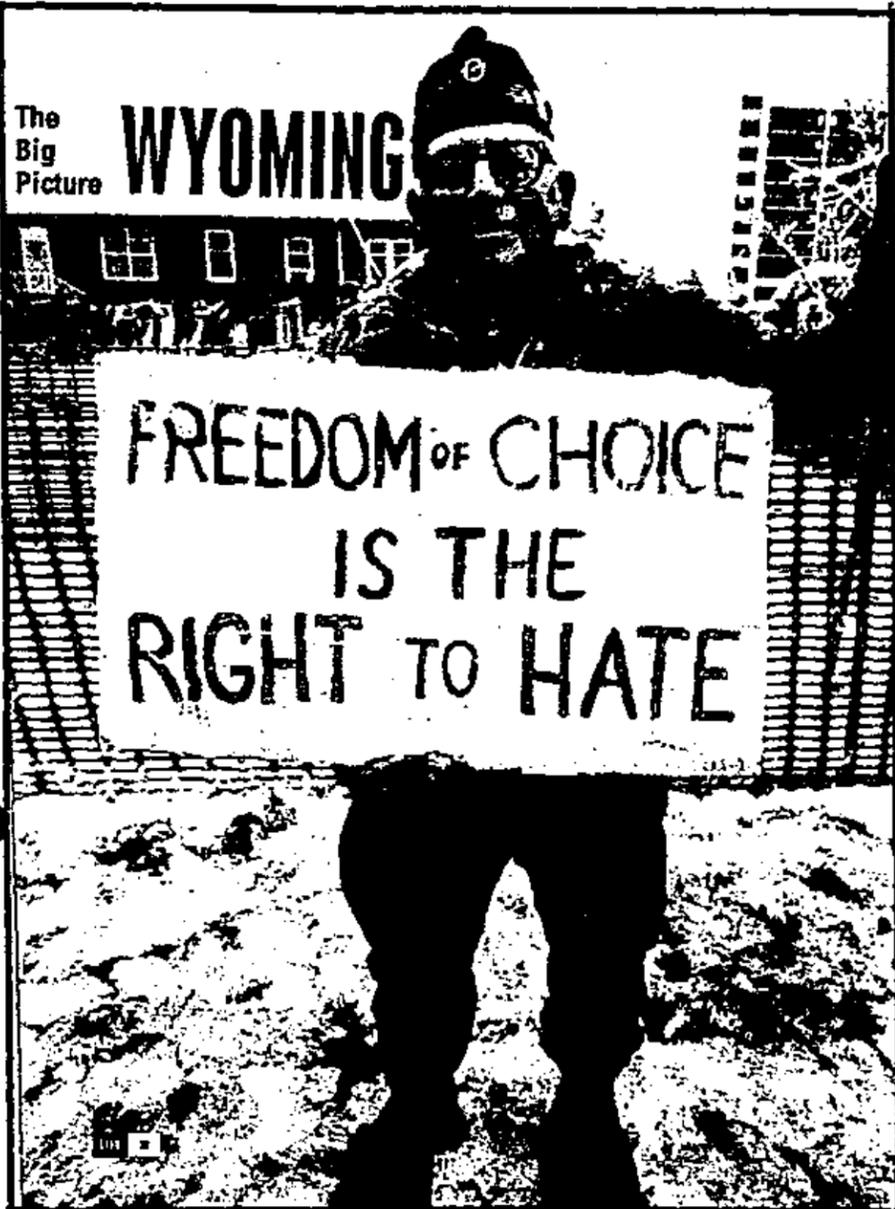


## A Real Slice Of 'Life'



Richard Osborn, 74, lives in a quiet town (Natrona, pop. 6) but carries a loud message. He stood his ground with a dozen other protesters as mourners attended the October 16 funeral of Matthew Shepard, the 21-year-old Gay student beaten to death in Laramie. PHOTOGRAPHED IN CASPER BY M. NANETTE MARTIN. (Reprinted from Life Magazine).

## Move On To Replace Georgia Sodomy Law Struck Down By Courts

ATLANTA, GA (NP) — Their own state's Supreme Court ruled the sodomy law unconstitutional, but Georgia's conservative legislators are determined to find a way to outlaw "sin."

When the Georgia state Supreme Court on November 23 struck down the state's 19th century sodomy law as an unconstitutional invasion of privacy, Gays and Lesbians cheered, but a number of the state's conservative politicians were alarmed. They're already talking about an amendment to the state's constitution to reinstate the "crimes against nature" statute, a process which would first require the approval of 2/3 of the state General Assembly and then the approval of the voters in a referendum.

Because it was the state's highest court ruling on a state law based on the

state's constitution, the decision is the last legal word on the matter, with no possibility of an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"The main issue is whether or not the state is going to condone sinful behavior," said Georgia Senate Minority Leader Eric Johnson (R-Savannah). He also said, "I would certainly think there ought to be an attempt to fix it. I don't think the citizens of Georgia want the state to condone anything just because it's done behind closed doors. I think we ought to be able to ban Gay sex." Actually, the case in which the Georgia Supreme Court made its historic decision referred to a heterosexual act.

"I would expect there would be an effort to remedy that," said state Representative Roger Byrd (D-Hazlehurst), who is

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## Moscone's Son Comes Out At Memorial Service

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (NP) — "I wonder how he'd feel if he knew I was Gay, and I only come up with one word — proud," said Jonathan Moscone of his father, the late San Francisco Mayor George Moscone.

This first public announcement by the slain mayor's youngest son of his sexual orientation tended to overshadow all else as San Francisco observed the 20th anniversary of Supervisor Dan White's November 27, 1978 assassination of Mayor Moscone and the city's first openly Gay Supervisor Harvey Milk. The two victims had played key roles in passing San Francisco's first civil rights protections for Gays and Lesbians shortly before their deaths. The gathering at the War Memorial Opera House of hundreds of people, many of them Gays and Lesbians, shared Jonathan's pride.

Jonathan, now art director of the Dallas Theater Center, was only 14 when his father was killed. "My father died for what he believed in — human rights," he told the crowd, having been selected by his family to speak for all of them. "For that, he will always be remembered, and for that, he will always be alive." Later Moscone said he came out at the event "because I thought people should know [his father] would have loved me more, knowing I had the courage to come out and be honest." He said he'd told his family about a year and a

half ago.

Openly Lesbian state Assembly member Carole Migden (D-San Francisco) remarked that Moscone's coming out "was very affirming for the Gay community — for him to connect his family and the Gay community. As Gays, we call our relationships 'families,' and when we gather around the Thanksgiving table, we form our own family clusters. It was courageous for Jonathan to do this."

Moscone's former press secretary, Corey Busch, said of the late mayor that, "George was one of the first non Gay advocates for Gay rights in the country. He was fighting for Gay rights legislation almost a quarter of a century ago. To him, Gay rights was no different from fighting for the rights of blacks, Hispanics, women, people."

Harry Britt, the Gay man who assumed Milk's seat after the shootings, called on the crowd as he believed Milk would have, with a "radical challenge" to "do more" to fight for social justice. Bisexual Joan Bacz echoed the same theme musically with "Carry it on, carry it on." Mayor Willie Brown ended the event saying, "San Francisco is very special because the people of San Francisco make it that way. George and Harvey did it for us."

## Tucson Marked World AIDS Day With Activities And Remembrances

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) — People in Tucson and Pima County: young, old, HIV- and HIV+, straight and Gay, came together for World AIDS Day, marking the eighteenth anniversary of the epidemic and remembering friends, relatives and lovers living with AIDS and those who lost their battle to the disease.

This year's theme for World AIDS Day was "Youth Can Be a Force for Change." Youth was the focus with activities and events in Tucson and Pima County to spread information about HIV and AIDS. A recent Centers for Disease Control study that reported one in four of all new HIV infections occurs in young people between the ages of 13-20.

The Flandrau Science Center at the University of Arizona presented a special program featuring young speakers and a performance by QueerVoice, a group of Gay and Lesbian youths. People living with HIV/AIDS also addressed the gathering on how they live with the disease.

In addition to the special program at the Flandrau, anonymous HIV testing was offered on the University of Arizona campus by the Pima County Health Depart-

ment. The University of Arizona Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Alliance distributed condoms on the mall and sponsored a marathon of AIDS-themed movies at the Student Union.

The galleries on the U of A campus marked the eighteenth anniversary of the AIDS epidemic with a Day Without Art. Centennial Hall, the Joseph Gross Gallery and the Museum of Art draped works of arts with black cloth, displayed a large red ribbon, and displayed a special work and a statement of awareness to remind people of how this disease has devastated the art world.

An interfaith service, sponsored by the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), was held at the Catalina United Methodist Church, a solemn remembrance for the victims of AIDS.

Other events observing the day included: AIDS awareness activities at the Tohono O'odham Department of Human Services, Pascua Yaqui Health Department, El Pueblo Neighborhood Center Gym, and St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church,

The Flandrau Science Center is also hosting the traveling exhibit, "What

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# UPDATE

## Arizona Central Pride Gears Up With Logo Contest

PHOENIX — Summer is over, fall has arrived, the holidays are almost upon us and the 1999 Phoenix Pride Parade and Festival is only five months away!

The Board of Directors have been busy getting things done for the upcoming Pride season and first on the list is a logo contest for all you artists out there.

The theme that has been chosen this year is: "Millions of Lives . . . Once Voice in Pride." The logo submission should be camera ready, reflect the chosen theme and be turned in no later than noon, December 13 at the Community Center (call (602) 279-1771 for directions).

The Board of Arizona Central Pride (ACP) will be holding a meeting that day and will choose the winning logo. Mail you logo to: ACP, POB 16847, Phoenix, AZ 85011-6847. You can also bring your submission to the meeting or call ACP, (602) 279-1771 to make other arrangements.

The artist(s) of the winning logo will receive two 1999 Logo T-shirts, two each of any other 1999 Logo Products, a plaque, two VIP tickets to the event, honorable mention in the 1999 Souvenir Program, introductions from the stage(s) at the event and \$100 in cash.

So get out your pens, paper, watercolors, computers, etc., and start drawing!

## Solstice Dance Party Saturday, Dec. 19

TUCSON — Rock your socks off at a Solstice Dance Party, Saturday, December 19, 8:00 P.M. to midnight, Mat Bevel Institute, 530 N. Stone, a funky kinetic art/dance space!

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## TLGA Board Elections December 8<sup>th</sup>

TUCSON — The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA), who produces OUT-oberFEST and organizes Pride Week activities will be holding Board elections, December 8, 7:00 P.M. at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Avenue.

Several positions on the TLGA Board are open and the group is seeking to fill them with the election. For more information, call (520) 622-3200.

## Film Maker Sets Sights On 'Rev.' Phelps

TOPEKA, KS — Film maker Michael Moore hadn't planned to stop in the Kansas state capitol.

But after the film maker and writer saw the Rev. Fred Phelps protesting at Matthew Shepard's funeral, he knew he had to bring his crusade against anti-sodomy laws to Topeka.

"There was a collective moan of disgust across American when people saw him there with his family," said Moore, best known for his satirical 1989 documentary, "Roger and Me."

So Moore traveled through Topeka in a recreation vehicle, decorated with pink satin and leopard skin, dubbed the "Sodomobile," making stops at the Capitol and a counter-protest against Phelps and his sympathizers. Signs on Moore's RV mocked Phelps' anti-homosexual pickets that are a common sight in Topeka. A band of men, hired by Moore, danced on top of the RV to the songs "Celebrate" and "It's Raining Men."

The show will appear on an as yet named cable network. It will be similar to Moore's critical acclaimed 1994 television series, "TV Nation."

## Early Works At Wingspan December 10

TUCSON — A photography exhibit by Ronda Stone, "Early Works" will be shown at Wingspan, 300 E. Sixth St., December 10, 6:00 to 7:30 P.M.

This exhibit will run through January 2, 1999

"Early Works" is a selection of black and white photographs from the early work of Ronda Stone, who is the Curator of the Wingspan Art Wall and serves as the Director of Equipose Gallery. Most of Ronda's work includes people. Some of the work explores inner feelings, while some pieces deal with artistic expression of subjects or concerns that are important to her.

Ronda will also have her book for sale, "The Bones Remember - A Dialogue."

The public is invited to attend the opening, or stop by during Wingspan hours: 11:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday.

For more information about "Early Works," call Wingspan, (520) 624-1779. For more information on the Equipose Gallery, call (520) 903-2027.

## More Than A Dozen Attend AAPSP Meeting

TUCSON — A recent meeting of the Arizona Association of Public Safety Professionals was attended by fifteen people. At least six agencies, local and state-wide, were represented.

AAPSP is a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking opportunities for Gay, Lesbian, and Bi-sexual public safety professionals within Arizona. Membership is open to: Law Enforcement, Probation, Parole, & Corrections Officers, Firefighters, and civilians working within these organizations.

The members that have already joined express gratitude that an organization of this kind has begun in Arizona. For information regarding AAPSP — website: <http://members.aol.com/AAPSP>, E-mail: [AAPSP@aol.com](mailto:AAPSP@aol.com), write to AAPSP, PO Box 207, Tempe, AZ 85280-0207, or call Dave Hensley (520) 745-9059 (Tucson). All information is held in strictest confidentiality.

The next meeting of both Tucson and Phoenix groups will be in January. The Phoenix meeting is planned to be a state-wide meeting, since people will be traveling from the northern part of the state.

## Gay Cruising Prosecuted As A Felony In Virginia Town

ROANOKE, VA (RT) — The indictment of 18 men on felony charges in Virginia for allegedly seeking oral sex with other men has provoked a strong response from Gay and Lesbian civil rights groups.

The Roanoke Police Department recently cracked down on Gay cruising in two area parks and has begun prosecuting Gay men who solicited sex from undercover police officers. Critics charge the police department with "selective enforcement" and "entrapment" and question the fairness of a policy that levels felony charges against men seeking consensual sexual partners.

Until very recently, offenders charged with Gay sexual solicitation or activity were charged with misdemeanor indecent exposure and fined in General District Court, but police say the punishment was not providing a sufficient deterrent. Recently, a grand jury in Roanoke Circuit Court returned indictments on charges of soliciting to commit sodomy, a felony defined by state law as a "crime against nature." Offenders face up to five years in prison if convicted.

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Pictured above are some of the members of Reveille Gay Men's Chorus who were on hand last Sunday, Nov. 29 for a benefit 'Bachelor Auction' raising funds for the chorus.

TUCSON - In what turned out to be one of the largest single-day fundraisers in the history of Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, eight handsome bachelors were auctioned off at IBT's last Sunday night at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reveille Bachelor Auction and helped raise about \$800 for the Chorus. Each of the highest bidders will receive a dinner for two with their bachelor compliments of KHRR-TV 40 (Telemundo) and front-and-center seating at Reveille's holiday concert this Saturday night. Miss Ajia Simone and Miss Victoria DuPuis hosted the event with humor and style and helped raise the total to an all-time high.

numbers by a brass ensemble, harpist, Grace St. Paul's newly-installed pipe organ, and Brent Burmeister, RGMC's principal accompanist, on piano.

Advance tickets are \$10.00 each and are available at Antigone Books, Rainbow Planet Coffeeshouse and Tucson Trunk, or from any Reveille member. As seating is limited to 425, it is recommended that you purchase advance tickets by Friday afternoon. At the door, tickets will be \$12.00 (\$10.00 seniors/students, \$8.50 for children 12 and under).

### Silent Auction

Preceding the concert, there will be a silent auction of artwork and other items donated by businesses and individuals starting at 7 p.m. The auction will continue during the 20-minute intermission, and will close immediately afterwards. The highest bidder at the closing will be awarded their purchase at the end of the concert. If you are interested in donating an item, please call 617-3100.

### New Year's Eve Party

Tickets to a New Years Eve Gala at Dillinger House Bed and Breakfast will also be on sale at the concert. For \$35.00, partygoers can avoid the bar crowds and enjoy dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., elegant hors d'oeuvres, noisemakers, and complimentary champagne at midnight. Each ticket also includes up to six glasses of complimentary wine and there will be a cash bar for mixed drinks and beer. Rainbow Planet Coffeeshouse is furnishing free coffee for the Gala, and has tickets available at the counter. Space is limited so get your tickets early!

### Christmas Concert

The concert is set for this Saturday night, December 5, 1998, at 8 p.m., at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2331 E. Adams Street (north of Speedway and west of Tucson Blvd.). Titled "Gaily We Sing", the largest group of singers in Reveille's history will perform traditional favorites and contemporary holiday classics that will surely put you into the spirit of the season. The Chorus, under the direction of Jim Gall, will be accompanied on several

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**Desert Voices Update**

TUCSON — Desert Voices invites you to attend "Traditions," their annual holiday concert at the Proscenium Theatre, Pima West Campus, December 11-12, 8:00 P.M.

Special guests for "Traditions" include musicians from the Arizona Symphonic Winds, University of Arizona and Tucson Symphony Orchestra. Other guests will include Navajo singer and recording artist Mary Redhouse and local folk singer and songwriter Martie van der Voort. Desert Voices will reprise a handful of audience favorites of the last several years, as well as share upbeat holiday music of Christmas, Kwanza, Hanukkah and Winter Solstice.

The chorus will also premiere Gwyneth Walker's "Appalachian Carols," a suite of melodies from America's Appalachian region. Gwyneth Walker, currently America's hottest composer, will attend the performance. She will give a pre-performance lecture and reception, 5:30 P.M., December 11. Season ticket holders and students are invited to attend. Desert Voices holiday spectacular includes storytelling, a visit from the Animaniacs, music from the women's barbershop quartet and Four Brothers, and much more! This year's concert is sponsored by the Arizona Commission on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts and Golden Eagle Distributors.

Desert Voices is collecting holiday gifts for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation and Brewster Center this year. For further information, call the Desert Voices hotline.

Season tickets are still available and can be purchased by calling the chorus hotline, (520) 791-9662. Single tickets are \$12/\$10 each and are available at Antigone Bookstore, Tucson Trunk and through the Desert Voices hotline. Tickets at the door are \$15.

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Guided by the theme "Wisdom and Wellness," this year's conference will lead Lesbian physicians and medical students through a challenging exploration of the important medical and social issues that affect Lesbian patients and Lesbian health care providers.

The four-day conference is sponsored by the San Francisco-based Gay and Lesbian Medical Association.

From the unique perspective of Lesbians in medicine, WIM '99 will focus on maintaining personal wellness by drawing upon the wisdom of colleagues, friends and family in caring for patients, loved ones and oneself. Highlights include presentations on: contemporary and traditional medicine, ovarian cancer, teen suicide prevention, Lesbian families, the health care needs of older Lesbians, and preventing physician burnout in the face of a changing health care system.

"WIM is designed to educate Lesbian physicians about current issues in women's health and the unique medical needs of Lesbians," said Peggy Roberts, MD, a family practice physician based in Albuquerque, New Mexico, who is chair of the WIM '99 organizing committee. "In addition, the conference provides an annual opportunity for Lesbian physicians to build and sustain the friendships and collegial relationships that are necessary in our personal lives and in our professional careers."

GLMA is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. WIM participants will receive up to 12 credit hours in Category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association.

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# Virginia Judge Blocks County Library From Using Internet Censors

LOUDON, VA (NP) — A Virginia judge (who used to be a librarian) shushed would be Internet censors, saying that a county library board couldn't entrust its decisions to X-Stop.

In the first federal court decision on the use of Internet filtering in public libraries, U.S. District Court Judge Leonie Brinkema without holding a trial has issued a permanent injunction against the Loudon County, Virginia library system's blocking access by adults to any web sites. Brinkema, herself a former librarian, applied the full force of the First Amendment to Internet access in public libraries, and found that the County had offered no proof that unrestricted access created significant problems.

Although the case was originally filed in December 1997 by the People For the American Way Foundation on behalf of a group of local residents called Mainstream Loudon, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) later became an intervenor on behalf of eight Internet content providers who have at some time been blocked by X-Stop, including Jeremy Myers' Books for Gay and Lesbian Teens Youth Page, the Renaissance Transgender Association, and Chris Filkins' The Safer Sex Page.

The Loudon policy, adopted by the County Library Board by a vote of 5 - 4 in 1997, was one of the nation's most restrictive. X-Stop filtering software was installed in all the library system's computers accessed by the public, and although it was intended to "protect" children, there was no means provided for adults to switch it off (as is the case in some other libraries). The Board had rejected a proposal by Mainstream Loudon that would have allowed parents to determine whether children's

access should be limited by software, while leaving adults to make their own choices.

The County maintained that the filtering served as the electronic equivalent of selecting what books or magazines the Library might acquire, a decision exempt from the First Amendment. But to Brinkema, the correct analogy of the filtering software was not to acquisitions but to removal of library materials. In fact, she compared it not just to censorship, but to prior restraint, something courts almost never allow.

She said that the use of X-stop represented the Library Board's "abdication" of its responsibility, chiding it by writing that, "the degree to which the Policy is completely lacking in standards is demonstrated by the defendant's willingness to entrust all preliminary blocking decisions — and by default, the overwhelming majority of final decisions — to a private vendor [X-Stop manufacturer Log-On Data]. [The government] cannot avoid its constitutional obligation by contracting out decision-making to a private entity."

She also noted that the County's own library policy called for "offering the widest possible diversity of views and expressions."

Brinkema pointed out several other strategies being used in Virginia libraries which she would allow, including making filtering optional on terminals used by children and establishing policies for Internet access. However, she did find that even some less restrictive alternatives to filtering software might not be constitutional, ruling that any restriction of adults' access on the grounds of protecting minors would violate the First Amendment.

As People For the American Way Foundation legal director Elliot Minberg put it, "The court agreed with us that a public library may not reduce adults to the electronic equivalent of the children's reading room." Brinkema also noted that there is no requirement for libraries to provide any Internet access whatsoever. The American Library Association reports that of the 73% of U.S. public libraries offering Internet access, 15% (1,679 libraries) use filtering software to some degree and the rest have policies warning users that some content may be inappropriate or illegal.

Although ACLU of Virginia executive director Kent Willis called on "every member of every library board considering an Internet-blocking policy" to read the ruling, the Plano, Texas City Council has already indicated that it's not impressed. Although the Plano's Library Advisory Board had decided last month against adopting filters, the City Council involved

itself in an issue of library materials for the first time in 30 years to overrule the Board and endorse the filtering concept, and had already scheduled discussion on the question for what turned out to be the night Brinkema's ruling was published. The filtering debate in Plano was initiated in part by the Dallas Association for Decency, and the Plano-based Liberty Legal Institute has already promised to provide any needed legal defense for filtering (on the grounds that taxpayers shouldn't have to pay for individual's pornography viewing).

Council member Rick Neudorf's attitude was that, "That ruling has nothing to do with us," both in that Brinkema's ruling has no authority in Texas and in that it might be appealed. Plano appears likely to adopt the BESS filtering system, which is currently in use in its school libraries, but the Board is still wrestling with whether or not to require its use by adults.

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**World AIDS Day, A Day To Remember**

December 1. By proclamation of the World Health Organization, World AIDS Day is observed internationally on the 1st of December.

Since the early 1980's, Gay men have been confronted by AIDS. In those early years, many of us lived with fear and uncertainty, not knowing if we would be next to get this mysterious illness of then unknown origin. When HIV was identified, we debated the merits of testing when no treatment was available. Over the years, miracle cures were touted, ranging from positive thinking to Asian cucumbers. Finally, after some of us lost most of our friends, treatment advances began.

Through this uncertainty mixed with rage, many of us attended workshop after workshop trying to understand the latest details of transmission and risk reduction. We went through moments of panic when condoms failed or on that morning after when we realized that in the heat of passion we were riskier than we probably should have been. Others, faced with so much loss or many other issues unresolved in their lives tossed care to the wind and did what felt best in the moment, finding the news of HIV infection a startling wake-up call and an opportunity to make serious life changes. Still others, now of a younger generation, don't understand what all the fuss is about because they grew-up with an awareness that sex could kill, as could many other things in the world around them.

partying:  
- write letters to elected officials to encourage continued funding for AIDS services and for educational programs that make a difference in the lives of people;

- write the school boards and encourage relevant education about sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases, and public health. Remember, your tax dollars pay for those schools!

- demonstrate real support and friendship to those you know living with HIV/AIDS;

- if you are living with HIV/AIDS, share with those close to you what matters to you and encourage them to be involved;

- volunteer, support, and assist the important work done by both SAAF and TIHAN. Both of these groups grapple with the complex issues AIDS presents to our communities and can only be effective with your help.

World AIDS Day. Perhaps the most important thing to remember is simply this: act, and act wisely.

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After more than 15 years of our having lived with AIDS in our American Gay male community, many of us have become numb. On one hand, HIV is a part of life. On the other, we'd probably just not be bothered. Yet, AIDS remains part of our awareness.

The growing malaise about AIDS in the Gay community is oddly reinforced by advances in treatment for HIV-spectrum illnesses. Ten years ago, I published my first book and challenged readers to view AIDS as a treatable chronic illness. Today, HIV disease is becoming a treatable chronic illness. Yet, the treatments don't work for everyone and no cure is at hand.

While we can not continue to live in a crisis orientation toward AIDS, with the marking of this year's World AIDS Day it is important to remember that AIDS is not just a Gay disease. In fact, as of the end of last year, over 32 million people have been reported with HIV/AIDS in the world. In the US, over 641,086 diagnosed with AIDS. In Tucson, over 1200 diagnosed with AIDS; it is estimated that more than 6500 are living with HIV infection in Pima County. HIV/AIDS remains a public health crisis which impacts world health in a way like no other disease. HIV is spreading in this country in growing numbers among young people and woman of color. In developing countries, it spreads at alarming rates among all the poor.

Marking World AIDS Day this week provides us with the opportunity to remember what we can do while we, as a community, live with AIDS. It is my hope that World AIDS Day is a reminder for us all to:

- engage in safer sex practices to reduce the risk of the transmission of HIV;

- encourage friends to do the same, especially when they are drinking or

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**POLITICS 1998**

By MARK R. KERR

**Eighteen Red Ribbons**

This past Tuesday, December 1 was World AIDS Day, marking the eighteenth anniversary of the AIDS epidemic. It's an anniversary we all wish that didn't have to be commemorated.

Marches were held, red ribbons worn, bells were rung, candles lit, and vapid promises from politicians to spend more funds to find a vaccine and a subsequent cure to this dreaded disease were made in front of network and cable TV news cameras, who were doing their flavor-of-the-moment stories on AIDS.

Various television programming throughout the day did segments on AIDS and people who have the disease through the annual "Day of Compassion." Soap operas followed suit, creating one day storylines, involving poor unfortunate characters who have contracted AIDS and the stars of the soaps, banding together to put on a benefit, raising funds for the person or to go to some AIDS charity, all conveniently created by the writers.

Most of the soaps ended with either a "Dionne Warwick type whose career is hitting the skids" or some current, one-hit wonder, belting out a tune, making everything better by the end of the show. It could only be so easy.

Flash forward to the real world. Eighteen years have passed when the first cases were discovered and diagnosed. A lot has changed about this over the years through research: A "Gay Cancer" to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, a virus. From catching it from someone in the same room or even a toilet seat to contracting it through contaminated blood products, shared needles and unprotected sex.

One of the most important aspects of AIDS that has changed, which the media continues to miss, is the fact that the disease is no longer an imminent death sentence. People are now living longer with the disease thanks to new drugs, such as: AZT, protease inhibitors and the "drug cocktails."

With people living longer with AIDS, they have to deal with more afflictions attributed to the virus. More medications and more money are needed. From where? The federal government? The State of Arizona?

Funding from the feds is there, through such programs as Ryan White,

AIDS Drug Assistance and Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS. Is it enough?

It wasn't in 1997 in Arizona. Several Arizona Department of Health Services programs dealing with AIDS, including the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) ran out of money. Governor Jane Hull came through with a total of \$1.7 million in funding from the tobacco tax emergency health care fund to bail out the beleaguered program. The governor stated that the money was a "one time shot" only.

This "one time shot" marked the first time the state government had ever appropriated any moneys for programs and services dealing with AIDS.

What about funding for the next fiscal year? According to Governor Hull's press secretary, Francie Noyes, a proposed \$1.7 million base, with a possible slight increase, from the tobacco tax health care fund will be included in the budget for ADAP, (a line item). She also added that a proposal to fund protease inhibitors for low income people through the impending tobacco settlement, (\$27.5 million over a 25-year period) is in the preliminary phases.

Will these proposals fly? The state budget comes from the governor's proposal and a proposal from the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) of the Arizona Legislature. According to a JLBC spokesperson, the governor's proposals aren't definite. "The budget is still in discussion," the spokesperson said.

A possible "monkeywrench" could come from the feds, who will increase federal funding for AIDS programs in the state for the upcoming fiscal year. According to several AIDS activists, the JLBC is taking the increase in federal money into consideration before drawing up their proposed budget.

Another factor is state revenue, which according to JLBC predictions, could result in a shortfall of more than \$280 million for the upcoming fiscal year. In addition lawmakers are not backing off promises to make at least another \$100 million in tax cuts during the upcoming legislative session, which begins January 11, 1999, forty days, as of press time, from now.

Will these proposals fly? If our state legislators hear from us, urging them to support Governor Hull's proposals for funding for AIDS programs, perhaps.

In a television interview, David Hoover from the Pima County Health Department stated that World AIDS Day is "to remember those who died of AIDS and honor those living with the disease." We can "honor" those people living with HIV/AIDS for more than one day in December by calling the local office of the State Legislature, (520) 628-6593, or (800) 352-8404, and leave a message urging support for funding for AIDS programs in Arizona.

The face of AIDS has changed over eighteen years. If we don't act that face will change again and not for the better...

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Now come the homophobes, spouting the same hate-filled rhetoric about a different minority group. "Homosexuality is immoral, unscriptural and unhealthy," we are told. It is a "sin," like theft and drunkenness, according to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott.

The Pitchfork Tillmans of today warn that the "homosexual lobby" wants to bring about the destruction of the American family. Just like their racist antecedents, they are trying to whip up hatred and intolerance in order to build public support for anti-gay laws.

Sure, they can try to hide behind morality, but we all know a bigot when we see one. Think about it.

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# HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

It may be December but the atmosphere is heated with anticipation. Good-bye 1998! Let's proudly welcome in 1999. The month begins with some beneficent aspects to surprising Uranus and mystical Neptune and finishes with a ho-ho-ho Sun in Capricorn. Sit on Santa's lap and confess; Have you been naughty or nice?

### ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rams combine business with pleasure this December when your wildest fantasies find an appreciative audience and your heated efforts produce enduring results. Travel far afield early in the month, cousin, but stick close to home for the holidays. Pals provide a few happy surprises that bolsters your sagging confidence. Let's hope those surprises come wrapped from Tiffany.

### TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

How much fun can a Gay Bull have without laughing? The planets pop your cork this December; spray the champagne around and don't slip on the puddles. Generate attention in your career before December 23; the Sun highlights your good points to those with the power in surprising ways. After you grab the glory, recharge in some faraway hideaway with a merry elf or two.

### GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Pink Twins are happiest when ensconced in a relationship. Thank your lucky stars this December when the planets conspire to make a match. If you're already spoken for, use the time before Christmas to solidify and cocoon. If you're still trawling, try casting your net farther afield. Or send out a search party with the emphasis on party. New Years ain't that far off, kid.

### CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Planets serve up a delicious combination of Uranus and Neptune in early December but queer Crabs can't decide how to feed their hunger. Is the way to a lover's heart through their stomach or some place lower on the body? (Hint: Stop at the knees and retrace your steps.) Feast before December 23. After that, you'll be content to plotz in your jammies and watch the ball drop on tv.

### LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud and regal Lions are up to their old tricks in early December when a cavalcade of planets boogie their way through Sagittarius. Join the conga line before December 23. As the Sun moves on, so will you. Before you know it you'll be burning the midnight oil catching up on last minute job demands. Happy Holiday, Cratchet! Turn out the lights when you leave.

### VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Try to repair any frayed family lines in early December. The fates encourage Gay Virgos to make one last try at harmony before 1998 is put to bed. No matter how your good intentions are received, you'll be party-hearty-ready by December 23. You'll have your choice of venues. The new year brings a fresh affirming breeze do-t be held back by anyone - animal vegetable or parent.

### LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Proud Libras have more energy than usual, thanks to robust Mars in your own sign. Make your opinions known in early December when the planets hand you an amplifier.

It's never too late to become politically involved in our community issues. Work your wonders before December 23, cousin. After that, you'll quiet down and sedately entertain at home. Tete a few tetes.

### SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

There is a light at the end of the fiscal tunnel this December when more than a few planets highlight finances. Proud Scorps may receive a much needed boost from family members or discover a cache hidden away at home. Before you remove the floorboards in search of booty, remember that money cannot buy everything. Then again, it does buy nice champagne.

### SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Gay Archers are well rewarded in early December when four major planets hover in your own sign. Make good use of all this attention by launching some new projects and meeting scads of new people. But meet and greet before December 23, cousin. After that you're less inclined to strut your stuff for the hoi polloi. Life then has to make dollars to make sense. Invest wisely.

### CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Clean out your closet in early December and proudly welcome in 1999. Gay Caps are given plenty of encouragement from beneficial Uranus and Neptune. Long held values are examined and dissected. Toss out what is no longer affirming. Don't hold back after December 23; the world demands your attention. Hint: Cellophane panties make you the belle of the ball.

### AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Friends conspire to push you out into the limelight in early December as Neptune and Uranus guarantee that you will make an unusual first impression. (Can it be those whips?) Strive for personal fulfillment after December 23 when you're driven to perform a good Gay deed for a good Gay cause. Ring in 1999 with enough good karma to float a flotilla. Is it cruise season already?

### PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Pink Fish can make a few strides in their career in early December when the planets insure that all your hard work is recognized and rewarded. Gather your professional rosebuds before December 23. After that, you become more interested in expanding your social circles rather than your resume. Good thing too; they say it's lonely at the top, pal.

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# IN FLIGHT...

# WINGSPAN

## 1998: A Year In Review

By John Potter, President

Nineteen-ninety-eight has been a year of consolidation, as well as growth for Wingspan. We have settled into our new space and are using it in as efficient ways as we can. Two offices are rented out full time and the rest of the space is used by a growing list of programs and by the various activities of Wingspan.

The direct programs carried out by Wingspan volunteers include: youth support group, youth leadership group, information and referral hotline, community drop in center, LGBT Fourth Annual Film Festival, AIDS Candlelight Memorial, Bisexual support group, art gallery, lending library, community bulletin boards, meeting rooms at below cost rates, community media response and Queerflix.

The programs sheltered by Wingspan for tax and other considerations include: Domestic Violence Project, Lesbian Cancer and Health Project, University of Arizona LGB Studies Education Fund, University of Arizona Outreach Program and Pride Law Center.

The programs with which Wingspan is affiliated include: AIDS Prevention Coalition, free HIV testing, LGBT AA meetings and free condom distribution.

The month of October saw two events that surpassed anything Wingspan has done in the past, and also brought in some very welcome funds. The Tenth Anniversary Gayla Dinner/Dance was held at the Marriott University Park Hotel and was attended by more than 250 guests, at

which a good time was had by all. The Godat Award, established by the Board of Directors, was awarded to Ken Godat in recognition of his many contributions to the success of Wingspan over the years.

The Fourth Annual Film Festival was held later in the month and was highly successful. A broad array of films representing "Diversity in the Desert" was presented and enthusiastically received. Wingspan is establishing its name, as well as Tucson's, in the film festival world.

Other special events in which Wingspan participated were the Fourth Avenue Street Fairs in December and March, Gay West at Old Tucson in June, the AIDS Candlelight Memorial in May, the ECAP kickoff campaign in September, and OUToberFEST '98 at Reid Park in October.

The Board of Directors for the coming year consists of Jean Baker, Carolyn Barajas, Colette Barajas, Lisa Bibbens, David Bucchiere, Steve Hall, Rich Muszynski, Jerry Perry, John Potter, Nick Ray and Jim Sincoc.

The mission of Wingspan is to provide support, education and outreach related to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender issues, as well as to promote the acceptance, well being and freedom of Lesbians, Gay Men, Bisexuals and Transgendered people. Based on the foregoing, Wingspan has fulfilled its mission for the year ending October 31, 1998.

## A View From The Rock

A Comentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

"I can't be out of money! I still have some checks in my checkbook!" That joke from a few years back has a modern counterpart: "I can't be out of money! My debit card is still being accepted at all the stores!" These days, with the acceptance of debit cards at almost every retail business, it is very easy to quickly spend much more than was intended. At least when something is paid for by check, it is necessary to expend a little energy writing the check, which helps a person have some idea of just how much money has been spent. With the use of a debit card, all a person has to do is sign the debit slip, very often without consciously looking to see what the total bill is. And the Christmas season, with its constant emphasis on spend, spend, spend, encourages overspending.

We all acknowledge that there is a limit to our monetary resources. We probably all try to stay within those limits, even if we don't always succeed. How thankful we should be, however, that there is no limit to God's resources! Christmas is the time when we remember Jesus coming to earth as a tiny, helpless baby. But we must never forget the reason he came. He came, not just to live a sinless life, but to die for the sins of all humanity, so that we could be provided with the most important thing any of us need, forgiveness. God's forgiveness is always available to those who ask for it. It isn't like our checking accounts, where there is a limited amount going in, so there can be only a limited amount spent! No, God's resource of forgiveness is always available to anyone who seeks it. Psalm 86:5 reminds us, "For thou, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive..." To me this is a picture not of forgiveness grudgingly given,

but of someone in eager anticipation waiting to be given the opportunity to forgive!

Have you made use of God's unlimited resource of forgiveness? The first way we receive God's forgiveness is by acknowledging the truth that we are not perfect, that we can never be perfect no matter how hard we try or how many things we do to try to achieve that goal. In God's eyes, not being perfect is called "sin," and nothing which has sin can dwell within him. Once we have recognized the truth of our own sin, we admit that truth to God and ask Jesus to become our savior. Does this mean that we never have to use God's forgiveness again? Or, to put the question a different way, once a person becomes a Christian, does that person ever sin again? The book of I John, written to Christians, has the answer. "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." (1:9) Yes, Christians need to avail themselves of God's forgiveness on a daily basis! I John goes on to say, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins..." (1:10) Once again, we have the promise that God's resource of forgiveness is always available. Any time we realize that we have sinned and need forgiveness, we can use the "debit card" issue to us when we accepted Jesus as savior and receive God's forgiveness.

As I go about Christmas shopping this year, I am going to make a determined effort not to spend beyond my monetary resources. But more importantly, I intend to utilize God's unlimited resource of forgiveness as often as I/we need it! How about you?



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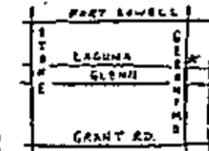
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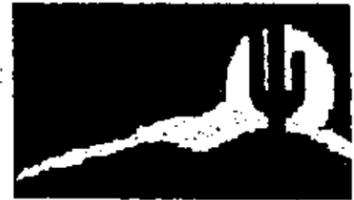
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"Pictures come alive . . . now I'm dancing through my life. What a feeling." I'd forgotten these lyrics from "Flashdance." That's retro, "feel good" music from the 1980's. It speaks to us as we approach winter solstice, the shortest day of the year. The long shadows of winter can be a bit depressing but our drag stages offer a dazzling respite from life's cares.

Performing on stage is a canvas with no brush or paint. It's one reason I like production numbers in our title pageants. But nightclub entertaining is no less demanding.

Some classic Tucson skits come to mind: Mr. Kenneth Blake's impression of a "Hooters girl," Sabrina Crawford's Madonna-esque wooden cross prop, Lucinda Holliday's "a little bit of sugar helps the medicine go down."

In winter, the sun drops early; imagination on our stages continues unabated.

It's one reason you ought to mark your calendar and be at IBT's during the Fourth Avenue Winter Street Fair. I'm guessing there will be surprises. And it's a great opportunity to stop by vendor booths and get unique gift items for your special someone that you wouldn't find at the more harried atmosphere of the regional malls.

Parking is a bit of a hassle during the Street Fair, but there are off-site spaces, and if you park near the university, Old Pueblo Trolley will deliver you (with just a short walk) to the north end of the fair and almost to IBT's doorstep.

The Fourth Avenue drag shows give our community a semi-annual "step

up." Here's my reasoning: last Saturday, for example, the "big city up north" had six commercial or benefit shows compared with only one "down here." My feeling is this: the more opportunities there are for audiences to enjoy new talent or observe the growth and stage presence of veteran performers, the better off we all are. If, say, you rehearse for four numbers and only get to do one, it's a bit disappointing.

Okay "drag girls," you know I always have issues. I'm wondering if some of you might consider applying for performing or visual arts grants, through our Arts District or perhaps the Arizona Council of Humanities, for "community outreach" shows or gallery photo exhibitions of what you do. I've always thought there are potential audiences who are just a bit afraid of "rubbing shoulders" with us. A little understanding couldn't hurt.

Being Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender is only a part of what we are as people. We build buildings, we design bridges and roads, we sell business services, we go to church, synagogue or other places of worship. Some of us are pagans in the best humanitarian tradition. Whatever we are, we all are Americans.

I can't go away without mentioning a reason to circle your calendar: December 16, Stonewall/Eagle. It's one of my personal favorites: the annual holiday season benefit for "Rudi's Kids." In case you're new to our town, that's the benefit for the orphans at Arizona Children's Home. Who says our community doesn't care?

Enjoy the Street Fair and the malls. But don't forget, we are more than conspicuous consumer consumption. We are "The Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street." I believe in Santa, do you?

**World AIDS Day Marked Globally**

NEW YORK, NY (WS) — Activists marked the annual observance of World AIDS Day Tuesday with hundreds of marches and meetings in cities all over the world aimed at alerting people to the continued threat posed by the deadly disease.

A noisy procession in New Delhi had schoolchildren marching alongside prostitutes under a banner which read, "Youth: A Force for Change." Organizers and supporters of World AIDS Day chose to emphasize young people this year, noting that teens and adults under the age of 24 account for half of all new infections worldwide.

South African President Nelson Mandela told a crowd in KwaZulu-Natal, the country's worst affected province, that the conspiracy of silence surrounding the transmission of the virus must end.

"It is the silence that hangs over our cemeteries when we bury loved ones knowing they died of AIDS, but not speaking of it," Mandela said. "It is the silence that is letting this disease sweep through our country, adding 1,500 people each day to more than three million already infected."

Despite a marked fall in AIDS mortality in developed countries the disease is racing across regions already beset by illiteracy, poverty and grossly inadequate medical facilities. According to the United Nations agency UNAIDS, "the epidemic is frankly out of control in many places."

Global infections of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, rose 10 percent in 1998. Nearly six million new cases were reported this year, with the developing world, particularly sub-Saharan Africa, the growing epicenter of the disease.

"We are facing here a crisis that is unprecedented," UNAIDS executive director Peter Piot stated at a Johannesburg news conference. Piot said more than a fifth of the adult population in Botswana, Namibia, Swaziland and Zimbabwe were infected with HIV and that South Africa was gaining fast.

AIDS campaigners also note the disease is posting ominous gains in China and India, matching rates noted in Africa several years ago. "Asia is as worrisome as Africa, particularly South and Southeast Asia. For some time AIDS has been regarded as a potential threat, but it is now more than just a threat, it is a reality," said a UNAIDS official.

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Mary Robinson said the AIDS situation was "an indictment" of the international allocation of resources to fight AIDS in developing nations.

In a World AIDS Day announcement, President Clinton said \$10 million in new grants for the care of AIDS orphans would be made and noted the 30 percent

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### Justice Department To Pursue G/L/T Bias Complaints

WASHINGTON, DC (WB) — The U.S. Justice Department announced recently it will attempt to use current federal civil rights law to take legal action against businesses and state and local governments that engage in employment discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Legal observers said the Justice Department's decision was prompted by recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions, such as a recent case involving same-sex sexual harassment, that have expanded the legal reach of Title VII of the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title IX of the U.S. Civil Rights Act Amendments of 1972.

Justice Department attorney Aaron Schuham told the newspaper that existing laws banning gender-based discrimination could in theory be applied to certain cases of anti-Gay discrimination. The legal impact of using this strategy to pursue Gay bias cases will not be known until the courts hear arguments and issue their judgements.

Schuham, who works in the Justice Department's civil rights division, said high-level officials, including Attorney General Janet Reno and Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Bill Lann Lee, approved the decision to try and use existing civil rights laws to prosecute suspected cases of anti-Gay bias.

Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, Helen Norton, said the Justice Department initiative would not be applicable in cases where anti-Gay bias was the sole motive in a discrimination complaint. But if a Transgendered person was discriminated against for "gender non conformity," for example, that could serve as the basis for a complaint based on sex discrimination, she said.

Legal scholars say pursuing the "gender non-conformity" or "sex stereotyping" line could be useful for men who suffer employment discrimination for being perceived as "too feminine" and women who are similarly victimized for being perceived as "too masculine."

Justice Department officials credit groups such as the Transgender organization Gender PAC and legal groups including the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the National Center for Lesbian Rights for helping to codify the new policy.

The Justice Department is prepared to link sexual orientation discrimination and sex discrimination by citing the Supreme Court's recent decision in *Oncale v. Sundowner*. That decision established that same-sex sexual harassment is illegal under current sexual harassment law.

The 1989 Supreme Court decision in *Hopkins v. Price Waterhouse* will also be cited for precedent. In that case a woman was denied a partnership in the Price Waterhouse accounting firm because her superiors felt she dressed and behaved in too masculine a manner. The court found such gender role discrimination and gender stereotyping a violation of Title VII as a form of sex discrimination.

Schuham said civil rights attorney general Lee put the policy change into place "several months ago," although no formal announcement of the change was made. "It's a very serious commitment that has been directed by everyone from Janet Reno all the way down," Schuham was quoted as saying. "We can really bring our resources to bear on this."

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### Firing Draws Community Protests

LOUISVILLE, KY (LCJ) — A crowd of about 100 people rallied to protest the firing of a Lesbian from the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children (KBHC). Protestors demanded the state withdraw the more than \$10 million it provides the private child-care agency.

A number of local politicians, including 1st Ward Alderman-elect Tina Ward-Pugh, addressed the crowd condemning the unjust dismissal of Alicia Pedreira from the state-supported agency.

Dan Farrell, co-coordinator of the Fairness Campaign, noted that the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, which runs eight homes across the state, "couldn't exist without our tax dollars." One sign read: "NO TAX \$ FGR HOMOPHOBIA" in silent affirmation.

Pedreira, who was a supervisor for Spring Meadows Children's Home, was fired after agency employees saw a picture of her and her partner, Nance Goodman, at this year's Kentucky State Fair. Pedreira said the picture was taken a year earlier at a local AIDS Walk fund raiser and was entered without her knowledge.

Pedreira, who says she told her supervisor she was a Lesbian before she was hired, was terminated on the grounds that her "admitted homosexual lifestyle is contrary to Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children core values," her termination notice read.

Brenda Gray, a spokeswoman for the agency, said that it had every legal right to fire Pedreira because her homosexuality didn't reflect the values of the KBHC, which is affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Gray said the KBHC complies with state laws.

Five KBHC employees, including the man who hired Pedreira, resigned to protest her termination. Spalding University and the University of Louisville's Kent School of Social Work have decided to withdraw their students from KBHC programs. The schools say discrimination based on sexual orientation doesn't conform with the ethics and ideals of social work.

The Cabinet for Families and Children, one of the state agencies that contracts with the KBHC, has said it cannot withdraw money from a child care agency that discriminates based on sexual orientation because that is not covered by federal, state or local laws.

### Gay Cruising Prosecuted

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To bring a charge of soliciting sodomy, police need only show that the offender "commanded, entreated or otherwise attempted to persuade another person to commit a felony." Unlike the misdemeanor charge of prostitution, there is no legal requirement to prove a "substantial act in furtherance" on the offer for sex.

Mary Boenke, co-president of the Roanoke chapter of Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, said, "You don't have to commit [a felony], you only have to talk about it."

Police maintain there is more sex happening in the parks than there are conversations about sex. Lt. R.E. Carlisle of the Police Department's vice bureau was quoted as saying police charged only those men who indicated a willingness to have sex in the park with the undercover officer.

Attorney Sam Garrison says five of the men he is representing absolutely refute such claims. "The evil that they persistently say they are trying to combat is having sex in public places," Garrison said. "The trouble is, none of the people I'm personally aware of came anywhere close to having sex in a public place."

Garrison said it was undercover cops who usually approached the suspects and initiated the topic of sex. But entrapment requires proof that police plant the idea of committing a crime in the mind of a suspect who was not otherwise so inclined.

"Judges and juries may not find there was entrapment because the Gay guy was predisposed to solicit," Garrison said. "But they may find that the police conduct was sufficiently enticing, even overbearing, that it will become a significant mitigating factor."

Bringing solicitation for sodomy indictments, Roanoke authorities are essentially prosecuting men for talking about a crime that is seldom prosecuted when it's actually committed.

Chris Kowalczyk, another Roanoke lawyer who is representing one of the men charged this month, is already planning to challenge the soliciting law on the basis that the underlying charge -- sodomy -- is an unconstitutional violation of privacy. "Consenting adults in 1998 ought to be allowed to have sexual contact with one another without the invasion of the government," Kowalczyk said.

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## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Marcus hosts a Pampered Chef demonstration. It's a fun way to look at new kitchen ware and gadgets, and sample the food you can make. For reservations and directions, please call Marcus at 318-9175.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly potluck as we all down to eat with some of the nicest gay guys in town (like you!). You're invited to come and share your favorite dish with the men who come to our monthly gathering. This month we're having the potluck at 6801 N. Oracle (Casas Adobes Congregational Church) and there are two special surprises at this month's gathering. Please call Jerry at 690-9585 for directions and any questions you may have.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

The Cronies Social club will be having lunch at the Sweet Tomatoes restaurant, 4420 N. Stone at 1:00 p.m.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) are having a board election at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. TLGA helps organize Pride Week activities and assists Gay West. TLGA's main function is producing OUTBOYFEST. TLGA needs members to fill several open positions. Call OUTLINE at 622-3200 if you have any questions.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A fun evening devoted to all comedy series. If you've got a favorite comedy episode, just bring it to play for the others. This event is on the east side of town. For directions and reservations, please call Loren at 733-0072.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing "In The Meantime" by Iyanla Vanzant. Even if you don't read the book, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9585.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for Dinner Out as we visit Donato's Fine Italian Food at 1730 E. Prince. Please phone in your reservation to B&B as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant of the number of men attending. For directions and reservations, please contact B&B at 548-7539.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

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 "Surviving The Holidays." Does this time of year depress you? Do you overspend? What makes you happy at this time of year? These and other questions are bound to come up. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9585.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. You're invited to join Steve for another of his "Inside Tucson" tours as we visit the Flandrau Planetarium. It's a 90 minute hand-on tour of the facility, along with a short film. There's a special \$2.50 ticket price for MSN. Space is limited, so call early. For reservations and details, please call Steve at 887-1140.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. MSN joins their gay brothers and sisters for a night of holiday music as Desert Voices holds their 10th Anniversary Holiday Concert at Pima College's West Campus. For discount tickets, please call Davey at 888-1208.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner/Meeting. Ye Olde Lantern Restaurant. 1800 N. Oracle. 4:00 p.m. Call 584-0280 for details.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. There will be a hike to Seven Falls this morning. Meet at the Bear Canyon Tram at 10:00 and take it (\$3.00) to the starting point. The hike is about 5 miles round trip, and is rated moderate, with a 700' elevation gain. For reservations and more information, please call Patrick at 815-1887.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Steve invites you to join him for a Hanukkah Celebration. If you're Jewish, this is a great way to spend the holiday with your gay family and if you're not Jewish, it's an opportunity to learn about this holiday and its traditions. \$3.00 to help cover the cost of food. Space is limited. For reservations and directions, please call Steve at 388-4848.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

Cronies Social Club monthly meeting will not be held due to the Christmas Party on December 18<sup>th</sup>. "Movie Night" at Lo's 7:00 p.m. Call 524-6788 for movie and RSVP.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call John at 723-3035.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

Cronies Social Club Christmas Party at Mountain View Restaurant, 1220 E. Prince Road. 8:30 p.m. Call Jim at 749-1142 for more details.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take be held at Les & Jerry's home. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good

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## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Pajama Party! 8:00 p.m. to closing. Prizes for the sexiest, and cutest. Drink specials for those wearing their PJ's. No cover.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

IBT'S - The Girls Show 9:00 p.m. Starring Lucinda Holiday, Faith, Torrey Steele, Phaedra and from Phoenix, Barbara Seville.

VENTURE-N - 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party begins at 8:00 p.m. Also Country/Western music and dancing on the patio with Jake from 8:00 p.m. to closing.

## FRI. SAT. SUN., DECEMBER 11-12-13

IBT'S - Annual Winter 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Street Fair. IBT's is the Gay headquarters. Thousands will be 'on the avenue' this weekend. Don't miss it.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - A Pie Throwing Benefit for the Food Pantry. Come throw a pie at a friend, foe or employee. \$1.00 a pie or free with non-perishable food item. No cover. Starts at 8:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

IBT'S - Community Cruiser's Benefit Fashion Show. Watch for more!

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Benefit Show for Rodi's Kids (Arizona Children's Home). Hosted by Christina De Alexis. Raffle tickets on sale now.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Latin Dance Party with Eduardo 8:00 to close. Fuerza Latina Travesti Show 10:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Blues night back at the Biz. The Walker White Revue featuring Sandra Rogers. Music starts at 7:00 p.m. Cover.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

STONEWALL / EAGLE - AGRA Country Christmas Show.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

IBT'S - Ronald McDonald House Benefit.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Pima AIDS Ministry Benefit Show. Hosted by Aletta Whorocans.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Employee Party. Come celebrate Christmas with all the employees. \$1.50 longnecks, free food. No cover. Lots of fun.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE!

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - A New Year's Eve Bash to be remembered. Free Party favors, free Champagne Toast at Midnight. Lots of year end drink specials. No Cover. Fun starts at 8:00 p.m.

conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9585. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, December 17 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-6 p.m. The Triangle Tribe will host Terri Lucille Cravens, an intuitive counselor, as she talks about "Is It Really Better To Give Than Receive?" For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join your gay family for a tour of Winterhaven as we take a hay ride through the holiday-decorated streets of this subdivision. Cost is \$8.00 per person, and space is limited. For reservations, please call Dan or Richard at 823-5520.

## sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 8-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music 9-1. Shot specials all night.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.50, Draft 7&4 Sobocpa 7&4. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm. \$2 Bloody Marys & \$1.50 Screwdrivers till 9pm. Country music & dancing.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour till 7pm. BBQ 2-4. Hottest sounds in town with DJ RAYMIAN. Snack Bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 50¢ draft. 3&1 Dart Tournament \$21 entry fee (not matched). Boss Burgers 3-7pm. Hides Leather Goods opens at 7pm.

## monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 9-Ball tournament 8pm, \$3 entry, not matched. Monday Night Football - 3 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 all day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. 9pm to midnight, \$1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Extreme dance with DJ Michael 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour till 7pm. Party with check in the evening. Doc's Dart Tournament 8pm in the Eagle. Free pool all day and night. Snack Bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 8am-12:30pm.

## tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 pm. Free Pool 2-4pm. Pool Tourna meet 7:30 not matched. \$1 longnecks for pool players. 7&4/8&4 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 9 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. Extreme Dance with DJ Michael 9pm to closing.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour till 7pm. Eight Ball pool tourney, warm-up 8pm, play begins 7pm. Latin Dance Party w/ DJ Eduardo 9pm - 1am. Snack bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.75 Well drinks and longnecks 6am - 12:30pm.

## wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free Pool 2-4. \$1.25 pitchers 8-midnight. Dance music with DJ Robby 9pm-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. Not 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 9pm-1am.

IBT'S - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour Noon to 8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. Mystery Night. \$1.75 Red Product Special 9 pm to close. Dance with Corvii Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour till 7pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close w/Roby Doe in the Eagle. StoneWall opens at 9pm. Hottest sounds in town w/DJ RAYMIAN. Snack bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.75 Well drinks and longnecks 6am-12:30pm. Coors Gold \$2 and Coors 1899 \$2.25 Open to close.

## thursday

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

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75. 3&1 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Not Matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well or domestic beer. 7&4 Sobocpa 8pm to close. \$2 Coors shots and country/western dance at 9pm.

IBT'S - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8 pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 Well and \$1.75 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour till 7pm. Latin Dance Party w/Eduardo in the StoneWall 9pm to close. Blueberry Travesti Show 10:30pm. SnackBar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am \$1.75 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm. Patio Bar open 9am. Fashion Sallies \$1.75 from 9pm-midnight. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-10h. \$3 entry (Not Matched). Hides Leather shop opens at 8:30.

## friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 8:30 - 7 free food. Top 48 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 \$1.60 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 Dubois of York 8-9pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour till 7pm. T.G.I.F. Free snacks 4:30-8pm The hottest sounds in town w/DJ RAYMIAN 9pm. To close in the StoneWall. Snack Bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-12:30. Snacks served at 8pm. Patio Bar open 6pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8:30pm.

## saturday

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

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.50/domestic \$1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm, Double Elimination, not 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 till 7pm. Free Pool noon to 7pm. StoneWall opens 9pm. The hottest sounds in town w/DJ RAYMIAN. Snack Bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 9pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ draft 3-7pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8:30pm. Partnerable Cricket Tournament 8:30pm \$3 entry (Not Matched).

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NOTICES

BISexual INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 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 MESSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 631-4582 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, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3208.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 8 weeks. 694-7063.

TIHAN, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-4647.

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 787-3110 for more information and a membership fee.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6676 or 327-4293.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson. Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7878.

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 297-9682 or Sr. Joan 742-9988.

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 884-9920, Ext. 448 or Emmett 322-6557 (evallan@tcnet.com)

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyas@earthlink.net and request guidelines.

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

THEATER/DINNER/ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8018 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 18th year! (2nd in Tucson).

TRANSSEXION ISSUES: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on first Mondays for informal discussion of transgender topics. Hosted by Dezzert Boyz. For information call Jerry at 628-8659 or send email to: moonboy@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) 602-415-1123. 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, 6323 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 682-278-4865.

GAY MORMON, EX-MORMON. New support and discussion group. For information call 520-4580

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 8:30pm 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. 578-9828

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (602)432-3591. 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 578-9827 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)327-1829 or write P.O. Box 43919, Tucson, AZ 85733-3919, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline for info at 888-9541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-AMON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. EM 581-8858 or Room 958-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 693, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)375-1182

CRONEX SOCIAL GROUP. A social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Moris at 888-7294.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-8468 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTNING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7296.

MAKE MEN: Long-haired Gay men social network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P6C4

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

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-9842.

NOTICES

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmoor 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. Prevention education programs. 322-8228. 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 326-3565

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 573-8640 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85746-8264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with pleasant and fun Prime Timers activities. Meetings touchbase and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 584-8230, 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 681-1794 - 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 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. information 624-1779.

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 886-1218 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

LICHER HONG CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hilarious with other women. Listings in Rolyroll Journal available at Antiques Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

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

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

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Saturday 1 to 3 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1268 for more info.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0885 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 48884, Tucson, AZ 85717.

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5855. 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 SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-0, Cotter, AZ 85652.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 229 S. 6th Ave. Call 781-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85718.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3209 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Settling an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 698-9045 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-8863.

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 322-8226.

"EVOLVER" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.O.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held at Wingspan on 4th Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. 624-1779.

TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Footh, Pan-Bisexual, International Safe Space for the B&D, B&M, D&B and T.Y. community. Call us at (520)817-4961, e-mail us at http://www.geocities.com/Westcheywood/heights6888

TUCSON'S RAINBOW RADIO is now on the air. Operating on 100.1 Mhz Stereo FM. Hours of operation 5:00 p.m. to Midnight. Join us for services to the Tucson Gay and Lesbian Community.

LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA. Local chapter of the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian Republican organization. Meets the first Tuesday evening of each month. For information, call Patrick at 815-1887.

PERSONALS

NUDE MALE MODELS. Do you need pics for internet? For your boyfriend? Just for the hell of it? Amateur photographer seeks attractive young men to photograph. Male complex welcome. Call 624-2980. 742.

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Si eres hombre que tiene sexo con otros hombres y quieres ayudarnos a extender y apoyar los programas para Los Latinos, llame para una entrevista exclusivamente confidencial al 322-6226 y pregunta por Ernesto. 750

If you are a Latino man who is having sex with other men and you want to help us to support and expand our programs for Latinos, call for a confidential interview at 322-6226 and ask for Ernie. 750

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VARIOUS CENTRAL TUCSON LOCATIONS. 1 and 2 bedroom apartments unfurnished. Clean, private, quiet. Many extras. Mention this Observer ad. 577-8578. 755

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GM TO SHARE A 3-BEDROOM HOME with pool and Jacuzzi Spa/Hot Tub/Crayonball area. \$225.00 plus 1/3 utilities. Must be employed, responsible and have references. Call Lloyd or Marc at 745-3619. 751

FEMALE TO SHARE TOWNHOUSE. Must love cats. \$375.00. (Negotiable) + 1/2 utilities. 290-6335. 750.

ROOM FOR RENT in a duplex near University. \$250/mo plus first and last month's rent to move in and 1/2 electric per month. Must have 2 car phone. Will prepare food for \$150/mo extra. Call 903-1880. Available Dec. 1st. No Smokers! 750.

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PROJECT COORDINATOR: Gay/Les/Bi/Trans Domestic Violence Project. FT. Cover letter/resume to 300 E. 6th Street, Tucson, AZ 85705 748.

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ALOHA MASSAGE: Strong, gentle hands provide the nurturing touch of Hawaiian Lomi Lomi combined with the long, soothing strokes of "Ea'ea" massage. Days/Even/Wednesdays. In or out calls. Glen, CMT, 907-2351 or Braathglen@aol.com. Open your being to the touch of Aloha and feel your body soar. 754

LET ME PAMPER YOU! With a Full Body Swedish massage in a quiet, relaxed atmosphere. \$35 for a full hour. Reply, 683-7498. 753

PROFESSIONAL RELAXATION! Outside or indoors, enjoy quality legitimate tantric massage with 17 years experience in a remarkable session and feel my strong, gentle hands. (Beware of cheap prices for quality work). Call Marc, LMT, 881-4582. 756

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FULL BODY MASSAGE BY MARVIN for men that want that special touch. Sensual and relaxing. Discreet. Skyline/Campbell area. Full hour \$35. 298-9451 751

ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS Let me keep your clothes fitting properly and in good repair. Experienced - Economical - Prompt. Mr. Marie Hudson, 888-7294 in Tucson. 760

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## Lesbian Teacher Wins Lawsuit In Utah

SALT LAKE CITY, UT (SLT) — A Federal Court in Salt Lake City has sided with Wendy Weaver, a Spanish Fork High School teacher and volleyball coach, in a lawsuit that tested the limits of free speech and the degree of privacy granted to Lesbian and Gay teachers.

U.S. District Judge Bruce Jenkins, who is also presiding over the right of Gay student clubs to meet in Salt Lake City schools, ruled Nebo District officials overstepped their legal authority and violated Weaver's civil rights. "I didn't realize I'd be this excited, but I'm just really grinning," Weaver commented.

Specifically, Nebo officials were faulted for issuing a broad demand which forbade Weaver from discussing her sexual orientation, and for placing letters to that effect in her permanent employment file. School Officials were also faulted for their refusal to reappoint Weaver as coach to the girls' volleyball team.

The American Civil Liberties Union and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund said the district's behavior towards Weaver was a "clear violation of her civil liberties, of her right to free speech, her privacy rights and her right to equal protection."

In ruling on Weaver's behalf, Jenkins noted the teacher was threatened with disciplinary action for discussing her intimate associations and sexual orientation, yet no other teacher faced the same restriction. "Indeed, as the school district conceded at the hearing, no similar restriction was placed on heterosexual teachers at all," Jenkins said.

"Clearly then, the school district wanted to silence Ms. Weaver's speech because of its expected pro-homosexual viewpoint. Such a viewpoint based restriction is constitutionally impermissible."

"Simple as it may sound," Jenkins continued, "as a matter of fairness and evenhandedness, homosexuals should not be sanctioned or restricted for speech that heterosexuals are not likewise sanctioned or restricted for."

Jenkins ordered the school district to remove the offending letters from Weaver's file and allow her to coach during the 1999-2000 volleyball season. He also awarded Weaver \$1,500 in damages, the amount she sought based on what she would have earned coaching the team this year.

Weaver said she felt vindicated by the decision. "I feel like I really fought for something that should have been mine in the first place," she said. "It was a personal matter that kind of became something of purpose."

"It's obviously a wonderful victory not only for Gay and Lesbian teachers in Utah, but for Gays and Lesbians everywhere," ACLU attorney Stephen Clark said.

Weaver still faces a state lawsuit filed last spring by a group of Spanish Fork residents represented by attorney Matt Hilton, who claimed she is unfit to be a teacher because she is a Lesbian and had improper contact with female students. Weaver angrily dismisses the charges of inappropriate conduct as manufactured by people seeking to force her from her teaching position. The case is pending in 4th District Court.

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about AIDS?" continuing through the end of the year. Hands-on exhibits, interactive videos and computers assist everyone, particularly young people ages 10-20, to understand the science of AIDS.

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As of September 1998, Pima County has 1,320 reported cases of AIDS.

Tucson ranks 45<sup>th</sup> in major US metro areas in the number of AIDS cases.

In the U.S., someone is infected with HIV every 13 minutes.

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## Georgia Sodomy Law

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also an officer of the Georgia Council of Moral and Civic Concerns. "The public generally supports the sodomy statute."

State Representative Len Walker (R-Loganville), who is also a Methodist minister, said, "I don't know exactly what direction we will take. I do know that it will be addressed." Republican legislators will probably begin organizing in earnest in early December at an already-scheduled training session to be held in Athens, Georgia.

Just where the state's Democrats will go with the issue is less clear, since the Georgia party has for some time been refusing proposals to repeal the "crimes against nature" law. Governor-elect Roy Barnes (D) has had his staff reviewing the ruling and has not yet commented on it, but Lieutenant-Governor-elect Mark Taylor (D) said, "I think there needs to be a law of some sort

on the books. I think, Republican or Democrat, it's an issue the Legislature would rather not deal with. But we don't have that option."

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increase in funding given to the National Institutes of Health for research on HIV prevention and treatment around the world. Though Clinton acknowledged that the grants were small, he said they would help meet the needs of orphaned children.

Daniel Zingale, executive director of AIDS Action, an umbrella group of community-based organizations, said the American effort was appallingly small compared to the needs of the international community. "As America reaps the rewards of our investments in research and care," he said, "we're witnessing skyrocketing infection rates and an AIDS holocaust in Africa because of our failure to address prevention and international efforts."



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