

## G/L Ordinance Once Again On Dade County, Florida Books

MIAMI, FL (NYT) — Two decades after former singer and beauty queen Anita Bryant's "save our children" campaign led to the successful repeal of one of the country's first Gay civil rights laws, the Miami Dade County Commission has voted to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.

With hundreds of impassioned partisans chanting, singing and praying just outside county chambers, commission members cast a narrow 7-6 vote to amend the county's anti-bias law to outlaw anti-Gay bias in housing, employment, credit and public accommodations. For many who remember the 1977 repeal, the vote was a way of reclaiming 20 years of defeat, lies and humiliations that were the hallmarks of Bryant's campaign.

"The message this sends is that everybody is welcome in Miami-Dade County," said George Mursuli of Safe-guarding American Values for Everyone, or SAVE Dade, which led the drive for the measure's passage. "I really didn't know how it was going to turn out. My knees buckled." Carlos Hazday of the same group said the vote reflected larger changes in the national mood. "It says that we've grown up," he said.

There is no denying that the country is far more tolerant than it was in the late 1970s. Eleven states, 27 counties and 136 cities have passed Gay civil rights laws in the years following Bryant's campaign. Supporters also credited the country's recent experience with the death of Matthew Shepard for swaying the opinions of some residents and commissioners about the impact of anti-Gay rhetoric and sentiment.

## Order To Ban G/L Adoptions Ignored In California

SACRAMENTO, CA (SB) — Lesbian and Gay couples in California who have successfully adopted children over the last several years owe a debt of gratitude to the state's Social Services director, Eloise Anderson. It was Anderson who overturned the Gay adoption ban and for four years defied Republican Gov. Pete Wilson's order to reinstate it.

The Gay adoption ban was first issued in 1987 by George Deukmejian, Wilson's predecessor.

Deukmejian's policy declared "the best interests of (adoptive) children are served by placement in homes where the couple demonstrates a deep commitment to permanency. Couples who have formalized their relationship through a legal marriage reflect this desired commitment." The move basically banned adoptions to all but legally married couples.

The Miami of the late 90s is also a very different place than when Anita Bryant claimed to speak for the majority. Momentum began to build for passage of a Gay rights law in Dade in the mid-1990s. Miami Beach went through a stunning rebirth, much of it fueled by Gay people who refurbished run-down hotels, attracting artists and the fashion industry. Miami Beach passed its own anti-discrimination ordinance in 1992.

"Miami is no longer a provincial backwater town," said Miami Beach Mayor Neisen Kasdin in urging commission support for the ordinance. "Let's not retreat from our destiny as a major international city."

The measure's opponents vowed to pursue legal options to roll back the measure. "It's not over," said Josh Morales of the Christian Coalition. "We've got a lot of options, including a referendum or possibly recalling some of the commissioners. It's a sad day for the county when we allow a minority to claim special rights."

Gay civil rights supporters say they are prepared to meet any challenge launched by religious conservatives.

"Many people see 1977 as the beginning of the rise of the extreme right in this country, with a real focus on anti-Gay rhetoric," Elizabeth Birch of the Human Rights Campaign said. "This shows how far we've come toward basic fairness for Gay Americans. This is a wonderful victory for Miami-Dade County," she said, "but it's a watershed victory for Gays and Lesbians nationally."

The American Civil Liberties Union challenged the policy saying the decree bypassed formal state procedures. The ACLU lawsuit sparked a heated and often bitter policy review within the Department of Social Services over adoption by Gay couples, one that carried into and through the election that put Wilson in office.

In December 1994, soon after Wilson won a close gubernatorial race, Anderson issued a new policy that, in effect, rescinded Deukmejian's decree. It declared that "a stable and permanent home" is best for adoptive children and this environment "may best be one in which there are two parents with the support, both emotional and financial, that they can provide regardless of their marital status."

The policy change prompted a  
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## Matthew Shepard Trial Expected Early Next Year



Aaron McKinney (r) and Russell Henderson, charged with the murder of Matthew Shepard entered their pleas of innocence to first degree murder charges in a Laramie, Wyoming court. Trial date is to be set Dec. 10.



Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old student at the University of Wyoming, was allegedly brutally murdered by McKinney and Henderson in October because he was Gay.

LARAMIE, WY — Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson, the two men charged with the brutal murder of 21-year-old University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard last October, entered innocent pleas to charges of first degree murder and other charges, opening the way for a trial sometime in early 1999.

Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney entered their pleas in separate hearings before Judge Jeffrey A. Donnell. Judge Donnell said the trial date will be announced next week at a hearing scheduled for Thursday, December 10. Donnell also ordered prosecutor Cal Rerucha to declare by Dec. 31 whether the two young men will face the death penalty.

Henderson and McKinney, both 21, are charged with first degree murder,

aggravated robbery, kidnaping with intent to inflict bodily injury or to terrorize the victim. According to testimony given at McKinney's pretrial hearing, Shepard was targeted because he was Gay.

Prosecutors did not make clear to the court exactly to what degree Shepard's homosexuality figured into his murder. The suspects have given conflicting statements about its importance, according to police. But there was little doubt from the testimony presented that it played a role in the killing of the 21-year-old.

Detective Sgt. Rob DeBree of the Albany County Sheriff's Department, the chief investigator in the case, testified in a pre-trial hearing last month that McKinney admitted to the Oct. 7 beating. DeBree said

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# UPDATE

## Desert Voices 'Traditions' Concert December 11 & 12

TUCSON — This Friday and Saturday, December 11-12, 8:00 P.M., Desert Voices presents their holiday concert entitled "Traditions."

They will be premiering a commissioned work by Gwyneth Walker. Before the concert Friday night, there will be an opportunity to meet Gwyneth Walker starting at the Recital Hall at the Pima West Campus Center for the Arts, 6:00 P.M.

During part of the show, members of the chorus will be accepting donated gifts for SAAF and The Brewster Center. Children's clothes, toys, blankets, towels, household items, pillows, sheets, school items, diapers, bilingual books and women's clothes are all welcome.

Concert tickets are available at Antigone Bookstore and Tucson Trunk. Tickets in advance are \$12 for the general public and \$10 for senior and student. The price at the door is \$15 and \$12 respectively. For more information, call (520) 791-9662.

## Survey Says 'Try Again'

TUCSON — A local Gay-owned company conducted a market survey over the past two weeks, placing 850 survey cards at Wingspan and eleven Gay and Lesbian businesses. The survey was intended to determine both the market for a Gay and Lesbian gym and the features desired in such a gym.

The half-page survey cards were widely criticized as being too detailed and too time-consuming to complete. Many people did not even notice the survey cards, and response was limited.

In order to get a more representative sample of the community's sentiment toward a Gay and Lesbian gym, a full-page survey, consisting primarily of multiple choice questions, has been inserted in this week's issue of the Observer.

Drop-off boxes, available until Monday, December 21, will be located at Ain't Nobody's Bizness, Antigone Books, Graduate, Hides, Hours, IBTs, Stonewall/Eagle, Venture-N, and Wingspan; they can also be E-mailed to TucStudy@aol.com or mailed to: Survey, c/o Observer, P.O. Box 50733, Tucson, AZ 85703.

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## Harpist To Play at Saguaro Christian Church

TUCSON — Saguaro Christian Church announces that harpist, Jaymee Schmuck, will be the second concert in their 1998-99 Musical Art Series, Sunday, December 13, 3:00 P.M.

Currently a junior at the University of Arizona, she studies music performance under Dr. Carrol McLaughlin, harp virtuoso. Jaymee is attaining her Bachelor of Music Performance degree while giving music lessons and doing freelance performances.

Ms. Schmuck's program includes a Mozart Concerto, music of Gliere, Grandjany and Thomas, and various holiday selections.

This series presents artists to the Tucson Community on a quarterly basis. Jazz pianist Chris Tackett will share a concert on February 14, with community chorus Desert Voices, appearing on April 11.

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### Marsha Stevens To Perform At Cornerstone December 18



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Stevens is the famed composer of "For Those Tears I Died (Come to the Water)," a standard of Christian hymnals since 1972. Since coming out as a Lesbian and experiencing the rejection and scorn of a homophobic society - most fiercely expressed by the church she so devoutly served - she has focused her talents on evangelizing the Lesbian and Gay community through her gospel music.

For more information, call Cornerstone Fellowship, (520) 622-4626.

### Television Notes

HOLLYWOOD, CA (NP) — Fans of NBC's sitcom "Will & Grace," with its Gay co-lead character and his flaming Gay friend, and of "Encore! Encore!" starring open Gay Nathan Lane, should note that their regular times have changed in a major schedule shakeup.

Beginning on December 22, "Will & Grace" will air at 8:30 PM on Tuesdays, with a strong lead-in from the popular "Just Shoot Me." It's a good chance for the show to shine, after it's amazingly managed to hold its own in the face of competition from both "Monday Night Football" and "Ally McBeal." Beginning on December 16, the stumbling "Encore! Encore!" will air at

8:30 PM on Wednesdays, following "3rd Rock from the Sun" reruns.

The changes are the first major moves by NBC's new head of entertainment Scott Sassa, who said, "These scheduling changes create a stronger, more competitive schedule and a flow of compatible programming designed to strengthen NBC's prime-time leadership." The just-ended sweeps period found NBC pretty much even with CBS for total viewers and with FOX for the cherished 18 - 49 demographic, no longer the dominant force it was through the "Seinfeld" years, while the total broadcast TV audience continues to leak away to cable.

### New Governor Appoints Gay Man To Transition Team

SPRINGFIELD, IL (NP) — Illinois' new Republican Governor has named the state's leading Gay spokesperson to his transition team.

The Illinois gubernatorial race was one of this year's stranger elections, as Democratic Congress member Glenn Poshard kept appearing more conservative than Republican Secretary of State George Ryan, particularly on Gay and Lesbian issues. Ryan won, and he's taken at least one tangible step towards living up to his campaign's Gay-friendly image: he's appointed to his transition team Rick Garcia, executive director of the Illinois Federation for Human Rights, the state's leading Gay and Lesbian advocacy group.

Garcia said, "I was stunned by the appointment and thrilled to death for what this means for us politically." Despite the Democratic Party's generally warmer welcome for Gays and Lesbians, during the campaign Garcia was a leading voice encouraging them to support Ryan over Poshard.

### Key West Establishes G/L Community Liaison

KEY WEST, FL (NP) — Florida's Key West has a significant concentration of Gays and Lesbians, and the city government has granted their request to establish a community liaison position: Consultant Paul Clayton was appointed to the post.

Clayton will be working with Key  
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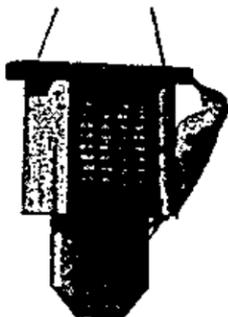


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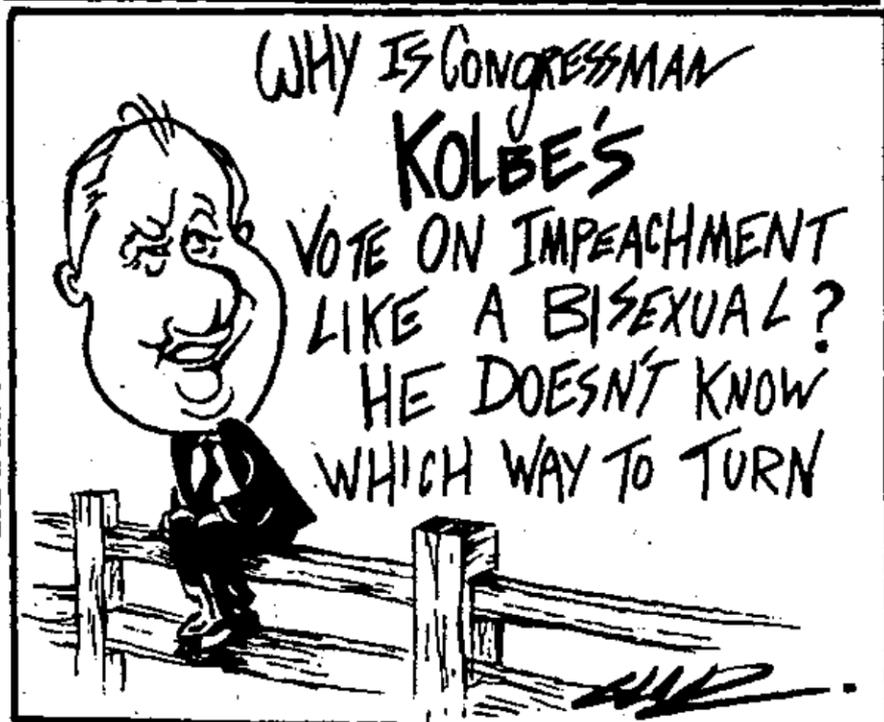
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Are These the "Gays of Our Lives?" This month's issue of Soap Opera Digest took a serious look at the problems soap operas have had dealing with the subject of homosexuality.

"Gays of Our Lives," by William Keck, examines the spotty record of daytime inclusion of Lesbian and Gay characters since 1983, when the first character to openly declare herself a Lesbian appeared on All My Children. Investigating the lack of Gay characters on daytime television, Keck notes that "monsters and aliens" have sprung up more frequently than Lesbians and Gays. "A disturbing fact," he writes, "considering that homosexuals are not creatures of science fiction. They are living, breathing members of society, and several are the creative forces behind your favorite serials."

Scott Seomin, GLAAD's Entertainment Media Director, tells Keck he believes that "producers or writers feel that a Gay storyline would alienate viewers because they can't relate to it. Well, how can a suburban housewife relate to Erica Kane? she's a manipulative bitch who's been married a million times but she's fun. We watch television to escape and learn about other ways people live."

It seems that while many major network prime time television shows are embracing diverse and inclusive characters on television, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender characters are almost nowhere to be found on daytime television. Soap Opera Digest's extensive story deserves kudos for examining an important part of

television. Daytimes largest demographic are women between the ages of 18-49 women sometimes at home raising Lesbian and Gay kids.

Please thank Soap Opera Digest for examining this important issue, and encourage them to examine Bisexual and Transgender representation and invisibility on daytime, two things not included in this article. Contact: Ms. Stephanie Sloane, Managing Editor, Soap Opera Digest, 45 West 25th St., NY, NY 10010-2003, e-mail: feedback@soapdigest.com

Boston Globe Blames The Victim. In its recent coverage of a Transgender woman who was murdered in her Boston apartment, the Boston Globe managed to not only insult the woman, but subtly imply that she participated in her own murder.

As we have seen with recent cases involving Transgender coverage, the problems around language and gender identity have become more pronounced as the Transgender community has become more visible.

Headlined "Stabbing victim a mystery to many," reporter Daniel Vasquez paints a lurid picture of Rita Hesters life, calling her "a nightclub singer and a party-thrower, a man [sic] who sported long braids and preferred womens clothing. Hester was a mystery to those around him so much so that, until his body was found many in the building believed Hester was a woman."

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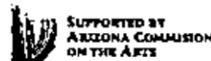
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## Study Debunks G/L Income Myth

WASHINGTON, DC (WS) — A new study released resoundingly debunks widely held beliefs about the economic status of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual (GLB) people. Contrary to what has become the conventional wisdom on the subject, Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual people do not earn more than heterosexual people. In fact, they may even earn less.

**Income Inflation: The Myth of Affluence Among Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Americans** was released by the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies (IGLSS). The report was authored by M.V. Lee Badgett, Ph.D., professor of economics at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and executive director of IGLSS.

Income Inflation is a startling study of the economic status of a frequently stereotyped population of Americans. Badgett explores the pervasive and inaccurate notion that GLB people form an economic elite, insulated from discrimination by their wealth and disconnected from society at large by a special, privileged status. After examining data from seven different surveys, she finds that none sup-

port this stereotype.

"The evidence from many different scientifically sound data sources points to the same clear conclusion: Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual people do not earn more than heterosexual people, either as individuals or as couples," reported Badgett. "Some GLB people are poor, some are rich, and most are in the middle, just as heterosexual people are. Now that we have credible data, we can stop relying on flawed studies that were designed to find high income Gay people."

Right-wing organizations and individuals perpetuate and regularly exploit the myth of Gay wealth to bolster their attacks against the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender community. The myth is so pervasive and accepted that even Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia injected it into the dissenting opinion in the Colorado Amendment Two case.

"We have long known that the myth of Gay wealth is just that - a myth," said Urvasi Vaid, director of the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "Income Inflation shines the light of truth on yet another of the Right's distortion of the facts," added Vaid.

## Request For Proposals For HIV/AIDS Services \$1.4 Million Available Under Ryan White Title II

TUCSON — The Community Foundation for Southern Arizona (CFSA) is requesting proposals to deliver HIV/AIDS services under Title II of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act.

CFSA anticipates that \$1,400,000 will be available through this program for fiscal year 1999-2000 to deliver health care and support services to eligible Pima County residents living with and affected by HIV and AIDS. Contracts will be awarded for a three-year period. Funded programs will be required to submit supplemental applications annual in order to qualify for contract amendments.

The Pima County HIV/AIDS CARE Consortium, which is staffed and facilitated by the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, has determined eight priority areas and seven additional service areas that will be eligible to receive support in the 1999-2000 funding cycle. Eligible services are listed below in order of priority. Definitions of each of these service areas will be available with the RFP materials.

**Core Services:** 1) Case management; 2) Medications assistance; 3) Outpatient care; 4) Mental health; 5) Dental services; 6) Complementary therapies; 7) Peer counseling; 8) In-home health services. Additional services (eligible only after core services have been funded): 1) Emergency financial assistance; 2) Food bank/home delivered meals; 3) Health education/risk reduction; 4) Housing assis-

tance; 5) Nutritional Services; 6) Buddy/companion services; 7) Outreach.

An independent, community-based panel will review local proposals and recommend local distribution of the available dollars. Final funding of proposals will be contingent upon the availability of funds through the Ryan White CARE Act.

Applications will be available Tuesday, December 15, 8:00 A.M., CFSA, 6601 E. Grant Rd., Ste. 111. Deadline for proposals is Tuesday, January 19, 1999, 4:00 P.M. at CFSA. For more information, call Caitlin Gannon, HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator, (520) 722-1707.

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Forced family reunions, excessive drinking, massive credit card debt, fruit cake doorstops, bad television specials, depression, excessive eating and that never-ending search for those damn receipts usually mark this time of year. Now politics can be added to the insanity:

Only in Arizona, an election isn't really an election. How? Look only to the contest for the Arizona House of Representatives from Legislative District 3, which encompasses northern Arizona. Three cheers for the Democrats, who lost one State House seat from this Democratic district due to a communication foul-up and managed to hold on to the other seat with a candidate who may not live in the district she was elected to represent.

As previously reported, the District 3 House race was the farce of Crapaign '98, when no candidates bothered to file for the two open House seats. The primary, held in September, turned into a fiasco, where two Republicans and one Democrat managed to get enough write-in votes to qualify for the general election. The combatants? Democrat Sylvia Laughter and Republicans Dean Slavens and Tom Gordon got over the proverbial primary hurdle.

It gets better. As previously reported, Laughter, the Democratic candidate, according to Capitol sources, was asked by the State House Speaker, Jeff Grosco, R-Mesa, to run. Yowsa!

Flash forward to the general election, as expected Laughter wins and Tom Gordon wins the second seat. Jeffie got his two votes and he must be pleased! Slavens wasn't, and filed a law suit, claiming Laughter ran illegally for the State House, because she doesn't live in District 3. State law says a person must be a resident of the state for three years and a resident of the county from the District where they're running for one year. Didn't Jeffie check this out?!

According to election documents from the Secretary of State's web site, Laughter listed a PO Box for her campaign's address, as did Slavens and Gordon. What about a telephone number for the campaign? Laughter did not list one. Who were the Treasurer and Chair of her campaign? Sylvia Laughter herself. Uh-oh!

So she's a resident of the District then? Maybe not. According to Capitol sources, who allege Laughter resides in Mesa (on University Drive), in the District represented by none-other than Jeffie Grosco! Well? U.S. West confirmed a listing for a Sylvia Laughter for the address mentioned by the sources. Didn't Jeffie check this out?!

Campaign finance reports from Laughter's campaign, (Pre-Primary, Post-Primary and Pre-General), obtained from the Secretary of State's web site, clouds the issue over her residency. Especially the "Schedule D" Expenditures for Operating Expenses, which the three reports show most of the campaign supplies were purchased in the Mesa and Tempe area, totaling more than \$1,700. Didn't Jeffie check this out?!

Will Sylvia serve in the 44th Session of the Arizona Legislature? A court will decide this matter. Who will be the judge? Judge Judy or Judge Mills Lane perhaps?!

"Ho, ho, ho" can be heard in the halls of Congress in Monica D.C. Hank Hyde's Happening, or the House Impeachment Hearings for those playing the home game, plods on with the Republicans on a fishing expedition with no success. What's

**POLITICS 1998**  
By MARK R. KERR

**"What's It To Ya!"**

the GOP to do? Time is running out! How about subpoenaing a Lesbian!

The House Judiciary Committee did just that. Pam Parsons, a former basketball coach who got caught in a lie about visiting a Lesbian bar in Salt Lake City, Utah of all places testified before the committee about lying about sex in a civil trial. She was outed by a national sports magazine in 1982, which had written that she and a player had gone to the bar and were seen kissing passionately. "A Personal Best?" Parsons sued the publication, lied on the stand (as did the player), and lost the lawsuit. Later both Parsons and the player, Tina Buck, pleaded guilty to perjury and spent time in federal prison.

Representative Bill McCollum, R-FL, asked Parsons, "Am I correct that the subject of your perjury was consensual sex?" She said, "No... It's really kind of funny. There is a gay bar called Puss 'N Boots in Salt Lake City. It wasn't easy to say I'd been there... wasn't a pretty picture for me. Thought I had many reasons for why I could say no. But it was an out-and-out lie; I had been there." Parsons went on to tell the panel, "Thank God I could finally say 'I'm guilty.'" She described her period of trying to conceal the truth as a "spiraling journey through hell." Like watching "Encore, Encore?"

She pleased the committee's Republicans when she said, sounding a little scripted, "When you're in a leadership position, no matter what it is you must tell the truth about, you've got to search your

soul and recognize what it means if you don't. No matter what the price." Politicians tell the truth?! Puh-leeze!

Parsons pleased the GOP with her testimony. The GOP was happy with the testimony of the other convicted perjurers, despite the fact they never swore them in before they testified. Whoops!...

A kiss on the hand is quite continental, but a \$10,000 donation makes you Bill's best friend... for the moment. At the Mayflower Hotel in Monica D.C., Gay and Lesbian rich folk, 35 in all gave the Democratic National Committee \$10,000 each to hear the Prez spout off about all the faboo things he's done for them. Money for nothing!...

A former Republican congressman has been outed. Unlike Jim Kolbe, he came out on his own volition. The oil billionaire and yutz ex-husband to the beautiful (but evil), red-headed, quick-witted

political columnist, Arianna, Michael Huffington revealed in an interview that he is a homosexual, dated men as early as the 1970's.

In the interview, Huffington doesn't call himself Gay, but homosexual. According to Mikey, Gay just means so much more. Guess he doesn't know any show tunes or how to decorate?! During the interview, he also admitted that he may be a Democrat and that he also found politics boring? A boring man for a boring career! Now there's a campaign slogan!

Mikey's claim to fame, his "fifteen minutes?" With his moolah from his oil fortune, more than \$28 million, and Arianna's drive and ambition, Huffington got trounced in a bid to unseat California Democratic Senator, Dianne Feinstein. He lost, but we have Arianna and that accent!

So is Huffington really Gay? He voted against a number of Gay rights initiatives and didn't win "princess points" from Gay and Lesbian groups. Mr. Personality gave us Arianna and that accent though!...

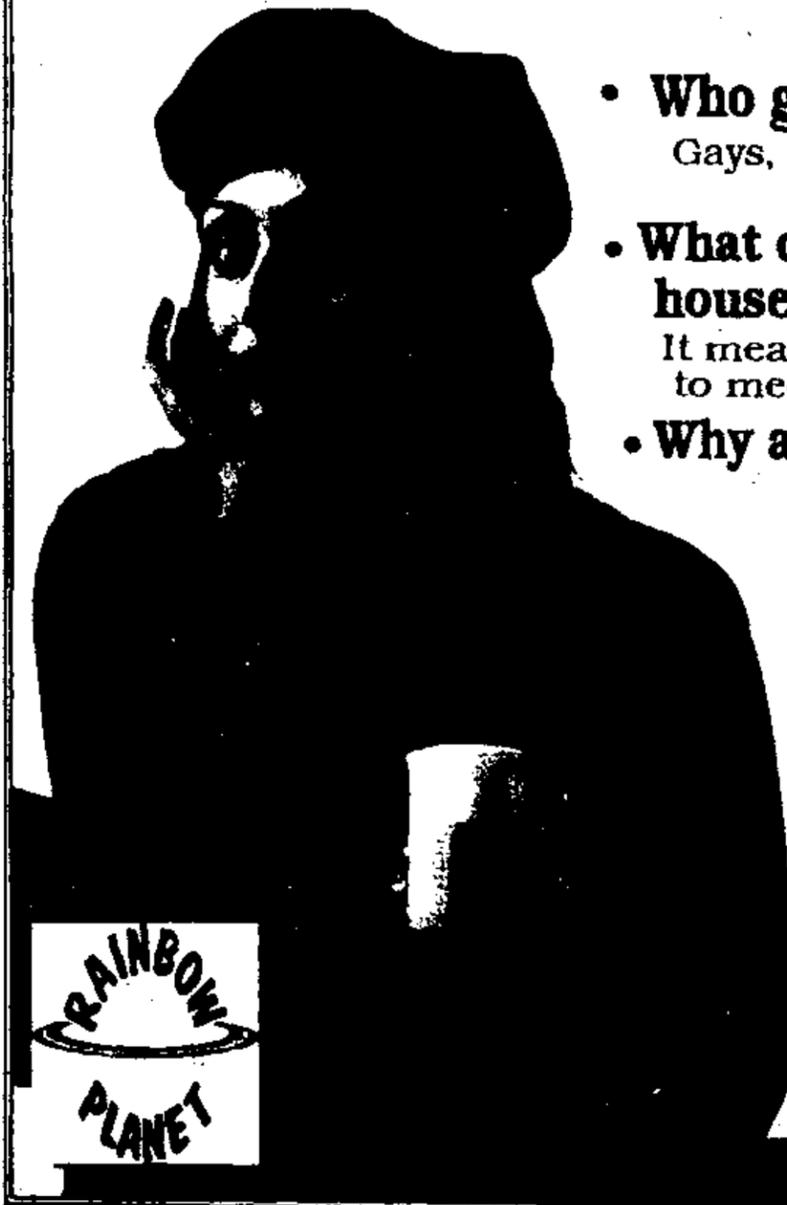
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# HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Expect a spark of inspiration this week as surprising Uranus happily nudges Volcanic Pluto. Great ideas or feats should not be reined in (unless, of course, that's your thing). Choose your best laid plans wisely, cousin; You don't want to be left standing at the bottom of the launch pad while everyone else is soaring up and Out.

party hearty. But why not use this transit for more altruistic endeavors? As long as you are so convincing, convince the Religious Right to repent their evil ways.

## SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Pluto sextile Uranus teaches proud Scorps the value and power of a dollar. You are tempted to spend what needs to be spent on home related projects as the planets unleash a torrent of good ideas and easy cash to fund them. But the secret is to decide what you truly value in this life and incorporate it into your home life. OK, gold plated doorknobs are good too.

## SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

You are a force to be reckoned with when volcanic Pluto sextiles electric Uranus. Launch new projects and meet new folks now. Proud Archers are thrust into the social epicenter and manage to avoid saying the wrong thing at the wrong time. Emote while you can cousin; soon the planets will move on and yo-ll go back to your old hoof-in-mouth ways.

## CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

They say that the best things in life are free but now, when powerful Pluto sextiles zesty Uranus, Gay Caps are convinced that the best things in life sometimes exact a personal cost. It is time to review your priorities and begin to separate the wheat from the chaff. If you are closeted, this transit thrusts you Out. Embrace change, friend; without it you'll never grow.

## AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aquarians are elected social directors this week when powerful Pluto sextiles vivacious Uranus. How can you impress the hoi polloi? Why not plan a holiday extravaganza now while the planetary energy is right. You can make a big splash in even the smallest ponds and impress the big fish. Hint: choose something wild, wooly and crotch-less.

## PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Pink Fish feel invincible when transforming Pluto sextiles electric Uranus. Uranus unearths hidden enemies and releases personal demons so warrior Pluto can crush them for you. Clean out your closet, cousin. There is no time like the present for a little spring cleaning. You can more easily impress those in power when you feel more comfortable in your own skin.

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## ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Friends and acquaintances position you on their shoulders and carry you to new, exotic adventures as transforming Pluto sextiles sparkly Uranus. Proud Rams don't know what hit them as they receive red carpet treatment everywhere they go. Why ask why? Enjoy the fuss while you can; by next week you'll be back to competing for attention with the rest of the wanna bees.

## TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Conservative Gay Bulls are not one to mix business with pleasure but, when zippy Uranus sextiles powerful Pluto, you throw together an explosive concoction. Expect the unexpected in your career now; the office is packed with sexual possibilities and you may be tempted to indulge. Check the tasting menu. It may be wiser to gorge on home cooking rather than corporate shark.

## GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Partnerships are energized or radicalized when volcanic Pluto sextiles impactful Uranus. Pink Twins can transform a moribund or dead end relationship thanks to Uranus which puts a little zip in your d-d. Of course, if you are eager to break free of a restrictive or unsatisfying situation, the planets now offer you a zesty exit. It's entirely your decision, you fickle thing.

## CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Queer Crabs are ready to take on the world when powerful Pluto sextiles energetic Uranus. You will either be tempted to work very hard or play very bard. Whether this means taking on a big job assignment, ratcheting up the levels on your exercise machine or volunteering to be the fifth in an orgy, it's all up to you. Somehow, I know which activity gets the nod.

## LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Single Gay Lions may find themselves surrounded by festive company when dominating Pluto sextiles randy Uranus. The chances of finding the perfect partner are good now if you keep your attention focused and your breath fresh. If you're married, take your significant other on a great Gay night on the town. Even Cinderella dropped her mop and went to the ball.

## VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Tedious jobs around the house just became easier when volcanic Pluto sextiles energetic Uranus. Even the most onerous tasks don't seem quite so horrible. Proud Virgins are very efficient: Accomplish the impossible now. Show the skeptics how you can also be a home entertainer extra ordinaire; invite a few pals over for a great Gay evening and only wear a cocktail napkin.

## LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Charming Gay Libras can have their way through mere words this week as transforming Pluto sextiles impactful Uranus. Your communications unleash a torrent of good times so choose your words wisely and

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# Venturing Out

by Sasha Alyson

## Out In Africa

Long known for its powdery white beaches and wilderness game parks, South Africa has in a single decade established another reputation: As a Gay-friendly destination for the international traveler.

President Nelson Mandela included Gay equality in his vision of the new South Africa and the 1996 constitution prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation. The last remnants of an ancient anti-Gay legal code were declared unconstitutional in May. Some observers even expect South Africa to soon legalize same-sex marriage.

The cities: Johannesburg, built inland over the world's largest gold deposits, is South Africa's largest city. Stop here if you're eager to buy African art, whether at a flea market, or a modern mall. But Johannesburg has little charm, high stress levels, and remains limited in what it offers the Gay visitor.

South Africa's Gay epicenter is laid-back Cape Town, on the southwest coast, where Victorian, Moslem, and Dutch architectures come together in a surprisingly successful meld. A B&B that captures the city's charm is Lady Victoria Guest House (1 Kelvin Street, Upper Gardens; phone/fax 23 3814), where you can sip a drink on the verandah while the owner advises you on the best Gay-friendly restaurants, bars, and beaches. Any international Gay guidebook will point you to many other choices.

When to go: South Africa lies south of the equator, so seasons are reversed. Summer (December to February) has just begun. In Cape Town, expect summer temperatures in the lower 80's, with occasional, and spectacular, afternoon thunderstorms. This is peak season, with hotel prices 60-80% higher than off-season. But if urban life and beaches are your goal, summer is the time to go.

Those more interested in wildlife should consider the drier winter months (June or August - but not July, when school vacation fills the parks). Prices drop; so do leaves, giving you a better view

of the animals. Moreover, wildlife concentrates around the watering holes during this period, increasing your odds of seeing the South Africa's full variety.

What to do: Certainly you'll want to explore Cape Town's bustling Victoria & Alfred waterfront, then pick up a current Gay guidebook to explore the nightlife. But you'll have missed much of South Africa's magic if you stay in the cities.

South Africa's beaches stretch for hundreds of miles. Serious swimmers or surfers will be happiest on the eastern coast, around Durban, washed by the warmer waters of the Indian Ocean. In Cape Town, beaches to the west (the Atlantic) are spectacular, but the water is chilly. To swim, sail, snorkel, or windsurf, head for False Bay, southeast of town. A full-day trip there takes you to one of the world's biggest penguin colonies outside Antarctica.

Cape Town, sitting at the southern tip of a mountain range, is dominated by the ever-visible Table Mountain. A cable-car ride to the top would be a highlight for any visitor; pack a picnic, and stay for the sunset. Then hike around the top to enjoy panoramic views; you may spot small antelopes or even a baboon. Warning: In peak season, you can wait hours in line for the cable-car. Ask locally about conditions before you make plans.

For wildlife, head northeast to Kruger National Park, where you can camp for as little as \$10 a night (to really see wildlife, budget another \$25 for a ranger-led excursion), or pay \$50 for elegant game-lodge accommodations. Whether on a back-packer or luxury budget, do try to get to Kruger, will you ever have another chance to see giraffes and black rhinos in the wild?

Getting around: Avoid renting a car on your visit to South Africa. First, they drive on the left side of the road; easy to remember on a straight highway, but not when turning a corner with traffic on both sides, and a honking driver behind. Worse, you'll be amidst locals driving too fast, tailgating too close, and frequently too drunk.

Moreover, South African cities are often surrounded by neighborhoods where you really don't want to end up by accident. It's too easy to make a wrong turn driving in a new environment. Train, bus, cabs, and airport shuttles will prove safer, and less stressful, and often cheaper.

Making your plans: With a few exceptions (rental cars, game lodges, and clothing come to mind), South Africa is a bargain right now for American visitors. You can enjoy an excellent dinner for \$25; sleep in a comfortable B&B for \$60 a night.

Although South Africa has eleven official languages, neatly ranging from Afrikaans to Zulu, English is the lingua franca. Without a major language barrier, you can save money by making your own travel arrangements. But most of us find it more enjoyable to be with a compatible group on a trip like this; and those without the time for careful advance planning will discover too late what they've missed. Classic Cape Tours (www.classiccape.co.za), a Gay-friendly company based in South Africa, offers several appealing itineraries.

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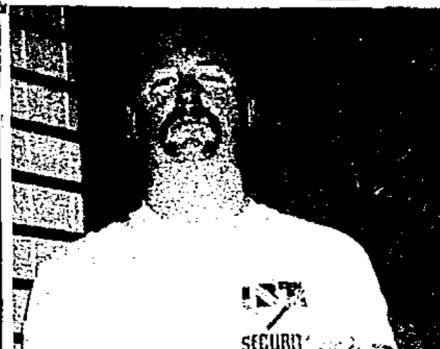
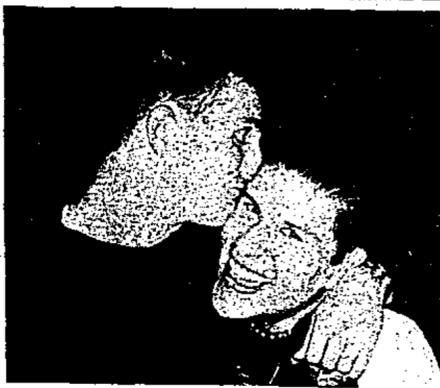
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## Columna Abierta. by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

Esperando que tengan muy buenos y congelados días, ya que estos cambios de clima nos han hecho sentir la cercanía de la Navidad y las fiestas de fin de año...Y disculpas por no haber estado con ustedes la semana pasada debido a los eventos para conmemorar el Día Mundial del SIDA; y en Nogales tuvimos la fortuna de escuchar la plática del Dr. Kevin Carmichael de la Clínica de Inmunología del Rio sobre los avances médicos y el VIH, de verdad que tuvimos "casa llena", primeramente en el Hospital Holy Cross la sesión fué para médicos, enfermeras, y personal paramédico, y en Nogales Sonora se contó con la presencia de cerca de 200 personas entre médicos, enfermeras, maestros, y sobre todo un gran número de jóvenes promotores del CISAI y lo más sobresaliente fué la participación de un grupo de religiosas de la iglesia católica. Entre los asistentes se encontró el Dr. Jeremias Guzman, Consul de México en San José CA. y encargado del Programa para las Comunidades Mexicanas en el Extranjero de la Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores quien presentó sobre "SIDA y migración" ... Y en este año la UNAIDS, y la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) declararon "Gente Joven, Fuerza para el Cambio" como lema para la campaña en la prevención del SIDA en este año ya que lo alarmante es que las edades que se reporta el mayor caso de infección es en los 14 a 24 años de edad. Y los que trabajamos en la frontera de los Estados Unidos y México sabemos que ha habido un gran crecimiento en cuanto a población y producción económica. Este crecimiento está directamente relacionado con la deterioración del medio ambiente y la sobre población. El crecimiento de la población se ha incrementado dramáticamente en los 80's la población fronteriza en México se incrementó de 3.2 millones a 4.6 millones en el lado de los EE UU el cambio ha sido menos dramático pero aún significativo. Han surgido problemas a medida que la gente se congrega en áreas que no están preparadas con una infraestructura ambiental y sobre todo de salud pública suficiente.

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### QUOTE:

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FROM UNNATURAL QUOTATIONS by Leigh W. Rutledge

# Desert Vision

by Rev. Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D

## It's The Season For Dating Tips

I recently received e-mail from my friend, Dane, back East. Dane is someone I've known for about 15 years. He's 33 and a successful professional in management consulting.

Dane wrote to share a letter with me that he had written to a friend. The friend had recently broken up with a boyfriend. After this guy started dating again, he decided to try to make another attempt toward developing a relationship with the former boyfriend. He asked Dane his opinion about what to do and Dane took the time to share what I believe are several valuable insights.

When Dane asked my opinion about the letter, my response was to ask if I could share the letter in this column. I believe his personal perspective will offer a great deal of thought to those of us dating or looking for a mate. Here's what Dane has to say:

Dating seems to be particularly hard for young men like ourselves. . . . If I were to sum up everything I've learned about dating, it would be:

Figure out what's really important vs. nice-to-have. Adonis looks, body-by-God, life of the party, super-smart all have their allure, but don't translate to many "sane" dating opportunities. In fact, those guys who are trying to "be" those things generally have the least to offer.

Most people will not share many of your interests and outlooks. After all, that's what makes you 'you'. I'd even take it a step further and say that a lot of people will never fully understand you - as if you fully understand yourself.

Some of the most important things that translate to long term happiness are:  
 (1) Does this person respect your interests, desires, dreams, shortcomings, differences?  
 (2) Is this a person that is inclined to naturally look out for your best interests - or are

they concerned mainly with themselves?  
 (3) Is this a person that you could grow to have common interests and activities with?  
 (4) Is this a person that will let you be your own person - have your own time, friends, solo activities? Do they have their own life?

How do you feel when you're with him? What really makes a relationship fun is you can learn to "be little boys together". If you can't be silly, playful, affectionate, outrageous, etc., together, its gonna be one damn boring relationship.

One other thought: get your thinking in order about (your former boyfriend) before you move too much further. I've been pursued by guys who were 'lukewarm' or 'weren't sure where this is going' or 'not ready for a full relationship', etc. etc. That's no fun - we all deserve better than to be someone's 'hesitation'. If (your former boyfriend) seems right in the short term, then think about it only in the short term. If the long term is too fuzzy, don't factor that in to your thinking with him. But, give the short term your time and attention - you may not be his boyfriend in 10 years, but you should be a damn good one to him now. At least for now. In the process, you'll learn and grow a lot in your thinking about relationships.

"Don't stress about it. You'll be fine no matter what you decide."

Perhaps that last line is the most important. Many Gay men stress about whether or not they are in a relationship or the right relationship. Let go of the stress. Whether we are single or coupled, we each have the ability to be just fine, whole, and complete people. Perhaps starting from there makes dating much easier.

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## A View From The Rock

A Cometary From Cornerstone Fellowship

It seems this time of year brings out the writers. The newspapers run several "holiday-related" stories each day. Additional articles of upcoming events are included as well as a number of photos of the various events around town. It's as though for four weeks or so we are inundated with the holidays in general, and Christmas in particular. I enjoy reading about other people's traditions, or planning which Christmas Show I will attend next. But what troubles me is how so little of what I see and read refers to the reason we are supposed to be celebrating Christmas.

His name is Jesus. He was born some 2000 years ago. He was born in a cavernous stable amongst dirty, stinky animals in the most humble of settings. His parents were poor and not of nobility. Yet, that Jesus was born to become a king. The only problem then and still a problem now is not many people recognized him as a king. Most people didn't realize the enormity of his calling and still don't today.

Many people today don't realize what special gift he has to offer either. No, to many both then and now think Jesus was a good man, a prophet, and a great teacher.

It's a shame really. Because knowing Jesus at a personal level is the difference between life and death really. The Bible says that a personal relationship with him will bring eternal life, but a lack of that will result in eternal death.

I haven't seen that story or message yet this year in my pursuing of newspapers so I thought I had better write it.

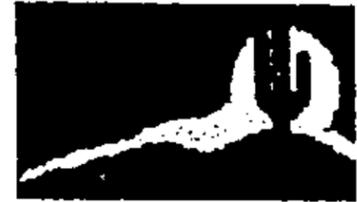
Please don't let all the traditions, all the activities, all the songs, parties, and presents distract you from the real reason we should be celebrating this time of year. The birth of Jesus Christ, the birth of the savior of the world is why we celebrate Christmas. I pray that you all will come to know Jesus as your personal Lord and savior this Christmas time and truly have a very Merry Christmas!

**QUOTE:**

If God dislikes Gays so much, how come he picked Michelangelo, a known homosexual, to paint the Sistine Chapel ceiling while assigning Anita Bryant to go on T.V. an push orange juice? -Mike Royko  
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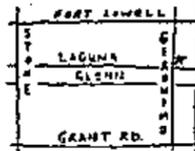
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Let me ask you something... Since when is bigotry a moral virtue?

Back in 1905, a leading American theologian published a best-selling book justifying discrimination against African Americans, saying they were creatures of uncontrollable "sensuality." Similar racist theories were spouted by politicians like the notorious "Pitchfork" Ben Tillman who toured the country under the banner, "Negro equality in politics means social equality, mongrelization, hellfire and damnation!" Belief in the innate immorality of black people, buttressed by selected scriptural references, formed the basis for slavery, segregation and lynchings.

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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**"Now, That's Entertainment!"** An intimate look at Tucson's nighttime entertainment scene

by Elise Barbara Fox

North by Northwest, no, not the Alfred Hitchcock movie, the "New West," 4285 W. Ina Rd., saw a collective gathering on a recent Wednesday night of our Gay/Bi- and Gay-friendly folks from Tucson's fetish/drag community. Margo and crew from Hydra were there. So were Beth and Dani, Sabrina Crawford dropped by as did Bunny Foo Foo. With an eclectic mix of cowboy drag, fetish drag and lots of sexual energy on the dance floor, the fog machines and blaring sound system and individual dance risers, one could not help but to shake their booty. And shake it they did.

You can expect more of this every first Wednesday of the coming months. New West offers the Gay and fetish community a spacious escape with cocktail waitresses, drink specials and an ear-splitting sound system.

As the Pima County Board of Supervisors struggles to protect endangered pygmy owls, you all know this same area, northwest Tucson, is in the midst of a monster growth. This means more homes, apartments and people including a lot of alternative lifestyles. So it only makes sense of us "veterans" to warmly embrace family members who've relocated here and new clubs and bars trying to fulfill the thirst for entertainment.

On another matter, you'll pardon me from being a bit frustrated. We just don't get to see enough of Christina De Alexis or Gilda Fatala. They are consummate performers whose talents are not as magnified if they're not on stage. I put them in the same category because each has magnificent emcee skills.

Each has a sense of humor, the super glue our community needs to retain

our proportion against life's indignities. Mr. Kenneth Blake is equal or, though newer, close behind, or, so says Sabrina, "one hell of a dancin' bitch." Take this like it's intended: ABBA: "Dancing Queen." We love you, Kenneth.

Mr. Kenneth really deserves recognition for his efforts, talents and perseverance. Tucson is a tough place where, more often than not, one must endure a lot of unnecessary B.S., just to achieve one's goals. To steal a quote from Gilda, "If it doesn't kill you, it will only make you stronger." Kenneth deserves a pat on the back for being strong.

When one is asked about drag in Tucson, the first name coming to mind always is Mr. Kenneth Blake! I look forward to the day when she will be given the opportunity to work/host his/her own show on a consistent basis. If anyone deserves this, it is Kenneth! I visited an IBT's Halloween show a few years ago dressed as Bette Davis. His quote: "No wonder Bette is dead."

I can't promise you a column every week but for the Christmas season, I promise you a new and revised version of my "Twas the Night before Christmas." It was first published in The Observer as a tribute to the Gay, Bi-, Lesbian and Transgendered community. So anyway, suggestion: got a dancing fool on your Christmas list? We highly recommend "Prodigy - Fat of the Land." If you don't believe us, ask Roland, a bartender, at IBT's. Who incidentally, is a gorgeous drag girl! You go Ro-ster! (Looking forward to the next "turn-about show").

If I go on much longer, publisher Bob Ellis will rip off my wig so bye for now. Be yourself but play safe.

**Home On The Range  
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Hey Tucson! Is it starting to feel like Winter or what! I don't know if I like it or hate it. About, indeed, it does feel like the Holiday Season. A real quickie this week because there is not a lot going on and I need to go shopping (like that is anything new). I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

Anyway, Saturday, December 19, the Stonewall/Eagle and AGRA will be hosting a "Cowboy Christmas Party" to raise funds for the 2000 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. We have an evening of Country Dancing and entertainment for you, so be sure to mark your calendars and see next weeks Observer ad for details. Sunday, December 20, is the AGRA Board and General Membership meetings. We have some important information for you and would like to see all of our members at the meeting if possible. The meetings are at 4:00 P.M. for Board and 5:00 P.M. for General Membership.

A few dates to keep in mind. December 12 is the annual AGRA Corporation Meeting to be held at Charlie's in Phoenix. Also, December 27 is the AGRA State Awards Banquet Luncheon in Phoenix will more details to follow.

That's it for this week, and as always, keep your pride and play safe in the saddle!

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Tres Amigos	8.0	8.0	.500
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Ooops	6.0	10.0	.375
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Poppin Fresh	4.0	12.0	.250
Cocktails for 17	4.0	12.0	.250

High Average - Just Throw It, 501; Heather H., 156; Ken M., 198.

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**GLAAD Bulletin**

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Vasquez's description is problematic on a number of levels: are people who sing in nightclubs perhaps somehow "looser" or more prone to violent attack than others? Why does Vasquez insist on using male pronouns throughout, when it is obvious that she was living as a woman. While the "problematic pronoun" issue appears throughout the story, also troubling is the picture which the reporter creates of Hester "angering his upper-floor neighbors with late-night loud music," an "apparent double life" and a set of neighbors seemingly more concerned about the "mystery" of Hester's gender than the fact that one of the residents was brutally stabbed multiple times within their earshot (neighbors reported hearing noise, but not thinking much of it.)

The lack of dignity and respect shown to Rita Hester by the Boston Globe needs to be addressed, not only by Transgender activists specifically, but by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community as a whole. Please tell the Boston Globe that their discrimination in how murder victims are treated in their pages cannot go unchallenged. Contact: Gregory L. Moore, Managing Editor, Boston Globe, 135 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester, MA 02125-3338, fax: 617.929.2098, e-mail: letters@globe.com

[The GLAADAlert is the activation tool of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation]

**Out In Africa**

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My guess is that Cape Town will become as popular a Gay destination in the new millennium, as Sydney did in the nineties. You can still be the first on your block to pay a visit.

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## If You Need A Break From Pricy MicroBrews, Go Back To The Basics

The October issue of 'Men's Health' magazine published an article titled "The Best Microbrews - We Drank It - We Rank It". For Observer readers who are lovers of the hops and barley, we are happy to reprint this amusing and informative review:

"REMEMBER SIMPLER times when beers had one name? Now every brand has a moniker like a law firm, and a six pack often costs more than a bucket of chicken. Thank goodness, cheap brew still flows. The 'Men's Health Beer Club' decided to relive some dirt-poor days by sampling a roundup of some common buck beers. A few were very drinkable; others were unthinkable. We rate 'em below.

- 0000 GOOD STUFF
- 000 IT'LL DO
- 00 HAVE ANYTHING ELSE?
- 0 DID THIS COME FROM A CLYDESDALE?

**SCHLITZ 0000** The surprising winner. Schlitz starts with a slightly sour, lemony taste and finishes up with a malty flavor that you'd think belongs to a more expensive beer. Just use a can cozy to mask the stigma. Best with: pizza, nuts, or lawn watering. 145 calories per 12-oz can; 3.6% alcohol by volume (ABV)

**COORS 0000** It proudly bills itself as "Banquet Beer," and at our banquet, it was pretty tasty. It's just a little malty, which complements flame-charred burgers well. Like a donated liver, it's useless unless it reaches you very cold. Best with: horseshoes. 147 calories per 12-oz can; 5% ABV.

**BUDWEISER 000** The Kate Moss of beers: eminently recognizable but ghostly. An essential stadium beer with a slightly bitter flavor that's especially good with spicy food. Best with: large foam "We're Number One" finger. 147 calories per 12-oz can; 5% ABV.

**MILLER GENUINE DRAFT. 000** A sweeter, highly carbonated beer that, according to one taster, smells a bit like canned corn. We like canned corn. Best with: Slim Jims. 143 calories per 12-oz can; 4.7% ABV.

**BUD LIGHT. 000** A blander, weaker Bud. If you're going to inhale platefuls of strong bar chow -- wings, mozza sticks -- you'll never notice its lack of tang. Best with: deep-fried animal fat. 110 calories per 12-oz can; 4.2% ABV.

**COORS LIGHT. 00** It's almost as neutral as Bud Light, but the slightly burnt taste makes it less of a chameleon. Best with: sorority gals and ripped couches. 105 calories per 12-oz can; 4.2% ABV.

**OLD MILWAUKEE. 00** It's more aromatic than other beers, but that's not a good thing for intentionally bland brews. Best with: unshelled peanuts and clandestine paramilitary outfits 145 calories per 12-oz can; 3.5% ABV.

**MILLER LITE. 0** This beer tastes just a little bit too much like its can. Best with: ball-park hot dogs. 96 calories per 12-oz can; 4.5% ABV.

**BUSCH. 0** Pop one open for your father-in-law. He'll get the hint. Best with: a Schlitz. 143 calories per 12-oz can; 4.9% ABV.

## Cedar Rapids Commission Includes Gays & Lesbians In City Bias Ordinance

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA (CRG) — Capping six months of bitter debate, the Cedar Rapids' Civil Rights Commission voted 6 to 1 in favor of extending the city's human rights ordinance to Gay men and Lesbians.

The recommendation now goes to the city council. If adopted, the ordinance would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations.

The vote was almost cast in secret

- a violation of Iowa's open meetings law. But Commissioner Gerald Matchett told reporters the commission did not publicize the vote out of fear for the safety of the commissioners. He said the decision was reasonable given the rhetoric and emotions surrounding the issue.

Commissioner Steven Moshier, who introduced the recommendation before the vote, said under the current civil rights code protections, it was clear to him Gay people could be legally discriminated against. He said he neither condoned nor condemned homosexuality, but "you have to be willing to take a step forward."

Commissioner Kathryn Coulter said that at first she was unconvinced of the amendment's necessity, but changed her mind listening to its opponents. "I was very concerned by what I saw as pretty organized prejudice in this town against homosexuals, and I don't think anything convinced me more than the testimony that was given."

Sandy Vopalka said that the ordinance, if passed by the City Council, will not end discrimination against the Gay community, but it will help. "I've got friends who have lost their jobs because of who they love. And it's like, will that continue to some degree? That probably will always continue. Will [the ordinance] give somebody a reason to stop and say, 'Hey, this isn't right?' Possibly."



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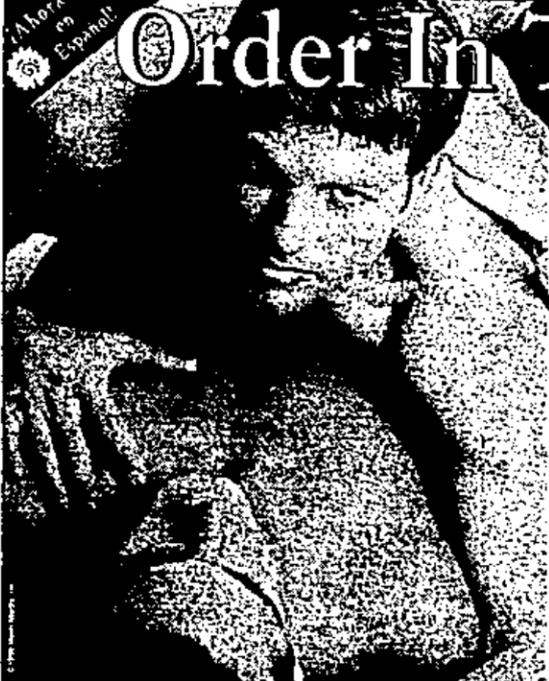
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# Non-Bar Calendar Groups / Clubs / Organizations

## 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 meet at Donato's Fine Italian Food at 1730 E. Prince. 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 545-7539.

## 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 ever spend? 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 690-9565.

## 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 Flendrau 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 857-1140.

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 836-1208.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Tucson Prime Times Dinner/Meeting. Ye Olde Lantern Restaurant. 1600 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 a \$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 615-1887.

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 388-4849.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

Cronies Social Club monthly meeting will not be held due to the Christmas Party on December 18th. "Movie Night" at Le's 7:00 p.m. Call 624-8768 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 722-3035.

## 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 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, 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 Teri 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 \$6.00 per person, and space is limited. For reservations, please call Dan or Richard at 623-5520.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

2. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome) 8:00 p.m. A showing of the gay German comedy "Maybe... Maybe Not". Join us for one or both of these events (but you don't have to help with the newsletter). For reservations & directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

**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.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome) 1:00 p.m. Join your gay Tucson family for a traditional Christmas meal. There's no reason to be home alone on a holiday. Join us, and discover the family you've always wanted. Later in the evening, we'll bring out games and offer areas of conversation. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome) 7:00 p.m. Join us for a monthly feature called Classic Cinema. We'll

# Bar Calendar Of Upcoming Events

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

**VENTURE-N - 7th 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 4th Avenue Street Fair.** Ride the free shuttle from the Graduate: Fri 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; Sat: Noon to 1:00 a.m.; Sun: Noon to 9:00 p.m. Shows: Sat: 3:00 p.m.; Sun: 3:00 and 9:00 p.m. (\$1.00 cover for three O'clock shows only.) Starring Lucinda Holliday, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Virginia Sacrifice, Electra Bleu, Sunny FoFu, Divina, Kristin, Felice Renard, Celia Puffy, Ajala Simone, Victoria DuPuis, Phaedra and Shandriana. IBT's is the Gay headquarters for the fair. Thousands will be 'on the avenue' this weekend. Don't miss it. The regular Sunday Beer Bust and Bar-B-Que and Karaoke have been cancelled this Sunday Dec. 13th only.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

**GRADUATE - TKO Beer Bust** today from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m..

## 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.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

**STONEWALL/EAGLE - "Twisted Tuesday",** Budweiser Promotion (Games & Prizes) Bud Gays and Gals 7-9 p.m. Bud and Bud Light Draft Beer Bust noon 'til close \$1.75 pitcher, 75¢ glass. Special Michelob Amber Bock Seltz Test (That's Initial tastes at 5¢ - refills \$1.00). Also eight ball pool tournament (pot matched) 7:00 p.m. Pauline's World Famous (Spaghetti Feed) 7-9 p.m. "Now That's Italian".

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

**IBT's - Community Cruiser's Benefit Fashion Show.** Hosted by KRQ's Polina. Fashions from Buffalo Exchange featuring Victoria DuPuis, Kristin, Electra Bleu, Faith, Sunny FoFu, Truly Fabz and Felice Renard. Help support this worthwhile community organization - Community Cruisers.

**STONEWALL / EAGLE - Benefit Show** for Rud's Kids (Arizona Children's Home). Hosted by Christina De Alessis. Teddy Bear raffle tickets on sale now. Stonewall doors open at 8:00 p.m. Showtime 9:00 p.m.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Latin Dance Party** with Eduardo 9:00 to close. Fiesta Latina Travel Show 10:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

**STONEWALL / EAGLE - AGRA Country Christmas Showtime** 10:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

**IBT's - Ronald McDonald House Benefit.**

**STONEWALL / EAGLE - Pima AIDS Ministry Benefit Show.** Hosted by Ajotta Whorecons. Showtime 10:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz 4th 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.

**IBT's - New Year's Eve Gala.** Mark your calendar and watch for upcoming ads.

showcase an old movie, along with a cartoon and a short. Tonight's feature is "Auntie Mame" starring Rosalind Russell as the larger than life aunt with an attitude. For directions and reservations, please call Les at 690-9565.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

1. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). TBA Our monthly hike will be held somewhere hikeable today. For details, please call Ron at 327-1052.

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.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

**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 722-3035.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our annual New Year's Eve Game Night devoted to all sorts of games. Play a favorite card game or board game—the choice is yours. If you have a favorite you'd like to play, bring it along, but there will be plenty of games from which to choose. We'll even supply the bubbly cider for a New Year's toast. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry 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 - Happy Hour** 4-8 pm all well \$1.50, Draft 7½ Schnapps 75¢. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

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

**IBT's - Open** Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Hours 8-9-1 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 til 7pm. BBQ 2-8. Highest sounds in town with DJ RayNMAN. Beach Bar opens at noon.

**VENTURE-N - Open** Noon. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Boss 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 9pm, \$3 entry, pot matched. Monday Night Football - 3 screens. \$2.00 Coors Gold all night.

**GRADUATE - Open** Noon. 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. \$1.50 / 32oz pitcher. Extreme dance with DJ Michael 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open** Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. Party with chick in the evening. Doc's Dart Tournay 9pm in the Eagle. Free pool all day and night. Beach Bar opens at noon.

**VENTURE-N - Open** Noon. \$1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 6pm-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** Noon. 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 Mile 8-close. \$2 amts \$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 til 7pm. Eight Ball pool tournament, warm-up 9pm, play begins 7pm. Latin Dance Party w/ DJ Eduardo 9pm - 1am. Beach bar opens at noon.

**VENTURE-N - Open** Noon. \$1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 6pm - 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** Noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tournay. 7pm, Pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

**HOURS - Open** 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well or domestic beer. Import Night \$2.25 9pm-1am

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

**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open** Noon Daily Drink Specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. Karaoke 9:00 to close with DJ in the Eagle. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Highest sounds in town w/DJ RayNMAN. Beach bar opens at noon.

**VENTURE-N - Open** Noon. \$1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 6pm-12:30 pm. Coors Gold \$2 and Coors 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 Kims)

**GRADUATE - Open** Noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75. 301 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

**HOURS - Open** 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well or domestic beer. 7½ Schnapps 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 Mile. \$1.50 Well and \$1.75 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear (pot check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open** Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. Latin Dance Party w/Eduardo in the Stonewall 9pm to close. Biweekly Travel Show 10:30pm. Beach Bar opens at Noon.

**VENTURE-N - Open** Noon \$1.75 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6pm-12:30pm. Patio Bar open 9pm. Feature Bottles \$1.75 from 9pm-midnight. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-10h. \$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 NH.

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

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

**IBT's - Open** Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Duke of York 6-8pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open** Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. T.G.I.F. Free snacks 4:30-8pm The hottest sounds in town w/DJ RayNMAN. 9pm. To close in the Stonewall. Beach Bar opens at Noon.

**VENTURE-N - Open** Noon. \$1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 6pm-12:30. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 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 ½ hour.

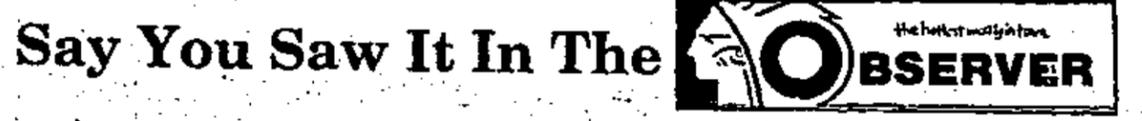
**GRADUATE - Open** Noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.50/domestic \$1.75. \$4 B.B. Pool Tournament 2pm, Double Elimination, pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

**HOURS - Open** 1pm. Small Pitchers \$2 & FREE pool 2-5. Country Western Music all night.

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

**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open** Noon. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. Free Pool noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. The hottest sounds in town w/DJ RayNMAN. Beach Bar opens at noon.

**VENTURE-N - Open** Noon. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ draft 3-7pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8:30pm. Partnerably Cricket Tournament 8:30pm \$3 entry (Pot Matched).



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

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of working touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 481-4582 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 Hoffman 577-8333 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 304 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. 634-7063.

THAN, 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 293-6647.

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 797-3110 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 327-4263.

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 781-7678.

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 297-9602 or Sr. Joan 742-8998.

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 684-9029, Ext.448 or Emmet 322-6057 (evetk@ix.netcom.com)

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tynd@server.com and request guidelines.

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast each 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 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 884-8619 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. New in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

TRANSGENDER ISSUES: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on first Mondays for informal discussions of transgender topics. Hosted by Dazari Boys. For information call Gary at 628-8659 or send email to: moehaydybe@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) 632-415-1123. 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, 8323 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85018 or call 862-279-6895.

GAY MORMON, EX-MORMON. New support and discussion group. For information call 528-4586

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.

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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)327-1820 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

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

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. ERN 581-8858 or Room 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

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

T-SQUARE 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 325-9486 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 888-7296.

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

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

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information and digital pages 291-9882.

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: 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 Himmel Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Nick at 328-3565

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 575-6660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85748-8264. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 881-1794 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 309 E. 6th Street from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMES INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men and their partners to join and share Prime Times fellowship. We welcome mature men (and partners) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Times activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 584-8280, 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, 304 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 5:00 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 888-1208 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

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

CAMELSACK 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 solutions. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 304 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Saturday 1 to 3 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1208 for more info.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-8805 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 87504.

ATTENTION ALL HUSBANDS - Tucson Tanners is a tanning 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-C, Cortaro, AZ 85632.

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 Armory Park Senior Center, 228 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 895-9563 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Ber Calendar in the Observer.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.O.S.A., please contact: Mary 774-9979 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 299-9063.

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 322-6226.

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**Matthew Shepard**

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McKinney told him that although he and Henderson knew Shepard was Gay, the 5-foot-2, 105 pound Shepard did not "hit on him or make advances on him at the bar."

According to the investigating officers, it was Henderson's idea to rob Shepard, but McKinney was the one who struck Shepard repeatedly with the butt of the .357-caliber Magnum revolver. The bloodied weapon along with Shepard's shoes were later found in McKinney's truck.

Two other suspects, Kristen Price and Chasity Pasley, live-in girlfriends of the two men, have also been charged in connection with Shepard's death. After the women admitted to the police they helped cover up the slaying, they were charged as accessories after the fact in each of the three crimes the men are charged with.

Lawyers for the defense requested a new judge in the trial from the one presiding over the pre-trial hearings. The move was not considered significant and is a request automatically granted under Wyoming state law.

The attack on Shepard and his death five days later prompted spontaneous nationwide vigils, protests and public demonstrations. Elected officials including President Clinton condemned the attack and the bias that motivated it and called for the immediate passage of Federal hate-crimes legislation protecting Gay men and Lesbians.

**Key West**

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West's Pride Alliance first to develop sensitivity training and a minority hiring program for city staff. The Alliance plans next to work with the police department on a procedure for handling hate crimes, and if possible for preventing them.

The liaison for Gay and Lesbian issues is the first special community liaison in Key West, but City Manager Julio Avael said he'd be happy to create one for another minority group if requested. "Anything we can do to improve communications, I'll go for it," he said.

**G/L Adoptions**

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surge of adoptions by Gay couples who were now eligible under the new DSS policy. The move surprised and angered Wilson, who demanded that it be immediately withdrawn. But it never was changed. A source stated Anderson simply refused to act on the order and suffocated it in a bureaucratic morass she largely controlled.

The four-year stall on Gay adoption is a blemish on Wilson's polished conservative image and may present new challenges if he pursues a presidential run in 2000. His failure to ban Gay adoptions has left religious conservatives in California grumbling and resentful.

Ironically, the situation has greatly improved the political fortunes of Wilson's successor, Democratic Governor-elect Gray Davis. Uneven stands on Gay rights issues such as Gay marriage have posed some problems for Davis with the state's politically powerful Gay community, but the issue of Gay adoptions thankfully won't be an issue he'll be asked to address.

**Judge Rules HIV Insurance Caps Illegal**

CHICAGO, IL (WS) — The Americans With Disabilities Act prohibits health insurance carriers from placing unusual restrictions on medical expenses for HIV and AIDS, a federal judge ruled.

The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the AIDS Legal Council of Chicago had brought the lawsuit against Mutual of Omaha on behalf of two policyholders referred to in court by the pseudonyms John Doe and Richard Smith. The Mutual policies limited payments for HIV/AIDS care to just a fraction of what the same policies allow for any other illness, with a cap of \$25,000 for Smith and of \$100,000 for Doe, compared to \$1-million for other conditions. Judge Suzanne Conlon ordered Mutual to lift the caps for the two men.

Mutual is expected to appeal the question of whether the ADA prohibits discrimination in health insurance coverage.

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