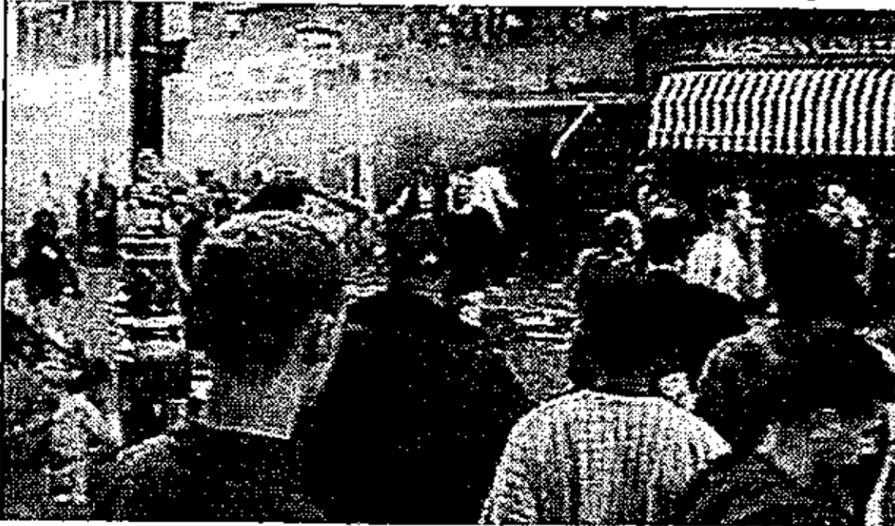


London Gay Bar Bombed Three Dead; Over Eighty Injured; Suspect Arraigned



LONDON - The Admiral Duncan Pub, moments after the explosion of the nail bomb.
More photos on page five.

LONDON, UK (NP) — A man now believed to be the sole perpetrator of the three terrorist bombings is in custody; meanwhile, thousands take to the streets to mourn three who have died, support the maimed and call for justice.

THE INCIDENT

On a pleasant Friday evening, April 30, beginning a three-day weekend, London's Soho district was crowded with tourists and others heading for its restaurants and theaters, and some 40 people were drinking in a Gay pub in Old Compton Street, the Admiral Duncan. But at 6:35 P.M., there was a tremendous explosion in the bar that sent its whole facade — and some of the customers — flying out into the street.

It was a horrible scene, described by witnesses with terms like "carnage" and "devastation," looking as if "a bucket of blood" had been thrown about, with dazed victims walking through the dense smoke clutching their wounds.

Two of at least five sprawled on the glass-strewn pavement would never rise again, despite the efforts of passers-by to revive them. At least two other people suffered "traumatic amputations." As police blocked off a two kilometer square area around the site, some twenty ambulances rushed to the scene, setting up a field hospital and transporting victims to three nearby hospitals. Each hour the number of wounded reported increased as those who had sought refuge in nearby buildings found their way to help; that night, the count reached more than 80 injured, 13 of them seriously.

Awful as it was, the bomb was not entirely unexpected; London's Gay "Pink Paper," for one, had trumpeted a warning to the community to be careful in its April 29 issue. In fact, London Metropolitan police had visited Soho venues, including

the Admiral Duncan itself, on April 30 to warn them to look out for unattended packages; a police flyer was actually posted on the wall of the Admiral Duncan. Nail bombs had exploded in London on April 17 in the largely Afro-Caribbean Brixton district, injuring 39 people, and on April 24 in the largely Bangladeshi Brick Lane neighborhood, injuring seven. Several right-wing extremist groups had claimed responsibility for those blasts; the first group to claim responsibility for the Admiral Duncan bombing was the "White Wolves."

THE TOLL

There may have been more than 80 people injured, most experiencing cuts and burns. A man and a woman died at the scene; another man died in the hospital the following day. Those who died immediately have now been identified as Andrea Dykes, who was four months pregnant, and her friend John Light; Dykes' husband Julian is among the seriously injured. Of some 15 people still hospitalized on May 2, the lives of four remain in danger. Two suffered "traumatic amputations" at the scene and as many as six may lose limbs. Doctors, "appalled" at the injuries, say that many will be scarred and mutilated for life. No further victims' names have yet been published.

THE SUSPECT

David Copeland, an engineer, was arrested May 1 at his home in Cove, near Farnborough, Hampshire, where police found "combustible materials."

He appeared in Magistrates Court May 3 for all three bombings, including three charges of murder for the Admiral Duncan blast. Police are confident that Copeland worked alone. They say he has no links with any extremist group, despite several such groups having claimed respon-

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Arizona Archaic Laws Repeal Killed, Despite A Majority In Support

By Mark R. Kerr

voting, with 31 votes needed for passage.

PHOENIX (ON) — Despite having a majority of votes in support of repealing Arizona's archaic laws dealing with sodomy and cohabitation, conservative members of the state House of the Representatives, led by the Speaker have killed the proposal through parliamentary maneuvering.

On April 22, the state House Committee of the Whole had approved by voice vote SB 1396, which would repeal the sex laws and also expand the protections under the state's domestic violence laws to include same-gender couples who live together.

The series of votes that led to passage was seen as a joint victory for amendment authors openly Gay state Representatives Ken Chevront, D-Phoenix, and Steve May, R-Phoenix, who called it "a great day for freedom in Arizona."

That freedom lasted less than a week.

On Wednesday, April 28, House Speaker Jeff Groscost, R-Mesa, put SB 1396 on the House Third Reading calendar.

According to sources, Groscost had the bill considered after finding out that May would be absent for the day. A vote was taken and the bill failed by a vote of 30 in favor, 26 against and four not

Southern Arizona Representatives voted as follows:

Yes - Representatives Maiorana, D-Bisbee; Valadez, D-Tucson; Gonzales, D-Tucson; Norris, D-Sells; Cardamone, D-Tucson; Huffman, R-Oro Valley; Dunbar, R-Tucson; Nichols, D-Tucson; Pickens, D-Tucson; Horton, D-Tucson.

No - Griffin, R-Bisbee; Preble, R-Tucson; McGibbon, R-Green Valley; Schottel, R-Tucson.

Later that day, a conservative opponent of the amendments, state Representative Linda Gray, R-Glendale, (who also had tried to ban Gay and Lesbian school clubs during this session), made a motion for reconsideration. Gray's motion failed by voice vote, killing SB 1396 for the session (since the rules do not permit more than one such motion).

According to eyewitnesses, Gray's reconsideration was done before "a select few" Representatives, mostly conservative Republicans, and after a questionable call by the Speaker for members to get to the floor of the House to vote.

Actions taken by Gray and the Speaker on SB 1396, raised the ire of the House Democrats.

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Texas House Approves Hate Crimes Bill

AUSTIN, TX (NP) — The Texas state House of Representatives gave final approval to a hate crimes bill naming specific categories as a basis for bias motivation, including "sexual preference."

As brought to the floor after weeks of committee struggle, the term used was "sexual orientation," but state Representative Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, sponsor of numerous anti-Gay bills, succeeded in amending it during debate. Chisum argued that "preference" made it clear that the bill would cover heterosexuals as well as Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals, while the bill's supporters reportedly couldn't clearly define what difference the change might make.

In the preliminary vote following the debate, Chisum was one of nine Republicans who voted in favor of the bill, while Democrats were unanimous in its support, making the tally 83 - 61. The final House approval sends the bill on to the Senate.

A companion measure in the state Senate sponsored by Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, has yet to receive committee approval. Governor George W. Bush (R) has not yet made a clear statement of his intent; the man leading the polls for the Presidency in

2000 notes that he supported hate crimes legislation last session, but he's also said that he opposes "special rights" based on sexual orientation.

The so-called James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Act, named for the African-American dragged to his death behind a pickup truck by white supremacists in Jasper, Texas, provides a range of responses to bias crimes. HB 938, sponsored by Representative Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, increases by one level the sentencing of those convicted of crimes motivated by bias. It enables victims both to file civil lawsuits and to obtain preventive protection orders. It provides for a designated prosecutor in the state attorney general's office to work on hate crimes and for specialized training on the subject for law enforcement officers. It even provides funds to assist small towns which might otherwise be unable to afford to prosecute the offenses.

The version that came to the House floor named as bases for bias motivation color, disability, national origin or ancestry, race, religion, and sexual orientation. In addition to replacing "sexual orientation" with "sexual preference," House

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UPDATE

Anheuser Busch Needs Your Support



ST. LOUIS, MO — Anheuser-Busch placed an advertisement in a local Gay and Lesbian publication, EXP Magazine. The Bud Light ad depicts two men holding hands with the taglines, "Be Yourself and Make It a Bud Light." and "Proud Sponsor of the St. Louis Pridefest '99."

What made the ad unique was that it was the beer manufacturers first advertisement to include same-sex physical contact. Anheuser Busch instituted two toll free lines for people to call to register their approval/disapproval of the ad.

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Non-Profits Invited To Be Part Of Gay West III

TUCSON — Planning for Gay West III is heating up, and it will soon be time to start selling tickets.

A limited number of non-profit organizations that serve the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community will sell advance discount tickets in exchange for a portion of the proceeds from the event.

All qualifying organizations interested in participating need to contact the planning committee in order to be sure of being considered.

Once the organizations are selected, a representative from each will be required to attend a meeting to go over details and get the tickets.

Contact Bruce at (520) 881-3748, or E-mail: kbo@azstarnet.com by Monday, May 10.

Alternative Workshop And Meeting May 18

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For more information, call (602) 264-1470.

Team Arizona To Meet May 21

PHOENIX — The next meeting for Team Arizona is scheduled for May 16 at the Community Center.

Several items are to be discussed, including the Beach Volleyball Tournament, Tucson Run for Pride and the Body Building Championship.

For more information, call (602) 408-4311.

POZ Life Expo Tour In Phoenix May 21

PHOENIX — The POZ Life Expo Tour will be once again visiting Phoenix on May 21, at the St. Joseph's Hospital Campus.

Now in its fourth year, the POZ Life Expo Tour is a gathering of doctors, pharmaceutical companies, nutritional companies and others who offer products and services that are vital to the health of people living with HIV. Local, non-profit AIDS organizations and community groups to set up information tables at the Expo to inform the community on the array of services they provide. At a typical Expo, people with HIV are able to get free health screenings, free product samples and free advice and information, all in a supportive and empowering environment.

The 1999 POZ Life Expo Tour will be visiting: Miami, Philadelphia, Phoenix, New York City, Seattle, St. Louis, San Diego, San Francisco, Dallas and New Orleans.

The Glam Slam' At Club Congress June 11

TUCSON — Club Congress will be hosting an event entitled, "The Glam Slam," Friday, June 11, 9:00 P.M., \$5 admission.

The show will feature Phoenix "Drag Queen Rockers," Psycho Gypsy (Who recently appeared at the 1999 Phoenix Gay Pride Festival) and Gutter sluts, straight from the gutters of Hollywood.

The show will have all the glitter, makeup, and leather you can ask for, and a stage show galore. It'll be nothin' but a good time in Tucson!

Colt Studios Files Copyright Infringement Lawsuit

LOS ANGELES, CA — Colt Studio has filed a major copyright and trademark infringement lawsuit in Federal District Court against the owners of several large, Gay web sites.

The suit was filed against Badpuppy Inc. of Miami, Florida and its President, William Pinyon.

In court records Colt Studio maintains that Badpuppy has used hundreds of copyrighted Colt Studio photographs on several of its web sites and galleries without Colt Studios knowledge or permission. Further Colt claims that Badpuppy failed to remove images after cease and desist notices were sent to them. Badpuppy charges customers up to twenty dollars a month to view and download pictures.

In connection with an allegation of a continual pattern of copyright abuse the court has been asked to consider awarding RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act) penalties in addition to other civil penalties and damages.

Colt Studio was founded in 1967 by Rip Colt. It is the premier Gay erotic studio and specializes in extremely high quality magazines, calendars, greeting cards, art books, photo sets and videos.

Rip Colt stated that he believes Badpuppy has not only used Colt Studio photographs but those of many other photographers and as a leader in the industry he feels this is an important step to help stop the blatant piracy of legally protected works.



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TUCSON - Last week's issue of the Observer carried the full story of the Miss Gay Tucson America Pageant held Sunday, April 25. Unfortunately there was no formal photograph of the winner at press time. To make up for that blunder, we are happy to present Miss Gay Tucson America 1999-2000, Tori Steele. Congratulations again.

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Gay Financial Network Gives New Look On Financial News And Information

By Mark R. Kerr

NEW YORK, NY (ON) — Financial news and information: Dull, boring publications run by male, rich WASP's, for Wall Street wanna bees. Walter Schubert wants to change that perception for Gays and Lesbians..

Schubert is trying to change that perception through the Gay Financial Network, (www.gfn.com). The web site is the first financial site on the Internet offering daily financial news and information tailored to the unique needs of the Gay and Lesbian community.

"You can't make an ATM machine Gay. You can't make a 30-year bond Gay, they're both genderless. But delivering information and financial planning strategies for those products are different for Gays and Lesbian than for a non-Gay couple," said Schubert, founder and CEO of gfn.com.

According to Jeffrey Newman, president of gfn.com, "The financial needs of Gays and Lesbians are different from their heterosexual counterparts. From buying a house, domestic partner benefits, purchasing life insurance and opening a joint checking account, Gays and Lesbians face singular challenges."

To help overcome these challenges, gfn.com offers:

A daily financial radio show, the GFN Market Wrap, in conjunction with the GAYBC Radio Network (www.gaybc.com).

A weekly E-mail from Walter Schubert about market trends, "From the Floor."

The gfn.com 500, a business referrals network, more than three-dozen stories and columns from award winning writers, Deb Price of the Detroit Free Press and Kathy Kristof.

Information is one part of the web site, gfn.com members can open a brokerage account through GFN investments.

Members can also purchase insurance products, annuity bonds or a CD, through Conseco or get a mortgage through GMAC mortgage, two Fortune 500 companies.

Newman said that gfn.com will soon announce a deal with the number one banking institution in the country. Credit cards, checking accounts and other financial products, Newman went on, will soon be offered as a result of this deal.

The web site, Newman commented, has tripled its membership since its inception, with now more than 100,000 members. The staff as increased from five to 15 full-time employees and 15 full-time consultants. He cited recent articles in mainstream business publications and on cable news networks, such as CNN, resulting in "an explosion of new interest in the site. A free, year's membership of OLT magazine, Newman said, is currently offered for new members of gfn.com.

Products, columns, forums and articles are just part of gfn.com. Giving power and information back to the Gay and Lesbian community is the key, according to Jeffrey Newman. A key which Gays and Lesbians have the opportunity to get and open the door to the financial world



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sibility for the bombs. Police raided his home based on a tip from the public.

THE AFTERMATH

On May 2, thousands of people held a vigil for the victims of the bombing, gathering in Soho Square with candles, flowers and rainbow flags.



Club patrons in shock after bombing

Prime Minister Tony Blair, appearing at a Sikh celebration, said, "When the Gay community is attacked and innocent people are murdered, all the good people of Britain, whatever their race, their lifestyle, their class united in revulsion and determination to bring the evil people to justice. . . . The racists are the true outcasts in our country today." The direct action group OutRage! issued a call for an amendment to the existing Crime & Disorder Act to treat homophobic assaults with the same harsh penalties as those motivated by racism, saying it would serve as "a permanent, positive memorial" to the Admiral Duncan bomb victims. A similar amendment was vetoed by Labour last year.

Soho had been plastered with signs reading, "They can't kill us all," on May 1. Dozens of bouquets with messages have been left as close to the bomb site as police tape would allow (police have been steadily reopening portions of the area they had originally cordoned off); one message from another Gay business read, "To those who died living their lives, our thoughts are with you."

The Queen publicly extended her sympathies to the victims and their families. Home Minister Jack Straw met with members of the Gay and Lesbian advocacy group Stonewall to state his support and express how seriously he takes the matter; Straw was later chastised by the direct action group OutRage! for having met only with Stonewall, a move OutRage! called an attempt to divide the community.

Also on May 1, a demonstration previously organized by the National Assembly Against Racism was joined by Gays

and Lesbians, with about 1,000 people marching from Brixton (site of one of the earlier bombings) to the Prime Minister's residence to deliver a written call to ban neo-Nazi groups. Government officials responded that such a ban would only drive groups underground, without helping authorities to control crimes.

The neo-Nazi group White Action 88 posted a message on its website congratulating the perpetrators for their strike at "the heart of faggot-ville" and saying, "Another successful strike on scum! Well done!"

THE AREA

Soho has a long history as a "bohemian" area that was a refuge for Gays and Lesbians. Over the last twenty years, the Old Compton Street neighborhood has become the center of a "Gay village" where many businesses display the rainbow flag and same-gender couples can physically display affection without provoking comment. It's also a tourist draw for non-Gays, so much so that some venues have declared themselves Gay-only to minimize gawkers.

THE EARLIER BOMBS

Nail bombs had exploded in London on April 17 in the largely Afro-Caribbean Brixton district, injuring 39 people, and on April 24 in the largely Bangladeshi Brick Lane neighborhood, injuring seven.

Several extremist groups had claimed responsibility for those blasts, although the one which has most commonly been referred to is the neo-Nazi "Combat 18." That group's name is said to represent the initials of Adolph Hitler, the first and eighth letters of the alphabet. Another group claiming responsibility for the earlier bombs was the white supremacist "White Wolves," described as a splinter group of "Combat 18," who were the first group to claim the Admiral Duncan bombing. The White Wolves have also sent threatening letters to leaders of Black, Asian and Jewish communities, indicating that they want all non-whites out of Britain before the Millennium. The "White Wolves" took its name from a Serb anti-Kosovar terrorist group.

THE ADMIRAL DUNCAN BOMB

All three bombs were simply abandoned at buildings in gym bags (each a different brand). They were about the size of a shoebox or lunchbox, constructed simply with gunpowder (obtainable by emptying shells or fireworks), batteries, alarm clock timers, and nails packed around them to serve as shrapnel to increase the range at which people would be injured. There is little defense against this kind of attack. In the Admiral Duncan, one of the staff had noticed the bag and the manager had begun to inquire about whose it might be — less than a minute before it exploded.

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Entertainment Briefs. . . .

Openly Gay singer-songwriter George Michael has a new cut premiering on UK radio stations this weekend, but this time it's spoken word — a heartfelt personal pitch for contributions to assist the Kosovar refugees. It was Michael's idea to record the statement, and the Capital Radio group is contributing the airtime on its stations.

The pop star says, "Hi. I am George Michael and I am asking for your help on behalf of the UK's main aid agencies. The massive humanitarian crisis in the Balkans continues, with hundreds of thousands of people now without food and shelter. Children and the elderly are most at risk, but all desperately need our help. For many, time is running out in the worst refugee crisis since the Second World War. Please help the Balkan Crisis appeal. . . ."

Spring Storm, an unpublished play written by Tennessee Williams in 1938—the year the famed Gay writer graduated from the University of Iowa—has popped up. The drama, which is reported to boast qualities similar to his later works, was discovered by journalist and Williams aficionado Dan Isaac. Spring Storm will premiere at the Marin Theatre Co., near San Francisco, in November. . . .

Barbra Streisand will return to Las Vegas's MGM Grand arena for a New Year's Eve concert that could be her last U.S. date ever, says her manager. Tickets went on sale this past weekend, at prices

from \$500 to \$2,500. Special packages, starting at \$3,099 for a room and two tickets, are available from the hotel. Streisand's paycheck could be as much as \$15 million, according to unconfirmed reports. . . .

"We're all well into our thirties now and we decided we wanted to have babies," said Sarah McLachlan. At a press conference in New York City to announce the 40 dates of the third all-woman Lilith Fair tour, McLachlan also announced that this would be the last Lilith Fair for some time to come — "It could be three years, it could be ten years, it could be forever" — although she may be putting together a short Australian tour.

Started as a counter to the usual overwhelmingly male tours, Lilith Fair has been a remarkable sell-out success and the leading showcase for women in music. Something suspiciously like it was even the setting for one of the "Ellen" episodes of that show's final season.

Lilith Fair '99 will be taking off July 8 in Vancouver for 40 dates in 32 cities, ending August 31 in Edmonton. Along with McLachlan, the eclectic lineup will include the Dixie Chicks, Cibo Matto, Sheryl Crow, the Indigo Girls, Martina McBride, Mya and Monica, Me'Shell Ndegocello, Beth Orton, the Pretenders, Queen Latifah, Sixpence None the Richer, Susan Tedeschi, and Kelly Willis. . . .

Man About Town by Jerry Diaz

Man About Town Here! Did you ever have one of those moments where it was as if you were nothing more than a presence in a crowd? You hear the most interesting things from people when they speak without the worry of anyone else listening.

I had the luxury of being in that scenario in more than one occasion as I did my weekend rounds about our city.

As the dedication for the new Broadway Underpass mural was going on, I noticed the reaction from all sorts of crowd members. What struck me as unique was in the multi-cultural mural (which, by the way is worth seeing both at night and day) was the reaction from the multi-cultural crowd. It seems that most of the young critics were taken by the artist's rendition of the older commuters, as the older fans enjoyed the youthful striders on the mural. If we all were to look at people in the manner we see them in art, wouldn't that make for a better society as a whole?

On my walk down 4th Avenue on Saturday morning, I was witness to an awesome Hot Rod Show. Oh yeah, there were some really cool cars there too. (I had to do that, sorry) Overheard from two women was the phrase "I wonder if they care for their wives as much as those cars." It has been proven in study after study that people will care for their belongings a lot better than the loved ones who live with them, not to mention helped them obtain the said items. There was an artisan's exhibition going on by the bus station Saturday.

Several artists from all styles, walks and cultures showed their best wares as onlookers viewed, purchased and marveled at their talent. I overheard one artisan explaining to a child no more than seven, the process by which his paintings acquire such an odd hue and color structure. The child sat still as could be a the artist marveled at the interest level of such a young fan. We can teach our young a lot sooner than when we were the students. That's what needs to happen if we are to make them the ones who take care of us when we are old.

Finally (aren't you glad), Ajia Simone hosted a benefit for the Arizona Angels Softball Team. Overheard from one spectator to another, "we need to do something like this." If we are to be teachers, we must first be learners.

All that is witnessed is what makes us know. School is awesome, but life will always be the greatest educator of us, that being of course, if we let it. I want some input on weather I should don the trunks and take on a new persona in the Jell-O Wrestling benefit coming up. Here's your chance to beat me up with out any retribution. Just let me know, you know where I am.

Until next week Tucson.
Jerry Diaz
Man About Town

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DP Benefits For Tempe City Employees Near

By Mark R. Kerr

TEMPE (ON) — The Tempe Mayor and City Council on April 28 gave preliminary approval to extending healthcare benefits to the domestic partners of the city's employees, both unmarried heterosexual and same-sex couples.

Five Councilmembers, including openly Gay Mayor Neil Giuliano, expressed their support, while two opposed the move without explanation.

A final vote on the proposal should take place in June, according to Diana Whittle, Public Information Officer for the City of Tempe, since it is a part of the city's proposed two-year budget; although the second vote is necessary, city staff say the final vote will be a mere formality. Giuliano called the proposal an "act of fairness so that all employees would be treated the same."

The move was unanimously recommended by a 23-member employee task

force established to consider expanding benefits under the budget for the next two years.

Employees would have to file an affidavit that their relationship is of at least one year's duration in order to qualify. One percent of the city's 1,556 employees are expected to sign up, at a cost representing about one percent of the city's employee benefits budget.

Only Pima County and the city of Tucson currently offer such benefits among Arizona governments, and those benefits have been threatened by legislation proposed in the state legislature this session.

Both jurisdictions approved their benefit measures in 1997, but the Pima County plan was held up until a court ruled on March 13, 1998 that the Board of Supervisors was within their legal authority to extend the benefits. Giuliano said the Pima court battle was not a factor in the timing of the Tucson vote.

two promising vaccine approaches.

"Melinda and I want our children - and all children - to grow up in a world without AIDS," said Bill Gates, the founder of the William H. Gates Foundation and the founder and chairman of Microsoft Corp. "Vaccines are one of the most far-reaching and effective technologies of our time. A widely distributed vaccine can help make the goal of a world without AIDS a reality. Shortening the time it will take to find a vaccine can save millions of lives. We're proud to be supporting the heroic work of IAVI in this gift," he added.

The William H. Gates Foundation made an initial \$1.5 million commitment to IAVI at the World AIDS Conference in Geneva last June. "We applaud IAVI's commitment to ending AIDS for all time," said William H. Gates, Sr., who oversees Foundation activities for his son. "We're persuaded that the strategy of moving multiple vaccine candidates forward simultaneously will yield the fastest results."

Gates, Sr. particularly praised IAVI's goal of making AIDS vaccines accessible in developing countries. "This is very much in keeping with the philosophy of the Bill and Melinda Gates Children's Vaccine Program, which seeks to immunize children in developing countries against vaccine-preventable diseases," he said. "It would be a hollow victory to save millions of children's lives, only to have them reach maturity and succumb to AIDS."

James D. Wolfensohn, President of the World Bank, said: "I am delighted that the Gates Foundation has stepped in so generously to support IAVI's work to speed up development of an AIDS vaccine. We see an AIDS vaccine - difficult as it will be to develop, test and deploy - as one vital component to a much stronger global effort that is urgently needed to combat the pan-

demie. The World Bank has provided seed grants of several million dollars to assist IAVI's start-up, so we are especially pleased to see this strong private contribution by the Gates Foundation further build up IAVI's capacity."

Peter Piot, Ph.D., the director UNAIDS, applauded the Gates and Sloan grants. He emphasized, however, that current prevention technologies remain the key to controlling the epidemic until an effective vaccine is developed and widely distributed. "In the short term, we must do what we know works; in the long-term, a vaccine is the best answer to this pandemic," Piot said. In 1998, IAVI was named a collaborating center of UNAIDS.

"In the face of 16,000 new infections a day, the vast majority of them poor people in developing countries, this is a human crisis and a development crisis that the global community must overcome, with better prevention, with treatments that are within the reach of poor countries' health systems, and ultimately with an effective vaccine," the World Bank's Wolfensohn added.

"I am personally committed to expanding the World Bank's already substantial AIDS program, working alongside our partners WHO and all the members of the UNAIDS alliance - and that includes exploring what we can do to encourage an AIDS vaccine," Wolfensohn continued. "IAVI's energy and its support for vaccine work in developing as well as industrial countries make it a valued member of this broad partnership."

The International AIDS Vaccine Initiative is an international nonprofit scientific organization founded in 1996 whose mission is to ensure the development

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Microsoft Founder Gives \$25 Million To AIDS Vaccine Initiative

NEW YORK, NY — The International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) announced that it has received a US\$25 million grant, the largest charitable gift in the history of the AIDS pandemic, from the William H. Gates Foundation.

IAVI will more than double its AIDS vaccine development efforts as a result.

"Bill and Melinda Gates' historic act of generosity will allow us to significantly accelerate the scientific effort," Seth Berkley, M.D., IAVI's president, said.

"With 16,000 new HIV infections a day, 95% of them in developing countries where there is little access to treatment, we have no time to spare."

Wayne Koff, Ph.D., IAVI's vice president for research and development, said the five-year grant from the Gates Foundation will allow IAVI to begin work on up to three new vaccine candidates - one this year, one in 2000, and a third, depending on cost and other variables, in 2001. "We are canvassing the globe for the best scientific opportunities," Koff said. IAVI is already funding the development of

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POLITICS 1999

by Mark R. Kerr

"Witness History In The Making . . ."

Is the opening salvo for AZHOUSETV (the Arizona House of Representatives), the latest television network to debut on the airwaves, albeit through the Internet, www.azhousetv.org. Look out PAX, the WB and UPN, AZHOUSETV is in da House!

According to House Speaker, Jeff "ring them bells" Groscost, R-Mesa, the televised broadcast of committee hearings, caucuses and from the House floor will benefit those who cannot be in contact with the state capital.

Like the state legislative staff, who found out about this from the television news? Of course, what about those who are just plain ignored, like Gays and Lesbians? Politics do make strange bedfellows!

What about the cost? The feed for the new, fledgling network will come from the security cameras on the House floor and in the committee rooms. No close-ups here Mr. DeMille!

So when did AZHOUSETV take to the air and how long will it pollute the air and cyberspace?

AZHOUSETV began broadcasting on April 29 and will continue to provide programming until the end of the Inquisition, or session of the Arizona Legislature, scheduled to cease either May 5 or 6, according to sources, less than a week! Sounds like UPN programming to me!

Plans are in the works for new shows for the fledgling network. Some of which are:

Blewster-TV. A history program hosted by state Representative Barbara Blewster, R-Dewey, and sponsored by the John Birch Society.

Join Babs as she shows how African-American didn't "really have it all that bad after the Civil War."

Topics for future episodes of Blewster-TV: How Native Americans were just not thinking when they gave up all that land. How Jewish people got their bent proboscis. Plus, a special, three part series on how homosexuality really does lead to bestiality and cannibalism.

State Capitol 85007. A new

drama series, from a very distant cousin of Aaron Spelling, starring House Speaker Jeff Groscost. He will play the ever-so-demanding and conniving boss, willing to bend the rules to secure his place in history!

Two game shows will premier on the network.

Win JLBC's Money. Hosted by former governor, J. Fife Whitewash III. Where government departments and agencies try to win enough money from the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) just to survive.

What My By-Line? Hosted by former Arizona attorney general and current radio schlock jock, Grant Woods. Reporters will be given misinformation and half-truths to figure out what the story should be. (This reporter will be on the pilot episode, in lieu of SB 1314.)

A comedy, Arizona's Funniest, will be a part of AZHOUSETV.

In Arizona's Funniest, viewers will see House Democrats and moderate House Republicans try to make lives better for Arizonans through legislation and see the conservatives shoot them down on videotape with hilarious results. The audience will vote on the best clip and the winner's will get extra per-diem money and lobbyist gifts!

A talk-show will also be on the AZHOUSETV program schedule.

The folks who brought you "Jerry Springer," will produce "Karen," hosted by state Representative Karen Johnson, R-Mesa, sponsored by the divorce attorneys of Arizona.

Interviews, hair and fashion tips by Johnson will be part of the show. Plus the issues of the day will be discussed with a live studio audience, some of which will include:

Homosexuals living to the ripe old age of 39. Gay Bowel Disease. The cultural denigration of American society, how homosexuals caused this? Marriage: how wonderful it is?!

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CALISTA FLOCKHART: CAN SHE REALLY BITE BACK AT THE MEDIA?

Columna Abierta by Dr. Eleazar García

¡Hola!... Deseándoles lo mejor de lo mejor... Aquí de nuevo con mucho que compartir con todos ustedes; y agradecerles las llamadas y comentarios sobre esta Columna Abierta, les recuerdo que podemos incluir sus mensajes, poemas, composiciones, etc. que deseen publicar en estas líneas...

Como les he dicho, hay mucha actividad por la siguiente Conferencia Anual de Promotores de Salud que se llevará a cabo en El Conquistador de Tucson, los días 26 al 29 de mayo con un completo programa, donde se han incluido varias sesiones educativas tales como: Salud de la mujer, salud de los niños y adolescentes, Medio Ambiente, y otros no menos interesantes temas que de verdad traerán cerca de 300 promotores de salud de toda esta nación y de las vecinas ciudades de México sobre todo de la región fronteriza, ya que en pasadas conferencias se ha podido apreciar y conocer líderes comunitarios de Benjamin Hill, Cananea, Agua Prieta, Tijuana, Mexicali, Cd. Juárez, así como de Chicago, Los Angeles CA., por mencionar a algunos; si desea más información sobre la mencionada conferencia por favor comunicarse con la Sra. Tuly Medina de W.A.H.E.C. en Yuma al (520) 726-8270.

Estuvimos participando en la Feria Anual de la American Heart Association que se llevó a cabo el pasado sábado 24 de abril en El Pueblo Center; de verdad que hubo mucha asistencia y mucha diversión para los asistentes, "la que se llevó la tarde" fué la Banda de Música de la Universidad de Arizona, ya que hicieron bailar cerca de la mitad de la audiencia que nos deleitamos con su ritmo... Bravo!!!

Además estuvimos atendiendo invitación del grupo Padres Anónimos de Nogales Arizona en una de sus reuniones semanales; de verdad que es mucha la preocupación que mostraron los participantes en esa ocasión, sobre la información que se les hizo acerca de las estadísticas que tiene ADHS(departamento de salud y servicios de Arizona) sobre

embarazos en jóvenes, deserción escolar, abuso de sustancias así como de tabaco y alcohol, accidentes, etc... Y lo mejor que se comentó y se aceptó; la falta de participación de los padres de familias en actividades y reuniones escolares por el bien de los hijos... Seguiremos las recomendaciones que se mencionaron y les tendremos al tanto de los resultados...

Me hicieron una pregunta sobre: ¿cómo pasó el VIH del chimpancé al hombre?. La caza de chimpancés para el consumo humano o cualquier actividad que pusiera en contacto sangre con esos animales con sangre humana pudo ser la forma en que el virus de la inmunodeficiencia en simios (VIS) pasó del mono al hombre y originó el SIDA. Nadie sabe exactamente qué práctica permitió el contagio, pero al menos los científicos conocen ahora la especie concreta de mono que, probablemente, fue el origen del célebre virus de la inmunodeficiencia humana (VIH-1) que causa el SIDA. Se trata del *Pan troglodytes troglodytes*, una especie de chimpancé que vive en África ecuatorial accidental y hasta la que se ha logrado rastrear evolutivamente el virus. Las vías de contagio de los virus son múltiples, pero tanto el VIS como el VIH se transmite por contacto con sangre. Los virus son entes extraños: no son organismos vivos ni dejan de serlo, están a mitad de camino entre una bacteria y una secuencia inerte de proteínas. Son estructuras genéticas incapaces de reproducirse por sí mismas y, para replicarse, tienen que utilizar la maquinaria molecular de las células que infectan.

Para terminar esta edición, Ernie Pérez coordinador de Salud es Poder, desea hacer de su conocimiento que hubo varias personas nominadas por su dedicación y empeño a través del mencionado proyecto para los premios otorgados por SAAF el pasado martes en el Clarion Hotel donde el ganador fué Francisco Sáenz como Voluntario del Año entre los candidatos fueron: Valentín Orozco, Miguel Dórame (Grecia) Ana María Ley, Joseph Silva, y Eduardo Castillo, todos ellos han desempeñado un gran papel de voluntarios para Salud es Poder. De igual forma, Salud es Poder agradece las donaciones y participación de voluntarios en el pasado "lavado de carros" en el Stonewall el sábado 24 de abril, juntándose la cantidad de \$155.00 y ha quedado establecido llevar esta misma actividad los últimos sábados de cada mes en el mismo lugar y a la misma hora.

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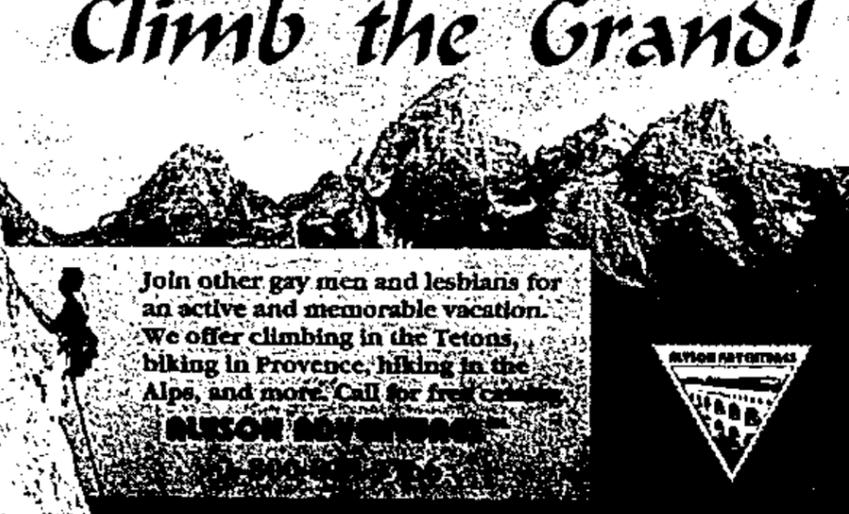
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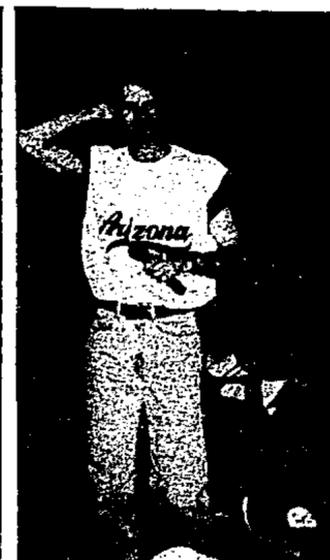
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BY REV. ANDREW BROOKS

Well, my dear little queers, Endora has something interesting brewing this week to talk about. Have you heard about the Anheuser-Busch ad with two men holding hands, with the slogan (I might be paraphrasing - a friend told me about this!) Be comfortable being yourself? The religious right is doing their usual howl and snarl routine, but we have a chance, for free, to voice our support for this ad. There is a toll-free number you can call, 1-877-233-7725, and when you dial it, it automatically registers your support for this ad.

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And my dear queens, make nice and move on. It is high time this community finds a common vision, that of supporting a loving, kinder, more forgiving Gay community. I will return to this theme time and again, in this year of the Earth Hare, (Tibetan calendar), we need to dig deep into ourselves and "root out" those old hurts and pains and let them go so we can enjoy our lives! As much as I support the cause of freedom for Tibet, looks like Kosovo may be suffering in the 1990's what Tibet has since the 1950's my dears. No matter what religion you follow, say a prayer to God, Goddess, or the Great Spirit if you will for the people of Kosovo.

Imagine having to flee your home and your country just so you have to stay alive! And we think we have problems because some guy in the bar snubbed us. Please! At least our homes are not being attacked and our kinfolk murdered by an invading army. Get real, queers! Time for us to have a little heart and care about the big problems in the world.

I spoke once before about mercy and compassion. There is a warehouse just east of Park Mall (Which is being "re-fabulized" as we speak!), the old Silo Building (I am told) across from used to be the old movie theater that is collection non-perishable foods (canned goods) pots, pans, clothing, and supplies desperately needed by the Kosovo refugees. My ex-wife supplies desperately needed by the Kosovo refugees. My ex-wife (a lovely counselor, by the way!) told me that many people, herself included, are donating selflessly to help the Kosovar people. So queers, if you have any old clothes, canned goods, pots, pans, or things the refugees could use, please give of yourselves and donate these things. These people are in dire straits and need our help to survive. As Whoopi Goldberg said, "So give a little of yourself. What you get back is immeasurable." Create a little good karma for yourself and give up those things we don't need to help those who could really use them. Like some of those old, out of fashion clothes you just don't need anymore. Why not have a drag benefit and raise money to send to the refugees? Imagine the positive image for the Gay community that would create!

The them this week is giving of yourself. Are there social concerns that trouble you? Do you feel compassion for the homeless? I hope so. No, they cannot

just "get a job." Without a phone number, or a way to take themselves look decent, how many businesses would hire them? Maybe a couple of dollars to a homeless shelter would not hurt. Most charitable contributions are tax deductible. So, why not give a little and cut a little off next years taxes also? There is a donation jar in the Food Conspiracy co-op (just down the street from the ever popular, 1BT's) for giving your spare change to the homeless foundations. (I forget which one, but does it matter, they all need help!)

Do you like shopping at Antigone's, a lovely, Gay friendly, women-owned bookstore? Well, they need community support right now. And for you lovely Gay pagans out there, I do readings out of a new store down the street called, Gaia's now. This is a Gay friendly business. Why not financially support Gay owned and Gay friendly stores that are independently owned. I miss the Book Mark. It had a large Gay/Lesbian book section, and a lot of Gay employees. Do we need to throw our money at the corporate megastores who could care less about Gays?

Antigone's has carried this paper you are reading right now for a long time, and the Rubyfruit Journal also. They also carry Tapestry, a local Wiccan/Pagan quarterly that I write for. I am always please to find wonderful, Gay books in this store. I am not trying to tell you where to shop, but think about this for one moment, dears.

If local independent bookstores who are Gay friendly and very loving to us, as queers lose to the corporate chains where money is God and people mean nothing, we stand to lose out. They carry what is trendy, what sells the fastest, and could care less about us. They may have token Gay/Lesbian book sections, but that is because they want our money, not because they are Gay friendly. There are many local Gay and Lesbian (and Bi) owned businesses, and they need our support. We can vote with our money. If we support our own, then we all stand to win.

And many stores owned by "straights" are Gay friendly too. So as we love to shop (I think some Gay men rival straight women in their love of shopping, just count how many queers you see in the Tucson Mall on any given day!). Why not shop where they love us as Gays, not just our money. And I think more Gay owned stores need to advertise in this paper too. Have you stopped into the Desert Pride store? Endora gives it her two thumbs up, people. Nice store, lovely, colorful, with a nice energy to it. I send it all my blessings. I bought a button there for only a dollar that says, "Hatred Thrives Where Love is Silent." I get so many comments on that button when I ride the Sun Tran buses. And it gives me a chance to talk to people about ending prejudice of all kinds, since it is a conversation starter. (No, this witch rides the bus, no broom here!) Think about it. If you wear "a-say" something kind of button, it gets people to think.

I love seeing a Lesbian the other day wearing a "Nobody Knows I'm A Lesbian T-Shirt." I congratulated her for the shirt. It was courageous, out and proud. We need more people like her. So as we dance this queer little dance, we call our lives, take time to give of yourself, my dears. Support the causes you care about, give a little spare change once in a while (what does it hurt?) to help out, and help create a more loving, more accepting, more powerful, united world. What have we got

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Thinking About Bare Back Sex

Carlos gave me a great deal to think about. I'm glad that he was part of my life in Miami. The truth is, though, there were times I was very frustrated with him; times when I was sad; and other times when I was confused.

You may recall from last week that Carlos was an attractive 30 year old Puerto Rican Gay man who was a member of the church I served as pastor in Miami's South Beach. He was very well connected in the South Beach social scene and used those connections to help support the church and some other charitable work. I unexpectedly found out that he was diagnosed with AIDS. His health improved when protease inhibitors were introduced. What surprised me most of all the things Carlos shared with me was his preference for bare-back sex.

Bare-backing is the term used for the conscious choice to engage in unprotected anal intercourse. Bare-backing began to occur among Gay men when the newer treatments for HIV were introduced. It seemed with the newer drugs that HIV was really becoming a treatable, chronic illness. While Gay men around the country who now engage in bare-back sex, it became popular on the circuit, that network of mega-parties held in cities around the country. Gay men who party on the circuit will fly from city to city to attend multi-day party events. South Beach was one of the early hubs of the circuit. It's where many promoters regularly met to plan these events and also publish Circuit Noiz, the periodic magazine listing future events and reviews of past events.

I was sitting with Carlos along the beach. He was telling me that he had been out the weekend before. All weekend, that is. He had gotten a call from a man he had sex with that he didn't exactly remember. The guy wanted to come back for seconds.

As we talked, Carlos told me that when he thought about these weekend antics, it all seemed pretty crazy. "Mostly,

I'd just as soon not think about it. Many of these guys just want me to do them. They don't seem to care that I have AIDS," he said. I asked about safe-sex. He told me that he didn't have safe sex; that he hadn't for years. "Somebody gave it to me. If they don't want me to wear a rubber, I'll give it to them. They know what's going on." I paused and thought. Then I asked, "So, if someone wants you to wear a rubber, you would?" "Aye! Miyo, no!" was his response. "If they want safe sex, they can have sex with somebody else!" I asked him to repeat what he was telling me. He was clear: no safe sex. If someone wanted to have sex with him, it was going to be raw: bare-back as it referred to today.

"This is South Beach," Carlos went on to say. "The boys here, they know about AIDS. But they all got it anyway. So why bother with safe-sex? If they don't got it now, they will. We all will. That's how it is."

While Carlos was the first who talked to me about bare-back sex, he's surely not been the last. Since the advent of the new, classes of HIV treatments, bare-back sex has become more common among Gay men. How common is it? No one knows for sure. Many of the men engaging in bare-back sex are HIV infected. I suspect that those who aren't soon will be. Those who bare-back often talk of the excitement of the risk; the feelings of being skin-to-skin intimate; or the apathy they feel about HIV. There isn't one reason why men bare-back. But it's becoming more common. Even in Tucson.

Next week, I'll share with you some of my thoughts about bare-back sex. For those who weren't aware that bare-backing was happening, you'll have time to think about it. (Nothing like those previews of coming attractions!)

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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

We recently celebrated our thirteenth anniversary at Cornerstone Fellowship. Thirteen years! In many ways its hard to believe that many years have passed. It seems like just a few years ago we were a tiny congregation meeting in an old townhouse. But in reality, that was two buildings ago and that structure no longer even exists. In other ways the thirteen years have seemed like a long time especially when I start to reminisce about the many, many things God has done in the lives of the people of Cornerstone.

We have seen God bring many people to an understanding of what Salvation through Jesus Christ is all about. We've witnessed healings from Cancer and AIDS, freedom from addictions, prideful people made humble, and homeless people given jobs and homes. We have rejoiced with couples on the brink of divorce who's relationship was not only saved by God but repaired and restored. We have mourned the loss of loved ones yet experienced God's joy in our hearts as He lead us through the grief to a place of renewed hope.

One thing I have learned over these past thirteen years is that God cares

about my whole life not just what others may think is important. I'm convinced He's fixed my car on more than one occasion and supplied me with exactly what I need at just the right time. Scripture reminds us that God does really care about us and love us. We're told He has a storehouse of riches in Heaven from which He supplies all our needs. What a great God we have.

Yes, the past thirteen years have seemed endless at times and yet have also flown by so quickly. But through them all we at Cornerstone Fellowship have had a unique opportunity to see God's handiwork up close and personally. We are a truly blessed congregation and we have nothing but praise for our Lord for, who He is, who He's created us to be, and how He has filled our lives immeasurably!

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Let's welcome in May this week kids. The sultry summer is not too far away. Wily Mercury traverses Aries, then Taurus and finally settles in Gemini. We can't seem to keep our minds on any one thing! This month also unleashes renegade Mars which makes mincemeat out of our most well intentioned actions. Maybe we should speak Out proud and queer but carry a small stick. . . .

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

If life with partners is a little, ahem, strained, chalk it up to retro Mars which moves into Libra after the 6th. This miserable old sod pushes a few sensitive buttons guaranteed to tick others off. Meanwhile its me, me, me and my money as Mercury steps into Aries and Taurus. Patch things up after the 22nd when both the Sun and Mercury bring you back to wedded bliss.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Gay Bulls feel like rats on a treadmill after the 6th when Mars retros back into Libra. Work responsibilities become almost overwhelming and you won't accomplish as much as you expect considering the effort. Mercury suggests that you pull back and contemplate your navel. Try some yoga or meditation to reduce stress. If that doesn't work, try that cheap thing by the bar.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Fun was never so much trouble as when retro Mars backs into Libra on the 6th. Wild rendezvous have a tendency to go completely out of control and you may find yourself more of a pooper and less of a partier. Poor pink Twin; content yourself with knowing that, deep down, you are a good, kind and giving person. Hmmm. . . How deep down do you have to go to find that out?

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

If you thought about rolling up the sidewalk and cocooning at home, think again Gay Crab. Retro Mars stirs up a hornets nest in any household or family issue. Actions are overstated and possibly destructive. Avoid major changes until June. Go hot pink with merry Mercury in Taurus after the 9th and find affirmation among compadres. Heck, why not also find a few beers.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Queer Lions are ready, willing and able to fire off a seemingly perfect letter to the editor or government official, but give your ardor a cold shower. Any fiery communication will not reach the intended target or will not have the intended effect, thanks to retro Mars. Concentrate instead on career prospects. In selling out you may find yourself the opportunity to buy, buy, buy!

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

The urge to splurge may be more costly than you expect when feisty Mars retrogrades back into Libra on the 6th. Proud

Virgins are not properly concentrating on the bottom line for most of the month. Instead of buying high and selling low, focus your thoughts on self improvement and higher education. Mercury in Taurus offers you a B.S. and that's no B.S.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Queer Libras are very outer directed this May with both evasive Mercury and retro Mars pulling you out far afield or pulling you into the harsh limelight. The secret is to prepare for your moment in the sun, if you can. Renegade Mars backs into your own sign on the 6th, almost guaranteeing you an embarrassing moment. Thank goodness Libras have a good sense of humor!

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Evasive Mercury has you initially thinking about perfecting your bod and then on finding someone to share it with. Meanwhile, no secrets are safe with you; Gay Scorps will let the proverbial cat out of the bag when Mars retrogrades back into Libra on the 6th. All goes well cousin; Cats and people are often happiest Out of the bag anyway.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Friends may be more trouble than they are worth when unbridled Mars retrogrades back into Libra on the 6th. Proud Archers are tempted to cast off a few hangers on, but hold onto your compadres a little longer. Concentrate instead on exercise and perfecting your upper and lower deck for cruise season. Swimsuits are optional, as long as you can pull it off.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Even directioned Gay Caps are apt to be slightly unfocused this May as flighty Mercury glides through Aries then Taurus then Gemini. Ultimately you'll hone in on the job, but don't get too big for your britches, at work; Retro Mars trips you on your corporate ascent after the 6th. Don't let the hungry sharks smell your panic or goat will be served in the corporate dining room.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Don't be shocked if you're served a hot plate of corporate au-jus. Mars retrogrades on the 6th and blasts up your professional persona. Aqueerians are tempted to bite off more than they can chew but should keep their eager nips to themselves now. Even flighty Mercury can't get down to business. Why not just get down instead? Party hearty after the 24th cousin!

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Retro Mars slips back into Libra on the 6th and brings a sexual revolution to your door. Expect a tidal wave to wash the flotsam and jetsam out of your closet. Despite the watery mess, I recommend a good cleaning of the pipes where these oppressive secrets are concerned. Thankfully, lovely Sun and sensible Mercury stoke the home fires after the 22nd to dry things Out.

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Texas House Approves Hate Crimes Bill

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debate added age, gender and pregnant women, the last proposed by an opponent of the measure, Representative Charlie Howard, R-Sugar Land. The House went on to reject Howard's further proposal to add "status as a student athlete," with some claiming he was mocking the bill. Definitely making a wisecrack was supporter Representative Pat Haggerty, R-El Paso, who said that the bill was not a racial nor a partisan measure -- and would "even cover white Republicans."

In 1993, the Texas legislature enacted -- and Governor Bush signed into law -- a hate crimes measure referring only to "crimes motivated by bias or prejudice," without specific categories. That represented a political compromise when the House rejected a more specific Senate-approved bill because "sexual orientation" was one of its seven categories. That law has gone almost entirely unused by prosecutors who believe it's vulnerable to a

constitutional challenge. Bills to make the law more specific, and therefore more enforceable, failed in 1995 and 1997.

Although sponsor Thompson credited the bill's success in large part to the murder of Byrd, it was eloquently opposed by the man who represents Jasper in the House, Representative Wayne Christian, R-Center. He described the process of naming specific groups as "erecting fences" between groups, describing how Byrd's death had led to the removal of fences in Jasper that had long separated the graves of whites from those of African-Americans. He said, "It is hard to believe that if this law passes, it could change the heart of a man," something he said only God could do.

However, Byrd's nephew Darrell Verrett was present in the House gallery, and said the vote made him proud to be a Texan. Verrett had previously appeared with slain Gay Matthew Shepard's mother Judy to call for passage of the federal Hate Crimes Prevention Act at a press conference organized by the Human Rights Campaign.

Openly Gay state Representative Glen Maxey, D-Austin, also took pride in the serious attention and quality of debate that the House gave the measure, especially by contrast with his earliest experiences there in 1991, when his legislative colleagues avoided even sitting near him.

Some of the strongest statements in support of the bill were from minority Representatives -- all Democrats -- who described their personal experiences of discrimination as African-Americans and Latinos and as a Jew. Representative Suzanna Gratia Hupp, R-Lampasas, however, opposed the bill based on her personal experience: having lost both her parents in a 1991 massacre resulting in the deaths of more than 20 people, she didn't see why any other murder should be given more weight than those. As she saw it, the gender clause might even allow for harsher sentencing for her mother's murder than for her father's.

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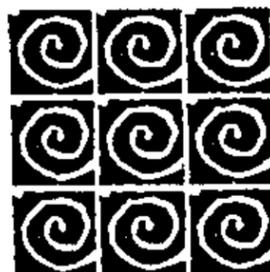
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to lose, my dears? Nothing. To quote Madonna (for once) - "Nothing Really Matters, Love is All We Need." True, honey. Love is where it begins, and love is where all things can be healed and made whole again.

So lend loving thoughts out to the world, my dears. Say a prayer for peace, and be the wonderful, fabulous, beautiful people that you are inside. Smile, Goddess loves you! Till next time, Go in Good Health!

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Arizona Archaic Laws Repeal Killed

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The House Democratic leaders, Minority Leader Bob McLendon of Yuma, Assistant Minority Leader Herschella Horton of Tucson and Minority Whip, John Lored of Phoenix went to the Speaker and expressed "very strongly," their dismay over the lack of fairness regarding the Speaker's actions the day before on SB 1396.

Groscoft apologized for his call for Representatives to take the floor, but took no responsibility for state Representative Gray's motion. He claimed that he was under the impression that Gray was going to make a "point of personal privilege."

A small problem though for the Speaker.

Under the rules of the Arizona House of Representatives, any motions for reconsideration must be filed with the Chief Clerk of the House, who then notifies the Speaker of motions filed. Sources stated the Clerk's office gave Groscoft the paperwork dealing with Gray's motion, April 28.

That wasn't the end of the contro-

very. One of the few Democrats on the floor during the reconsideration, state Representative Marion Pickens, D-Tucson, expressed her displeasure at the quick vote, calling it an "abuse of power," and "breaking what trust there was between both sides of the aisle in the House."

Pickens went on to cite a section of the bill, which proposed to teach the youth "character traits," as fair play, thoughtfulness and responsibility and having the House leadership violated that, by showing "it's not what you do, but what you say."

Eyewitnesses said that state Representative Gray went over to Pickens and offered an apology.

Gay and Lesbian rights groups were disappointed at the turn of events.

Amelia Craig Cramer, co-chair of the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF), the state's largest Gay and Lesbian rights organization, said she was "dismayed, but not surprised that the House leadership felt the need to use parliamentary tactics to defeat the majority of Representatives who support repealing Arizona's archaic laws."

According to Ron Passarelli of AHRF, an E-mail campaign is being launched to resurrect the proposals through another bill -- as May says he plans to attach the three amendments to other bills pending that are germane during the rest of this legislative session.

Time though may not be favor of another legislative attempt. Sources stated that legislative leaders are trying to conclude this session by the end of this week.

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Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Join us for a Topic of Discussion on the video "Out of the Past" about gay life in earlier times and our fight for rights in today's world. For reservations and directions, call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY MAY 8

5:00 P.M. "Cafe Chat" at Rainbow Planet Coffee House on 4th Ave. Hosted by Queer Voice, a youth program of SAAF, Wingspan and Pima County Health Dept. For more info. Call Mike P. or Arthur at 322-6226.

SUNDAY, MAY 9

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 5-7 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.

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TUESDAY, MAY 11

Gay Men's Discussion Group 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Emerald City Grill, 509 N. 4th Ave. 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

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Dan at 327-5755.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Gordon offers Yoga classes to help you stretch your muscles and clear your mind. For directions and more information, please call Gordon at 321-9509.

FRIDAY, MAY 14

Art Opening at Wingspan featuring the works of Tucson artist Kelly Griffith. 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., 300 E. 6th Street. Hors d'oeuvres.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take place 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, May 15 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

SATURDAY, MAY 15

16th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial. For more information call Wingspan 624-1779

Rainbow Families, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network holds a rap and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. Check it out today at 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis In The Foothills Church, Room 31, at the NW corner of River and Swan. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are welcome. Call Craig at 318-9348 for more information.

Queer Voice Youth Program "Boys 'n Girls Nite Out" For directions call Mike at 798-0151.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join the MSN for a night out at the theater as we go see "Love Valour! Compassion!" Group discount tickets for MSN will be \$8. For more information, please call Les at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 a.m. A birding expedition will take place at Catalina State Park today. For reservations and directions, please call Gene at 625-8109.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 5-7 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, MAY 18

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Gordon offers Yoga classes to help you stretch your muscles and clear your mind. For directions and more information, please call Gordon at 321-9509.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for Dinner Out as we visit Nonie's on East Grant. Please phone in your reservation to Bill as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant of the number of men attending. For directions and reservations, please contact Bill at 546-7538.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Cinco de Mayo celebration with live music by Pasito Final from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Cover: \$2 Tequila 9 to midnight. IBT's - 9:00 P.M. Girlie Show and Put in' On The Lips lip zinc contest all in one. To be a contestant call Lucinda at 327-1576. \$50 first prize.

THURSDAY, MAY 6

IBT's - Rudy de la Mora makes a triumphant return to the Old Pueblo. Don't miss this outrageous and extremely hilarious entertainer.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Cinco de Mayo Festival. Fuerza Latina Travesti Show. 10:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

GRADUATE - Tucson Knight Owls monthly Beer Bust 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Tucson Knight Owls Benefit Car Wash 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. \$3.00 donation to benefit TKO's Spring Fling #19.

SUNDAY, MAY 9

IBT's - 4:30 - 7:00 Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust to benefit Reveille Gay Men's Chorus with karaoke on the Patio with Billy Dee 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - "Desert La Caga" female impersonator show starring Crystal Abrams. Showtime 10:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 10

STONEWALL/EAGLE - The THURSDAY, MAY 5-6

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Cinco de Mayo Festival. Thursday, Fuerza Latina Travesti Show. 10:00 p.m. "Sexy Ladies Of Wrestling" Show 10:00 p.m. Featuring Aloha Whormoans, Alyssa DeSade, Dani Bordonello and Special Guests. (Proceeds to sponsor Jell-O Wrestling Contest.)

TUESDAY, MAY 11

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Spaghetti w/meatballs Italian Dinner. A benefit for S.A.A.F. Chef Darin's secret recipe. 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

IBT's - 9:00 P.M. "The Girlie Show" hosted by Ajia Simone and featuring Barbara Seville, Phaedra, Regina Reed and Nova Cane.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Desert Coyotes Bowling League Awards event. Special show 8:00 p.m. with former Miss H.I.T.T. (Red Team Debut Benefit).

SATURDAY, MAY 15

STONEWALL/EAGLE - A.G.R.A. Country/Western Music and Dancing 9:00 p.m. to closing. Line dancing lessons 8:00 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Uniform Party. Check with the bartender and check it out!

SUNDAY, MAY 16

GRADUATE - 12th ANNUAL RENO GANNON JELL-O WRESTLING FOR SAAF. Watch for more details and save this Sunday for a full day of fun.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Stonewall/Eagle will open today at 5:00 p.m. Join us at the Graduate for the 12th annual Jell-O Wrestling extravaganza.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Retro Rock 'n Roll Party. Watch for details.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

VENTURE-N - Tucson Knight Owls Benefit Car Wash 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. \$3.00 donation to benefit TKO's Spring Fling #19.



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Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

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

GRADUATE - Sunday Beer Bust and Feed Bag 4-7pm. 50¢, \$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 8pm. Country music & dancing.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Benefit 8-8-0 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. Beer Bust & Happy Hour til 7pm. BBQ 2-8. Hot dance music. Snack Bar open til midnight.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Bass Burgers 5-7pm. Hides Leather Goods opens at 7pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. \$1.50 Well & midnight.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50 Draft \$1.75 Domestic. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm to close. 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. 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 10am Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. Party with Chuck in the evening. Free pool all day and night. Snack Bar open til midnight.

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

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1 longnecks for pool players. Funty disco w/DJ Starkee & DJ Butta Fly 9-1.

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

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well or domestic beer. Draft Beer Nite 8-close. \$2 small/\$4 large pitchers. Karaoke Night 9pm.

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 10am Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. Eight Ball pool tourney, warm-up 6pm, play begins 7pm. Latin Dance Party w/ DJ Eduardo 9pm - 1am. Snack bar open til midnight.

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

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free Pool 2-4. \$1.50 Longnecks 8-midnight. Dance music with DJ Stephanie 9pm-1am.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 10am Daily Drink Specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close w/Billy Dee in the Eagle. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hottest dance music in town. Snack bar open til midnight.

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

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7. 21st Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Melissa 9pm to close. Wicreamy tonight & \$2.50 Tequila Rose.

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 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well or domestic beer. 75¢ Schnapps 8pm to close. \$2 Cuervo shots and country/western dance at 9pm.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 10am Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 7pm. Latin Dance Party w/Eduardo in the Stonewall 8pm to close. Biweekly Travesti Show 10:30pm. Snack Bar open til midnight.

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

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hill. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

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

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

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Tracy 5:30-8:30pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 10am 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 open til midnight.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-12:30pm. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8:30pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 5:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. Dance music w/DJ Hill 8-close. Drink specials every half hour.

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

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

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Daily drink specials. Beer Bust & Happy Hour til 7pm. Free Pool noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. The hottest dance music in town. Snack Bar open til midnight.

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

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FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmelpark Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8600 or write P.O. Box 30264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men and their partners 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 584-0280, 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 - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 9:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

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

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. Call the church at Davey at 886-1208 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 Rainbow 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 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

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

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRATucson, P.O. Box 40894, 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. 322-5653. Leave message.

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

ATTENTION ALL NUDDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 578-9020

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 816, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (602)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 570-0027 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 888-5541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-AHON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. EMail 881-8850 or Ronn 968-2304.

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

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9456 or Ray at 749-5247.

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

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

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

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, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. 8565, Tucson, AZ 85718.

NOTICES

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 690-9565 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 770-9979 or Bartie 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 299-8063.

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 to reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 322-6226.

"EVOLVERS" 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 6:30 p.m. 748-0497.

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-9602.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. Intermediate or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmelpark 4pm for spring & summer

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of massage touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4562 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, 300 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. 694-7063.

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

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

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

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7876.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info, Call Eddie Estrano 888-4595 or Charl Jacobs 323-9066.

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

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KKCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

TREATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

TRANSGENER ISSUES: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on first Mondays for informal discussion of transgender topics. Hosted by Desert Boys. For information call Gerry at 528-8659 or send email to: monkyydyke@aarting.net.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

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

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

TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. Call us at (520)817-4861, e-mail us at http://www.gscities.com/YesHollywood/High5/5085

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 615-1887.

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 Mirro Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number).

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Educational Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. 743-4800.

NOTICES

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS - a confidential 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 within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-8219 (Phoenix)

GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL VETERANS meet at Wingspan every fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more info call Miguel Guzman, 889-4076 or pager 446-5123.

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at St Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barb at 293-6824.

WOMEN'S OUT OF THE CLOSET GROUP. Welcome to women in all stages of the coming-out process. We are here to support the Lesbians, Bisexuals and straight women of all races, religions and ages. Meeting times are the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30pm at Wingspan at 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779. Call Wendy Bailey at 235-1893 after 5pm for more information.

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