

San Diego Celebrates Pride's Silver Anniversary Tear Gas Attack Delays Parade



SAN DIEGO, CA - San Diego Pride Parade celebrants are shown trying to escape the fumes of a tear gas grenade which was thrown during the parade. Four people were taken to hospitals with many others affected by the fumes. Police are investigating the attack. More than \$13,000 has been raised for the arrest of the offender. See accompanying story for full details of the weekend event. More photos inside.

By Mark R. Kerr

SAN DIEGO, CA (ON) — A rally, a parade with a record number of contingents and crowd, a two-day festival in the park and a tear gas attack marked the 25th anniversary of Gay and Lesbian pride in San Diego.

More than 2,000 people attended the kick-off event, the Spirit of Stonewall Rally, held Friday, July 23 at the San Diego Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center.

The rally marked the beginning of three days of events to mark the Gay and Lesbian rights movement in San Diego, which started with a parade in 1974, where participants called for equal rights while wearing bags on their heads to protect their identities.

Most of the rally was taken up with awards given out by the Festival Committee to longtime activists, friends of the community and individuals involved with putting the weekend events together. Tom Ammiano, the openly Gay president of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and recently announced candidate for Mayor emceed the evenings' festivities.

Openly Lesbian San Diego City Councilmember, Christine Kehoe, read the proclamation from the San Diego Council marking the weekend as "San Diego Gay and Lesbian Pride."

Mandy Schultz, executive director for the San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride Festival, introduced this year's parade Grand Marshall, Betty DeGeneres, to a standing ovation from the crowd.

DeGeneres, mother of actress Ellen DeGeneres and spokesperson for the

Human Rights Campaign National Coming Out Day, said she was thrilled and honored to be here.

She went on to say that, "if she wasn't a mother of a celebrity, she would be working as a PFLAG mother."

A reporter, DeGeneres said, asked her if she was taking advantage of Ellen's celebrity status, speaking out on Gay and Lesbian issues. She said yes, and that she will take advantage to speak out for equal rights for our Gay and Lesbian family members. She joked with the audience, adding that she is not a mother of a celebrity, "No I'm Ellen's mom."

PARADE MARRIED BY ATTACK

Four people were taken to hospitals and 15 others treated at the scene -- about half of them children -- after a tear-gas grenade was detonated in the crowd watching San Diego's 25th annual Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade on July 24. A dozen police officers were also affected by the gas; those treated in the hospital for burning eyes and throats and other respiratory problems were released. After a brief panic, the parade resumed with the crowds cheering louder than ever.

According to lead investigator Sargent Bob Nunley of the San Diego Police Department - Western Division, the grenade was a "military type" CS tear gas canister. He added that the canister was very "heated and burned," making further identification difficult. Nunley said that witnesses at the scene described a male perpetrator throwing the canister underhanded, ("like a bowling ball") toward the parade reviewing stand, in front of the Big City Bagels at 1010 University Avenue. It

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Gay West III Funds Distributed

TUCSON — Gay West III, held at Old Tucson Studios on June 26, raised more than \$13,000 for the Lesbian and Gay community.

Expenses totaled \$2,604.56, most for entertainment costs, and the Gay West Committee retained \$439 for start up expenses for next years event. The amount distributed to the non-profit organizations was \$10,000. This amount is significantly more than last years distribution of \$6,040.

Two factors contributed to the increase. Community support for this event has been outstanding, with attendance up 14% over last year. Sponsorships were up significantly over prior years. The sponsors were Centra Realty, IBT's, Budweiser, DynaSet, Harmony, Tortuga Roja Bed and Breakfast, Janette Bunge CPA, Speedway, Veterinary Hospital, Theresa Barnabei/Long Realty and Water of Life MCC.

The organizations that sold tickets and shared in the revenue are Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance, Desert Voices Lesbian & Gay Chorus, the Lesbian Health and Cancer Project, Pet Watch, Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA), Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), Wingspan and the Wingspan Do-

mestic Violence Project. The percentage of pre-sold tickets that each organization sold is the percentage of the total that cash received. TLGA served as the fiscal agent for Gay West III and distributed the funds.

INCOME

Sponsorships	\$5,100.00
Ticket Sales	\$7,763.80
Misc.	\$ 180.00
Total	\$13,043.80

EXPENSES

Entertainment	\$2,460.00
Misc.	\$ 144.56
Total	\$2,604.56

NET PROFIT

Retained Income	\$439.24
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DISTRIBUTED

\$10,000.00
Planning for Gay West IV will begin next month, and the event tentatively will be held Saturday, June 24, 2000. The committee welcomes new volunteers and new ideas to make next years version of Gay West the biggest and best ever. If you are interested in volunteering, or have questions/comments about this financial report, call Bruce at (520) 881-3748.

SAAF Purchases Building

TUCSON — The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) closed in June on the purchase of an office building at 375 S. Euclid Avenue and will move in July 30 and 31. SAAF will be open for business Monday, August 2, in the new building with a new phone number (520) 628-SAAF (7223).

The purchase of the building was made possible by City of Tucson Community Development Block Grant funds and many generous contributions from individuals and corporations. The building's seller is William T. Pascoe III, who owns three office buildings in the complex. Pascoe split off this building to sell to SAAF and is financing the mortgage with an interest-free loan. In addition, he has helped pay for renovations of the building, which are currently under way.

"We are so fortunate to have found a building appropriate for our client's needs that is centrally located and which has received such great financial support from this community," state Anne Maley, executive director of SAAF. "This building will allow for clients to meet with case managers in confidential offices, have adequate support group meeting space, and space for such services as massage, acupuncture, and food pantry on site and in accessible ground-floor offices near major bus routes."

Other major contributors to the

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SAAF's capital campaign has reached 75% of its \$700,000 goal and will continue throughout the year. The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation provides case management and a wide array of support services to people living with HIV/AIDS and their families and prevention programs to at-risk groups and the general community.

To find out more about SAAF's services or the impending move, contact SAAF at (520) 322-6226.

Wal-Mart Sued For Gay Discrimination

MODESTO, CA (GFN) — A Wal-Mart Stores Inc. (NYSE:WMT) employee who says he was the victim of discrimination, harassment and wrongful termination because of his sexual orientation filed suit in U.S. District Court in California, seeking \$5 million in damages.

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UPDATE

Regional Mr. Drummer Contest August 14 In Phoenix

PHOENIX — The 1999 Southwest Regional Mr. Drummer and Drummer Boy Contest will be held August 14 in Phoenix.

This event will select the regional representatives, who will compete in the 1999 International Mr. Drummer and Drummer Boy contest to be held September 24 in San Francisco.

The Southwest Regional Mr. Drummer competition will pit the winners from local contests to be held throughout the summer in Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Colorado and Wyoming, which comprise the Southwest Region.

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Friday, August 13 - "Meet & Greet Party" held at the Padlock, 998 E. Indian School, Phoenix. Saturday, August 14 - Southwest Regional Mr. Drummer & Drummer Boy contest to be held at Boot Camp, 3702 N. 7th Street, Phoenix. Sunday, August 15 - "Wrap-Up Party" to be held at Boot Camp.

For more information, call (602) 254-9651, (877) 875-4167 (toll free) or E-mail at: tuffstuff@tuffstuffilr.com.

Karen Ann Edwards In Concert August 4

TUCSON — Cornerstone Fellowship is pleased to announce the upcoming concert of Karen Ann Edwards. She will be performing in Cornerstone's church sanctuary Wednesday August 4, at 7:00 P.M.

Karen Ann is a annual visitor to Cornerstone and always provides an evening of spiritual uplifting. Karen Ann Edwards is a contemporary Christian artist but includes several of the old favorite hymns we all know and enjoy in each of her concerts. She is one of an elite class of singers who has a five octave range. Hence their isn't a song she is not able to do justice to!

Karen Ann generally shares her personal testimony of how she gave up a lucrative singing career to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. She is a traveling, singing evangelist in that her songs speak of God's love and desire for a closer relationship with each one of us.

The concert is free of charge and

open to the public. If you could use a little pick-me-up, or you're struggling with a problem, or you just enjoy hearing great Christian music then make plans now to attend. There will be something for everybody.

Cornerstone Fellowship Church is located at 2902 N. Geronimo. Two blocks west of First Ave. and one block north of Glenn. For more information, call (520) 622-4626.

Reveille Holding Auditions For Next Season

TUCSON — The Reveille Gay Men's Chorus (RGMC) is auditioning men for its 1999-2000 season.

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For information or to set up an appointment for an audition, call (520) 881-1369.

Fund Raising Events; Team Members Seek Same

TUCSON — So you want to help out and be part of the solution, but maybe it's not the right time for you to volunteer to provide direct care.

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Call Scott at TIHAN, (520) 299-6647 to talk more about it.

Killer of Gay Man In New Mexico Gets 30 Years

SANTA FE, NM (SFNM) — A federal judge has sentenced the man responsible for the murder of former Santa Fe County Commissioner Herman Rodriguez to 29.5 years in prison.

U.S. District Court Judge Bruce Black issued his sentence, with the plea bargain arrangement agreed to in March, Rodriguez's killer, 33-year-old Prentiss Ivory Davis, knew he would be serving a minimum of 25 years in prison.

Rodriguez, a 39-year-old former

Santa Fe County commissioner who was openly gay, was last seen leaving a Santa Fe nightclub on July 29, 1998. His nude body was discovered with a fatal gunshot wound to the back of the head on July 31 near the town of Modale in western Iowa.

Davis was arrested along with Daryl Hutto, 28, in August of last year in Columbia, South Carolina. They were charged with fraud and transportation of Rodriguez's 1992 Oldsmobile after they were caught using fake identification and a stolen credit card.

Federal law enforcement later found a .38-caliber automatic pistol that night in an Augusta, Ga., hotel room they were sharing. Forensics determined the gun was the same one used in the murder of Rodriguez.

Gray Gays Championed By NGLTF

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) — "The graying of the GLBT community presents new challenges to policy makers and to GLBT organizations," according to Urvasli Vaid, Director of the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force's (NGLTF) Policy Institute, and to address that situation the Institute has announced the start of its Aging Initiative.

"Current estimates put this population at more than one million people and that number will explode when large numbers of out-of-the-closet baby boomers reach retirement," Vaid said. "This initiative makes a long-term commitment to research, policy development and advocacy to ensure that the needs of old GLBT people are addressed in our communities and throughout society."

The overall goal of the Aging Initiative is to see that older Lesbians and Transgendered people are involved in all aspects of policy making and service programs for the elderly; it will also work to raise consciousness about ageism within the LGBT communities. Scholars and activists representing the fields of gerontology and social services will be brought into the project to study the needs of the targeted population. In the future, NGLTF will advocate for Lesbians and Transgendered inclusion in non-profit organizations who provide services for older people.

Reverend Ken South of the United Church of Christ, until recently Executive Director of the AIDS National Interfaith Network (ANIN), has been engaged to further develop the Initiative.

Shepard Prosecutor Wants Defense Held In Contempt

LARAMIE, WY (BG) — Prosecutors in the Matthew Shepard murder case want defendant Aaron McKinney's attorneys held in contempt for allowing a Cheyenne radio station to interview McKinney.

Albany County Attorney Cal Rerucha and the rest of the prosecution say the

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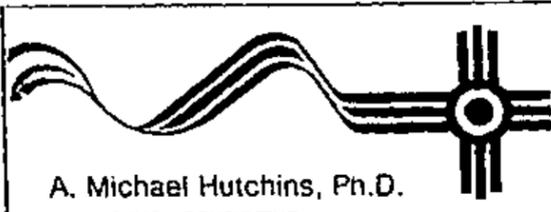
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rolled some distance before exploding. Police are requesting that anyone who may have been videotaping at the event and had their camera aimed at the reviewing stand, contact the Western Division at (619) 692-4807 or Crime Stoppers (619) 235-TIPS.

A reward fund for information regarding the attack has been set up by longtime LesBiGay activist Nicole Murray Ramirez, who helped San Diego's first Pride parade and was a keynote speaker at the rally that preceded this year's march. The fund now stands at \$13,000, with more pledges and checks coming in. Ramirez called the incident "a wake up call to San Diego," and noted that, "Just recently the [San Diego] Chief of Police said overall crime was down but hate crimes had risen 107%. . . . The Gay and Lesbian community must respond in an appropriate manner so that the people who committed this crime are arrested." Contributions to the reward fund can be sent to G.L.L.O., P.O. Box 33915, San Diego, California 92163.

The tear-gas was released as the Family Matters (local chapter of the national Family Pride Coalition) contingent passed, a group of about 70 including many children and grandparents. Among the four people taken to hospitals was a three-year-old girl with asthma, and among those treated at the scene for respiratory problems and eye and skin irritation were seven children and a pregnant woman.

The tear-gas grenade went off with a puff of smoke which sent those present running in every direction, clearing the

block within moments where spectators had been standing several deep. Water vendors, businesses and local residents with garden hoses readily helped victims wash off the irritant chemical, which left many people with burning eyes, red faces and nausea.

Yet it was only 15 minutes before the parade was underway again, with its 176 contingents and well over 100,000 spectators along the 1.1-mile route to Balboa Park. San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride spokesperson, Frank Sabatini, Jr., told reporters, "If this does mark 1999, and I am sure it will, it should also mark the need for a pride parade."

San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride executive director Mandy Shultz said in a statement, "This is an example of the increasing incidence of hate crimes against our community. Nothing can diminish the success of this event or the pride that our community feels. The staff and volunteers of Pride reacted immediately to protect our community against further harm."

Ray Drew, the executive director of the Family Pride Coalition who was walking with Family Matters when the tear-gas was released, said in a statement, "This was, quite simply, a terrorist act. I can't imagine how disturbed and psychotic someone must be to express their hate by deliberately harming small children and babies." Drew blamed the anti-Gay rhetoric of "the radical right" for supporting such violent acts. He concluded, "Our families will continue to live their lives with love, commitment, respect and pride, our family values. No terrorist can take that away from us."

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Councilmember Christine Kehoe expressed her thanks to police and fire units for their prompt action in restoring order. Kehoe said that, "this attack against one group is an attack on all of San Diego."

SAN DIEGO PRIDE SHOWS RESILIENCE OVER HATE

When the parade ended the Lesbian and Gay Pride Festival began in Balboa Park without delay. More than 30,000 people took in the festival over the two days, July 24 and 25. Frank Sabatini stated there were more than 200 booths at this

year's event.

The festival also presented a bevy of entertainment. Headlining this year's bill was: Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Berlin (featuring Teri Nunn), that petite love goddess and comedian, Judy Tenuta, openly Gay comedian Scott Silverman — featured in Out There II and III, Geoffrey Karen Dior, "one of the essential women of blues," Candye Kane, singer-songwriter Leslie Nuchow, blues artist Earl Thomas, Lesbian comedian Karen Ripley and the award-winning Gay a-cappella group, Men Out Loud.

Gay Mormons Give Up Church In Protest

SALT LAKE CITY, UT (WS) — Dozens of protesters have quit the Mormon Church to protest the church's involvement in a California ballot initiative to ban Gay marriage.

Worthington said she has received up to 40 letters from people seeking to resign from the church and expects to receive three dozen more from people who promised to send the letters.

"It is an outrage that the church has been working to control state policy on secular marriage," said Dave Ensign, who traveled to Salt Lake City from Boulder, Colorado, to present his resignation request to church officials in person. The church recently sent a letter to bishops to be read to church members in California urging them to become involved in the ballot measure, which will go before voters in March 2000.

"This was like the last straw for people," said Kathy J. Worthington, who is coordinating the dropout campaign.

In a statement, the church said it regrets the requests, adding that "in the face of organized efforts to redefine marriage, the church has no doctrinal choice but to defend the traditional family." In the statement president Gordon B. Hinckley said that "our hearts reach out to those who struggle with feelings of affinity for the same gender. We remember you before the Lord, we sympathize with you, we regard you as our brothers and sisters. However, we cannot condone immoral practices on your part any more than we can condone immoral practices on the part of others."

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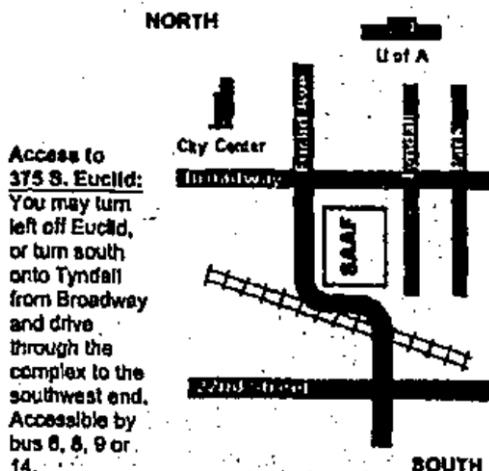
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POLITICS 1999
by Mark R. Kerr

As reported in last week's column, late on Thursday, July 22, buried in a package with 33 other amendments to the Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations Bill, SB 1217, without description, discussion or debate, the U.S. Senate approved the language of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act (HCPA) by unanimous voice vote.

If this appears to be less than a whole-hearted show of support, the future of HCPA is even more questionable. Many possibilities loom ahead for the proposal, including:

A House-Senate conference committee, since the House has not approved any similar provision, and some House Republicans are determined to see HCPA stripped out of the larger appropriations bill.

Politics itself. The proposal could end up being a bargaining chip between legislators and the Clinton administration. There was a small possibility that unrelated amendments might compel the President to veto the appropriations bill.

In addition, Y2K Presidential candidate Senator Orrin Hatch, R-UT, also succeeded in placing a hate crimes rider on the Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations Bill, one which would not add sexual orientation to the federal mandate; Nancy Buermyer of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) believes that the two hate crimes amendments are not mutually exclusive.

The Utah Gay and Lesbian Political Action Committee though, was particularly irked that Hatch referred to the notori-

"Thank You Ralph!"

ous October basing death of Gay University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard, in the opening sentence of a statement regarding his proposal - when the Hatch amendment would not make it possible for the federal government to respond to anti Gay bias crimes. Hatch borrowed rhetoric more usually heard from Democrats to say, "The Senate must lead and speak against hate crimes" which send "a message of hatred to an entire community" and "are more likely to provoke retaliatory crimes, they inflict deep, lasting and distinct injuries... they incite community unrest, and ultimately they are downright un-American."

The 1999 version of HCPA has gone farther in Congress than any explicitly Gay-friendly measure since the enactment of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act of 1990 - the first federal law to use the term "sexual orientation." Representative Henry Hyde's, R-IL, House Judiciary Committee is scheduled for a hearing on the House version of HCPA on August 4.

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force executive director Kerry Lobel said in an interview, "This is the first concrete action taken by either chamber since America buried [hate murder victims Gay] Matthew Shepard, [African-American] James Byrd, Jr. [Gay] Billy Jack Gaither, and many Transgendered people whose names and faces do not make the newspapers. It is a good first step. But we have a long way to go and we must now turn to the House and tell our representatives how critically

important this legislation is. In short, we must keep up the heat."

Human Rights Campaign executive director Elizabeth Birch issued a statement praising the Senators' action. "The Senate took a dramatic step forward in making this nation a safer place for all Americans," she said. "We applaud this responsible effort to stem the growing trend of hate crimes in our country."

In other news, the primary sponsor of the Religious Liberty Protection Act (RLPA), Rep. Charles Canady, R-FL, which was approved by the U.S. House of Representatives last week, 306-118, said his bill could be useful in beating back claims of anti Gay discrimination.

This revelation goes against remarks made during House floor debate on RLPA, in which conservative Republicans denied that RLPA is an anti Gay bill.

During a televised interview, Canady said: "I believe there are contexts in which this bill could result in a claimant who is defending against the application of a local Gay rights ordinance to raise a claim that would be successful because compliance with that ordinance was a violation of the free exercise of religion."

Gay and Lesbian activists said Canady's statements reveal the true motive of the bill. Some said the far right is using stealth tactics to pass this bill. RLPA has gone over to the Senate, where Judiciary Committee Chair, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-UT, has stated his committee will hold hearings on the bill...

So it goes for now kids!

David Spade Under Fire

MIAMI, FL (GFN) - According to the National Enquirer - (hey, don't laugh, without the paper who would have known that the spunky Danny Pinaturo from "Who's The Boss" was Gay?) - "Just Shoot Me" star David Spade shot off his big mouth and sparked an anti Gay controversy.

NBC sitcom writers "try to fag me up," he said in a recent interview with Playboy magazine. "Sometimes they ('Just Shoot Me' writers) try to fag me up on the show and I have to put my foot down. He's (Spade's character Finch) got these fruity little traits... But when I get too faggy, they have me make out with a chick."

Not surprising, the former "Saturday Night Live" comic is under heavy fire from Gay groups.

The media watchdog group the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation fired off a letter of complaint about the actor's comments.

David's publicist responded, "He was just trying to be a comedian. And everything he said was in good nature."

GLAAD spokesman Scott Seomin commented, "How can you consider using derogatory, hurtful rhetoric as 'good natured'?"



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Patient Privacy Varies

WASHINGTON DC (GFN) — Medical privacy laws vary widely from state to state, leaving some consumers unprotected, a study released here by privacy experts indicates.

“Some states protect pet medical histories better than other states protect their citizens’ medical records,” said lawyer Joy Pritts of the Health Privacy Project at Georgetown University, in Washington D.C., who led the analysis entitled “The State of Health Privacy: Uneven Terrain.”

Released at a news conference, the report described the extent to which each state ensures the privacy of its citizens’ medical records. The state-by-state analysis represents the first comprehensive look at current medical privacy laws nationwide.

“This is very important information. It tells who you are, what you’ve had, along with your social security number,” said Joy Johnson Wilson, federal affairs counsel for the National Conference of State Legislatures, who spoke briefly at the news conference. Enforcement of various state codes varies from location to location, said Pritts, with often a state insurance board acting to ensure medical providers follow legal statutes.

In providing specific privacy rights to people suffering from diseases like HIV and cancer, the study found states generally do a good job, said Janlori Goldman, director of the Health Privacy Project. Only 19 states protect the disclosure of genetic testing results, a factor some have cited in the limited popularity of these tests.

No federal law establishes medical privacy rights for U.S. citizens. Congress has just one month left to meet its deadline for imposing federal standards of medical privacy.

The Institute for Health Care Research and Policy at Georgetown has posted a copy of the report at <http://www.healthprivacy.org/resources> where you can check what privacy rights exist in individual states.

Some 18 states, including California and Florida, fail to recognize any right to doctor-patient confidentiality in local statutes, leaving more than 100 million people nationwide without this right, according to the study. Only one state, Rhode Island, has written its laws to ensure the confidentiality of medical discussions with all health care providers, from chiropractors to dentists to physicians.

“The problem is that your health information goes way beyond your physician,” said Pritts, who estimates only one in 20 medical visits involves a doctor, and not other health professionals such as dentists, health maintenance organization workers or alternative medicine providers. “Many people deliver care who do not have the same ethical obligations that a doctor does.”

Seven states Arizona, Iowa, Kansas, North Dakota, Nebraska, Vermont and Utah give patients no rights to see their own medical records, according to the study. Less than half of all states allow people to request their own mental health records and only 13 give consumers the right to see their medical records from their health maintenance organization.

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		JUNE 98	DEC. 98	JUNE 99		JUNE 98	DEC. 98	JUNE '99	
APACHE	66,299	9	9	10	7	5	6	6	2
COCHISE	105,671	64	70	71	40	51	53	55	4
COCONINO	108,381	48	55	60	34	34	37	41	3
GILA	42,845	11	13	16	8	5	6	8	1
GRAHAM	29,094	11	11	13	7	4	5	6	0
GREENLEE	8,617	3	4	3	2	2	1	1	0
LA PAZ	15,522	9	11	12	6	7	7	7	0
MARICOPA	2,399,600	3954	4173	4496	2738	2874	3023	3210	241
MOHAVE	116,523	88	88	109	50	50	55	60	10
NAVAJO	84,150	18	20	21	11	8	8	9	1
PIMA	751,311	1250	1305	1360	823	889	926	940	71
PINAL	128,820	82	87	92	55	49	50	59	8
SANTA CRUZ	33,340	16	17	20	8	2	2	4	0
YAVAPAI	123,894	64	65	69	39	48	54	55	4
YUMA	120,827	66	69	72	39	58	61	58	7
UNKNOWN		2	4	5	3	108	101	103	2
TOTALS	4,134,894	5696	6014	6429	3870	4196	4401	4622**	354

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Authorities Tie Williams' To Christian Identity

LOS ANGELES, CA (WS) — New information on the two men accused of the shotgun murder of a Gay couple in Northern California and suspected of involvement in three arson attacks on synagogues has surfaced.

Local police officials say their investigation of Benjamin Matthew Williams, 31, and James Tyler Williams, 29, suggests the two men have ties to the Christian Identity movement, whose apocalyptic, anti-Semitic, anti Gay and white supremacist views are a source of growing concern to law enforcement and mainstream religious groups nationwide.

The Christian Identity group considers Jews subhuman and homosexuality an unconscionable and unforgivable sin. Searches of the suspects' home have turned up teachings from that identity group as well as writings from an extremist organization known as the World Church of the Creator.

Adherence to both groups' doctrines would be difficult, say police, given that the Creator sect rejects the idea of God. "What both groups have in common is hatred of Jews, and both hide behind a facade of religion," said Jonathan Bernstein, the director of the Anti-Defamation League's Central Pacific office. "That's why I don't think the Williams brothers made a distinction. It looks like they were dabbling in all of it."

An attorney for Benjamin Wil-

iams said that he has not yet seen any evidence linking his client to hate groups in California or across the country. "It seems like a long leap to make at this point," Jack Suter said.

The Williams brothers, who are being held without bail, have each been charged with two counts of first-degree murder, robbery and burglary. The indictment says the brothers targeted a prominent Gay couple in Redding, Gary Matson and Winsfield Scott Mowder, and murdered them with a shotgun as they slept in their bed. If convicted, they could face the death penalty.

The Gay couple's murder and the torching of the synagogues are part of a recent hate crimes spree across Northern California, say local and federal officials, and include the dumping of thousands of anti-Semitic fliers outside a number of schools around Redding.

Organizations such as the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks far-right groups across the country, have warned authorities to expect many Identity followers to act on their apocalyptic beliefs and inflict violence on Gay, black and Jewish targets.

Christian Identity member Eric Rudolph is the prime suspect in nail bomb attacks on the Summer Olympic Games and a local Gay bar in Atlanta in 1996 and numerous bomb attacks on abortion clinics throughout the South. He is still at large.

Panic Defense Being Prepared In Gaither Trial

BIRMINGHAM, AL — A defense lawyer representing one of the men charged with the murder of Billy Jack Gaither in Sylacauga, Alabama, is prepared to mount a defense for his client which says the murder was provoked by "an unwelcome homosexual advance."

Rod Giddens, who will represent Steven Eric Mullins, said there was no evidence indicating any other motive in the slaying of Gaither. Mullins pleaded guilty last month to capital murder in the bludgeoning death of 39-year-old Gaither, but gave the court no motive for the slaying. Codefendant Charles M. Butler Jr., 21, insists he is innocent.

In exchange for Mullins' guilty plea, prosecutors agreed to recommend a sentence of life without possibility of parole instead of pursuing the death penalty. Despite the plea, prosecutors still must present evidence against Mullins to jurors during a trial.

Giddens confirmed that both Mullins and Butler gave police statements linking the murder to an alleged advance. "There have been allegations of a 'pass,' and I think that's what the evidence will show," Giddens told the Coosa County Circuit Court.

Giddens inferred that the act was

unlike the murder of Matthew Shepard or the dragging death of James Byrd, Jr. In Jasper, Texas, because Mullins and Butler "weren't going out looking for a target or a Gay person," he said.

"This was not random or selected," Giddens said. "There was a triggering mechanism that started it."

Court observers say this strategy is fraught with risk. While statements implying that Gaither somehow brought his death upon himself may resonate with some jurors, it is likely to deeply offend others.

The so-called "homosexual panic" defense, moreover, is generally used in situations where the advance provokes an immediate response but in this case, the murder appears to have been planned over the course of several weeks.

Coosa County Sheriff's Deputy Al Bradley had said in March, "How long they've known each other is not determined. But we do know they had known each other at least two weeks, because that's when Mullins said Gaither approached them in a sexual manner."

Judge John Rochester has set an August 2 trial date in Rockford for both men. Authorities have yet to say whether Mullins or Butler will go to court first.

Appeals Court Rebuke To Rogue Judge

CHICAGO -- An Illinois appeals court, strongly affirming the right of Lesbian and Gay families to adopt, has formalized its rebuke of a rogue circuit court judge whose bias interfered with adoptions by two Lesbian couples.

The appellate court's opinion chastised Cook County Judge Susan McDunn for, "extreme and patent bias against the adoptive parents based upon their sexual orientation." The court expressed its shock at the judge's treatment of the par-

ents, who "came to our state court system in order to be allowed to adopt children, children with whom they had already formed a loving relationship over a period of time. A higher purpose cannot be imagined. To have the petitioners treated in the manner that they were is nothing less than appalling."

Patricia M. Logue, supervising attorney of Lambda's Midwest Regional Office in Chicago, who helped represent the

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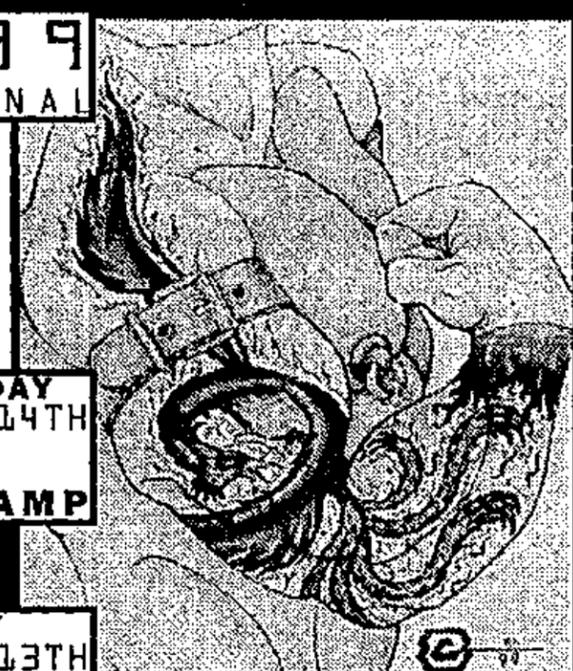
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SAAF UPDATE

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION

By Anne Maley

Clerk to maintain our donor database and provide clerical and event support.

With the recent hiring of staff members in development, our AIDSWALK '99 planning is in full swing. We have another terrific logo by graphic artist David Hoffman and have already raised almost all of our event budget through corporate underwriting.

SAAF's development team is led by Carrie Janie Singleton, Director of Development. Carrie Jane has worked in development for Cain & Company, the Southern Arizona Women's Fund and the Tucson Symphony Orchestra. She has also been a SAAF volunteer, doing Share Bears at the Biz and previously as a Food for Life driver.

SAAF's new Events Associate is Lindsey Jones. Lindsey is a former Tucson AIDS Project employee and has managed events and political campaigns in Tucson. She has also worked in direct client services with local non-profit organizations. Lindsey is already immersed in AIDSWALK planning and coordination. SAAF is also currently searching for a Development

The programs at SAAF continue to provide needed services to people affected by HIV/AIDS in southern Arizona. A new support group for recently diagnosed people with HIV/AIDS has begun. This group follows a topical curriculum and provides a delicious meal and a supportive setting for people coping with the reality of their diagnosis.

Programs that target the Latina/o populations - Salud es Poder for Latino men who have sex with men and the Latina Leadership Program for young Latinas in Tucson's south side have successfully involved these at-risk populations in taking control of their own health. SAAF hopes to build on this success with at-risk populations of color and have recently written a large, collaborative grant request to target youth.

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Former Major League Baseball Player Comes Out

	Won	Lost	Pct
Tres Amigos	17.0	3.0	.850
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Odd Couple	13.0	7.0	.650
Harman Comp.	13.0	7.0	.650
Bowlers/Therapy	12.0	8.0	.600
Eballs.com	12.0	8.0	.600
Suck Crowd	11.0	9.0	.550
Bullchip	10.0	10.0	.500
Helen	10.0	10.0	.500
Miracles Happen	10.0	10.0	.500
Westiders	4.0	16.0	.200
Them	3.0	17.0	.150
La Familia	2.0	18.0	.100

MIAMI, FL — Billy Bean, a former member of the San Diego Padres baseball team, has come out as Gay in a profile in a local newspaper.

Bean moved to Miami to be with his partner, restaurateur Efrain Veiga. "Sometimes I'm sad that nobody here knows I played major league ball. Because when you're with somebody prominent, everybody thinks you're just riding their coattails," Bean told the paper. Bean will act as operations manager at Veiga's new restaurant, Mayya. The pair met three years ago, when Bean visited one of Veiga's restaurants while in town to play the Marlins. Bean said that after his previous partner died unexpectedly, he had decided to give up baseball if he ever met someone new.

SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

- High Average - JUST JACK!, 206; Heather H., 155; Suck Crowd, 569.
- High Series Scratch - Heather H., 516; Ken M., 666; Suck Crowd, 1785.
- High Game Scratch - Keith D., 276; Nancy L., 212; Suck Crowd 634.
- High Series Handicap - U Suck, 1935; Keith D., 745; Heather H., 651.
- High Game Handicap - Nancy L. and Heather H., 257; Keith D., 305; Tres Amigos, 725.

"He had a ruptured pancreas," Bean told the paper, referring to his partner. "I rushed him to the hospital at 11 that night. At 7:00 A.M. he died right there in front of me. I couldn't tell anybody. So that same day I played a baseball game at 1 o'clock." Bean said he never could have come out while playing because "overnight they would have found some way to kick me out. Because some dad doesn't want his little kid watching some Gay baseball player and saying, 'I want to grow up to be just like him.'"

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Welcome to the eclipse-o-rama, cousins! This week we face a partial lunar eclipse and, two weeks from now, a total solar eclipse. These eclipses stir our pot and tempt us into extreme actions and reactions. Don't boss the course during and three days after these eclipses. If it's still a match made in heaven, then start a raging fire.

HOROSCOPES
BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20
Pink Capricorns are careful financial planners but now, with the partial lunar eclipse, your conservative outlook may swerve sharply to the left. Some of your best investments may take a small hit as you scramble to pick up the pennies. Before you jump on any quick fix gravy train, recall Mom's fateful words; "If something is too good to be true, it probably is."

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Clubby Gay Rams may find their social groups claustrophobically confining during the partial lunar eclipse. You yearn to break out and find a new path full of new and exciting people. Alas, the only new path you'll stumble upon is one where everyone wears on you. Happy? If not, suffer through your compadres peccadillos and wait until next week for the spark to reignite.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

The partial lunar eclipse will have all hard bitten proud Bulls questioning their professional aspirations. When all is said and done, are you ready to give up the game, take your toys and go home? Probably not, but you'll play it out that way if you over react. Take a deep breathe, throw your petty tantrum but reinforce your troops in preparation for the next battle. I have faith!

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Pink Twins are in for a grand global Gay adventure during the partial lunar eclipse. Any far a field adventure will take you further than you initially thought. But before you get lost in some little squalid corner of the world, take stock of your itinerary and book the entire trip in first class. If you're off on a wild adventure, you might as well be comfortable.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Proud Cancers may embark on a sexual tour de force when the partial lunar eclipse jump starts your engine. Harness and saddle your horses, cousin; this transit may encourage you to buck too many broncos and you may just get tossed and bruised. Try as hard as you can to take things slowly and really get to know someone before you ride the pony. And pack a lump, of sugar.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Misunderstandings in relationships hit an especially sour note when the lunar eclipse casts a shadow over your commitments. Handle all little spats with extreme patience now; this transit passes quickly and it would be a shame to have a couple of little sparks burn down your house. For those Gay Lions still seeking the right fit, don't buy anything off the rack (or on sale) this week.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Extra work on the job results in . . . much more work. If you feel like a mangy rat on a treadmill, blame it on the partial lunar eclipse and it's swarm of flies. Keep in mind that the more work you volunteer to do this week, the more you will get without any apparent personal benefit. Do you enjoy being part of the pint sized proletariat? Wouldn't you rather be a 12 inch ruler?

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Even fun and frolic has its pitfalls and minefields when the partial lunar eclipse spits in your champagne. Queer Libras are advised to take everything seriously now, so summon yourself to approach any youthful pastime with a certain amount of mature disdain. Park your inner child at daycare while the planets have their rumble. Next week, party on cousin!

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Gay Scorps enjoy the security and privacy of their home life. Now, as the lunar eclipse shades your backyard, some of the foundations of your carefully crafted abode may shake and crack. A slip of the lip could herald in substantial changes, even with your relationships to certain relatives. Good thing too, cousin; maybe a shake-up is just what is needed to clear the air.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Oh the same old story, cousin! If you wish you had kept your big mouth shut on the job, blame the fallout on the lunar eclipse. Your charm may fail you or you may be called upon to deliver one of your many impossible promises. No matter, proud Archer, thank goodness most folks have a 12 minute attention span. By next week, the spotlight will be off your campaign trail.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aggressive overcompensation may be the words of the day for Aquerians. The partial lunar transit eclipses your public persona. The temptation is to show the world what you and only you alone can do, but hold yourself back with the big hook. This week, your best laid eggs will wind up loosely scrambled on your dinner plate, courtesy of the powers that be.

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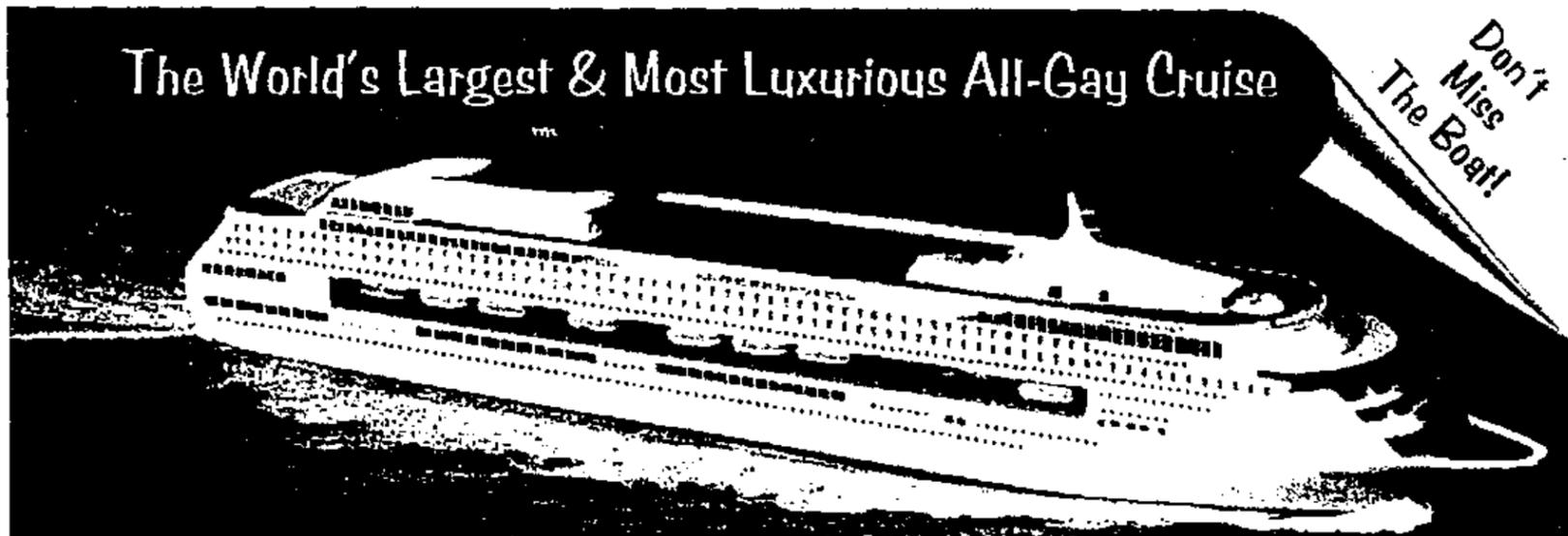
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Your intuition revs into overdrive this week when the partial lunar eclipse conjures up an array of ghouls and goblins to haunt your thoughts. Practical pink Fish should not rely on those little internal voices to tell them what to do. Try instead to use this sparky energy to put some good Gay elbow grease into any good Gay community effort. Your karma is calling on the psychic line.

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Columna Abierta by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

Saludos con el mismo deseo de siempre, que todo lo que desee se haga realidad y sobre todo que este disfrutando las frescas tardes que hemos podido tener gracias a la lluvia, que ya nos hacia falta sobre todo en la region rural donde hay algunas personas que trabajan y viven de la agricultura y desde luego de la ganaderia, esperamos que estas lluvias abarquen los pueblos del Rio Bavispe y sobre todo que la presa A. Rodriguez de Hermosillo vuelva a su capacidad, ya que hasta algunos chistes y bromas se hacian en relacion de que: "Se estan vendiendo lotes en la presa"; Deseamos que estas aguas contribuyan a recuperar las aguas que hacen falta en esa capital Sonorense...

Apreciable lector se le recuerda que la Conferencia "Inovaciones del VIH a lo largo de la Frontera" que esta organizando CODAC en la coordinacion del colega Steve Trujillo ya esta lista, con la confirmacion de grandes personalidades, profesionales todos ellos interesados en la educacion, investigacion y demas disciplinas en relacion al VIH/SIDA, se le

recuerda que el registro se empezara desde el dia miercoles 11 a las 6:00 p.m. en el Palm Room Terrace del Westward Look Resort de Tucson, y ese mismo dia habra una pequeña recepcion; y para el dia jueves 12 a las 8:30 a.m. esta programada la ceremonia de bienvenida, seguida por la participacion del Dr. Kevin J. Carmichael y continuar con las sesiones plenarias donde la Dra. Mercedes Gameros de la oficina binacional de Nogales Sonora y el Dr. Carlos Magis de CONASIDA daran informacion de la situacion Estatal y Nacional en relacion a SIDA. Tambien esta confirmada las participaciones de la Lic. Nora Gallegos de CONADIC y la Dra. Melba Muñiz de la Oficina de Salud Internacional de Mexico D.F., El Dr. Jeremias Guzman del programa para las Comunidades Mexicanas en el extranjero de la S.R.E. de Mexico; asi como las participaciones de otras no menos importantes personas que estan desarrollando programas y actividades similares a los objetivos de la mencionada conferencia, Si esta interesado en mas informacion al respecto por favor comunicarse conmigo o directamente con Steve Trujillo a CODAC.

El pasado martes 27 de julio atendimos a la conferencia que ofrecio la Dra. Marta Robles Romo Insectologa del Hospital de la Raza de Mexico D.F., en el CUM de Nogales Sonora, de verdad que fue bastante clara la Dra. Robles Romo al mencionar que no es solo trabajo del Sector Salud el concientizar sobre la existencia del SIDA, sino de todas las personas y recalco el papel tan importante que debemos tomar los padres de familia al hablar abiertamente con nuestros hijos de temas que a veces "se crece" o que se considera que en la escuela se deben de abordar, y que ya es tiempo suficiente para no hablar de grupos de riesgo, ya que todas las personas con vida sexual activa esta en ese Ademas menciono que es critica la situacion en relacion a los medicamentos nuevos, por los costos y porque no hay, asi de claro. De verdad que el Director de la escuela secundaria federal el Lic. Mario Ballesteros Diaz, tiene gran interes de poner a los estudiantes "al tanto de la situacion" ...

Para el dia 30 de julio es la reunion con el grupo de promotoras voluntarias de Agua Prieta/Douglas que han estado trabajando duro para distribuir la informacion sobre el Cancer Mamario y del Cervix, la reunion sera desde la 1 p.m. para discutir resultados y logros, asi como, barreras que han encontrado al tratar de hablar sobre esos temas; ya les dare detalles en la proxima Columna Abierta,

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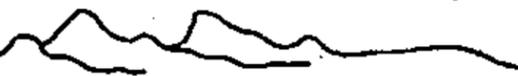


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Wal-Mart Sued For Gay Discrimination

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In a two-month stint at a Modesto, Calif., Wal-Mart store, 32-year-old Ty'ger Dacosta was subjected to "outrageous behavior" that included threats to his safety and well-being, inappropriate comments, including being called "faggot" and "queer," and assault and battery in violation of the California Labor Code, according to his attorney Paul Wolman.

The lawsuit alleges that Wal-Mart failed provide Dacosta with a safe and harassment-free workplace and seeks compensation for emotional distress, lost wages, statutory penalties, attorney's fees and punitive damages in violation of the California Unruh Civil Rights Act.

The suit also claims that there was a special code used at the store to let employees know whenever there was a "faggot in the aisle."

Wal-Mart spokesman John Bisio said the company hadn't been served with the lawsuit and couldn't comment on Dacosta's claims.

Bisio said, "respect for the individual is one of three core principals" taught to its employees, and that, "its associates are expected to respect all individuals in their dealings."

Bisio said it also part of Wal-Mart's corporate policy to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation and that principal is taught in its employee training program.

Wolman said that regardless of Wal-Mart's corporate policies, it is bound by California law not to discriminate against employees based on sexual orientation and did so when it refused to adequately respond to Dacosta's complaints to the store manager, district manager and the company's employee hotline.

The \$5 million lawsuit is small potatoes for Wal-Mart, which had earnings of \$1.6 billion on sales \$40.8 billion in 1998.

In other legal news, Wal-Mart settled with Tommy Hilfiger Corp. (NYSE:TOM) on Thursday for \$6.4 million after two federal court proceedings found Wal-Mart in contempt for willfully permitting counterfeit Tommy Hilfiger clothing to be sold in Wal-Mart stores in violation of a 1996 injunction.

Shepard Prosecutor

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on-air interview conducted last month took place during a gag order 8th District Judge Barton Voigt placed on the attorneys and information about the case.

Defense attorney Jason Tangeman said the contempt effort was "frivolous and without merit" since the judge never instructed the defendant he was bound by the same order. "The state's motion is based upon untrue, wild speculation and is an improper and unprofessional attack upon the defense counsel," Tangeman wrote.

Tangeman claims he and co-counsel Dion Custis have not violated the order. Court observers have said the contempt request was unusual. "[Rerucha] is essentially saying the defense attorneys are committing unethical conduct," a former public defender named Mark Voss said. "McKinney has the First Amendment right to talk to anyone he wants" so long as he is not listed under the gag order, he said.

Attorney Thomas Campbell said the contempt allegations show the defense's frustration at their client talking to the media and the prosecution's frustration at having information about the case leaking to the public.

McKinney told KGAB over the telephone he didn't target Shepard because he was Gay and that he has "a lot of remorseful feelings over this whole matter." KGAB also spoke with an inmate of McKinney's who told the radio station McKinney confessed to beating Shepard, but he did not mean to kill him.

Rogue Judge

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families, said, "Anti-Gay bias causes real pain to real people. Three children had their legal ties to their parents jeopardized for a year because a judge could not put aside irrational prejudice."

The mothers' names are withheld to protect the confidentiality of the children, ages 1, 1, and 3. In strong language, the written opinion by Justice Morton Zwick echoed a June 1 ruling from the bench in which the unanimous three-judge panel of the First District Illinois Appellate Court held that the judge "inflicted anguish on the petitioners and needlessly prolonged what should have been a simple and straightforward process."

Now under investigation by the Judicial Inquiry Board, Judge McDunn gained notoriety for her biased handling of the two cases, Petition of C.M.W. and L.A.W. and Petition of M.M. and J.S., in which Lesbian couples sought to adopt one another's biological children.

The judge ignored positive recommendations from court-appointed guardians and testimony from social workers that said the children were thriving and that "highly recommended" the adoptions as in their best interests. Instead, the judge took steps to conduct an intrusive examination of the mothers. She sought to delay deciding one adoption, which had been fully heard, until she could hear evidence about the unrelated second family. And, in orders that "astonished" the presiding judge of the adoption division, she appointed the anti Gay Family Research Council to represent the best interests of the children in both cases because the Washington, D.C.-based group opposes all Lesbian and Gay adoptions.

Even after the presiding judge removed Judge McDunn from both cases for bias and other cause, she refused to relinquish control of them and on February 13 and March 4 issued orders purporting to void her removal and block the adoptions. On June 1, immediately after Lambda and the children's guardian argued emergency appeals, the appeals court vacated and nullified those orders, and the adoptions for both Cook County families were upheld.

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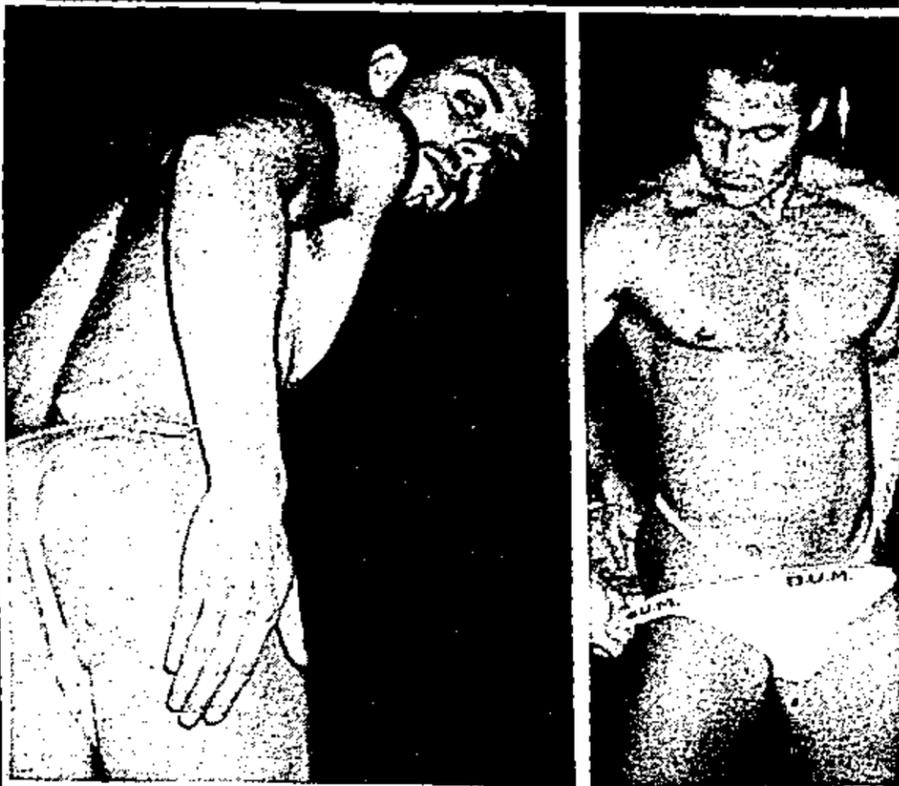
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This time, I want to talk about the importance of detachment. This is a concept familiar to the Eastern philosophies. Non-attachment, or detachment, is a way to not be swept away by the circumstances of life. As we progress through life, we find that many situations can be very vexing and sources of extreme stress. Our job may be very demanding. Our co-workers might be petty and negative, and that can be stressful. Our families might be dysfunctional, and try to involve us in their emotional troubles. No matter what the circumstance is, stress can lead to unpleasant feelings of anxiety and worry. As we deal with stress, we find it can be draining, emotionally and physically.

Detachment is a way to look at the circumstances of our lives objectively. We can step back and look over the whole situation, and see it for what it is - temporary. No matter how complicated the situation has become, if we can step back and look at it from a neutral, non-emotional state, logical solutions become more apparent. We can say to ourselves "I can solve this problem. There is a way out." If the job situation has gone from good to bad, you might want to either transfer to a different job or change the present job. If a co-worker is petty and negative and gossipy, choose not to be involved in that vicious circle. Detach from it. Rather than buying into the immaturity of those around you, detach yourself and focus on the job at hand.

If your family is constantly meddling in your life, then politely, but firmly, detach yourself from their manipulations. Some people have found that moving a little further away puts a stop to such interference. They might have the best of intentions, but as an adult, you have the right to make your own choices. You do not need to answer to anyone except yourself in the long run. If you want to change your job, or go to college, or do something new, daring, and different, don't you have that right? Don't let anyone else sabotage your dreams. As the saying goes, don't give in or up. Keep on pushing ahead towards your goal. You will get there if you want to.

Some of us have a dream that we have not dared to pursue. Maybe you always wanted to paint, but did not think you would be good at it. If it gives you satisfaction to do it, why don't you just do it? So maybe you're not the next Van Gogh, but if you like to paint and it makes you happy, do it. It matters not if others approve of what you are doing. Maybe you want to take up a hobby. If you detach from the daily routine and decide that you need a little 'me' time to do something fun, then do it. The daily grind can get old after a while. So go off and have little adventures.

It is alright to pamper yourself. Of course, it is also a good thing to do kind things for others, with no expectation of reward. A kind word, a get well card to a sick friend, there are many little things we can do to lighten the mood and brighten the day of someone who might be feeling a little down. Detachment does not mean you no longer have compassion. If you care about others, you can accomplish great good. This does not mean you do not feel empathy for others, it simply allows you to not be swept along in the emotional roller coaster of life, powerless to control your life. Some people find their lives getting out of control. If you can step back and realize that you are in charge of your life, and that you can change anything you want to, then you can begin to master the challenges of living.

If your life has become too out of control and you think a little counseling will help, then by all means, avail yourself of the help that is out there. If one counselor does not feel right to you, find another one. Realize that if you can let go of the past and detach from the negative situations of the present, you can have much smoother sailing ahead in your life. You can feel calm during a time of crisis and get through the challenges and obstacles of life with a clear head and feel confident that the problems can be solved, and that you can move forward to enjoy your life. It's something to think about. Goddess bless. Til next time, Go in Good Health.

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SATURDAY, JULY 31

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les as they host Death With Dinner-a murder mystery game where you dress and act out a whodunit in character. Dinner is served at 6:30, with the game beginning at that time. Help us solve the murder of Paul Pernicious! For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-6565.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

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.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

7:00 p.m. Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo will present Karen Ann Richards in her return visit to Tucson. She is an extremely talented Christian woman from the Lesbian/Gay/Transgender community. She has an extraordinary voice range, a friendly and outgoing personality, and a wonderful sense of humor. Don't miss her! For more information call 622-4626.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Dan as he hosts the video presentation of "Rocco & His Brothers"-and Italian film from 1980. Seating is limited to 6 people. For reservations and directions, please call Dan at 229-0043.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Potluck & Social Gathering as we sit down to eat with some of the nicest gay guys in town (like you!). You're invited to come and share your favorite dish with the men such as yourself. Join us at 6801 N. Oracle (Casas Adobes Congregational Church). Please call Jerry at 690-9565 for directions and any questions you August have.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

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 Michael at 326-3555.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for Dinner Out as we head to Teresa's Mosaic Café for some of the best in Mexican food. Please phone in your reservation to Bill as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant of the number of men attending. For directions and reservations, please contact Bill at 546-7539.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill as he hosts the science fiction movie "Gattaca", starring Ethan Hawke and Uma Thurman. Seating is limited to 9 people. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bruce for a showing of the French film, "Menage", starring Gerard Depardieu. Seating is limited to 12 people. For reservations and directions, please call Bruce at 743-3890.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our 3rd Annual Miniature Golf Tournament. It's a night of fun and laughs, and the 18th hole is dessert at our hosts' home. For reservations and directions, please call Dan or Richard (evening calls only, please) at 327-5755.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 a.m. Join a birding and brunch expedition on Mt. Lemmon (road repair permitting). For details and directions, please call Gene at 625-8109.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:00 p.m. Join Art & Jeff for at their home in Vail for a video of the recent Desert Voice's 10 Year Anniversary Concert: Legacy. There'll also be a dessert potluck. For reservations and directions, please call Art or Jeff at 762-9135. Please note that space is limited.

3. 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.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take place at Bruce's home this month (in the Tucson Mountains). 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 Bruce at 743-3890. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, August 19 at noon so we

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AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Fe-Male drag show at 8:00 p.m. A very interesting turn of events! Drink specials.

IBTS - "The Girlie Show/Puttin On The Lips" lipsync contest. \$50 first place. Hosted by Lucinda Holliday with Tori Steele and Naomi Knight. For contestant info call Lucy at 327-1576.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Mid-week Country & Western Dance Party

THURSDAY, JULY 29

IBT - "Rain Forest Party" from 9:00 p.m. to closing. Swim suits or underwear necessary. Get moist - Get wild and party. Drink specials.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Latin Dance Party with DJ Eduardo. Saludes Poder presents Fuerza Latina 2000 Travesti Show 10:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 30

STONEWALL/EAGLE - "Muscles of Steele" erotic male dancers 10:00 p.m. No cover.

SATURDAY, JULY 31

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Benefit raffle for the Biz's softball team from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. to benefit the team going to Kansas City for the World Series Slow Pitch Softball Tournament.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - A "Gong-A-Show" with Billy Dee. A Red Team Benefit. 10:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

IBTS - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., a Benefit Bar-B-Que and 16oz Beer Bust for Reveille Gay Men's Chorus along Karaoke with Billy Dee from 4:30 to 7:30. Then at 9:00 p.m., a benefit show for Miss Kristen, candidate for Miss Gay America featuring Gilda Fatale, Felice Renard, Adrienne Alexander and special guests.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - The Jewel Box Revue starring Tammi Caprice

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Dance Studio - Professional Dance Lessons 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

IBTS - The Girlie Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday featuring Phæda, Tori Steele and Miss Tori Novel.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

IBTS - Special appearance by Gay comedian Mark Davis. Mark Your calendars for this really funny guy!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

IBTS - Labor Day "Monday Morning Madness!". 11:00 a.m.! Prepare!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

STONEWALL/EAGLE - 3rd Annual "Turnabout For TIOHAN" show. Watch for details. Sponsor an employee.

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, AUGUST 21

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill as he hosts Pinocchio Night. If you're a fan of the game, this is the place to go. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll help you out. This is also a themed potluck and tonight's theme is Awesome Aussie Night (Australian/Polynesian fare). For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 9:00 a.m. Will hosts a retreat at his cabin on Mt. Lemmon. Coffee and pastries will be served for breakfast; with lunch being a potluck. For directions, please call Will at 298-9454; after August 20, please call Will at the cabin at 576-1435.

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.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

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

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Retro TV features a showing of 2 camp classics: "Batman" featuring Julie Newmar as Catwoman, and "Wonder Woman". For reservations & directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

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 Michael at 326-3555.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join John as he hosts Game Night. Whether it's card games or board games, you'll be able to find someone willing to have fun. For reservations and directions, please call John at 743-8138.

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.

HOURS - Open 1pm. \$2 Bloody Marys & \$1.50 Screwdrivers til 8pm. Country music & dancing.

IBTS - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 Well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7pm. 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. Pool Tournament & Sirkin Burger Bust 2-6pm. Karaoke 9pm-close hosted by Billy Dee. Fabulous shows every Sunday. Call for info 624-8805. Snack Bar open til midnight.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Boss Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight.

HOURS - Closed Mondays.

IBTS - Open noon. Martini Monday all day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. 9pm to closing, \$1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Karaoke on the patio with Billy Dee 7:30-10:30pm. Remixed BO's 9pm to closing. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 10am. Smirnoff Screws and Marys and Cooks Champagne Mimosas \$1.25. Monday nights with chuckles.. Where Tucson's bartenders go to let their hair down. Free pool all day and night. Snack Bar open til midnight.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Blue Monday! \$2 Well and Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Skyy shots \$2 (w/ juice \$2.25). Dart Tourney 8pm

Tuesday

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

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.

IBTS - 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. House Hi-Honey Dance 9pm to closing.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 10am. Smirnoff Screws and Marys and Cooks Champagne Mimosas \$1.25. Snack Bar open daily til midnight. Happy Hour til 8pm. Eight Ball pool touney, warm-up 6pm, play begins 7pm. Dance Studio professional dance lessons with Ira & Becky. This session Country & Western 7pm

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$2 Well drinks and longnecks 6am-12:30pm; Makers Mark \$2 shot

Wednesday

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

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

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 10am. Smirnoff Screws and Marys and Cooks Champagne Mimosas \$1.25. Snack Bar open daily til midnight. Happy Hour til 8pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close w/Billy Dee in the Eagle. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hottest dance music in town.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Salsa Morning! \$2 Well & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 and Cuervo 1800 \$2.25 Open to close.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Melissa 9pm to close. W/creamy cowgirls & \$2.50 Tequila Rosa.

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

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 10am. Smirnoff Screws and Marys and Cooks Champagne Mimosas \$1.25. Snack Bar open daily til midnight. Happy Hour til 8pm. Latin Dance Party w/Eduardo in the Stonewall 9pm to close. Biweekly Travesti Show 10:30pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am \$2 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm. Patio Bar open 8pm. Posters 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 8pm

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - 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

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

IBTS - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Tracey 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. Smirnoff Screws and Marys and Cooks Champagne Mimosas \$1.25. Snack Bar open daily til midnight. Happy Hour til 8pm. T.G.I.F. Free snacks 4:30-8pm The hottest dance music in town 9pm to close in the Stonewall.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$2 Well & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Snacks served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 5:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every half hour.

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

IBTS - 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 75¢ draft 3-7pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm. Dart Tournament 9pm

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NOTICES

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 918, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (520)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

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)327-1520 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-AKON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Eline 581-8850 or Ram 968-2364.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 833, 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 Merle at 888-7264.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:30 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Gertrude (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 888-7299.

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

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips 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 327-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 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. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3289 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social 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 Men-Soc Calendar in the Observer.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary 770-9979 or Barbie 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 pre-judging - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-9063.

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

"EVOLVERE" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Call Wingspan 624-1779 for more info.

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.

THE MEN'S MESSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmeor Building). Office Hours 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS. World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet every Sunday morning and some weeknights for fun runs. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555 or e-mail mandmhuaz@worldnet.att.net

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 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with 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 BISEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8377 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.

NOTICES

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. Call the church at Davey at 888-1208 or Brian at 682-4728 for information.

LICHEN HOOKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Rubyrial 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. 322-5655. Leave message.

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

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

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 787-3116 for more information and a membership bio.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Cortaro 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 781-7676.

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 Betans 888-4595 or Cheri Jacobs 323-9068.

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 (ovellen@x.netcom.com)

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 81.3 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.

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Explore gender with us on the 1st Monday (Queer Girls) and 3rd Wednesday (Dixiet Boys) of every month. SAGAEma@sol.com http://members.aol.com/sagaema

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. Now support and discussion group. For information call 529-4580

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)617-4661, e-mail us at http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Heights/5086

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 615-1687.

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

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)745-9058 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6218 (Phoenix)

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

GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL VETERANS meet at Wingspan every fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more info call Miguel Guzman, 888-4076 or pager 446-5123.

NOTICES

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. Florio in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-8624.

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.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - FORMING CHAPTER FOR GAY/LESBIAN LUTHERANS. Write LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS: Confidential individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual or Trans men who are victims/survivors of domestic violence. For more information call 624-0348 (24-hour line)

GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDERED Young Adults Support Group for people ages 20 to 30 meets for sharing, support and information. Meetings are every Saturday from 11 am to 12:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS & TUESDAYS. Competitive Play. Intermediate and advanced players only. Grass court on Northwest corner of Himmelf Park. 5:30pm on Tuesdays, 4pm on Saturdays.

FEMALE IMPERSONATORS: The contest search is on for the 1st annual Mist Gay Metropolis 1999, a direct preliminary to Miss Gay Arizona-America 1999 (open to contestants statewide). The pageant will be held Saturday, August 7th in Phoenix. Those seeking an application should contact Richard Black/Celia Puffy, (602)266-0550. 784.

GAY SUICIDE PREVENTION. P.O. Box 64665, Tucson, AZ 85718-9998. Tele 520-577-3760. 1-888-774-9200, Fax 520-577-7443

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CYBER CRUISE - Meet Arizona Gay men and women as well as people all over the U.S. Gay owned. www.noovo.com 785

ATTENTION - ATTENTION - ATTENTION Si eres hombre que tiene sexo con otros hombres y quieres ayudarnos a extender y apoyar los programas para Los Latinos, llama para una entrevista exclusivamente confidencial al 322-6226 y pregunta por Ernesto. 785

If you are a Latino man who is having sex with other men and you want to help us to support and expand our programs for Latinos, call for a confidential interview at 322-6226 and ask for Ernesto. 785

HOUSING/FOR RENT

3 bed room, 2 bath townhome S.W. W/D, private yard, comm/pool. \$220.00 plus 1/3 utilities. Available 8/1. Enrique, 573-0481. Call 909-0607. 784

LARGE 4 BEDROOM HOUSE. ROOMS TO RENT. REASONABLE. Recently 100% renovated. Clean, steady income, non-smokers or retired, please inquire. John, 770-1364 794

SHARE FURNISHED HOUSE. 1 bedroom available August 1. \$250 + 1/2 utilities. Non-smoker. W/D. Centrally located near 1st Ave. and FL Lowell. Please call Eric, 520-888-6997 784.

VARIOUS CENTRAL TUCSON LOCATIONS. Large 1 and 2 bedroom apartments unfurnished. Clean, private, quiet. Many extras. Mention this Observer ad for special \$90 first-month-move-in special. 577-6570. 786

ROOMMATES

HOUSEMATE WANTED: 2 bedroom duplex near UofA by older gentleman. \$285 includes utilities except phone. First/last, NS, W/D. Need housemate, not a sex partner. 803-1000. 783

EMPLOYMENT

PART-TIME PHONE SURVEY WORK. No sales involved. Computer literate a plus. Mornings or afternoons available. Phone 742-1529 783.

WHAT STAFF AT STARS. Call Brian 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sunday and Monday 624-0233 784

SERVICES

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