

## Arizona Legislature Update

### BILL TO BAN DOMESTIC PARTNERS BENEFITS INTRODUCED

By Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (ON) — Arizona state Representative Karen Johnson, R-Mesa, has introduced a bill, HB 2523, which would forbid any government entity in the state from: "providing health and accident coverage for domestic partners of its employees."

In the state, only the governments of the City of Tucson and Pima County offer extended medical benefits to the domestic partners of their employees.

Tucson's Mayor and Council extended benefits to the same-sex partners of city employees in 1997. Twenty domestic partners have insurance coverage, costing the city less than \$25,000 annually.

The Pima County Board of Supervisors approved extending medical and dental benefits to the domestic partners (homosexual and unmarried heterosexual) of county employees in March 1997. After a year-long court battle, the county's policy was finally implemented in April 1998. More than 100 domestic partners, more than 90% of which are unmarried heterosexual couples, are covered by the county, costing \$225,000 annually.

Pima County Supervisor, Ray Carroll, said state Rep. Johnson's bill is "a threat to local control over matters." "It is a step toward regionalizing all decisions of concern due to someone's personal agenda," Carroll added.

Damien McNeal, a county employee who was one of four members of a committee who spearheaded the effort to extend medical and dental benefits, said he was "surprised that someone would try to undermine what has taken so long to obtain."

Questions have been raised whether the bill could actually overturn both Pima County's and the City of Tucson's domestic partners policies.

Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall said, "state statutes don't permit the legislature to determine how moneys are spent for towns and cities that have charters." She added that cities and towns with a charter in Arizona can levy taxes and enact laws.

On the other hand, since the Pima County government does not have a charter and is "an extension of the state government," according to LaWall, "state statute permits the Arizona Legislature to determine how county moneys are spent."

HB 2523 was first read Monday, January 18 and assigned to the House

Banking & Insurance Committee. The Vice-Chair of the committee is openly Gay state Representative, Steve May, R-Phoenix. Rep. May and opponents of the measure have vowed to quash the bill. Amelia Craig Cramer of the Arizona Human Rights Fund, said people should call their legislators at (800) 352-8404 and urge them to oppose HB 2523. . . .

### ADAP FUNDING IN PROPOSED BUDGETS — WILL IT BE ENOUGH?

The state government, in the last fiscal year, provided funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) — for the first time in the history of the AIDS epidemic. ADAP provides medications and services to people living with HIV/AIDS. The question this year, "Will the 'check' for ADAP be in the proverbial 'mail,' and if so, for how much?"

Governor Jane Hull has proposed in her budget that a little more than \$1.7 million, from the state's tobacco tax health-care fund, be earmarked for ADAP.

Anne Maley, executive director of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), supports Hull's proposal. She stated clients of SAAF have said obtaining medications for HIV/AIDS should be the number one priority, since people are living longer and doing well with medications, such as protease inhibitors.

The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) has proposed only \$1 million for ADAP. A spokesperson for JLBC stated the committee believes that the state can reduce its funding of the program due to Arizona getting more funding from the federal Ryan White Care Act.

Chris Brown of the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), which oversees ADAP, said the state health department has budgeted for \$1.7 million. He said that amount funding is needed to meet the ever growing-need for medications — due to the increase of newly reported infections and clients living longer with AIDS. Brown added that some insurance companies, which the state health department deals with for medications, has put spending caps on certain medications, resulting in a further financial crunch on the ADAP budget.

Both budget proposals go now before the Arizona Legislature. David Hoover, president of the Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance (AZAPA), said he is optimistic that equitable state funding will be provided. He said this is the first time in the history of the epidemic that both budget proposals have funding for ADAP.

On two occasions in this last fiscal year, ADAP ran out of funding due to the increased client-load and rising cost of

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## First Lesbian Health Report Issued

WASHINGTON, DC (WS) — The first federally funded study of Lesbian health concerns finds suggestions of increased breast cancer risk factors and homophobia-induced stress, but mostly finds that Lesbians have been ignored.

U.S. research on Lesbian health has been far too scanty, and one reason is that researchers perceive a stigma attached to the work. Those are two of the conclusions of "Lesbian Health: Current Assessment and Directions for the Future," a report by the distinguished National Academy of Science's Institute of Medicine (IOM) supported with the first federal funds (a 1997 grant by the National Institutes of Health's Office of Research on Women's Health) ever allocated for a comprehensive assessment of the research and issues surrounding the particular health needs of Lesbians.

"Journal of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association" co-editor Jocelyn White, MD called the release of the report "a landmark day in the history of Lesbian health" because the IOM "underscores the importance of ensuring that Lesbians are included in every significant research study on women's health," and because the report "will help guide the research community as it develops a comprehensive research agenda for Lesbian health over the next decade."

The IOM, which is frequently called on by government to provide independent, non-partisan recommendations for public policy, set up a Committee on Lesbian Health Research Priorities in 1997 with a mandate to review and assess existing research on Lesbian health, to examine issues of methodology in conducting that research, and to make recommendations for future research. The new report represents that group's long-awaited findings.

Lesbian orientation per se was not found to present a special risk for any disease. However generally, the report found that so little research has been done that no real conclusions can be reached on any given issue of Lesbian physical or mental health; even defining "Lesbian" is a problem the report investigates.

There are indications that Lesbians are not receiving adequate medical care for reasons including a lack of knowledgeable practitioners (one study found that 20% of Lesbians had visited physicians with no knowledge of Lesbians) and a lack of health insurance (which domestic partner health benefits could remedy for some). There are suggestions that the stress of societal homophobia may affect Lesbians' physical and mental health, and that Lesbians as a

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## U.S. Circuit Court Ruling Threatens G/L Rights

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (NP) — A U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling giving precedence to two Anchorage, Alaska landlords' Christian beliefs over both local and state civil rights laws, threatens to gut all protections from discrimination based on sexual orientation in nine Western states.

The 2 - 1 decision served to reverse the effects of previous state Supreme Court rulings in both California and Alaska which the U.S. Supreme Court refused to take up in essentially identical cases of Christian landlords who refused to rent to unmarried heterosexual couples despite laws forbidding marital status discrimination.

Alaska Attorney General Robert Royce said he would file for a rehearing before the full bench of 9th Circuit justices. The new ruling is particularly startling because the 9th Circuit is universally considered to be the most liberal of the federal appeals courts.

The majority opinion by Justice Diarmuid O'Scannlain, in which Justice Jerome Farris concurred, found that the laws against marital status discrimination represented an unconstitutional infringement of the landlords' rights to free exercise of religion and freedom of speech. He contended that whereas unmarried couples could easily find another rental unit, landlords Kevin Thomas and Joyce Baker were forced to choose between violating their

religious beliefs by "facilitating" sin or giving up their livelihood.

While recognizing the laws' "noble intent" and acknowledging that the need to end racial or gender discrimination might represent a "compelling state interest" overriding the landlords' rights, he wrote that, "There is simply no support from any quarter for recognizing a compelling government interest in eradicating marital status discrimination that would excuse what would otherwise be a violation of the Free Exercise Clause. Not all discrimination is created equal." He also rejected the notion that creating a religious exemption to the civil rights laws would constitute an "establishment of religion" by government that would violate the constitutional separation of church and state.

In dissent, Justice Michael Daly Hawkins believed the ruling could set a dangerous precedent. He wrote that its "potential for harm will be seen when a landlord in this circuit refuses, on the basis of religious beliefs . . . to rent or sell housing to divorced individuals, interracial couples, victims of domestic abuse seeking shelter, or single men or women living together simply because they cannot afford to do otherwise."

Although the landlords' Anchorage attorney Kevin Clarkson was pleased at

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# UPDATE

## City Council Member Seeks Individual To Appoint To Mayor's G/L/B/T Task Force

TUCSON — Tucson City Councilmember, Steve Leal, D-Ward 5 is looking for an individual to appoint to the Mayor's Task Force on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues.

Three subcommittees comprise the Task Force: Legal, Education and Social Services — which have been working on updating the language in the anti discrimination ordinance; conducting a survey to gauge the safety and openness that Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgendered people have in accessing services from local agencies; and, making schools safer and more responsive to the needs of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered students.

To be able to serve on the Task Force, you need to live within the Tucson city limits and be a registered voter.

If interested, please send a resume and a cover letter stating why you would like to serve on the Task Force, to: Councilmember Steve Leal, 4300 South Park, Tucson, Arizona 85714. For more information, please call the Ward 5 Council Office, (520) 791-4231.

## AAPSA Meeting Jan. 21

PHOENIX — The Phoenix chapter of the Arizona Association of Public Safety Professionals (AAPSP) will hold a meeting, Saturday, January 23.

AAPSP is a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking opportunities for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual public safety professionals within Arizona. Membership is open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers, and Civilians working within the agencies.

For information, call Kim Charrier, (602) 534-6219 or visit AAPSP's Web site: <http://members.aol.com/AAPSP> or E-mail at [AAPSP@aol.com](mailto:AAPSP@aol.com). Confidentiality is assured.

## New Wingspan Group Forming

TUCSON — Wingspan already sponsors a Youth Support Group for young people up to 23, which meets every Saturday afternoon at 3:00 P.M. There has been interest express in providing a group for older young people, and Wingspan is considering starting such a group for ages 20 to 30.

As with the Youth Group, this will not be a therapy group. We are seeking information from the community to determine the level of interest and ideas for setting up such a group. How often will meetings be practical and helpful? What time and day of the week suits you best?

Please express your interest and ideas to Jean Baker, (520) 323-3156. Jean will return your calls if you don't reach her directly.

## G/L/B/T Unitarian Universalists To Gather In Atlanta

ATLANTA, GA — The fifteenth annual continental convocation of Interweave (Unitarian Universalists for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) concerns) will be held in Atlanta, February 26-28, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta.

The convocation will offer a wider variety of workshops dealing with denominational development and personal growth. The keynote speaker will be Urvashi Vaid, Director of the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. A separate program for GLBT youth will be conducted at the First Existentialist Congregation, a primarily Lesbian UU congregation in Atlanta.

The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) is generally considered to be the most "welcoming" of established religious denominations. The UUA has the largest percentage of GLBT ministers and religious educators, and is the only established denomination to formally endorse legalization of same-sex marriage.

## Proposed Language Changes In Tucson Anti-Discrimination Ordinance Receives First Approval

TUCSON (ON) — The City of Tucson Human Relations Commission, at a recent meeting, unanimously approved proposed language changes to the city's anti discrimination ordinance.

One of the proposed changes, according to Amelia Craig Cramer of the Mayor's Task Force on G/L/B/T issues, deals with the term "sexual preference." Instead of the term "sexual preference," the term used would be "sexual orientation" if approved.

The proposed changes would go to the Tucson Mayor and Council for final approval. Cramer is urging people to call the Mayor/Council comment line, (520) 791-4700, and leave messages of support.

## AOL Removes Online Thesaurus With Slurs

DULLES, VA (WS) — America Online (AOL) and the Merriam-Webster Inc. Web site have temporarily removed a thesaurus that included two slurs among synonyms for the word "homosexual."

The thesaurus is being reworked to removed all synonyms for "homosexual," including "fruit" and "faggot," and to clarify symbols that indicate potentially offensive words.

Merriam-Webster and AOL, which licenses the thesaurus from Merriam-Webster, took the thesaurus offline last week.

Deborah Burns, Merriam-Webster's director of marketing, said the company decided to remove all synonyms for "homosexual" to conform with a 25-year-old policy not to offer entries for racial or ethnic groups such as, Jews, Hispanics or African-Americans, Burns said.

## Local Chapter Of GLB Veterans Forming

TUCSON — A new chapter of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America is forming in Tucson.

The group will hold their first meeting, Monday, January 25, 7:00 P.M. at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street. Meetings will be held every fourth Monday of the month following.

The meeting is open to anyone who is a veteran or anyone who just wants to participate.

For more information, call (520) 889-4076.

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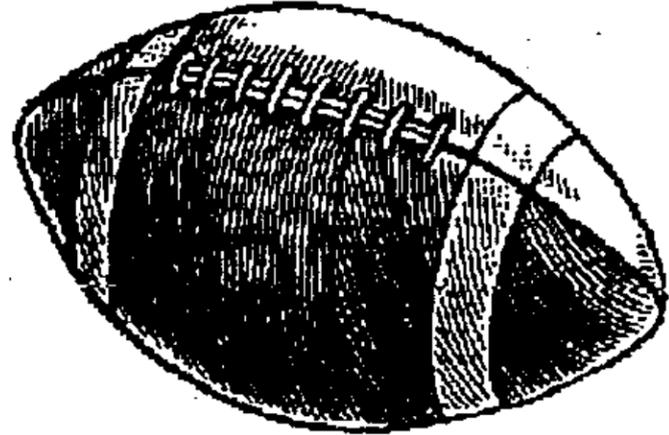
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## POLITICS 1999

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### 'Questioning Motives?' Questioning Sanity More Like It!

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Speaking of a fun person, Arizona state Representative Karen "Family Rights Forever, Gay Rights Never" Johnson, R-Mesa, has introduced a bill, HB 2523. Karen's waste of taxpayers moneys would forbid any government entity in the state from: "providing health and accident coverage for domestic partners of its employees."

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The Pima County Board of Supervisors approved extending benefits to the domestic partners (homosexual and unmarried heterosexual couples) of county employees in March 1997. After a year-long court battle, it was finally started in April 1998.

When asked in an interview, whether unmarried couples should live together, Rep. Johnson blathered, "it's their free agency to choose if they want to co-habit or not, be it against the law or not. You have the free agency to choose murder or not, but I certainly wouldn't think it's incumbent upon the state to reward that type of behavior."

Well isn't that special! This spewing from an individual who has been married five times, with eleven kids! The state does reward that kind of behavior, rampant breederism!

Damien McNeal, one of the four Pima County government employees who spearheaded the effort to extend the medical and dental benefits, said he questioned Rep. Johnson's motives for introducing this bill.

Questioning her motives? What about questioning her sanity?! But we digress yet again.

HB 2523 was assigned to the House Banking & Insurance Committee. The Vice-Chair of the committee is openly Gay state Representative, Steve May, R-Phoenix. Talk about an Aaron Spelling plot twist! Opponents of the measure have stated they will work to make sure HB 2523 does not see the light of day! ...

Will the state AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) see the proverbial "check in the mail?" If so, how much will the check be for?

Governor Jane Hull has proposed in her budget that a little more than \$1.7 million be earmarked for the state ADAP. On the other hand, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) has proposed only \$1 million for ADAP; believing that

the state can reduce its funding of the program since Arizona will be receiving more funding from the federal Ryan White Care Act.

Chris Brown of the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), which oversees ADAP, said the state health department has budgeted for \$1.7 million. He said that amount funding is needed to meet the ever growing need for medications — due to the increase of newly reported infections and clients living longer with AIDS.

Both budget proposals go now before the Arizona Legislature. Let the budget boogie begin! ...

Speaking of money, the \$410,000,000 bet by Rep. Linda "I'm still not Sue Ellen from that 80's TV drama 'Dallas'" Gray, R-Glendale, is off the table for now.

Last week, "Sue Ellen's stand-in" introduced legislation that would ban from public schools, Gay and Lesbian support groups. The bill, for those playing the home game is HB 2051. Her measure would call for school districts to ban a student organization that would promote a "specific sexual orientation," "sexual activity of any kind" or "criminal activity." Like the cheerleaders perhaps?

A small problem. If Gray's bill is approved, the state loses \$410,000,000 in federal funding, because Arizona would be violating the federal Equal Access Act. The Equal Access Act requires that schools must accept all student groups or they will lose federal funding for education in the state. Can we say craps if HB 2051 gets approved and actually signed by Head-Spice herself?!

HB 2051 was to be heard before the state House Government Reform Committee, but the bill was held. What happened? According to Capitol sources, the bill's sponsor, Rep. Linda Gray, pulled the proposal herself. Linda is still looking at the matter, not calling the legislation "dead" at this point. Dead? Just like Paul Johnson's political career?

So what can you do? Call the Arizona Legislature at (800) 352-8404, and leave a message with your legislators to support the governor's proposal for ADAP funding and to vote down HB 2523 and HB 2051. Don't know who your legislators are? Call their Southern Arizona office, (520) 628-6596, and leave a message with the staff. They will tell you who your state Senators and Representatives are and relay your message. ...

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### Class Action Suit Filed On Behalf Of G/L Teens

NEW YORK, NY (WS) — A Federal class-action lawsuit was filed on behalf of Gay and Lesbian teens in New York City's foster care system, alleging their sexual orientation routinely exposes them to physical violence and psychological abuse.

The suit, the first of its kind in the country, was filed in United States District Court in Manhattan by the Urban Justice Center, a nonprofit advocacy organization for the homeless. The case highlights what experts say is a national problem of homophobic abuse in foster care and a significant contributor to the high rates of runaways and suicides endured by children in the foster care system.

The six plaintiffs named in the lawsuit describe experiences of homophobic abuse ranging from unrelenting harassment to broken bones to rape by peers, foster parents and staff members of child welfare agencies. The suit says appeals for protection are typically met with indifference, blame or isolation.

Leonora Wiener, a spokeswoman for the city's Administration for Children's Services, said she could not comment on pending litigation, but said, "We are working on the issues concerning Gay and Lesbian foster children on several fronts."

Joel A., the lead plaintiff, is a 13-year-old boy who entered foster care at age 9. The lawsuit charges that staff members at a series of group homes and a large residential treatment center rarely intervened when Joel was targeted because he was effeminate. Among other incidents, he was thrown down a flight of stairs, had his

nose broken twice, was hit in the face with a broom and had his shoulder blade broken.

"The defendants' failure to protect members of the class from bias-related aggression results in extreme physical, psychological, emotional and developmental injury," the complaint reads. The suit seeks the immediate establishment of foster care facilities specially staffed and programmed as "safe houses." In the longer term it seeks court-mandated training and intervention to make all foster placements safe and supportive of Gay, Lesbian and bisexual children.

As early as 1992, in an internal memo included as evidence in the case, city child welfare officials acknowledged that many Gay and Lesbian children were "nearly impossible" to place appropriately because private, nonprofit foster care agencies either rejected them or reported that they were "scapegoated" by other children and staff members. "which disrupted services to other residents."

"Your heart goes out to him," said Jonathan Cole, the provost of Columbia University, who is serving as Joel's "next friend," the adult representative required by the court when a guardianless juvenile appears before it. "He's a wonderful kid, and he's basically a street urchin."

Cole said of Joel's plight in general, "These are youngsters who are at great risk and who in effect are being put out on the street because the city simply doesn't have any mechanism for handling Gay and Lesbian kids."

### Priest's Removal Sought By Parishioners

PLEASANTON, CA (NP) — A parish priest who has authorized the blessing of three Lesbian and Gay couples and who says he will continue to do so is under investigation by the Diocese of Oakland following the filing of a complaint against him by 15-20 church members.

The Rev. Dan Danielson of St. Augustine's Church has not officiated at any of the ceremonies himself, but the petition calling for his removal charges him with "the performance of homosexual weddings."

Danielson, who has pastored St. Augustine's for 13 years, insists that the ceremonies are not "weddings," but rather "friendship blessings." The controversy began brewing last year, when the local diocesan newspaper announced that such a blessing would be held and about 30 parishioners staged a protest. Danielson maintained that their alarm was unfounded, since the intended blessing of Carol Parker and Josie Martin would have been "nothing resembling a marriage. There was no exchange of vows and rings."

The protest led the two Lesbians to cancel the service. However, the diocese chastised the church and St. Augustine's Deacon Jim Campbell, who had been reported to be the person performing the ceremony, was asked not to hold such services in the church in the future.

Parker and Martin say that since their aborted ceremony, they have received lots of support from church members, even some apologies. "It's going to take a lot to effect any kind of change," Martin said, "so we just have to be brave and move forward, and we've done that." The couple does not plan to request a service outside the church, but Martin says she still sure that "we are

here for a reason and that we have some gifts to give the church."

Danielson announced last week that to avoid misunderstandings, while the "friendship blessings" would no longer be held in the church, he would still authorize them in private homes or other locations. "But we will bless anything," the priest said, "friendships, relationships. We bless engaged [heterosexual] couples who aren't sexually celibate. We bless couples who may practice birth control."

For that reason he said, "So I don't have a hesitation to continue to hold friendship blessings as appropriate — when a Gay couple in the parish represents a stable long-term relationship — to allow this statement of commitment."

That announcement prompted the petition to Bishop John Cummins, which asks for Danielson's removal "to protect the flock from error." "We are aware of the church's constant teaching that 'homosexual acts are acts of grave depravity,'" it reads in part, "and of the Pope's clear teaching that such relationships must never be blessed by the church." Although Diocese chancellor Sister Barbara Flannery said that petitions to remove pastors were not unusual and that the complaint against Danielson would be handled with the usual "respect and sensitivity," she was not sure whether there had ever before been a complaint involving same-gender union ceremonies. Expressing her own reservations about "friendship blessings" even being held away from church grounds, she said in an interview, "The difficulty with this issue is that it isn't perceived by anyone as just being a simple blessing. It gives the appearance of a way to get around church

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**Young, Gay and Proud:** The January 12 edition of the *Virginian-Pilot* features a story about Jon Leszczynski, a 16-year-old high school student in Portsmouth, VA who is in the process of starting a Gay/straight alliance. The story examines Jon's coming to terms with his sexual orientation, long before he felt comfortable revealing it to his mother and selected friends.

Lorraine Eaton writes of the young man's attempt to found the only Gay/straight alliance in a Virginia high school, in light of complex statistics that purport to tell the lives of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender youth, including the risk of suicide and a higher truancy rate owing to fear of violence. Jon himself confronted the fear of violence when he was cornered by his lockers and taunted by fellow students. After the death of Matthew Shepard, Jon considered leaving high school altogether, instead, however, he wrote letters to his representatives, and sought out support groups. With the encouragement of his mother, whom he had come out to in a letter, he decided to begin the process of establishing the student group. Even with the spread of rumors about that new "fag club," Jon has had 20 students express interest in joining. He worries about the reaction if the group is approved. "He thinks about Matthew Shepard," Eaton writes. "And he thinks, 'If I don't do something, it could go that far here, too.'"

Please write to the *Virginian-Pilot* and thank them for a deeply sensitive portrayal of a young Gay man who has taken up the struggle for equal rights and visibility, in the face of harsh reality. Contact: Dennis Hartig, Managing Editor, *Virginian-Pilot*, 150 West Brambleton Ave., Norfolk, VA 23510-2075, fax: 757.446.2051, e-mail: letters@pilotonline.com

**Death of Philadelphia Policeman Spurs Coverage of the Blue Closet:** In the December 17 issue of GLAADAlert, GLAAD reported on the Philadelphia Daily News' story on Thomas Kalt, Jr., who had graduated as the first openly Gay police officer to graduate the Philadelphia Police Academy. Sadly, in early January, Officer Kalt was found dead in Philadelphia, victim of an apparent suicide.

Investigations have found that the apparent reason for the suicide was a romantic breakup, and that harassment and homophobia played no role in his death. However, the Philadelphia Inquirer wrote an eloquent article about Kalt's death and the "blue closet" from which he emerged. Interviewing those who are Lesbian or Gay and already police veterans, the reporters

reveal the varying levels of acceptance for openly Lesbian or Gay cops in the city. They also examine the sometimes contentious relations between the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community and Philadelphia's police officers, and how the commitment of those at the highest levels, including Police Commissioner John Timoney, make an enormous difference in how relations and discipline are improved.

Please thank the Philadelphia Inquirer for taking this tragedy and creating an opportunity from it for excellent city coverage. Contact: William Ward, Managing Editor, Philadelphia Inquirer, 400 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19130-4015, fax: 215.854.5884, e-mail: inquirer.letters@phillynews.com

**Adoption Articles Miss The Whole Story:** Two stories on Lesbian and Gay adoption reveal the unfortunate omission of the very people most affected by the issue: Lesbian and Gay parents, and their children.

In the January 14 edition of the *Bergen Record*, Ruth Padawer writes about the recent adoption of twins by Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Executive Director Elizabeth Birch and her partner Hilary Rosen.

The religious political extremist group Family Research Council (FRC) issued a press release castigating the partners for their adoption. The *Record* reproduces quotes from the release, and speaks at length about the "Truth In Love" ad campaign, which FRC had co-sponsored. Padawer quotes from two of the ads, which touted "conversion" therapy for Lesbians and Gay men. She also interviews a spokeswoman for FRC. But the only Lesbian and Gay voices in the article are that of Jon Gallucio and David Smith, a spokesperson for HRC. The amount of space given over to religious political extremists seems significantly larger than that given to parents who are Lesbian or Gay, with 9 quotes or references from anti-Gay groups, and three quotes or references from Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender sources.

A January 8 story published in the *Deseret News* discusses a bid by lawmakers to limit adoptions in Utah to "legally married" couples and single people.

Adoption by Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual couples, unmarried heterosexual couples and, according to the newspaper, "couples practicing polygamy" would be prohibited. In the course of the story, two

sources are quoted: one, an assistant professor of social work at the University of Utah, supports diversity in adoptions. The other, Richard Wilkins, described by reporter Marjorie Cortez as "founder of an organization that lobbies for pro-family policies before the U.N. conference," supports the adoption bans.

While their statements are balanced and played off one another, unfortunately Cortez does not interview any of the representatives from Lesbian and Gay family groups, such as Family Pride Coalition (formerly Gay & Lesbian Parents Coalition International), or COLAGE (Children of Lesbian and Gays Every-

where.) In addition, none of the research that has been done on these children is cited, thus lending credence to Wilkins' assertions that "policymakers should examine households that resemble [Leave It To Beaver's] the Cleavers."

Please contact the *Deseret News* and *Bergen Record*, and let them know that, as more is reported about Lesbian and Gay parenting, the need for fair and accurate information and coverage becomes even greater. Contact: John Hughes, Editor, *Deseret News*, 30 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84111-1902, fax: 801.237.2530. Vivian Waixel, Editor, *Bergen Record*, 150 River St., Hackensack, NJ 07601-7156, fax: 201.646.4135, e-mail: newsroom@bergen.com

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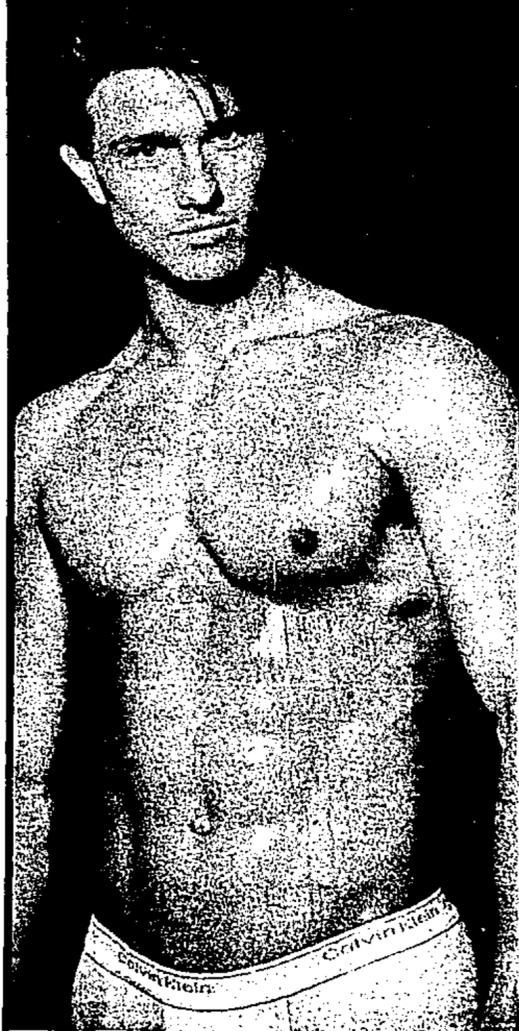
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**Fiesta De Los Osos III Huge Success**



TUCSON - The Bears of the Old Pueblo hosted Fiesta De Los Osos III at the Venture-N last weekend. One of the activities was a tongue-in-cheek "Bear Contest". Here we see the nine contestants prior to their going on stage for the contest.



...and here we see those same contestants disrobed and 'on stage'. The large audience appreciated the hilarious antics the contestants were put through.

finest attractions — the Desert Museum, Nogales, Bisbee, Mission San Xavier and Kitt Peak. A banquet, piñata party and a tongue-in-cheek bear contest were also in store for the visiting bears.

The events though are only part of the Fiesta. Tucson itself plays a major role.

"This event showcases the wonderful place we live in and the Gay friendly atmosphere that is found in Tucson. Bears from across the U.S. and the globe come to experience what Tucson and Southern Arizona has to offer," Nyitray said.

Fund-raising is also a part of the event. The Fiesta, Nyitray commented, has raised between \$1,500 to \$2,000, for the past two years it has been held. These moneys, he added, go to local Gay and Lesbian community groups, such as Share Bears and Wingspan who were beneficiaries in prior years. The total proceeds of this year's event were not available at press time and will be reported on in the Observer as soon as the books are closed on Fiesta De Los Osos III.

"The weather was perfect and those from out of town went home with a great admiration for our wonderful city," said Nyitray.

Congratulations to the Bears of the Old Pueblo for producing an excellent event and we look forward to Fiesta de Los Osos IV next year.



Ventura-N Honcho, Jim Dondson

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) — More than 150 bears and their admirers converged on Tucson for the third annual Fiesta de los Osos, January 15-18, which was held at the Venture-N.

Bears from 30 states and six countries — including the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Mexico and Finland were in attendance, stated Alan Nyitray, President of the Bears of the Old Pueblo, the hosts of the third annual event.

In addition to renewing bear camaraderie, many activities and events for the Fiesta have been planned for the visiting bears took place including tours of Southern Arizona and Northern Sonora's



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# Desert Vision

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

## Singing For Wholeness

It happened five or six years ago. I stopped to visit one of my friends, Ken, who was living with a group of other young people all in their early 20's.

As he often did, Ken said to me, "Hey, I have something I want you to hear." Ken discovered some new music that he was into and wanted me to listen to it. As he put the CD in the player, he looked over his shoulder and said, "This is really cool. You'll like it." In a moment, the sounds of synthesized Gregorian chant came from the CD player. "You have this kind of stuff, don't you?" Ken asked. "Yeah, I said. And I can sing it, too." One of Ken's friends looked at me with starry-eyes, punctuating the moment with a jaw-dropping, "Wow."

Over the last few years, medieval chant has grown in popularity. While classical listeners are familiar with ensem-

bles like Anonymous 4 and Sequencia, younger people include synthesized versions of chant in their CD collections.

Many people find listening to Gregorian, Russian, and other forms of medieval chant is relaxing and centering. It helps them step out of the pace of life and experience a sense of wholeness and well being. While listening to chant has clear benefit for many people, it's the actual singing of chant that impacts a person's life in profound ways.

Western chant was primarily developed in monasteries. The structure and proper singing of chant is an exercise in controlled breathing that paces one's heart rate. By singing the repetitious pattern of chant, brain waves and heart rate move to the patterns consonant with trance states. This practice opens an individual to experiences of ecstasy.

In Tucson, the sacred singing of chant is preserved at the Benedictine Sanctuary at 800 North Country Club Road. Each morning and evening, the nuns of the monastery lead this ancient spiritual practice. Open to the public, the morning prayer of praise known as Lauds and the evening prayer of quiet rest, Vespers, provide the opportunity to join in the ancient discipline of chant.

At both times of prayer, a modern, inclusive, poetic translation of the Hebrew psalms is chanted followed with moments for silent meditation. Slow, reflective readings from the Christian scripture or the writings of mystics are also included. While these morning and evening gatherings are brief, lasting about 30 minutes each, they offer a profound rhythm for spiritual growth and development.

Praying in this way throughout the day is known in the Christian mystical tradition as the sanctification of time. The rhythm of chant and meditation helps an individual be mindful of the Sacred Presence throughout the day. This spiritual practice keeps one focused on appreciating the fullness of the gift of life.

In addition to the spiritual practice of chanting in the mornings and evenings, the Benedictine Sanctuary also hosts a Monday evening meditation sitting. Presentations and discussions of spiritual practices are also part of the Monday evening Contemplative Prayer group. Two monthly groups, the Spanish language Sentinels and the English speaking Oblates, meet at the Benedictine Sanctuary for those interested exploring monastic spirituality in their daily life. While the nuns are Roman Catholic, both Christians and non-Christians are warmly welcomed at this monastery to explore their spiritual tradition. The chapel is open each day from 6:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M. for quiet meditation and prayer. For the schedule of services, call the Benedictine Sanctuary at 325-6401.

Chanting and quiet meditation provide a sense of wholeness and refreshment. These ancient spiritual practices help the spiritual seeker to explore the depths of Spirit in life.

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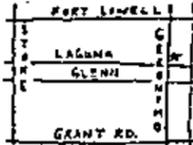
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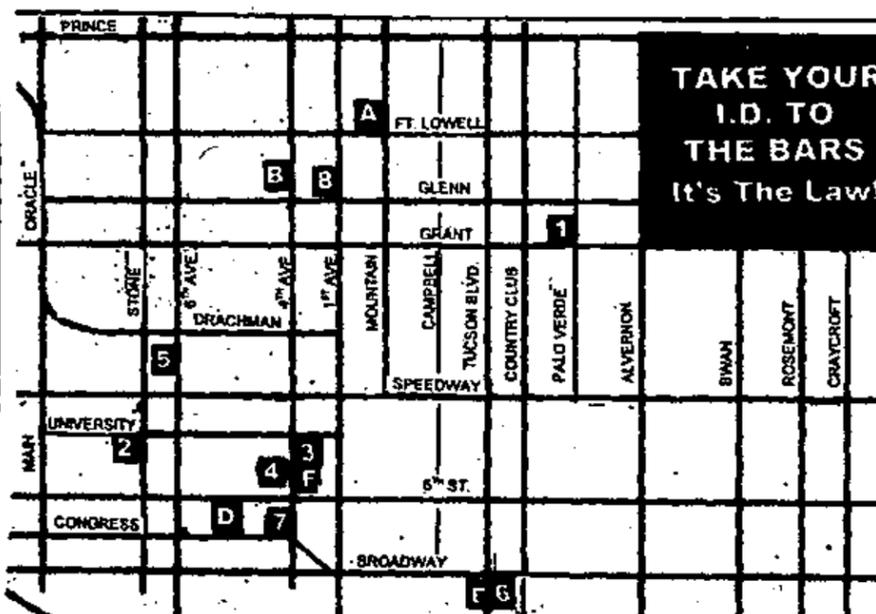


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The Sun moves from conservative Capricorn to altruistic Aqueerius. Our deepest, darkest dreams are reviewed with a clear, cold Aqueerian eye. Be careful of what you wish, kids; the Sun squares feisty Mars now which mixes a little nitro into any carefully prepared cocktail. I happen to like a drink with a jolt, but not everybody does.

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Friends become more important to your sense of personal fulfillment with Sun in Aqueerius. Rally 'round the rainbow flag and join the team, but don't push that indomitable rambunctious spirit too far. The Sun/Mars square can abruptly place Gay Rams on the "B list" of invitees. Save your more outrageous antics for next week when they are better appreciated.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

There are times when you can give or take that high powered career, but now with Sun in Aqueerius it becomes a raison d'etre. Be kind to the masses cousin; the Sun/Mars square delivers a professional zetz with a big political redefinition, for good or otherwise. Knowing how careful queer Bulls are in everything, I'm sure the fallout will be minimal and not too toxic.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Sun in Aqueerius throws a tantalizing spotlight on travel to exotic locales, while the Mars square throws a few firecrackers in for good measure. Pack up your troubles and lose them on route to Nirvana. Hold off on any legal action this week during the planetary square lest you find a habeas in your corpus. Wait until next week before you rest your case.

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**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Lovers shake the salt and pepper this week when the Sun squares Mars. Maybe you've been taking them for granted or maybe you've become too pedantic. The planets think that it's time for reassessment and rejuvenation. Be prepared for a new, deeper level of understanding and enjoyment. Whipped cream and feather dusters are optional. Champagne, mandatory.

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Proud Lions ache to be appreciated and now, with Sun in Aqueerius, you have partners eating out of your paw. However, be prepared for a bite on the thumb when the Sun squares Mars. Relationships are what you give and not what you take. If you've been a good cub, you will have a lovely surprise for two. If you've been a roaring bore, prepare to face a lion tamer.

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

The job has more than its share of fires to fight when the Sun squares feisty Mars. This shouldn't be problematic for pink Virgins who always seem to be on the ball, as it were, at work. You're in a perpetual state of careful planning so use this fabulously exciting time to plot and plan new paths. There is no telling where you will find yourself next month at this time.

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Even diplomatic, chatty Libras find the social scene a bit too, too this week when the Sun squares Mars. Parties take on an

out of control wild life of their own so be prepared set personal limits and stick to them. Happily, Sun in Aqueerius shines brightly on you throughout the month so any snarly bumps this week become smooth pathways to pleasure next week.

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 23**

Gay Scorps love to curl up and enjoy their time at home but now, with the Sun setting off Mars, you'll find your nest filled with ornery scorpions. But keep your sunny side up; The nice thing about this planetary aspect is that any unusual happen-stances here can result in happy changes and great improvements around the house. (Sort of like giving you a great excuse to totally remodel.)

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Randy Archers are always ready with an inappropriate comment or two. Now, with the Sun square Mars, your mouth enjoys a veritable field day of radical and explosive commentary. This can work well for you if you're considering overthrowing a country but may not be the best strategy if you're trying to meet, greet and favorably impress. Hold that tongue until next week!

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Practical queer Caps are usually very careful about money and financial planning but now the Sun square Mars poses a surprising question; Is it all worth it? You may find yourself questioning what is and is not important to your sense of security and

personal values. Review and revise the bottom line, cousin. Remember, all that glitters is not gold, but it can still be worn with black.

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Aqueerians are in the thick of it this week when the Sun advances into their own sign and then squares domineering Mars. Those in authority turn to take notice of you and you're abruptly pushed out into the limelight, ready or not. If you face the multitudes clad only in your proud altogether, give it your best shot and demand your close-up. Remember to be loud and proud and speak queerly.

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Intuitive pink Fish are even more so this week when the Sun in Aqueerius squares Mars. If hazy, crazy thoughts simply pop into your head, take heed. This is the week to cash in on crazy ideas. This is also the time to get more involved in one of our esteemed charitable organizations. Aggressive Mars now enables you to reach to the Outer limits and achieve glorious Gay results.

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### Legislature Update

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medications. Governor Jane Hull declared a "health crisis," and allocated a total of \$1.7 million.

#### BILL TO BAN G/L SCHOOL CLUBS ON HOLD FOR NOW

Arizona state Representative Linda Gray, R-Glendale, last week introduced legislation that would ban from public schools, Gay and Lesbian support groups. The bill, HB 2051, would call for school districts to ban a student organization that would promote a "specific sexual orientation," "sexual activity of any kind" or "criminal activity."

If HB 2051 is approved, Arizona would lose \$410,000,000 in federal funding since Arizona would be in violation of the federal Equal Access Act, according to Patty Likens, media spokesperson for the Arizona Department of Education. The Equal Access Act requires that schools must accept all student groups or they will lose federal funding for education in the state.

HB 2051 was to be heard before the state House Government Reform Committee, but the bill was taken off the committee's agenda. According to Capitol sources, the bill's sponsor, Rep. Linda Gray, pulled the proposal herself, but is still looking at the matter, not calling the legislation "dead" at this point.

### Lesbian Health Report

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group may have a higher incidence of certain factors associated with increased breast cancer risk -- but there's not enough data to be conclusive. There are also reports of health myths in the community, such as the false notion that Lesbians don't need regular Pap smears. Some of the conditions for which IOM examined Lesbians' risks included mental illness, HIV, chemical abuse, and sexually transmitted diseases.

The report defines three specific research priorities for the future: increased research on Lesbian health and the development of more sophisticated methods for conducting it; increased research on how to define sexual orientation and how to acknowledge the diversity among Lesbians; and increased research on the barriers to Lesbians' accessing mental and physical health care and ways to overcome them.

It also makes eight specific recommendations, including: increased federal funding for Lesbian health research; routine inclusion of questions on sexual orientation in women's health studies; development of research designs that will include the diversity of Lesbians; a survey big enough to assess differences in health risks between Lesbians and other women; and training of researchers to study Lesbian health.

The report called on the government to increase funding for such studies, but the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) urged private funders to do so as well. HRC also expressed the hope that the report itself would help to remove researchers' perceptions that work in this field might damage their careers.

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# Oregon University Rejects G/L Dorm

EUGENE, OR (NP) — Looking for safety, students at the University of Oregon (UO) sought to have a "theme" dormitory set aside for members of sexual minorities, but the University rejected that request — in part because they believed the dorm might become a target for hate crimes.

The administration also expressed an unwillingness to divide the student population, although all of the UO dorms are "theme" dorms of some kind. However, administrators did acknowledge students' safety concerns and promised to hold further discussions on how to meet those needs.

The plan for PRIDE Hall (Providing Residents Interested in Development and Education) was drafted in early 1998 by student Nina Thompson with the help of associate director of resident life Kelly Matchett-Morris. It was intended to house Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered students, along with their heterosexual supporters and others seeking to escape discrimination based on race, disabilities, age, or other factors.

With about a dozen supporters, Thompson presented the idea in March to the elected student Residence Hall Association, which gave its endorsement. But although a "cyber" dorm (with extra computer hook-ups) proposed at the same time is now in place, housing director Mike Eyster says that he never heard about the PRIDE Hall concept until November. By then, the beating death of openly Gay University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard had renewed safety concerns among the PRIDE Hall advocates and the new

members of the Residence Hall Association, which renewed its endorsement.

Eyster was nervous about doing something which has so little precedent, and made contact with other schools which have had Gay and Lesbian dorms for research purposes. None of them reported issues of hate crimes, although the University of Maine at Orono reported that its planned "Safe Zone" dorm failed because only three students on the campus of 9,000 expressed interest, and the University of California at Berkeley's Gay dorm fizzled out this year. But such dorms are alive and well at least at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Connecticut's Wesleyan University, and even the University of California at Irvine in conservative Orange County (where it's also the fine arts dorm).

A series of surveys have been performed at UO in the 1990's assessing the experiences of homophobia among LesBiGay students, faculty and staff. One study found that 24% of LesBiGay students had experienced physical intimidation in 1990, while 8% had in 1996; verbal abuse also fell, from 54% to 31%. Also in 1996, 36% of Lesbians, 41% of Gay male and 31% of Bisexual students said they feared for their safety on campus, compared to only 17% of heterosexuals. (It should be noted that homophobic violence in the state at large has fluctuated considerably, with peaks in the years campaigns for anti-Gay ballot measures were taking place.)

Some of the other "themes" of UO dorms are multicultural, clean and sober, creative arts, health and fitness, quiet, music, outdoors activities, and intensive academics.

## Court Ruling

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what he called "a grand slam home run," he did not see the impact of the decision extending as far as some on either the right or the left. "The number of landlords that hold this belief probably isn't a blip on the radar screen," he said.

But two attorneys who filed friend-of-the-court briefs in the case saw the ruling having tremendous impact. Steven T. McFarland of the Center for Law and Religious Freedom (a group affiliated with the Christian Legal Society) said, "I'm happy for religious citizens who now have a stronger handhold when they want to bring their religious convictions into the marketplace." He added that, "The school district that doesn't want to allow parents to opt out of a religiously objectionable curriculum, now they've got to listen to that parent."

"Lesbian and Gay couples will be swallowed up by that exception by landlords who claim a religious exemption," warned Clyde Wadsworth, who filed an amicus brief for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. "If the court allows for such an open-ended exemption to civil rights laws" for unmarried couples, he said, "the breadth of the opinion could affect employment discrimination laws. I think it has the potential for gutting civil rights laws in many cities and states."

Landlord Joyce Baker's husband Gary was a third plaintiff in the original filing of the case, but dropped out rather than "taint" it when his own morality was questioned: his physician's assistant's license suspended in 1997 when six women patients complained that he had spanked them or rubbed his groin against them, in a case still pending.

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# Non-Bar Calendar

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## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

Tucson Prime Timers Luncheon. Shegus Restaurant, River and Oracle, 12:30 p.m. Call 584-02280 for details.

Pride Law Center Monthly Lecture Series begins tonight at 8:00 p.m. at the UofA College Of Law at Speedway & Mountain, Room 139. Tonight's talk "What to do if you face employment discrimination because of your sexual identity" will be presented by Amelia Craig Crumer, Esq. The next lecture will take place on Wednesday, February 17.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

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

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. "AIDS Alternatives" are discussed as we show a video, followed by a discussion about alternatives to current AIDS treatment. For details, directions and reservations, please contact James at 688-3344.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a night of conversation as we discuss "MSN in '99." What is the group doing right or wrong? What would you like to see us doing? Come and share your thoughts and ideas (and learn about the group). For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner and meeting at Mountain View Restaurant, 1220 E. Prince Road. 4:00 p.m. Call 584-0280 for details.

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

## MONDAY, JANUARY 25

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

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. A showing "Threesome". It's about three people sharing a form room-one girl and two guys-and how their relationships change. Join us for one or both of these events (but you don't have to help with the newsletter). For reservations & directions, please call Las at 690-9565.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

Gay Men's Discussion Group 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Emerald City Grill, 509 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This group meets in a casual setting to give Gay men the opportunity to discuss what's on their minds. Soft drinks will be provided. For more information call Mike Henry at the Gay Men's Health Project, 322-6226.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Terry at 577-3545.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Take a field trip to the Tumacacori National Historic Park. We'll explore old mission ruins along the Santa Cruz River area, have lunch in Tubac, and get in some shopping. For reservations and more information, please call Patrick at 615-1687.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

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

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

Lesbian Health Fair will be presented today from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson, 4631 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street (1 Block East of Swan). Free admission, all women welcome, workshops all day long, political and activist discussions, music and entertainment. Meet local groups and social organizations. Massage therapy and alternative therapies. Discover local health services and resources, understand legal issues, talk to professionals. Panel discussions - partner benefits. Learn about cancer screenings and prevention. Have fun! Brought to you by the Lesbian Cancer and Health Project whose mission is to educate, support and entertain the Lesbian and Bisexual community of the greater Tucson area regarding issues of health, especially those pertaining to cancer.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Classic Cinema. We'll showcase an old movie, along with a cartoon and a short. Tonight's feature is "Bea, Book and Candy" starring Kim Novack and Jimmy Stewart. She's a witch who seems to be falling for a mere mortal. For directions and reservations, please call Les at 690-9565.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

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.

# Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

IBT'S - The Girls Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Regina Reed, Teri Steele and Faith. It begins at 9:00 sharp!

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

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

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Black Out Party tonight from 9:00 to 1:00 a.m. No Cover. Discount drink prices to those wearing all black. Party and dance!

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Paolina's World Famous Spaghetti, 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. Beer Bust Noon to 7:00 p.m. Cricket Dart Tamey 3:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que / 16oz Beer Bust for the Condom Brigade 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Karaoke on the Patio with Billy Dee 4:30 to 7:30 then at 9:00 p.m., it's time for "Naughty Bodies", male revue from Phoenix. Hot Men - Hot Bodies!!!

STONEWALL/EAGLE - "Goddess" starring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Adrienne Alexander, Veronica Lake and Regina Reid. Experience the Fantasy! 10:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

IBT'S - Puttin' On The Lips! Lipync Contest. \$50 for first place. Tucson's newest fun show hosted by Victoria Du Puls and Bunny Fu Fu.

## FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JANUARY 29 & 30

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## SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

IBT'S - Super Bowl Sunday Party. Watch for details.

HOURS - Super Bowl Party. More later.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

IBT'S - Gay comedian Rudy Delamer. Watch for upcoming ads.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

IBT'S - Mardi Gras Party. Watch for it!

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# Daily Bar Calendar

## Sunday

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

GRADUATE - Sunday Beer Bust and Food Bag 4-7pm. \$49. \$1.50 small pitchers. BBQ Beef Sandwich with Cheese & Potato Salad \$1.50. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

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

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. BBQ 2-6. Hottest dance music in town. Snack Bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 1pm. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm \$49 draft. 341 Dart Tournament \$3 entry fee (pot watched). Boca Burgers 5-7pm. Hides Leather Goods opens at 7pm.

## Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 8-Ball tournament 5pm, \$3 entry, pot watched. Monday Night Football - 3 screens. \$2.99 Cuervo Gold all nite.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50 Drink \$1.75 Domestic. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm-close. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Closed Mondays.

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

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

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

## Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 pm. Free Pool 2-4pm. Pool Tournament 7:30 pot watched. \$1 longnecks for pool players. 78's/80's dance music 9-1. Shot specials all night.

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

HOURS - Open 9pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. \$1.50 well or domestic beer.

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 6pm, play begins 7pm. Latin Dance Party w/ DJ Eduardo 9pm - 1am. Snack bar opens at noon.

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

## Wednesday

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

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50; Domestic \$1.75. 8 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tamey. 7pm, Pot watched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

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

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily Drink Specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. Karaoke 9:30 to close w/Billy Dee in the Eagle. Stonewall 8 opens at 9pm. Hottest dance music in town. Snack bar opens at noon.

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

## Thursday

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

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75. 301 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 9pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well or domestic beer.

75¢ Schnapps 9pm to close. \$2 Cuervo shots and country/western dance at 9pm

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8 pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Undercover Nite. \$1.50 Well and \$1.75 Domestic Beer to those in 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 8 pm to close. Stonewall Travesti Show 10:30pm. Souffler opens at Noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am \$1.75 Well Drinks & Longnecks 8am-12:30pm. Patio Bar open 9pm. Fosters Bottles \$1.75 from 9pm-midnight. Day prices for men in underwear 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-1am. \$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. 5:34 - 7 free food. Top 40 dance music 9-1 w/ DJ HIL.

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

HOURS - Open 9pm. 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 Dubas of York 5-8pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. T.G.I.F. Free snacks 4:30-8pm The hottest dance music in town 9pm to close in the Stonewall. Snack Bar opens at Noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. \$1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 8am-12:30pm. Snacks served at 6pm. Patio Bar open 9pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8:30pm.

## Saturday

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

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.50/domestic \$1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm. Double Elimination, pot watched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm. Small Pitchers \$2 & FREE pool 2-6. 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 8 opens 9pm. The hottest dance music in town. Snack Bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with \$49 draft 3-7pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8:30pm. Partnership Cricket Tournament 8:30pm \$3 entry (Pot Matched).

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BISexual INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 308 E. 9th St. 624-1779.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. Internationals or better players only. Great court Northwest corner Hummel 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, tastes, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 321-4582 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 Helmsen 577-8333 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday of Wingspan, 308 E. 9th Street at 7pm. For more information call 822-3258.

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. 694-7843.

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

THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson. Call 787-3110 for more information and a membership fee.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 308 E. 9th St. Contacts: 325-8478 or 327-4293.

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

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7578 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 287-0682 or Sr. Joan 742-9908.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-0929, Ext. 448 or Emmet 322-6057 (evolve@bc.netcom.com)

Azdyka is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail fyan@earthlink.net or request goldfishes.

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 888-8018 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

TRANSGENDER ISSUE: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on first Mondays for informal discussion of transgender topics. Hosted by Daphn Boyz. For information call Cory at 625-8659 or send email to: monkeydyke@earthlink.net.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 682-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6323 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 862-278-4885.

GAY MORMON, EX-MORMON. New support and discussion group. For information call 829-4398

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 218-2627. Wingspan Domestic Violence Project.

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COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85803 / (927)432-5591. Rap Groups, Youth Groups, Social and Political Events.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 678-8127 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 43118, Tucson, AZ 85733-3818, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our bulletin.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and friendship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline for info at 888-5441

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-AHON - Abused by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2040 E. Thomas, Phoenix. EMail 681-8850 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 84081 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1182

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Center Hall, 2802 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Leguna). Open to all. Call Liz at 325-9488 or Ray at 748-8247.

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

MANE MEN: Long-haired Gay male social network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Studio B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P9C4

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP OF St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 325-7943 for more information.

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-9962.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 181 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmeor Building). Office Hours 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Preventive education programs. 322-6228. AIDS Hotline: 328-AIDS. World wide web: http://www.saat.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Hummel Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 328-3686

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 673-8680 or write P.O. Box 96264, Tucson, AZ 85746-8264. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Alcohol 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 308 E. 9th Street from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 584-4238, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL For information on human services organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call information and Referral 681-1794 - 8 am - 6 pm Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 328-AIDS. Hours M-F, 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 9:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8877 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 308 E. 9th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. Call the church at Darvy at 836-1288 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

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

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX. For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2897, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and ailments. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 308 E. 9th St. 624-1779.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-8693 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. 322-5665. Leave message.

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 8643, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDEISTS - Tucson Tanners is a social group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoor. Not "Gay Day", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cotara, AZ 85662.

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.

DEBERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings 8:30 to 9:30pm at Arroyo Park Senior Center, 229 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9682.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write American Project, 3641 N. Campbell Ave. #565, Tucson, AZ 85718.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3289 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 gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 898-9685 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary 778-9978 or Bertie 318-3415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 298-9063.

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 322-6228.

"EVOLVERE" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held at Wingspan on 4th Saturday of each month at 8:30 p.m. 624-1779.

TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Turkish, Pan-Sexual, International Safe Space for the S&D, B&M, D&S and TV community. Call us at (520)917-4661, e-mail us at http://www.geocities.com/Westchase/100%consensual/100%consensual.html

TUCSON'S RAINBOW RADIO is now on the air. Operating on 106.1 MHz Stereo FM. Hours of operation 3:00 p.m. to Midnight. Join us for services to the Tucson Gay and Lesbian Community.

LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA. Local chapter of the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian Republican organization. Meets the first Tuesday evening of each month. For information, call Patrick at 615-1847.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape Crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Marie Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number).

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AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS - a non-profit organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and corrections Officers and civilians working with the agencies. Website: http://members.aapsp.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)746-9089 (Tucson) or Ken (927)534-8218 (Phoenix)

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## Italian Gays Recall Martyr

ROME, Italy (NP) — The Gay man who went up in flames in St. Peter's Square was remembered with flowers, after activists convinced police that commemorating the dead was the Catholic thing to do.

On January 13, 1998, Alfredo Orlando set himself afire and attempted to enter St. Peter's Basilica in a protest against the rejection of his homosexual orientation by his family, society and the Roman Catholic Church. When he died of his burns ten days later, Italy's national advocacy group ArciGay declared that the date of his self-immolation should be observed as an "international anniversary of the fight against discrimination against Gays and Lesbians for religious motives." ArciGay commemorated the first anniversary of Orlando's desperate one-man demonstration, although they were limited by police intervention.

On a rainy January 13, 1999, some 15 ArciGay members sought to lay a wreath and flowers on the very spot on the steps of St. Peter's Square where Orlando had splashed himself with gasoline and set himself alight. They had specifically chosen to send a small delegation to avoid any disorder, rather than stage a massive candlelight vigil as they had just hours before Orlando's self-immolation, mourning victims of anti-Gay violence.

But it was still more than Italian police were willing to accept without express permission from the Vatican. "You cannot enter the Square because it is a place of worship," an officer told the group. Responded ArciGay president Sergio Lo Giudice, "There is nothing more central to Catholic worship than commemorating your dead," adding that, "We just want a bit of time and space to commemorate our martyr." After the discussion, police agreed the group could lay their laurel wreath on a police barricade marking the border between Roman and Vatican territory, and could toss flowers over the barrier into St. Peter's Square. "The rejection by the ecclesiastical community is a burning wound for Gays," Lo Giudice said.

The group distributed leaflets alleging the Church was "totally indifferent" to Orlando's action, and indeed despite letters Orlando carried with him and mailed to a news source at the time, the Church denied even that the Vatican was the target of Orlando's protest. The Vatican also offered no comment on the anniversary observance. ArciGay also believes the Church's influence has played a role in Italian law enforcement's weak response to a number of murders of Gays, violence which was the subject of the ArciGay protest on the eve of Orlando's suicidal gesture.

The Church's "cultural oppression," Lo Giudice believes, gives the Vatican "a moral responsibility for the malaise in which many Gays live these days," and he called on the Church to change its teachings. (Officially, the Church condemns homosexual acts as sinful, but not Gays and Lesbians themselves, who are expected to remain celibate.) "Someday the Vatican will have to ask forgiveness from homosexuals just as they had to ask forgiveness from the Jews [last year]," Lo Giudice said.

## Wyoming Moves To Pass Hate Crimes Law

CHEYENNE, WY (BG) — The Wyoming Legislature, responding to the national outrage that accompanied last October's brutal beating death of 21 year-old Matthew Shepard, looks finally ready to pass hate crimes legislation it has rejected four times since 1995.

"My guess is that this will go through fairly quickly," Sen. Mike Massie told reporters.

After Shepard's death, Wyoming, which calls itself the Equality State because it was the first to give women the right to vote, came under fire because it is one of only nine states that does not have bias crime legislation.

"What Matthew's death does, absolutely, is increases the scrutiny on this state," said Wende Barker, state coordinator for the Wyoming Bias Crimes Coalition. "The eyes of the world are upon us, there's no getting around that."

Several versions of a bias crime bill have been introduced over the past several years, but were either blocked by the House Majority leader (twice) or voted down in committee (once). The bill has never reached the floor of either the state House or Senate for debate.

Many feel the bill would have passed this year, finally, even without the pressure that accompanied Shepard's murder. "This is not a knee-jerk reaction," said Barker. "After last year, this would have happened with or without Matthew."

## Priest's Removal

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teaching. We are not just blessing Gays and Lesbians; we are blessing couples."

However, the diocese has no formal policy covering such services, and does not plan to establish one. Over the next two to three months, the complaint against Danielson will be evaluated by the diocese clergy services office.

Danielson's opponents say the "friendship blessings" are not their only bone of contention with their pastor; his promotion of dissent workshops and dream interpretation workshops are among their other concerns.



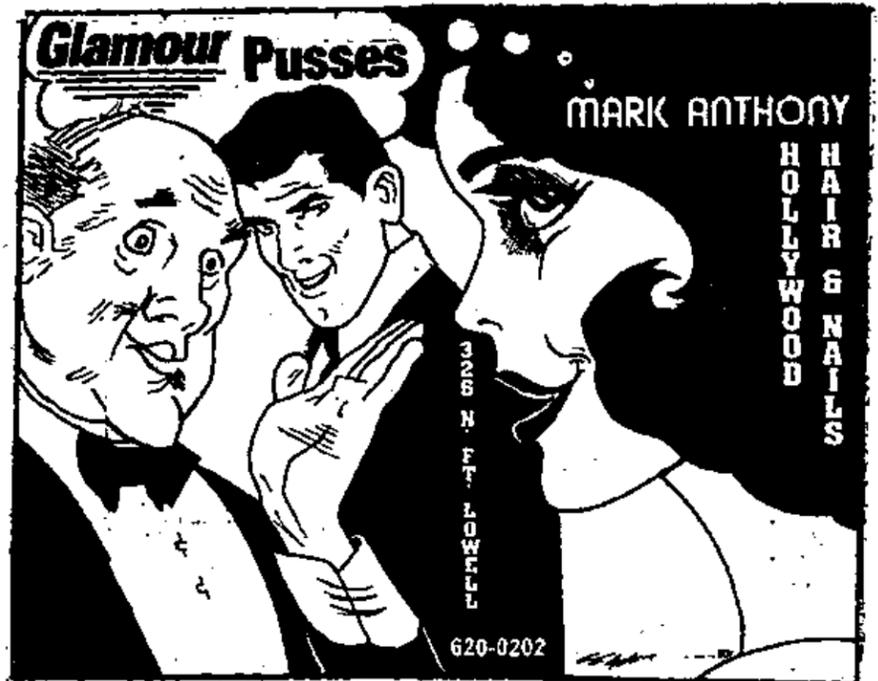
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