the pursuit of desire ultimately costs more than it's wort- Ah, but in the meantime, what a way to go!

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Partners have an uncanny way of goading you to take dramatic action when Mars smacks Jupiter. Could your dissatisfaction with certain relationships in fact be dissatisfaction with how you are perceived in general? You can run but you can't hide Gay Fish. Sit in front of the mirror and ask who is truly the fairest of them all. Then go spike an apple, you wicked thing, you.

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Desert Vision

by Rev. Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D.

Spiritual Reading

Many of us read. We read newspapers, books, letters, signs, advertisements, and magazines. Right now, you are reading. You are reading about spirituality. So this must be spiritual reading. Right? Wrong.

Most of the reading we do is informational reading. We read to learn, to get information. We also read for leisure, like reading a novel or short story. Spiritual reading is a different kind of reading.

When we read to gain information or for leisure, we read to comprehend the words. We want to understand what's being said. Spiritual reading is not concerned about understanding the words. Instead, in spiritual reading, one slowly reads a text to apprehend what the meaning the text has for your life.

When a person engages in spiritual reading, getting the book read isn't important. Simply reading a few sentences or a paragraph or two is sufficient. Taking time to read and re-read, slowly allowing the words to fill you, encountering the words, ruminating on what is being said, is what spiritual reading is all about.

Usually for spiritual reading, the text read is a sacred text or an inspiring book written by a spiritual teacher. A simple way to do spiritual reading is:

1. Sit in a quiet place, relax, and take a few deep breathes.
2. Having already selected the text, read over it (or a paragraph of it) to get an understanding of what the text is about.
3. Read it a second time, slowly and carefully. Allow the words to sink in. If a word or phrase strikes you, pause to reflect on it. You may want to re-read it several times.

4. Take time to quietly consider what meaning this text has for you.

The best way to understand spiritual reading is to actually do it. The following is a brief text taken from, The Teaching of Buddha. Use the above steps to spiritually read this text:

It is a very good deed to cast away greed and to cherish a mind of charity. It is still better to keep one's mind intent on respecting the Noble Path.

One should get rid of a selfish mind and replace it with a mind that is earnest to help others. An act to make another happy inspires the other to make still another happy, and so happiness is born from such an act.

Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.

Spiritual reading is has a natural connection with keeping a journal. After spending twenty to thirty minutes in spiritual reading, it can be helpful to take five or ten minutes to record the experience. Simply note what the text or passage was that you read; what struck you about it; and what was important to you in the time of spiritual reading.

Spiritual reading allows the words of an inspired or inspiring text to take root in us. The words resonate in us an evoke further understanding of our life, the world around us, and our spiritual path.

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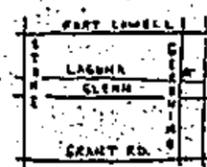
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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

It's not yet the middle of November, but the stores are stock full of Christmas decorations and gift ideas. In fact, some stores began displaying Christmas gift-giving ideas way back in August! But the fact that corporate America begins fighting for your Christmas dollar earlier and earlier each year is not my focus today.

No. The question running through my head today is "How can there be so many references to Christmas all around us and yet people miss the message?" That message of course is that Jesus Christ was born some two-thousand years ago and that is why we celebrate.

If all I saw in the stores were Santa Claus, wreaths and decorated trees then I

could understand why people don't "get it." But I see mangers with Mary and Joseph figurines looking adoringly at the baby Jesus. I see "Jesus is the reason for the season" on pins, t-shirts and bumper stickers. I see Joseph walking as Mary rides the donkey on Christmas cards and the three wise men imprinted on wrapping paper. The clincher? I hear the words to song after song being piped through the stores. Words that tell the story. Words that proclaim the birth of Jesus. Hark! The herald angels sing. Glory to the new born king! Joy to the world! The Lord has come. What child is this, who laid to rest. This, this is Christ the King, and the list goes on. Yet we shop, we buy and we may even sing. But it seems we don't really hear nor see. If only people would pause a moment and think of the words to those songs. Maybe they would then question or perhaps remember the real meaning of Christmas.

During the next few weeks you no doubt will be somewhere and see or hear something that has to do with the birth of Jesus. Will you stop, look, or listen? Or will you move about hurriedly, noticing the song, a phrase or the picture, yet not really acknowledging it and its meaning? I pray you will. My prayer for each one of you in our community is that you will come to know Jesus Christ this Christmas season and realize that we really do have something to celebrate!

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Election '98

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easily returned to office.

Openly Lesbian incumbent Democrat Evelyn Mantilla won handily despite some nasty campaigning by her opponent for the Connecticut Legislature.

Washington, D.C. for the first time will now have two openly Gay City Council members. Republican incumbent David Catania easily retained his at-large seat despite the city's heavily Democratic population. Openly Gay Whitman-Walker clinic director Jim Graham first ousted an incumbent to win his primary election and then withstood a smear campaign to win an easy victory in his Ward.

Openly Gay Democrat DeWayne Kemp, came in second in a field of three, in losing a seat on the Monroe County (Florida) Board of Commissioners to Republican George Neugent.

The only openly Gay in the Illinois state House, Democrat Larry McKeon, easily retained his seat by a wide margin.

Kim Painter, Democrat and an openly Lesbian columnist, ousted an incumbent to become Recorder of Johnson City, Iowa.

Michael Quint, an openly Gay incumbent, retained his seat in the Maine state House.

Openly Lesbian incumbent Karen Clark retained her seat in the Minnesota State House of Representatives, defeating two challengers.

Despite raising more money than any previous Republican running for the office, openly Gay Michael Duffy failed in his bid to become State Auditor of Massachusetts. Jarrett Barrios won a seat in the Massachusetts state House, and incumbent openly Lesbian Democrat Liz Malia retained her seat in the state House, winning by a wide margin.

Openly Gay Democrat David Parks lost his bid for the Nevada State Assembly.

Tom Duane, an openly Gay New York City Council member since 1992, will now be the first openly Gay member of the New York state Senate.

Mike Pisaturo retained his seat in the Rhode Island State House by a very comfortable margin.

Texas State Representative, openly Gay Democrat, Glen Maxie, was reelected to his seat, defeating his openly Gay Republican opponent, the first contest between two openly Gay or Lesbian political candidates in Texas history.

Despite concerted and unwanted opposition, by her opponent, from the Eagle Forum, Democrat Jackie Biskupski became the first openly Lesbian or Gay candidate to win election to the Utah state House of Representatives, beating Republican Bryan Irving.

Incumbent Vermont Treasurer Ed Flanagan, the only openly Gay in the U.S. ever to hold a statewide office, trounced his opponent to retain his office.

While Tammy Baldwin goes off to Washington, openly Gay Democrat Mark Pocan has snapped up her seat in the Wisconsin Assembly, facing only token opposition.

'Festival For Life'

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The Festival would also not be complete without the Paper Prayers — the traditional Japanese gift of artwork on strips of paper, given to inspire good health.

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Politics

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the state was for the race for the U.S. House of Representatives from Congressional District 5 (CD 5), encompassing most of Tucson. The incumbent, Republican Jim Kolbe defeated his toughest challenger in Democrat Tom Volgy, the former Tucson Mayor.

According to one high-ranking Democratic source, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, Volgy blew a golden opportunity to win for two main reasons, limiting the amount of money he would raise for the race and his campaign message.

According to the source, campaign finance reform could work when it's a level playing field, both candidates having the same amount of money to spend but that wasn't the case in CD 5. Kolbe, no supporter of campaign finance reform, raised nearly three times what Volgy did. The source also commented that Volgy running against PAC's would go only so far, he needed to tailor his message for the District, covering local issues of note to voters, such as the Sabino Gun Range and a controversial open mine in Southeastern Arizona.

So Jim Kolbe won another term. Does this mean Gays and Lesbians who live in CD 5 will finally have a voice in Congress, actually speaking out? Does this mean two more years of the Gay and Lesbian community being ignored, despite the fact we are here, Queer and pay taxes?

Good question. According to a high-ranking source within the Tucson Chapter of the Log Cabin Republicans, a Gay and Lesbian town hall with Rep. Kolbe is in the planning stages. The source stated the event was to have taken place on November 17, but the organization has moved the forum to the beginning of next year.

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Latest Scandals Provoke Soul-Searching In Britain

LONDON, England (WS) — According to a number of print and television reports, another aspect of the British capital's current obsession with the sex lives of its Gay government officials is that it is forcing people to take another look at cultural attitudes toward Gay men and Lesbians.

The broadcast of biting anti-Gay rhetoric has shocked many Britons and has prompted a national dialogue very similar to the one that took place in the United States following the murder of Matthew Shepard.

Norman Tebbit, a former Cabinet minister and Conservative member of the House of Lords, responded to Gay allegations against agriculture minister Nick Brown by saying homosexuals should be barred from holding important Cabinet positions. He said they might hatch what he called "a Gay conspiracy" though he declined to speculate on what that might entail.

Tebbit's comments embarrassed the Conservative Party which has been trying to update its stuffy and bigoted image under the leadership of William Hague. The Conservative opposition leader has gone out of his way to recruit Gay men and women as party members and condoned Labour's recent unsuccessful effort to lower the Gay age of consent to 16, the same age that applies to heterosexuals.

A story this week that received considerably less attention than the Davies scandal highlighted the nation's reluctance to tackle real-life consequences of homophobia. An inquest found that a 15-year-old choirboy in Burton-on-Trent hanged himself after being tormented by students who mocked him as Gay because he preferred cooking and drama to sports.

While British newspapers widely reported the impact Shepard's death was having in the U.S., most treated homopho-

bia as a major American — not British — problem. Conservative newspapers in Britain routinely dismiss the United States as a crime-ridden haven for gun nuts and lunatics and cited the Shepard murder as further evidence people were better off in Britain.

Stephen Twigg, one of only four openly Gay members of Britain's 659-member Parliament, said, "Thank goodness we are no longer in the days when Lord Tebbit's views counted for anything in government."

It is unclear how much further the examination of the national psyche will go. But even if it continues no further, the Independent declared this weekend, "there is an important lesson to learn from the events of the past week. Namely, that homophobia is still endemic to Britain."

Twice Daily HIV Protease Inhibitor Dosing May Be Feasible

WESTPORT, CT (RHIS) — Based on alterations in the pharmacokinetics of indinavir when it is administered with zidovudine, researchers from Abbott Laboratories suggest that twice-daily dosing of this combination may be possible. "This could potentially improve patient compliance and thereby reduce treatment failures," they add.

To investigate the feasibility of twice-daily dosing of zidovudine and indinavir, Dr. Ann Hsu and colleagues in Abbott Park, Illinois, evaluated the pharmacokinetic interaction between the two drugs in five groups of healthy adult volunteers. The subjects began with indinavir monotherapy and then received various doses of zidovudine or placebo.

Overall, co-administration of zidovudine and indinavir resulted in statistically significant increases in plasma concentrations of indinavir, they report in the November issue of Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy.

Dr. Hsu's group suggests that zidovudine most likely "... inhibited the cytochrome P-450 3A metabolism of indinavir and substantially increased plasma indinavir concentrations, with the areas under the plasma concentration-time curve (AUC) increasing up to 475% and the peak concentration in serum (Cmax) increasing up to 110%."

Based on their findings, the researchers conclude that these two protease inhibitors can be effectively administered at reduced doses. "The preliminary results from use of the regimen of 400 mg of zidovudine and 400 mg of indinavir in combination b.i.d. in patients have shown that the regimen may be highly efficacious and well tolerated."



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Gallo Hopeful About Vaccine

BANGKOK, Thailand (WS) — American AIDS researcher Robert Gallo has said that recent work has raised his confidence that a vaccine can be developed against the

deadly disease in four years.

Speaking to researchers at Bangkok's Chulalongkorn University, Gallo, credited for codiscovering HIV, said he is more confident now of a vaccine than he was a year ago. "Recent researches make me confident that we will have something in the form of a preventive vaccine, say, in the coming three or four years," Gallo said.

He added that recent laboratory studies show that a protein in the urine of women early in pregnancy can inhibit the replication of HIV in the test tube. Meanwhile, study on a vaccine is under way on 80 volunteers in several European countries and Israel, made by combining interferon, used in treating Hepatitis B and cancer, with TAT, an HIV-generated protein.

Trials are likely to begin in the United States after it receives approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, possibly in February, according to Gallo.

Woman Basketball Player Still Benched

LEXINGTON, KY (NP) — U.S. District Judge Jennifer Coffman declined to order North Kentucky University to reinstate Jaime Garner as a member of its women's basketball team. Garner is suing the school claiming that she was thrown off the team in May because the coach perceived her to be a Lesbian, although she says she is not.

Last season, she had been the team's second-highest scorer and was also among the team's leaders in steals, blocked shots and assists. NKU denies that sexual orientation had anything to do with the decision, claiming instead that Garner was disruptive to the team.

The school believes this preliminary decision indicates it is likely to win in the case itself, for which no hearing date has yet been set. The season is about to start, and Garner is a senior who hopes to play professionally.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for Dinner Out as we visit El Torero at 231 E. 20th Street. Please phone in your reservation to Bill as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant of the number of men attending. For directions and reservations, please contact Bill at 546-7530.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. It's Friday the 13th, so the only possible film to run is that ultimate slasher: "Titanic". Moon over Leo one more time, and hang on for the ride! For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

1. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:30 a.m. You're invited to relaxed morning birding, as the guys go to Sweetwater Wetlands (at the end of Prince, west of I-10). For more information, please contact Gene at 625-6109.

2. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a night of conversation as we discuss "Tolerant in Our Gay Family." Do we treat drag queens as equals? What about PWAs? Is there really a gay mafia/lesbian riot? These and other questions are bound to come up. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

Cronies Social Club monthly meeting 7:00 p.m. MCC Church, 3208 N. Mountain. Potluck, all men are welcome. Meet in the front building.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

Comedian Suzanne Westendorfer presented by In Concert and Antigone Books will be performing at the Berger Performing Arts Center, on the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind campus, Speedway just west of I-10. Recommended for mature audience. Tickets are \$17 for reserved seating, with general admission \$15 in advance or \$16 at the door. They are available at Antigone Books and Tucson Trunk. "A center stage Diva who bursts out of her closet with little explosions of outspoken bemusement that could make even Betty Midler blush," says the New York Daily News.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Cronies Social Club mid-month dinner 6:30 p.m. at Gandhi Cuisine of India, 150 W. Ft. Lowell. Call 888-7284 if you plan to attend.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Gays and Lesbians United (GLU) will hold their informational dinner at 6:00 p.m. at St. Phillips Episcopal Church in the East Gallery. The church is located on the Northeast corner of River and Campbell. All Gay, Lesbian and AIDS groups are welcome. The Mayor's meeting with the G&L Community will be discussed. RSVP to David at 323-7943.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take be held at Leo & Jerry's home. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Sated and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, November 15 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

10 annual Jerome Bellard Memorial "Festival For Life" at the University Park Marriott Ballroom. Silent Auction at 4:00 p.m. Live Auction 5:00 p.m. Benefits SAAF and features designer holiday trees, menorahs, paper prayers, wreaths, fine art, gift baskets, celebrity collectibles and many unique gifts. Enjoy a dessert buffet, no-host bar and entertainment as you show your support for Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. \$25 advance sale or \$30 at the door. For nearest ticket outlet or for more information call 322-6228.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Cronies Social Club Lunch Date, Wildcat House, 1801 N. Stone. 1:00 p.m.

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. A showing of the little known film "We Think The World of You", starring Gary Oldman & Alan Bates as lovers in the 1950s. Join us for one or both of these events (but you don't have to help with the newsletter). For reservations & directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A fun evening devoted to all things British. Three episodes from some of your favorite series or other British fare will be offered. This event is on the east side of town. For directions and reservations, please call Loren at 733-0072.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join your gay Tucson family for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. There's no reason to be home alone on a holiday. Join us, and discover the family you've always wanted. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7530. If he's not home, please leave a message, and he'll get back to you as soon as he can.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Back by popular demand, 78's Nite at the Biz. Drink specials all night. No Cover.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - AGRA Annual Chili Verde Days. The Stonewall goes country this weekend only. 8-9 p.m. Country Dance Lessons. 9-10 p.m. AGRA Royalty Show. 10 p.m. to closing, Country Dancing. A fundraiser for Saguaro Regional Rodeo 2000.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

GRADUATE - Tournament of Graduate Champions featuring the best pool players. 2:00 p.m. TKO Beer Bust 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - AGRA Annual Chili Verde Days. The Stonewall goes country this weekend only. 8-9 p.m. Country Dance Lessons. 9-10 p.m., Karaoke Contest and 10 p.m. to closing Country dancing. A fundraiser for Saguaro Regional Rodeo 2000.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Q and Beer Bust for IBT's Arizona Angels softball team. 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Also, Karaoke on the patio with Billy D. 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Then at 8:00 p.m., a Special Fundraiser Show for IBT's Arizona Angels Softball Team. Hosted by Veronica DuPuis and Alja Simons and featuring Bunny Fu Fu and Diore La Blanc and starring team members as Fomica Dishes, and Big Lulu and three hunky team members bare it all in their first strip show! Also, Michael McDonald will be singing live!

STONEWALL / EAGLE - "Winners Circle" Pool Tournament of Champions. Play begins 2:00 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

GRADUATE - Beginning tonight and every Monday hereafter, Karaoke with Billy D. 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

IBT'S - "Puttin' On The Lips" lipsync contest hosted by Victoria DuPuis and Felice Renard. \$50 first prize.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - FREE/Anonymous HIV Testing by Pima County Health Dept. 8:00 - 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - A Black-Out Party at the Biz. Black Russians, Black Sambucas and Jaeger only \$2.00 from 9:00 p.m. to closing. Discount drinks for those in all black. Dance music 9:00 to close.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

VENTURE-N - Mr. Venture-N Contest. Watch for more details.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

IBT'S - Comedian Mark Davis will take the stage here this evening. Watch for more details.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Session VII Pool Tournament of Champions. Play begins 2:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Latin Night! Tucson's hottest Latin music played by DJ Hill 9:00 to 1:00 a.m. No cover. Lots of drink specials.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

IBT'S - Ravella Gay Men's Chorus "Bachelor Auction". It's a great time for you and for a great singing group. Mark your calendars.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Russian Roulette Pool Tournament. Warm-up at Noon. Play begins 2:00 p.m.

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IBT'S - Annual Winter Street Fair. Thousands will be there over this weekend as usual. Get in the middle of the action at IBT's - right on the avenue!



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a new monthly feature called Classic Cinema. We'll showcase an old movie, along with a cartoon and a short. Tonight's feature is "The Shop Around the Corner" starring Jimmy Stewart as a man who is writing letters to an unknown pen friend. This movie is currently being remade as "You've Got Mail" starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. See the original here, first. For directions and reservations, please call Les at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). TBA Our monthly Nite will be held somewhere hikeable today. For details, please call Ron at 327-1852.

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

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.50, Draft 75¢ Schlappes 75¢. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm. \$2 Bloody Marys & \$1.50 Screwdrivers 11-5pm. Country music & dancing.

IBT'S - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-3pm. \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 Well. Bonafide 2-3-4 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 2:00pm. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 11-11 5pm. BBQ 2-8. Hottest sounds in town with DJ Rayman

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 60¢ draft. \$81 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Gosa Burgers 5-7pm. Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 7pm.

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. -8-Ball tournament 8pm, \$3 entry, pot matched. Monday Night Football - 5 screens. \$2.00 Coors 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 of day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour noon-3pm. \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50/\$2.00 pitchers. Extreme dance with DJ Michael 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 11-11 8pm. Party with club in the evening. Doc's Dart Tournery 8pm in the Eagle. Free pool all day and night.

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

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. 78's/80's 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 small/\$4 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 an IBT's T-shirt get happy hour prices 8 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. Extreme Dance with DJ Michael 8pm to closing.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 11-11 8pm. Eight Ball pool tournament, warm-up 8pm, play begins 7pm. Latin Dance Party w/ DJ Eduardo 9pm - 1am.

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

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free Pool 2-4. \$1.25 pitchers 8-midnight. Dance music with DJ Rahyn 8pm-1am. Shot specials all night

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50; Domestic \$1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tournament. 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 8 pm to close. Dance with David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Daily Drink Specials. Happy Hour 11-11 8pm. Karaoke Nite: 8 to close w/Billy Dee in the Leg. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hottest sounds in town w/DJ Rayman

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon. Cuervo Gold \$2 and Coors 1888 \$2.25 Open to close.

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2hr1 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. \$81 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¢ Schlappes 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 (pot check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 11-11 8pm. Latin Dance Party w/Eduardo in the Stonewall Open to close. Weekly Traveesti Show 10:30pm.

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

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 Hill.

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

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

IBT'S - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Deans of York 6-8pm. 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. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 11-11 8pm. Y.G.I.F. Free snacks 4:30-8pm The hottest sounds in town w/DJ Rayman 9pm. To close in the Stonewall.

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

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. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 11-11 6pm. Free Pool noon to 8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. The hottest sounds in town w/DJ Rayman.

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



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BISexual INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 309 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. Intermediate or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 11 a.m. Check it out!

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

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

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 309 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 822-3260.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 684-7063.

TIHAN, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

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

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 309 E. 6th St. Contact: 323-8878 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 791-7878.

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7578 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 297-9682 or Sr. Joan 742-8996.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9829, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-8057 (evlkn@icb.net.com)

AZykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tynd@server.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 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or services. New in their 16th year! (27 in Tucson).

TRANSGENDER ISSUES: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on first Mondays for informal discussion of transgender topics. Hosted by Dazert Boyz. For information call Gary at 528-8659 or send email to: moonkay@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) 802-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 802-278-4805.

GAY MORMON, EX-MORMON. New support and discussion group. For information call 529-4580

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS. Individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual and Trans men who are victims/survivors in same-sex relationships. Group meets Tuesdays 7 to 8:30 pm at a confidential location. For information or appointment call 218-2827. Wingspan Domestic Violence Project.

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-9626

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85803 / (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 578-8027 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 43918, Tucson, AZ 85733-3918, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline for info at 848-5541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-AHON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2948 E. Thomas, Phoenix. EHO 581-8854 or Room 968-2384.

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

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:58-9:06 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Gerontona (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-8466 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTNING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7260.

MALE MEN: Long-haired GAY male peepal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to job. Box 231, Steeles B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P6C4

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

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-6662.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadcaster Building). Office Hours 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Preventive education programs. 322-8225. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS. World wide web: http://www.saat.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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. For more information call Mitch at 328-3555

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 573-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 881-1784 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. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

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. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 584-9280, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call information and Referral 881-7784 - 9 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 8:30 - 9:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 309 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 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 8:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. Call the church at Davey at 846-1208 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

LIZHEN HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backcountry of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Rubyfruit Journal available at Arizone 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 questions. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 309 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Saturday 1 to 3 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 323-8005 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40394, 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. 322-5855. Leave message.

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

ATTENTION ALL NUDDISTS - 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 84-0, Cortaro, AZ 85632.

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DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30 pm at Armory Park Soccer Center, 228 S. 8th Ave. Call 791-9662.

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TUCSON — The Desert Players Theatre will be performing "Forty Carats," adapted by Jay Allen from a play by Barillet & Gredy, November 13-15 and 20-22

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All performances are held at the Tucson Center for the Performing Arts, 408 South Sixth Avenue. Ticket prices are \$8 general, \$7 student/senior/military or group. Curtain rises at 8:00 P.M., with Sunday matinee performances at 2:00 P.M.

For more information, call (520) 733-0733.

Tensions High In Maine Town

OGUNQUIT, ME (BG) — Gay men and Lesbians, who have lived in harmony with the straight community in Ogunquit, Maine, for decades, said the town's rejection of a Gay-rights ordinance means more tension and less tolerance in the seaside resort town.

"Ogunquit has always had the reputation for being an open-minded, tolerant community, but I don't think that's the case anymore," Albert Dello Russo, a member of the town's Planning Board, said.

"The town that calls itself 'Beautiful Place by the Sea' now needs an asterisk," he said. "It's a beautiful place if you're Gay as long as you don't push it."

As voters in South Portland were endorsing an identical citywide Gay rights ordinance, Ogunquit split right down the middle and rejected the Gay rights clause by just nine votes, 383-374. An official recall was scheduled, but for many the damage has been done.

Adding to the sense of Gay defeat, Ogunquit widely rejected a bid to recall a member of the town's Board of Selectman, John Miller, who drew the ire of Gay residents when he said he could not "accept homosexuality." Residents voted 473-304 to retain Miller in a local election that drew 65 percent of the town's registered voters — the second-highest turnout in Ogunquit's history.

Many feel Ogunquit's vote was more about politics and personalities than a true measure of Gay-rights support. On Feb. 10 the town voted overwhelmingly against a referendum rescinding the state's Gay-rights law.

"It's not a real gauge of how people are thinking," said David Garrity, vice president of the Maine Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance. "A lot of people were offended at the idea of taking this out personally on Mr. Miller. I wouldn't be surprised if a Gay-rights measure comes up before Town Meeting and passes before the summer."

GLAAD Continues To Work For Equal Marriage Rights

NEW YORK, NY — The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) expressed disappointment but was undeterred by the vote in Hawaii, which approved an unprecedented constitutional amendment aimed at impeding the right to civil marriage for Lesbian and Gay couples. Voters in Alaska approved a similar measure.

GLAAD Executive Director Joan M. Garry said, "GLAAD understands how powerful the impact of education and images is upon the American public. GLAAD has been working with journalists and providing them with direct access to those who will be most affected by the freedom to marry. Children of Lesbians and Gay men, Lesbian and Gay parents, clergy, and couples. That Hawaii and Alaska ratified these amendments speaks to the power of old myths and harbored fear about the lives of Lesbians and Gay men. And that is precisely what we are trying to undo."

In both Hawaii and Alaska, voters were asked to decide whether or not to ratify constitutional amendments impeding equal marriage rights for all people, regardless of their sexual orientation or identity. A superior court in Alaska and the Hawaii supreme court have both ruled in favor of the freedom to marry in the past. The votes were intended to undermine that litigation.

Garry continued: "This is an issue about 'real' people falling in love; 'real' people spending their lives together... real people period. Ultimately, we have faith that most Americans will agree that the freedom to marry is not only a wonderful thing, but an absolute and undeniable right."

GLAAD is the nation's Lesbian

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LAPD Should Boost Hate Crime Tracking

LOS ANGELES, CA (WS) — With hate crimes on the rise, a Los Angeles task force wants the police department to modify the way it trains investigators to handle cases in which a victim was targeted due to gender, religion, race, or sexual orientation.

In a report distributed last week, the Hate Crimes Task Force also said the LAPD should develop a database of hate crimes that would identify trends and help authorities recognize sooner whether a particular group is being targeted.

"Law enforcement can do a better job of tracking and reporting hate crimes," said Maria Haro, spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission. "Many times officers do not recognize all of the elements that make it a hate crime." Police Commissioner Dean Hansell, who headed the task force and is openly Gay, said these suggestions are a wake-up call for authorities. Last year Los Angeles County had the second-largest number of hate crimes of any county in the nation, he said.

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