

## WAS 1998 GREAT? YOU DECIDE!

By Mark R. Kerr

**TUCSON (ON)** — Winning big at the slots to nearly losing with the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. Congressman Jim Kolbe finally speaks to a Tucson Gay and Lesbian group just only a year and a half after being out, to the battle to extend medical and dental benefits to the domestic partners of Pima County employees. This past year has been an interesting one for Gay and Lesbian Tucsonans:

### 'HATE AND LOVE'

The year started out with the "Tale of Two Preachers." Rev. Elder Troy Perry, the founder and moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) preached a message of love to Tucson's Water of Life-MCC Church.

On the other hand, the homophobic Rev. Fred Phelps of the Westboro, Kansas Baptist Church, according to a press release, was going to lead a protest of his flock, consisting of his extended relatives, against the "sodomite Republican Congressman Jim Kolbe" at his Tucson office on New Year's Day. Fred and his family didn't show up.

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### 'CAN YOU SPARE A DIME?'

Arizona's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) faced its second financial crisis in beginning of the year, since the state government had never funded the program in the seventeen-year history of the AIDS epidemic. More than \$330,000 was needed to finish out the fiscal year. If not, medications would have to be limited and new clients would have to look elsewhere.

Speaking of spendthrifts, the Arizona Legislature commenced their annual session. With the school financing crisis looming, what did our State Legisla-

ture do? Introduce anti-Gay, Lesbian and HIV/AIDS legislation to the surprise of no one.

### 'STILL A HALF-DOZEN'

One of Tucson's Gay and Lesbian nightspots, Hours, closed and then re-opened after the owner had a change of heart and a well-deserved break for the owner during 1998. Another nightclub, the Neon Moon, went from straight to Gay, looking for that "Gay and Lesbian Big Buck." The bucks didn't come for the eastside establishment and it soon converted back to being a straight country bar and then went out of business by the end of the year.

### 'MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!'

The check was finally in the mail for ADAP, when Arizona Governor Jane Hull authorized the state to allocate \$340,000 from the Tobacco Tax Health Care Fund for the beleaguered program. In addition, Hull proposed \$1.632 million in the state budget, a first, going to ADAP for the next fiscal year.

He won, but Vanna didn't give him the check. Danny "Moose" Pagel hit it big, winning nearly \$1 million on the Wheel of Fortune slots at the Desert Diamond Casino.

### 'WHO'S A MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY?'

Congressman Jim Kolbe speaks... finally! U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-CD 5, delivered his first address to a Tucson Gay and Lesbian group, the Community Business Association (CBA). More than 200 members and guests attend the breakfast meeting to hear him speak, delivering a modified stump speech on overhauling the IRS.

Jim and Elaine Cooper, who gave their time and efforts to the community, were named the Grand Marshals of the eighth annual Saguaro Regional Rodeo.

Victoria DuPuis was crowned Miss Gay Tucson 1998. Mr. Kenneth Blake was crowned Miss Gay Arizona-America this past year.

### 'PIMA COUNTY DOMESTIC PARTNERS ORDINANCE FIGHT FINALLY ENDS!'

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A small problem, the County's Human Resources didn't tell the Pima County Board of Supervisors of their decision, much to the surprise of County Supervisor Raul Grijalva, D-District 5. Grijalva found out from this reporter, when seeking comment for a story on the subject.

The "thaw" came the following week, when the Board of Supervisors voted to extend the medical and dental benefits to the domestic partners and dependents of those county employees who had originally signed up. Arizona's Court of Appeals threw out the appeal by the taxpayer and that was the end of that story.

### 'ARIZONA LEGISLATURE ENDS SESSION TO THE RELIEF OF MANY!'

Let the campaign begin! The Forty-Third Session of the Arizona Legislature ended, a few weeks after missing its annual goal of finishing in just 100 days. Much to the surprise of many, only one of the anti-Gay, Lesbian, HIV/AIDS proposals made it to the governor's desk. Which one?

SB 1037, the "Good Samaritan Act," which forces the Arizona Department of Health Services to divulge health information on individuals to people requesting it if allegedly, "they were a good Samaritan and felt they were exposed to a communica-

## Many U.S. HIV+ Adults Lacking Health Care

**NEW YORK, NY (RHIS)** — Many HIV-positive people in the US are not receiving regular medical care, study findings suggest. Some of these people have unrecognized infection, but others lack care because services for HIV-infected patients are "highly fragmented," according to an editorial published in The New England Journal of Medicine.

An estimated 292,000 to 372,000 HIV-infected patients received medical care in the US during a six-month period in 1996, though an estimated 650,000 to 900,000 people in the country were HIV-positive at that time, Dr. Samuel Bozzette of the University of California at San Diego, and colleagues report.

"Many Americans with diagnosed or undiagnosed HIV infection are not receiving medical care at least as often as every six months," Bozzette's team writes.

Bozzette and colleagues studied a sample of more than 4,000 HIV-positive patients receiving care in 28 different metropolitan areas and 25 rural areas during the first two months of 1996. Using statistical models, they then extrapolated from their findings to get a picture of healthcare for HIV-positive adults nationwide during a six-month period.

By the researchers' estimation, about 60% of the HIV-infected patients receiving treatment in 1996 had already developed full-blown AIDS. This was the case even though only a third of the total number of HIV-positive patients in the US are believed to have developed the syndrome.

"This implies that the HIV-infected adults who are not receiving regular care are primarily those with early and quite possibly unrecognized HIV infection," Bozzette and colleagues write.

Those receiving care, however, did appear to be getting up-to-date care with newer, more effective antiretroviral drugs. The increase in the use of these drugs is "impressive," the researchers report.

The cost of care was an estimated \$22,200 per patient per year, or a total of about \$6.7 billion for a six-month period, the researchers found. Roughly 40% of the total went to cover medications, and 43% went toward hospital care. The total spent amounted to "less than one percent of the over \$700 billion in US expenditures for personal healthcare in 1996," Bozzette and

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# UPDATE

## Positive Voices Can Make All The Difference

TUCSON — The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) is looking for people living with HIV and AIDS to share your experiences through Project VOICE. TIHAN's new education and awareness beginning in early 1999.

Our goal through Project VOICE is to ensure that accurate information regarding HIV and AIDS is available to all of our faith communities in Tucson.

TIHAN already has many HIV+ speakers who regularly speak to faith communities, helping turn fear and misunderstanding into knowledge and compassion. With your help, Project VOICE can expand TIHAN's efforts, reaching out to change even more minds and hearts.

Working together in teams of two or three people, we can reach out to faith communities to help them understand the reality of AIDS. Understanding and awareness come when people have the courage to stand up and speak out. Amazing things happen when HIV-positive people share their stories: attitudes change, misinformation is corrected, stereotypes are broken, and HIV moves from being just an "issue" to a reality. Nowhere is such an effort needed more than in our churches and synagogues.

Other critical needs include: people with personal experiences with a loved one with HIV/AIDS (partner, family member, friend) and; individuals who can assist in setting up meetings with clergy and congregational leaders.

There will be abundant support, you will not be on your own. Orientation sessions and ample support will be provided. With your voice, we can expand awareness and compassion in our world, benefiting all of us infected and affected by HIV.

To share your voice, or for more information, call the TIHAN office at (520) 299-6647 or E-mail: [voice@tihan.org](mailto:voice@tihan.org).

## Desert Voices Update

TUCSON — Desert Voices begins rehearsals for their spring concert, "Sisters," Monday, January 4, at the Armory Park Senior Center, 7:00 to 9:30 P.M.

The "Sisters" concert will feature music of women composers from: Hildegard von Bingen, Holly Near and Diane Warren. Warren is currently pop music's hottest composer, having written music for Elton John, Celine Dion, Boyz II Men, Luis Miguel and Monica. The Denver Women's Chorus, one of the finest in the nation, will appear as Desert Voices' guest.

Women With Voices will reprise

Ruth Huber's "Joan of Arc," which will be released on Desert Voices' first recording, "Legacy," in June 1999. Before going back into the recording studio to record several more selections, Desert Voices will perform at the Senior Olympics opening ceremonies, which take place in January.

Auditions for new singers will take place, Monday, January 4 and January 11, 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. The chorus is especially seeking first sopranos, second altos, tenors and basses.

A Desert Voices' tour of California, performing in San Diego, West Hollywood, San Francisco and at the GALA Festival, with 110 Lesbian and Gay choruses, is in the planning stages.

For more information, call Desert Voices, (520) 791-9662.

## Sexual Preference May Be Somewhat Genetic According To New Study

NEW YORK, NY (WS) — A single gene that controls sexual behavior of both males and females has been isolated in fruit flies, and researchers say the findings suggest genes play a strong role in human sexual behavior, too.

The gene has been dubbed "dissatisfaction" because when it appears in a mutated form in the fly:

Males become Bisexual, actively pursuing any flies in their vicinity, but a physical abnormality prevents them from getting into the right mating position.

Females aggressively avoid all contact with suitors, kicking at them and running. Even if they are trapped and mated, they lack the nerve connections to lay eggs.

A study in a recent issue of *Neuron* provides a full verification of the identity and function of the gene, which was reported in a preliminary study a year ago in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

The research team, led by Michael McKeown of the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, found that the gene is very similar to a gene called *tailless*, which is involved in brain development. *Tailless* is found in flies, humans, mice, frogs and chickens.

The findings also should provide insights into genes that govern complex behavior, including human sexual behavior and preference, McKeown says. "We would have to consider that some aspect of sexual preference in humans will be controlled genetically," he says.

## IN MEMORIAM



JOHN MACKIN

A friend for us all passed way unexpectedly of an apparent heart attack, Sunday, December 27, 1998.

John was born in Yonkers, New York and attend school in Yonkers. Upon graduation from high school, he moved to California and attended San Diego State University, graduating with a B.A. in Psychology.

He pursued his love of cooking and owned and operated restaurants in California, including the Russian River and Palm Springs prior to moving to Tucson.

John became a friend to the Tucson Community while working briefly at the Stonewall/Eagle and for the past three years as the manager/bartender at the Graduate.

John is survived by his sister, Sue Maddox, two nieces and one grand-niece, from Houston, Texas, who all dearly adored him.

A celebration of life will be held for John on Sunday, January 3, 4:00 to 7:00 P.M., at the Graduate.

## St. Francis Volleyball Postponed For Winter

TUCSON — The Weekly Volleyball for all playing levels at St. Francis UMC will not meet this winter.

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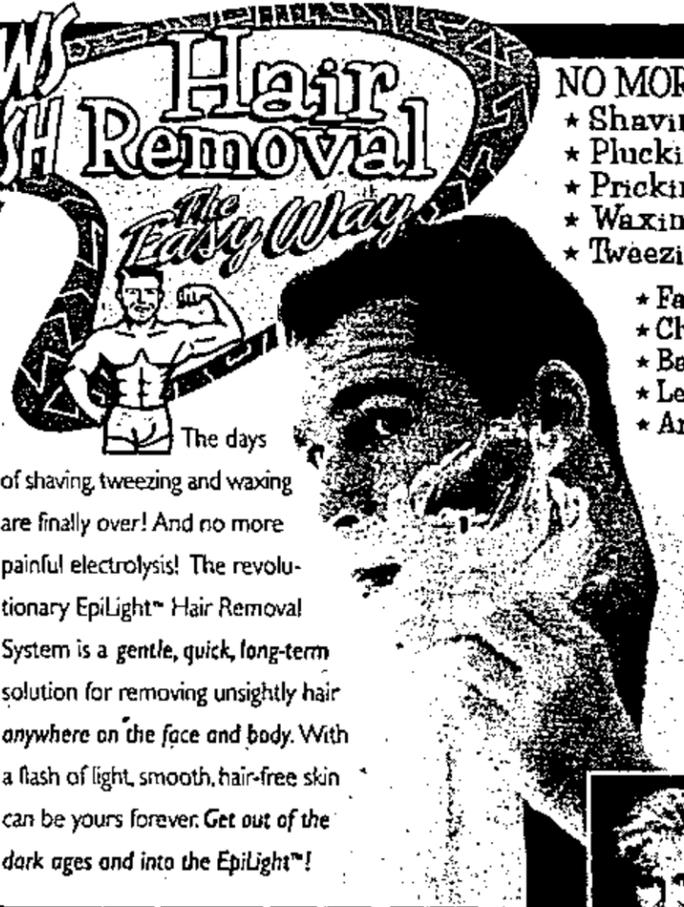
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## Three Vaccines Look Hopeful In Tests Of 40 Under Study

WASHINGTON, DC (SFE) — President Clinton has set a deadline of the year 2007 for the development of a vaccine against AIDS.

Approximately 40 AIDS vaccines are being studied around the world and three of them already show promise, according to Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and a leading AIDS expert.

The vaccine closest to winning approval by the federal Food and Drug Administration is AIDSVax, manufactured by VaxGen Inc.

AIDSVax is now in a large-scale Phase III clinical trial, the final hurdle before FDA approval. The vaccine is derived from a genetically engineered protein, called gp-120, that is a copy of a protein found in the HIV virus. After being injected into a human, the vaccine sparks the immune system to create HIV antibodies. The Phase III test will determine whether those antibodies attack the HIV virus.

Another vaccine is produced by the U.S. subsidiary of the French pharmaceutical company Pasteur-Merieux Connaught. The firm is exploring a so-called vectored vaccine, which uses a harmless virus — canary pox — that has been injected with HIV genes. When injected into human subjects, the resulting brew stimulates the body's immune system to produce antibodies.

This approach has been tested on a small number of people and is currently in Phase II clinical trials with a larger group of test subjects. "Early results have been encouraging," Fauci noted.

The FDA will decide next year whether to allow Pasteur to conduct a Phase III clinical trial involving thousands of human volunteers.

A third test centers on the so-called "naked DNA vaccine" being developed by Wyeth-Lederle Vaccines. This approach involves injecting a small amount of the DNA of the HIV virus into a person's muscle in order to prompt the immune system to recognize the invader and develop antibodies that protect the body. "Preliminary data look pretty good," Fauci said.

Other vaccines under development include vaccines that use either "whole killed" HIV virus or live HIV virus or HIV protein fragments or man-made viruses to stimulate the immune system.

Scientists disagree over whether any of the vaccines will be successful.

Fauci contends that the 2007 deadline is within reach. "We are well-positioned to meet this goal with the extraordinary basic and applied research that is now underway," Fauci told an immunization conference last summer.

But Dr. R. Scott Hitt, chairman of Clinton's advisory council on HIV and AIDS, said he believes that a working vaccine "is not going to happen in 10 years without a stroke of luck or intensification of efforts to coordinate."

Sam Avrett, the executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition, said that despite the scientific activity, only slow progress is being made. "We're probably a decade or two away from an effective vaccine that could be distributed throughout the world," Avrett said.

A 1998 report by the National Institutes of Health cautions that finding an effective AIDS vaccine is a tremendous undertaking.

"The only prediction one can make about development of an AIDS vaccine is the same one that can be made for the development of any vaccine — the path will not be straight and much will be learned in the various disciplines of vaccinology in the process," the report said.

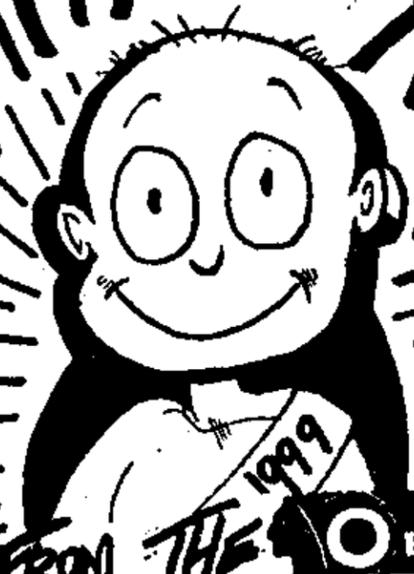
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**POLITICS 1998**  
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**'I Never Had Sexual Relations With . . .'**

Was the beginning of the quote of the year from President Bill Clinton commenting on Zippergate as it burst onto the scene, January 23, in the nation's Capitol, Monica D.C., and played out the remainder of 1998, culminating in Clinton being the second president to be impeached.

Despite the year-long "Monica Moment," Congress did take up some issues of concern to Gays and Lesbians. The results? Some good, but a lot of work still to be done. Some examples:

President Clinton's executive order barring discrimination in federal employment (except in the military) based on sexual orientation was upheld, despite Republican efforts to overturn the policy and prevent any such policy in the future. Overall funding for AIDS, prevention and research was increased by Congress.

On the other hand, the 1997 Employment Non-Discrimination Act and the Hate Crimes Act didn't get anywhere. Even after the Gay bashing and murder of openly Gay University of Wyoming student, Matthew Shepard in October. Legislative later, impeachment now!

What happened to openly Gay philanthropist and "Spam" heir, James Hornel, picked by Clinton to serve as Ambassador to Luxembourg? His nomination was "canned" by the Republicans in the Senate, specifically Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi.

Something for us to celebrate came in November when former Democratic Wisconsin State Representative, Tammy Baldwin, became the first open Gay or Lesbian to be initially elected to Congress. Moreover, as the proverbial icing on the cake, the homophobic former U.S. Rep. Bob "B-1" Dornan, R-CA, was trounced in his bid to reclaim his seat from Democrat Loretta Sanchez.

Gay U.S. Representative, Jim Kolbe, R-CD 5, after being out since 1996 finally delivered an address, albeit a modified stump speech, to a Tucson Gay and Lesbian group, the Community Business Association (CBA) in January 1998. Later in the year, Kolbe appeared at OTOBER-FEST, Tucson's Fall Pride event. When asked about this appearance, the incumbent Republican gave conflicting answers/comments to the press about it.

It got better. Kolbe's Democratic opponent, former Tucson Mayor Tom Volgy, criticized him for not speaking out during the "Summer of Slamming," where the Congressional Republican leadership made many anti-Gay remarks.

Still, on the subject of Jim, the homophobic Rev. Fred Phelps of the Westboro, Kansas Baptist Church, according to a press release, was going to lead a protest of his flock, consisting of his extended relatives, against the "sodomite Republican Congressman Jim Kolbe" at his Tucson office on New Year's Day. Fred and his family didn't show up.

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Around the nation, Gays and Lesbians fared worse. In Alaska, voters approved a state constitutional amendment barring recognition of same-sex marriages. Voters in Hawaii approved a constitutional amendment giving the state Legislature the power to reserve marriage for opposite sex couples. In February, Maine voters repealed, by a narrow margin, a state anti-discrimination ordinance barring discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations based on sexual orientation.

This past year was a pleasant surprise regarding the Arizona Legislature, which convened in January for their annual session, going 131 out of 100 days. As usual, the same flurry of anti-Gay, Lesbian and HIV/AIDS bills were introduced, only one was signed into law, the "Good Samaritan Act."

For the first time in the history of the AIDS epidemic, the Arizona Legislature approved funding, \$1.7 million, to go for the state's AIDS Drug Assistance Program, which faced a funding crisis, running out of money twice during the fiscal year. Governor Hull declared a "health crisis" and authorized funding, more than \$900,000, to go to ADAP to get the beleaguered program through the rest of the fiscal year.

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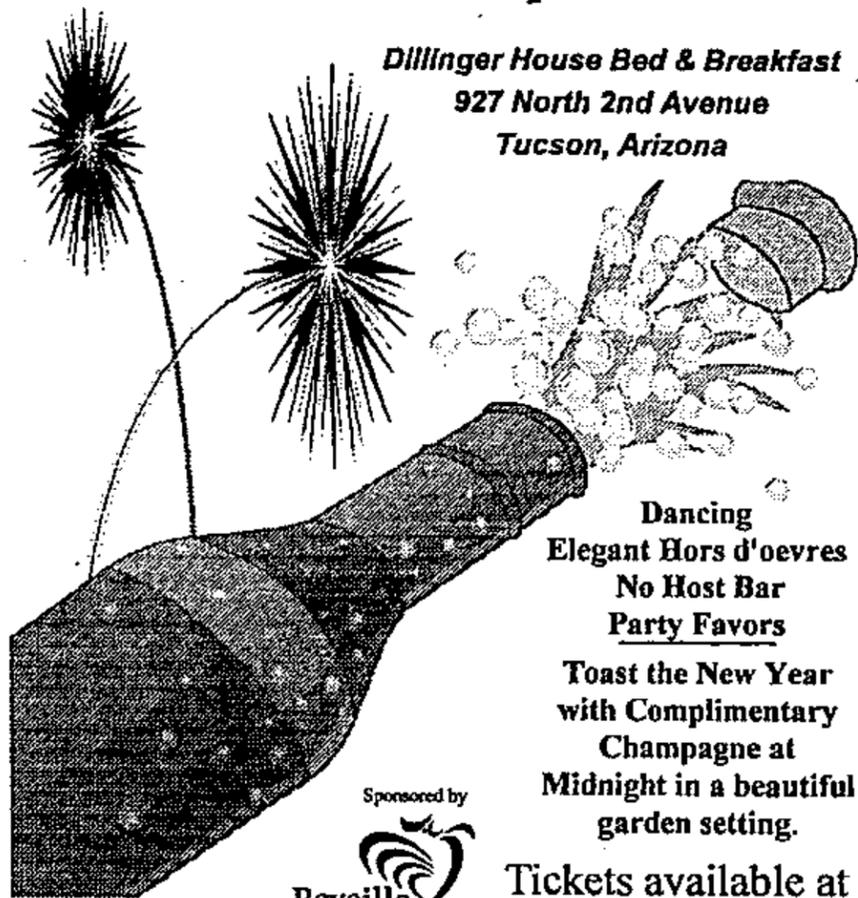
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ble disease by the person in question in a crisis or accident," became law.

To note, the Legislature approved \$1.7 million in funding for the state's ADAP program, through the Tobacco Tax Emergency Health Care Fund for just "one time only." This was the first time that any funding for this program had been approved by the State Legislature during the entire history of the AIDS epidemic.

### 'LUSCIOUS LUCINDA OR FABOO FATALE FLAVORED?'

More than \$18,000 was raised at the eleventh annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza held in the parking lot of the Graduate. Proceeds from this annual fund raiser went to Tucson's AIDS Service Organization, the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). According to Anne Malcy, executive director of SAAF, close to \$100,000 had been raised in the past eleven years. But the question from this year's event, "The Jell-O, what flavor was it?"

### 'SOME SANG AND SOME WONDERED'

The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance held Pride Week in 1998 to mark the Stonewall Riots starting the Gay and Lesbian rights movement, with readings, discussions and shows at the local nightclubs. More than 2,000 people attended Gay West II at Old Tucson Studios, showing that an annual event can be held during the Summer to mark the Stonewall Riots in Tucson.

Sell out crowds listened to Tucson's Gay and Lesbian chorus, Desert Voices and other choruses at Southwest Fest, held at the Temple of Music & Art in Tucson.

### 'GRILLED GILDA TO GO!'

The final MPS Roast and Toast was held this year. Despite the monsoons, the Gay and Lesbian community came out to help a very special member of the family, Woody, raising \$6,000 for the National MPS Society.

This year's honoree was Miss Gilda Fatale, whom the community came out to see get "grilled."

Also during the year, Woody, accompanied by his mother, Beth Perry, went to UCLA for experimental treatments for MPS I (Hurler-Scheie Syndrome), which Woody responded to, according to Beth Perry.

### 'LOOKING FOR BILLY, MILK DUDS AND OUTOBERFEST'

A controversial cartoon, "Looking for Billy," ran in the University of Arizona Daily Wildcat, posing the question "Was it free speech, homophobia or a misguided message?"

The fourth annual Tucson Lesbian/Gay Film Festival took place. Standing Room Only (SRO) crowds viewed such films as: "We're Funny That Way," "Leather Jacket Love Story," and "Drag-A-Rama."

Tucson's fall pride event, OUTOBERFEST '98, hosted by the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA), took place at Reid Park. More than 7,000 attended

this year's event, with \$3,800 of the proceeds donated to community groups by TLGA.

This year's event also provided some life in an otherwise dull political campaign, especially for the U.S. House of Representative from Congressional District 5. The incumbent, Gay Republican Jim Kolbe made his first-ever appearance at a Pride event. When asked about his appearance, Kolbe made conflicting statements about his knowledge of this or previous Pride events. His Democratic challenger, former Tucson Mayor Tom Volgy, criticized Kolbe for not speaking out more against the Congressional Leadership's Gay and Lesbian bashing.

### 'IS IT SAAF?'

More than 2,500 people raised \$125,000 for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) during the tenth annual AIDS Walk, held at Rillito Downs. The tenth annual Jerome Beillard Festival For Life was held this year and the University Marriott, another fund raiser for Tucson's only AIDS Service Organization, SAAF. With the money purportedly going for client services, is SAAF safe or is it becoming AIDS Incorporated?

### 'THEY CAME, SAW AND VOTED'

Arizona made history during the 1998 election by electing five women to state office: Jane Hull for Governor, Betsey Bayless for Secretary of State, Janet Napolitano for Attorney General, Lisa Graham-Keegan for Superintendent for Public Instruction and Carol Springer for Treasurer.

The state also made history by elected Steve May of Phoenix, the openly Gay Republican candidate to the Arizona House of Representatives. Yes Virginia, we have a Gay caucus in the State Legislature — Rep. Steve May and Rep. Ken Chevront!

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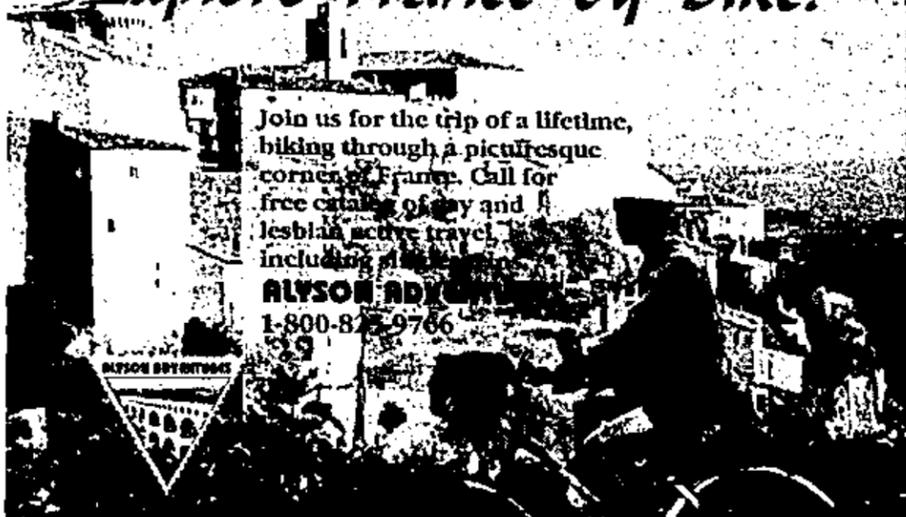
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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Welcome the new year with a new outlook and attitude. Think of each month of '99 as part of a twelve step program to an affirming 2000. Rule 1: Never kowtow to the straight and narrow. Charge ahead in January when a cluster of planets in uncompromising Capricorn wends into humanitarian Aqueerius. Resolve to never take no for an answer compadres!

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Queer Rams have full professional plates in early January when planets in Capricorn pile on the responsibilities. Cart it while you can, cousin; By January 21, you'll prefer to lounge around with pals who provide excitingly dreamy diversions with the help of Neptune and Uranus. By January 27, you're conjuring up a few wild moments on your own. Who said Rams are repressed?

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Planets trawling through Capricorn may tickle the hooves of even complacent and sedentary queer Bulls in early January. But take your show Out on the open road before January 5; After that your heart will no longer be in faraway places. As more planets enter Aqueerius you become more involved in corporate intrigue. By the January 27, you are a Bull in a shark suit.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

If early January feels hoty totsy maybe it's because Gay Twins feel hoty totsy themselves. You have no problem being a mere sexual plaything when planets hover in Capricorn. In fact, you are pushing (and pulling) for the job. By mid-month however, you may be ready for a change in venue and nobler pursuits. Of course, maybe that means you'll try for European royalty.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Queer Crabs feel like nesting in early January when planets in Capricorn highlight relationships. It's a new year and a new lavender you cousin, so use this time to solidify partnership you have or wish to have. You become a steaming Crab bisque after January 21 when more and more planets enter feisty Aquarius. Spice to taste, loosen your belt and eat heartily.

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Use those disciplined planets in Capricorn to maintain a strict diet and exercise regime to take off the holiday excess in early January. Proud Leos need to look their very best especially after January 21 when attentions shift to finding a soul mate. Surprises are in store for those domesticated Lions who keep an open mind and open heart in love. Ah, better still; an open wallet.

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Party season ain't over as planets in Capricorn keep the good times rolling in early January. But before you become a dissi-

gated old thing. Venus advances into Aquarius on January 5 signaling that, while the feet may be dancing, the heart is moving to the beat of a different drummer. By January 21, Gay Virgins are back to work. How about pushing your pencil in my direction?

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

You are tired of family mandates and are ready to take a broom to all the homophobic ancestral dust that has been shoved under the rug. A new year, a new resolution! Or is it revolution? Whatever it is, overturn the power structure before January 21 when your mission in life shifts to more creative pastimes. Tap into your Gay muse and show someone your etchings by January 29.

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Get your point across in early January when many planets hover in measured Capricorn. Queer Scorps can raise the roof with a few well chosen bon mots. But levitate before January 21 when the Sun enters Aquarius. That will signal a shift to more personal issues like home and family. Mercury follows the Sun on January 27. Planning on a move or taking a roommate? Choose now.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Queer Archers are not practical folks but you now gain the fiscal acumen to become Gay Paul Getty in early January. Count your pennies before January 5 cousin; Venus then enters Aquarius and dissolves your financial zest. Sell off after January 21 when you're more interested in stirring up the air with fiery proclamations. Put that mouth to burning good use. Yikes!

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

All planets in your own sign in early January create new opportunities for you to shine in '99. It's a new year and a new look, proud Cap, so toss out your high school underwear and try a few high style togs before January 21. Achieve diva status before the planets move into Aquarius mid-month. After that you'll be more interested in saving for a rainy day than making a big splash.

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Aqueerians can savor the spark of insight in early January when many planets in Capricorn make you more divinely divine than usual. So if you're so prescient, tell me what's going to happen when the Sun traipses into your own sign after January 21? If you said "Happy Birthday," you're right! Celebrate and create a huge planetary pile-up. Are you on top or on the bottom?

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Pink Fish have a proud school of compadres to swim with in early January. Jump into the social swim and forge new alliances before the Sun moves into Aquarius on January 21. After that, you find that life has to mean more than hoisting a few cold ones with the buds. Get involved in a great Gay community effort (is there any other?) and build good Gay karma for 1999.



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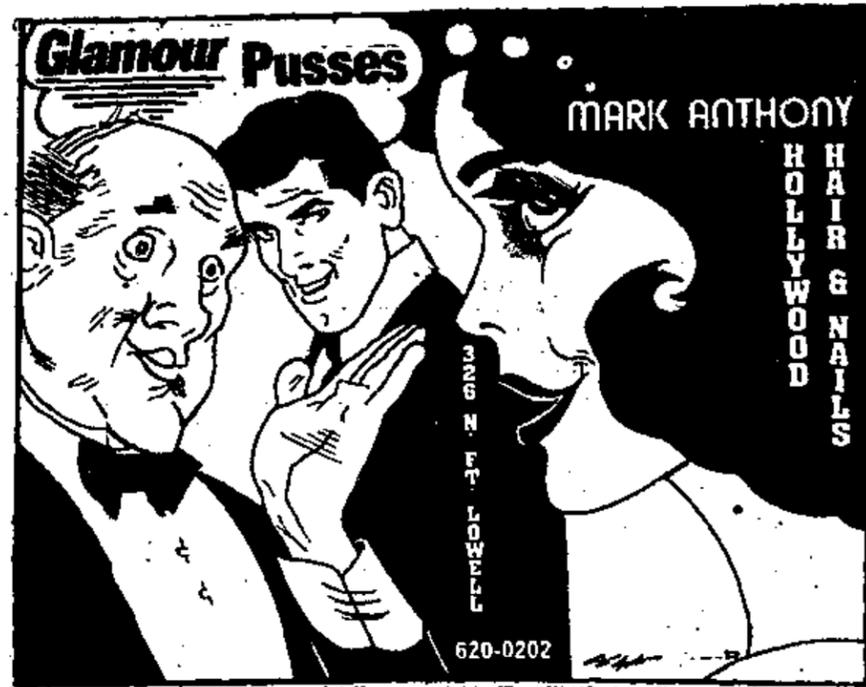
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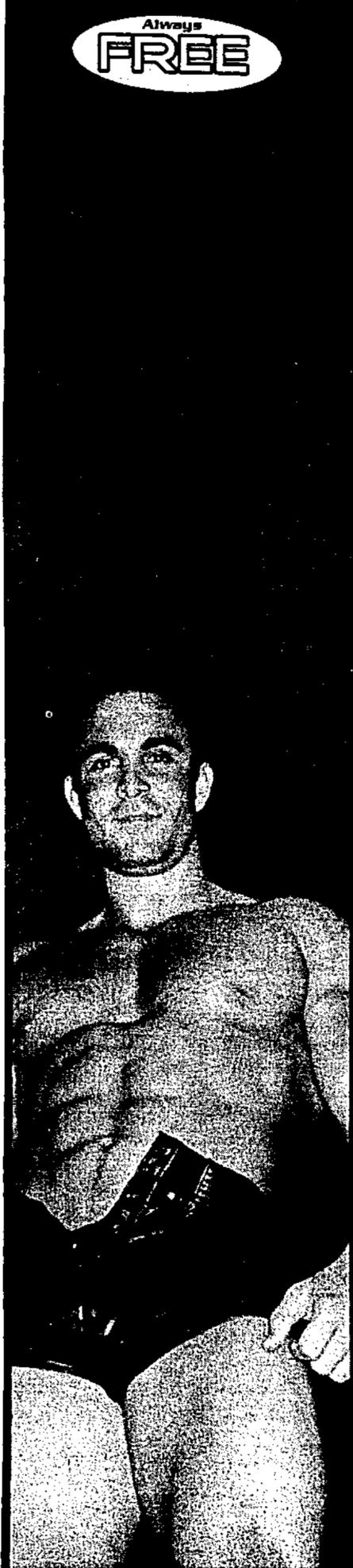
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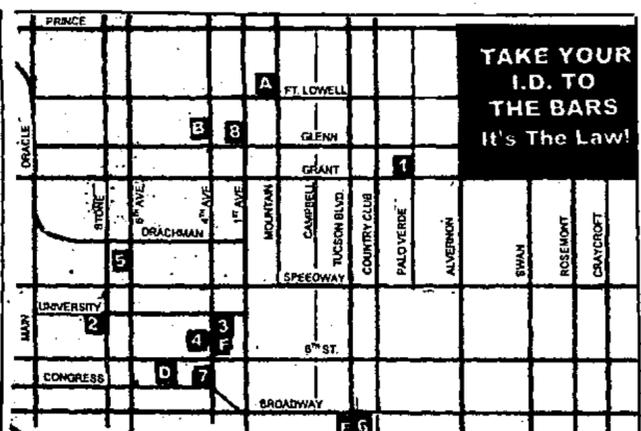
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**Giant Strides And Painful Setbacks**

By Elizabeth Birch

WASHINGTON, DC — 1998 tested our community as never before. In a tumultuous year marked by giant strides and painful setbacks, we forged ahead on our path to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender equality.

Over the course of the year, the religious right escalated its assault on our community, but we answered their distortions with truth and continued to make clear that our community deserves respect, safety and equal treatment under the law.

As we look ahead to 1999 and the 106th Congress, I am heartened that some of our most aggressive foes were defeated at the ballot box and many of our friends — some time-tested, some new — triumphed. We can only hope the Senate will have more sense than the House, and put an end to the impeachment drama playing out before us. While the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) does not condone the president's behavior, we think it is time for our Congress to move on and attend to the peoples' business.

At this writing, it is unclear what kind of leader we will see in Rep. J. Dennis Hastert, R-IL, the incoming House speaker. His record on our issues has not been good — he scored zero on the last HRC congressional scorecards — but he is viewed as a consensus builder. And the fact that voters repudiated extremism at the ballot box may help our issues as they come before Congress and federal agencies in the next year.

Looking back on 1998, we weathered some dark days and learned some difficult lessons. We discovered how firm a grip the religious right has on the leaders of the Republican Party after Focus on the Family's James Dobson threatened to leave the GOP unless it adopted retrogressive social policies. The first result Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott's giving an interview in which he compared Gay people to kleptomaniacs, alcoholics and sex addicts.

The incendiary rhetoric soon moved into the Senate itself, as right-wing GOP Sens. James Inhofe of Oklahoma, Tim Hutchinson of Arkansas, and Bob Smith of New Hampshire blocked a floor vote on James Hormel to be ambassador to Luxembourg. Despite bipartisan backing, Hormel was denied a vote solely because he is Gay.

Good news came on May 28, when President Clinton signed an executive order banning workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation in the civilian federal government. However, this sent the right wing into a frenzy of anti-Gay legislation. The centerpiece was an amendment, sponsored by Colorado Republican Rep. Joel Hefley, seeking to gut Clinton's executive order. HRC helped defeat the Hefley amendment, the first time that Congress voted affirmatively to ban discrimination against Gay and Lesbian Americans.

The anti-Gay legislation kept coming in a concerted effort by some GOP members of Congress to pander to right-wing extremists. Outgoing Rep. Frank Riggs, R-CA, offered an amendment that would have prohibited the city of San Francisco from receiving federal veterans and housing funds as long as it enforced an ordinance that requires city contractors to offer domestic partnership benefits to its unmarried employees. Through the hard work of the Human Rights Campaign and other organizations, none of the anti-Gay legislation, including the Riggs amendment, became law.

The assault on Gays and Lesbians reached its peak in the summer when 18 religious political organizations, led by the Christian Coalition and the Family Research Council, launched a national ad campaign claiming Gay people could become heterosexual through prayer and "ex-Gay ministries." This \$500,000 "Truth In Love" campaign opened July 13 with a full-page ad in The New York Times.

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**New Years: A Second Chance**

I remember reading somewhere that in some villages in Italy people celebrate New Year's by throwing things (including furniture and heavy objects) out of windows into the streets. I recall that this is to mark a new beginning by letting go of the past. I've never celebrated New Years with that level of gusto. But I quickly got beyond my youthful experience of New Years Eve spent in a monastery. In that particular monastery, at midnight, some monks jingled their rosary beads outside their bedroom doors. I suppose they were the handiest noise-makers available.

tions include neither throwing furniture nor jingling rosaries. No matter how one celebrates New Year's Eve, I do think that the New Year provides a special opportunity to reflect on our lives, looking ahead to the future.

Many people make New Year's resolutions. Often, they are the same resolutions each year: eat less, work out more, get a new job, or find the perfect mate. It seems that most people do well if they keep these resolutions for a few weeks or so. I suspect that they usually make it till mid-January.

Perhaps part of the problem with New Year's resolutions are that they tend to be external changes. We decide we want to change something we do and decide to do it by will power.

When I explain hypnosis to my clients, I talk about using will power to make behavioral changes. Will power is sort of like mental adrenaline. As adrenaline gives us a boost of energy to make it through some strenuous activity, so will power gives us a boost to make behavioral changes. Both adrenaline and will power work short term. For real physical competency, we need training to perform at our peak levels. Physical training requires time and work. Taking time and work to accomplish a goal is something many people would prefer to skip. That's true whether we are aiming to meet physical, psychological or spiritual goals.

The tradition of making New Year's resolution has wisdom in it. As we begin a calendar year, we begin a new cycle of our lives. We are given the opportunity to consider and assess the quality of our lives and how we can make changes for our own good. Sometimes, we need the help of others to make that assessment and understand what changes are appropriate. Most of the time, the changes won't occur by using our will power. That's because real change happens inside of us. It's only after making an internal shift in our perspective that our external behavior changes.

Rather than making the same old resolutions each New Year, perhaps we would do something more beneficial for ourselves if we took the time to consider what's important in our lives. Once we have completed this kind of self assessment, we are in a position to make the internal shifts necessary to live in accordance with what it important to us. This requires that we consider the values we hold as important to us and allowing these values to be the basis of our actions.

Many people find it difficult to make such changes alone. Good friends and skilled counselors can help a great deal in the process. They assist us in recognizing the forest from the trees of our lives. Having a clearer perspective, we are then able to take steps on the path we know is right for us.

While it's easier to make a few quick resolutions again this New Year, those who really want to improve the quality of their lives aren't afraid of doing some extra work. Doing so results in greater satisfaction in life rather than frustration over unkept resolutions in just a few weeks.

[The Rev. Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D., is a counselor and spiritual director in private practice in Tucson. He can be contacted at 290-1591 or by e-mail at LouKavar@aol.com.]

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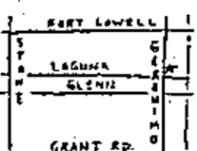
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# PERSPECTIVE...

by Bill Searle

Clinton critics whine that he hasn't sufficiently apologized for the Lewinsky mess. As if that's serious justification to reverse a presidential election! So how much apology do they want?

On August 17 President Clinton addressed the nation to confess, "Indeed I did have a relationship with Miss Lewinsky that was not appropriate... a critical lapse in judgment and a personal failure on my part for which I am solely and completely responsible... I know that my public comments and my silence about this matter gave a false impression. I misled people, including even my wife. I deeply regret that."

On August 28 he again publicly asked for forgiveness, and again on September 2 and again on September 4: "I made a bad mistake. It's indefensible and I'm sorry about it." On September 11: "Legal language must not obscure the fact

that I have done wrong. I will continue on the path of repentance." Again on December 12: "profoundly sorry... never should have misled the country... I gave in to my shame."

Repetitive humiliation over a private sexual matter is but the latest chapter in a six year campaign of partisan character assassination to "Get Clinton" at any cost to the country. It's waged by the same right wing zealots who systematically spread lies and accusing the Clintons of Whitewater, Travelgate and Filegate wrongdoing, even complicity in murder. When Starr finally entrapped the President over a private matter of concern only to his wife, not the country, predictably they over reach.

When will congressional Republicans apologize, not simply for their own private indiscretions, but for their blatantly dishonest public drive to cripple the presidency of this country? Real high crimes.

## Giant Strides And Painful Setbacks

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national Gay organizations, HRC produced the first counter-ad and, on the morning of July 15, America woke up to a dueling displays in USA Today. HRC's ad featured the Waterbury family - Dave, Ruth and their Lesbian daughter, Margie - asking America to create "a country free of discrimination."

Then, in October came the shocking image of University of Wyoming college student Matthew Shepard, lashed to a split-rail fence after being beaten by thugs

because he was Gay. Across America, people of all backgrounds and faiths joined together in sorrow and anger after Shepard died. In Washington, thousands gathered on the steps of the U.S. Capitol to remember, and to call for a federal hate crimes law protecting Gays and Lesbians.

Another setback came when Hawaii voters passed a constitutional amendment that gives the state Legislature the power to reserve marriage for opposite sex couples. In this fight, where our side was outspent 2-1, religious political groups and the Mormon Church played on fear and prejudice to drive voters to open their constitution to tampering. It is still unclear whether Hawaii legislators will do this. But in the meantime, Gov. Ben Cayetano has pledged to introduce legislation recognizing same-sex relationships in the state of Hawaii.

Despite that loss, it was the right wing of the GOP that paid for pandering to religious political extremists. More than 90 percent of HRC-endorsed candidates won their races, compared to only 46 percent of candidates backed by Gary Bauer's ultra-conservative Campaign for Working Families. The election results, which included a remarkable five seat pick-up for House Democrats, suggested a rejection of the mean-spirited, anti-Gay rhetoric and legislation that was promoted by religious political extremists.

One of the highest points on Nov. 3 for our community was the election of Tammy Baldwin to the U.S. House from Wisconsin, making her the first non incumbent Gay or Lesbian candidate elected to Congress.

As we approach the new year, HRC is cautiously optimistic. This voters' call for moderation may open the door to passing legislation such as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act and the Hate Crimes Prevention Act. The new year also is a time of hope and reflection, where HRC can look ahead with our community and prepare for the challenges of a new century. May 1999 be a time when we all come together despite our differences and work as one to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

[Elizabeth Birch is the Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign, the largest national Gay and Lesbian rights group in the country.]



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### Politics

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found out from this reporter, when seeking comment for a story on the subject.

The "thaw" came the following week, when the Board of Supervisors voted to extend the medical and dental benefits to the domestic partners and dependents of those county employees who had originally signed up. Arizona's Court of Appeals subsequently threw out the appeal by the taxpayer in a one-page decision.

An underwhelming number of Arizonans went to the polls in November to finish off Campaign '98. Fourteen ballot propositions and very few contested races, especially for the State Legislature, for political office was on the proverbial electoral plate.

Incumbent Republican Senator John McCain won, facing a Democratic bump in the road, and will now run for President in 2000. Isn't a Senator's term

for six years? Jim Kolbe and the mysterious Ed Pastor were reelected to represent Tucson, Pima County and all other points Baja in the U.S. House.

Arizona made history during the 1998 election by electing five women to state office: Jane Hull for Governor; Betsy Bayless for Secretary of State; Janet Napolitano for Attorney General; Lisa Graham-Keegan for Superintendent for Public Instruction and Carol Springer for Treasurer.

The state also made history by elected Steve May of Phoenix, the openly Gay Republican candidate to the Arizona House of Representatives. Yes Virginia, we have a Gay caucus in the State Legislature — Rep. Steve May and Rep. Ken Chevront!

This year is about history, as of press time. What have we learned? A blue dress does make you fat and if you're talking on the phone with a "friend" and your hear a lot of clicking noises, it isn't gum being chewed! . . .

So it goes for 1998 kids!

### Many U.S. HIV+ Adults Lacking Health Care

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colleagues write.

Analyzing the demographics of those receiving treatment, the researchers found that a disproportionately high percentage were men, black, poor, unemployed, and had no private health insurance.

In an editorial accompanying the study, Dr. Robert Steinbrook writes that access to screening programs, care, and medicine is "fragmented" and varies considerably from state to state. Access is "worse for those who are poor, black or Hispanic, or who have less health insurance or none," he reports.

A more comprehensive, integrated approach to treating those who are HIV-positive would not only better serve patients, but could save money, he suggests.

To keep spending in line while providing access to care to more patients, Steinbrook suggests that the US government — which is paying for much of current HIV care through Medicaid and Medicare — negotiate with pharmaceutical companies for price breaks. The government should also eliminate Medicaid restrictions that limit coverage only to people who already have full-blown AIDS or HIV-infection related disability, he writes.

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# Viewpoint

By Larry Everest

## Impeachment A Battleground In The War At Home

WASHINGTON, DC — Hillary Clinton was right. There is a "vast right-wing conspiracy," and it may be on the verge of a major coup. Many Americans are now stoked at the impeachment juggernaut precisely because they're not aware of the right-wing's full agenda or its strength.

This now-successful impeachment effort has never just been about Bill Clinton. It is a campaign to reshape U.S. society that goes far beyond outlawing abortion or allowing prayer in schools. The right aims at nothing less than enshrining fundamentalist religious standards in all civic life.

It's no accident that Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr chose to attack Clinton on sexual issues. The right has used this to put consensual sex outside marriage on trial.

They support intrusion into people's lives. Their agenda is based on "America right or wrong" and white supremacy. According to the Washington Post, Rep. Bob Barr of Georgia, who helped spearhead the impeachment drive, has been a keynote speaker at a meeting of the Council of Conservative Citizens, a group that opposes mixed marriages on the grounds that they will lead to white "race death."

These forces see Clinton as a symbol of multi-culturalism and the 1960s. The Wall Street Journal acknowledged that Starr "was not just prosecuting Bill Clinton; he was prosecuting the entire culture that gave birth to what Bill Clinton represents." And Maureen Dowd wrote in The New York Times, that "the Republicans are attempting to repeal the 1960s."

Since the 1960s, the right has viewed America as a society in cultural and moral decline, and in danger of fragmentation. These concerns have been amplified and gained broader support with the fall of the Soviet Union. For one, the United States no longer has an enemy to bind it together. Second, surviving today in the capitalist global market demands more ruthless cost-cutting with fewer restrictions on big business. Instead of a peace dividend, we've gotten downsizing, NAFTA and the gutting of New Deal social programs.

All these changes have undermined the New Deal consensus that helped hold American society together for more than 50 years, and many in the political establishment are concerned. There are sharp debates around just how to forge a new social compact, but the far right's position - that traditional religious morality must be the new basis for maintaining America's cohesion and world dominance - now has the initiative.

In California, we've gotten a glimpse of the ugly right-wing future in Propositions 187, 209 and 227. The assassination of Dr. Barnett Slepian not long ago in Buffalo, the murder of Matthew Shepard in Wyoming, and the auto-lynching of James Byrd Jr. in Jasper, Texas, are also products of the climate of hatred and intolerance fostered by the right.

Poll after poll has made clear that the majority doesn't share these views. But focusing our energy on supporting Clinton and the Democratic Party is no strategy for preventing a right-wing takeover.

In many ways, the Democrats have facilitated the right's growing strength. Clinton's specialty has been to combine the right's politics of cruelty with Democratic rhetoric of inclusion. He's been able to end welfare and gut many civil liberties - a Republican president who tried moves like those might have triggered Los Angeles-style urban uprisings.

The Democrats have continually given ground to the right and increasingly accepted its terms as the "common ground." When Clinton confessed that he had sinned, he was publicly legitimizing fundamentalist morality.

All who find the right's vision abhorrent must vigorously oppose its authoritarian crusade in all its manifestations. That's a difficult task, but far more realistic than expecting Clinton and the Democrats to save us from the hell-fires of the Republican right.

[Pacific News Service commentator Larry Everest is a free-lance journalist. This article was reprinted from the Arizona Daily Star.]

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Just when you thought the tabloids had wrung every drop of juice from the Monica Lewinsky story, the National Enquirer has found a brand-new angle: "Monica's Gay!" shouts the paper's December 22 edition.

The story claims that La Lewinsky had a crush on Nancy Henreich, director of the White House support staff. And that's not all: Monica supposedly confessed to friends that she has a secret desire for Lucy Lawless, a.k.a. Xena: Warrior Princess...

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## FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Get your New Year of a fast start as we show "Speed", starring Keanu Reeves and Sandra Bullock. A mad bomber has planted a bomb on a bus that can't stop or it'll blow up. Get a kick out of the U of A subplot! For reservations and directions, call Les at 690-9565.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Join us at a special time for our monthly potluck as we sit down to eat with some of the nicest gay guys in town (like you!). This is also our 4th Annual Auction with lots of good things up for bids. Donate an item for sale, or come and buy or just come for the food and good company. You're invited to come and share your favorite dish with the men who come to our monthly gathering. Join us at 6801 N. Oracle (Casa Adobes Congregational Church). Please call Jerry at 690-9565 for directions and any questions you may have.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

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.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

Revelle Gay Men's Chorus will hold auditions for the upcoming season from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. at MCC, 3269 N. Mountain. All voice parts but particularly 1<sup>st</sup> tenors and low basses are open. Call 325-4778 for more info or to schedule a different audition time.

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.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

Gays and Lesbians United (GLU) meeting will be held at the Metropolitan Community Church, 3269 N. Mountain (Just North of Ft. Lowell Ave.) At 6:00 p.m. RSVP to 32307943. All Gay and Lesbian groups welcome.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

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## SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join offers you the chance to unload that tacky (or nice) present you just received from Aunt Marnie. Join Jon for a White Elephant Gift Exchange! Bring your wrapped gift, and hope for getting a better one. For reservations and directions, please call Jon at 881-5988.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

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## TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

1. 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 Terry at 577-3545.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing 2 selected magazine articles which are available from Steve. Even if you don't read the selection, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, please call Steve at 386-4849.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

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Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take be held at Les & Jerry's home. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, January 14 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, JANUARY 17

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 a.m. There will be a hike to Weaver's Needle in the Superstition Mountains. We'll be back to Tucson by late afternoon. The hike is about 5 miles round trip, and is rated moderate. For reservations and more information, please call Patrick at 615-1887.

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

# Bar Calendar Of Upcoming Events

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

IBT'S - 'Pump' On The Lips' Lipsync Contest hosted by Victoria Du Puis and Falice Renard. \$50 first place prize.

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

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HOURS - New Years Eve Bash starts at 9:00 p.m. with Country Dance Music, favors, food and complimentary champagne at midnight.

IBT's - New Year's Eve Gala Party. Party Favors and Champagne. Buffet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Hot dance music with David Z begins at 9:00

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## SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

GRADUATE - A Celebration of Life" will be held in honor of John Mackin from 4:00 to 7:00 today.

IBT'S - Recovery Sunday. \$1.25 Bloody Marys all day!! Benefit Beer Bust and Bar-B-Que will benefit PFLAG on the patio from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Plus Karaoke on the patio with Billy D. from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Then beginning at 9:00 p.m. Its another of IBT's 'Tom, Tattered & Tattoo'd Parties'. Happy hour prices for anyone wearing torn or tattooed or is tattoo'd.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Paoline's World Famous Spaghetti Feed 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. 'Girly Show' hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Naomi Knight and Barbara Seville, Celia Puty and Phaedra.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - International Dance Hits (music from around the world) presented by DJ Eduardo. 9:00 p.m. to closing.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Latin Dance Party with DJ Eduardo 9:00 to closing. Fueza Latina Travesti Show 10:30 p.m.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Tucson Knight Owts (TKO) Taco Bar 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

STONEWALL / EAGLE - The Woody Show II. Watch for details.

## FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 & 24

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Stonewall/Eagle 5th Anniversary Party Weekend. From Las Vegas Vicki Sheppard! (Two Shows)

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

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.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

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

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. "AIDS Alternatives" are discussed as we show a video, followed by a discussion about alternatives to current AIDS treatment. For details, directions and reservations, please contact James at 856-3344.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

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 "MSN in '99". What is the group doing right or wrong? What would you like to see us doing? Come and share your thoughts and ideas (and learn about the group). For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

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, JANUARY 25

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A night is devoted to getting out the MSN newsletters. It's a fun way to help the organization and get to know the MSN guys. Dessert and door prizes are provided. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. A showing "Threesome". It's about three people sharing a dorm room-one girl and two guys-and how their relationships change. Join us for one or both of these events (but you don't have to help with the newsletter). For reservations & directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

# Daily Bar Calendar

## Sunday

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

GRADUATE - Sunday Beer Bust and Food Bag 4-7pm. \$4¢. \$1.50 small pitchers. BBQ Beef Sandwich with Cheese & Potato Salad \$1.50. Drink Specials do not apply during special events.

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

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-3pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 Well. Encore B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 11-7pm. BBQ 2-4. Hottest dance music in town. Snack Bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 11am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 5-7pm \$4¢ draft. \$41 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Best Burgers 5-7pm. Hides Leather Goods opens at 7pm.

## Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 9-Ball Tournament 6pm, \$3 entry, pot matched. Monday Night Football - 3 screens. \$2.00 Cuervo Gold all night.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-6pm all well \$1.50 Draft \$1.75 Domestic. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm-1am. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Closed Mondays.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 11-7pm. 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 8am. \$1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-12:30pm

## Tuesday

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

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-6pm all well \$1.50. Domestic \$1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-6pm. \$1.50 well or domestic beer. Draft Beer Nite 8-close. \$2 small/34 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 11-7pm. Eight Ball pool tournament, warm-up 6pm, play begins 7pm. Latin Dance Party w/ DJ Eduardo 9pm - 1am. Snack bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. \$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 Robyn 9pm-1am. Shot specials all night.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-6pm all well \$1.50; Domestic \$1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tournament. 7pm. Pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-6pm \$1.50 well or domestic beer. Import Night \$2.25 8pm-1am

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily Drink Specials. Happy Hour 11-7pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close with Billy Dee in the Eagle. Encore II opens at 9pm. Hottest dance music in town. Snack bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. \$1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-12:30 pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 and Cuervo 1800 \$2.25 Open to close.

## Thursday

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

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-6pm all well \$1.50. Domestic \$1.75. \$81 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-6pm \$1.50 well or domestic beer. 75¢ Schnapps 8pm to close. \$2 Cuervo 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 them in their underwear (past check available). Hi energy dancing 8-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 11-7pm. Latin Dance Party w/Eduardo in the Stonewall 9pm to close. Monthly Travesti Show 10:30pm. Snack Bar opens at Noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am \$1.75 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm. Patio Bar open 9pm. Poppers Bottles \$1.75 from 9pm-midnight. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-10. \$3 entry (Pot Matched). Hides Leather shop opens at 8:30

## Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 5:30 - 7 free food. Top 40 dance music 9-1 w/ DJ NIE.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-6pm, all well \$1.50; Domestic \$1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-6pm \$1.50 well and domestic beer. Country Western Music and Dancing 9pm to 1am.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Dubas of York 5-8pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 11-7pm. T.G.I.F. Free snacks 4:30-6pm The hottest dance music in town 9pm to close in the Stonewall. Snack Bar opens at Noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. \$1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-12:30pm. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 9pm. 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 4-6pm, all well drinks \$1.50; Domestic \$1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm. Double Elimination, pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm. Small Pitchers \$2 & FREE pool 2-8. Country Western Music all night.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 11-7pm. Free Pool noon to 7pm. Encore II opens 9pm. The hottest dance music in town. Snack Bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with \$4¢ draft 3-7pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8:30pm. Partnership Cricket Tournament 8:30pm \$3 entry (Pot Matched).

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BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 388 E. 6th St. 624-1778.

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

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, singly, and with the art of working touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4342 for more information or sign up.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group held its regular meeting 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, 388 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3200.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 634-7663.

TIHAN, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 298-6647.

THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson. Call 787-3116 for more information and a membership fee.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 388 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-8476 or 327-4283.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7676.

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 297-8662 or Sr. Joan 742-8988.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9920, Ext. 448 or Emmett 322-6057 (avoken@ix.netcom.com)

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast each 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:30pm on 81.3 FM, Community Radio KXCR. This show alternates with "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show.

THEATER/DINKER/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 888-8818 before 10:00 p.m. The group does out and about shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

TRANSGENDER ISSUES: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on 3rd Mondays for informal discussion of transgender topics. Hosted by Dazori Boyz. For information call Gary at 628-9639 or send email to: meekerytina@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) 682-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85016 or call 682-278-4865.

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

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS. Individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual and Trans men who are victims/survivors in same-sex relationships. 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. 578-9629

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (520)432-6591. 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 578-8827 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)327-1629 or write P.O. Box 43918, Tucson, AZ 85735-3818, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our bulletin.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. Now Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline for info at 888-6641

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Eline 581-8868 or Roma 988-2384.

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 Waters, (602)371-1182

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2962 N. Gertrude (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-8488 or Ray at 749-8247.

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

MALE MEN: Long-haired Gay male puppet network. Photo, 3 IRC's to job. Box 251, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P6C4

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

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-8682.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmead 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: 328-AIDS. World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmelpark Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call 664ch at 328-3666

P.F.L.A.D. - 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 573-9668 or write P.O. Box 36284, Tucson, AZ 85748-6284. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY? Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 348 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 fun. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 584-9230, leave name and phone number.

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

AIDS HOTLINE - 328-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 388 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1778.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the FootHills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. Call the church at Davey at 888-1208 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

LICHEN HUNG CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Rainbow Journal available at Antiquos 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, 388 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 888-1208 for more info.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-8893 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 48894, 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. 322-5655. Leave message.

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Advertisers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87564.

ATTENTION ALL MUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a mudist group open to all - Made activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-0, Cortez, AZ 86682.

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 8:30 to 9:30pm at Arroyo Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9862.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #368, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with N/VA/OS News, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 8289 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social get-togethers the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 696-9668 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 778-9878 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 uncommitted 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 298-9863.

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 322-8228.

"EVOLVERE" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, Y.G.'s & T.K.'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 8:30 p.m. 624-1778.

TUCSON'S 199% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, International Safe Space for the S&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. Call us at (520)617-4661, e-mail us at http://www.geocities.com/HotelsByRoad/Hotels/5688

TUCSON'S RAINBOW RADIO is now on the air. Operating on 106.1 MHz Stereo FM. Hours of operation 3:00 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 615-1847.

PERSONALS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL MY FRIENDS IN TUCSON. I'm still in Kansas City, MO and am in the book. I miss you all. Love, Leony S. 753

WIDE 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 couples welcome. Call 624-2988. 752.

www.gayactive.com - Hot live models / www.marines.com - Real Marines www.gay-chat.com - Live chat / www.stimma.com - Free e-mail account www.malecart.com - Free Postcards / (800)343-7883 Talk Live with me 18+ 784

CYBER CRUISE - Meet Arizona Gay men and women as well as people all over the U.S. Gay owned. www.more.com 755

ATTENTION - ATTENTION - ATTENTION Si eres hombre que tiene sexo con otros hombres y quieres encontrar a alguien y apoyar los programas para las Lesbianas, llama para una entrevista exclusiva, totalmente confidencial al 322-6226 y programa por Ernesto. 758

If you are a Lesbian man who is having sex with other men and you want to help us to support and expand our programs for Lesbians, call for a confidential interview at 322-6226 and ask for Ernie. 759

HOUSING/FOR RENT

VARIOUS CENTRAL TUCSON LOCATIONS. 1 and 2 bedroom apartments unfurnished. Clean, private, quiet. Many extras. Mention this Observer ad. 677-8578. 755

ROOMMATES

GOT ROOM? Lesbian couple constructing Prescott mountain ranch needs room January-February. Offering cool mountain retreat or work/cook for rent. Professional non-smokers, 40's, Westie & Weiser terriero. 529-713-2264, email talkingtoaranch@earthlink.net 753

EMPLOYMENT

LOOKING FOR EXPERIENCED NIGHT SHIFT BARTENDER. APPLY AT HOURS, 3455 E. GRANT ROAD. 755

SERVICES

HOLOTROPIC BREATHWORK is a powerful method of self-exploration and personal transformation, and can be used as an adjunct to any avenue that enhances one's personal growth. Monthly workshops as well as private sessions now available. For more information, Call Glenn 987-2551. Next workshop Jan. 15-16 1999 754

TREAT YOURSELF TO A SPECIAL EXPERIENCE. Sensual, and stress relieving. Professional and discreet. Full hour \$35. Phone Rick at 298-1792 757

LICENSED MASSAGE THERAPIST. Let my skilled techniques and intuitive nature work out pain, relieve sore muscles and make you feel relaxed and renewed. Please call Les Effort at 898-9565. Therapeutic non-sexual healing. 755

FIND A BALANCE. Licensed and Certified Massage/Neuro-muscular Therapist. 14yrs experience. Stress and Pain alleviation. Introductory Discount. Torrence 828-8989. 752

WIM 48: WANT TO PROVIDE HOUSEKEEPING, odd jobs, errands for older males. Negotiable. Reply RM, P.O. Box 27858, Tucson, AZ 85728 or halsper@hotmail.com 753.

ALOHA MASSAGE: Strong, gentle hands provide the nurturing touch of Hawaii. Lomi Lomi combined with the long, soothing strokes of "Essien" massage. Days/Evening/Weekends, in or out calls. Glenn, CMT, 987-2551 or Brnachylen@aol.com. Open your being to the touch of Aloha and feel your body anew. 754

INTEGRITY IN TOUCH. Expand your body's capacity to feel. Through Chakra therapy, guided breath and full body Tonic massage, we'll explore the rich connection between body and spirit. Intuitive. Experienced. Greg Carmona, 628-2876 or knowmadet@earthlink.net 756

LET ME PAMPER YOU! With a Full Body Swedish massage in a quiet, relaxed atmosphere. \$35 for a full hour. Ralph, 683-7496. 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, 861-4882. 756

ATTRACTIVE MAN offers very relaxing, sensual, one-hour massage at a very reasonable rate. Days, evenings, weekends. Michael 584-9243 753.

FULL BODY MASSAGE BY MARVIN for men that want that special touch. Sensual and relaxing. Discreet. Styline/Campbell area. Full hour \$35. 298-9881 757

ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS Let me keep your clothes fitting properly and in good repair. Experienced - Economical - Prompt. Mr. Merle Hudson, 886-7284 in Tucson. 760

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### Shepard Murder Trial Update

LARAMIE, WY (WS) — Prosecutors said they will seek the death penalty against two men charged with murdering an openly Gay University of Wyoming student in a case that focused national attention on violence against Gay people.

In separate statements filed in state district court, Albany County Attorney Cal Rerucha said he intends to seek the death penalty against Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson, both 21, for the murder of 21-year-old Matthew Shepard.

McKinney and Henderson are accused of luring Shepard out of a Laramie bar by pretending they were Gay, then robbing and pistol-whipping him and leaving the victim for dead on October 6.

Shepard was found unconscious and tied to a fence 18 hours later by a bicyclist who at first mistook his body for a scarecrow. Shepard died five days later in a hospital in Fort Collins, Colorado, of massive head injuries.

In addition to first-degree murder, McKinney and Henderson are charged with kidnapping and aggravated robbery. Both have pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The brutal attack sparked international outrage and calls from Gay and Lesbian activists and human rights organizations for hate crime legislation at both the

state and federal levels that includes sexual orientation.

Wyoming, whose motto is the Equality State, is one of nine states with no hate-crime law. . . .

In other developments, A woman has pleaded guilty to hiding evidence and providing her boyfriend and another man with a false alibi in the Shepard murder.

Chasity Pasley entered her guilty plea during a 15-minute hearing. Judge Jeffrey Donnell did not immediately impose a sentence on her but ordered a pre-sentencing report.

Pasley had originally pleaded not guilty. She is the girlfriend of Russell Henderson, who faces charges of first-degree murder, kidnapping and aggravated robbery in the slaying of Matthew Shepard.

Pasley and Kristen Price, McKinney's girlfriend, were charged as accessories after the fact for allegedly hiding bloody clothes and providing false alibis. Price's trial is scheduled to begin on May 24.

Pasley and Price face up to three years in prison and a fine of up to \$3,000.

Pasley's attorney Maribeth Galvan told the court her client had no plea bargain arrangement with the prosecutor.

Asked how the ad campaign made it into the Dumb 20, MAD co-editor John Ficarra said, "It earned it. We were all really offended by the original ads."

### Mad Magazine Ranks Ex-Gay Ads 'Dumbest' Of The Year

NEW YORK, NY (WB) — MAD Magazine in its year-end list of "the 20 Dumbest People, Events, and Things of 1998," has listed the ex-Gay ads that appeared this past summer as Number 20.

In response, MAD parodies the controversial ads with the title: "a newspaper ad we'd like to see: 'I'm living proof that Untruths can win you votes.'"

In MAD's article, a self-proclaimed "former homophobe" testifies that it is possible to come out of homophobia and to stop voting Republican. He says: "I knew Gay bashing just wasn't right. That's when I went home and prayed 'God, please help me to understand why I keep acting like a freakin, moron.'"

The parody ad is sponsored by the "Alliance Against Gary Bauer and Other Intolerant Little Twerps" and other satirically-named groups.

This is not MAD's first stab at Lesbian/Gay issues: at the start of the Gays in the military debate, they ran a picture of two G.I. Joe figures holding hands under the headline "Toy Manufacturers lift Ban on Gay Action Figures."

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hours of community service as part of his no-contest plea to lewd conduct in a park rest room, Michael's attorney told a Beverly Hills judge during a court hearing.

Michael has been serving his time with the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Program. . . .

Adding more fuel to the Oscar flame, the Broadcast Film Critics Association has chosen Ian McKellen as best actor for both Gods and Monsters and Apt Pupil.



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