

Barbra Seville Crowned Miss Gay Arizona-America 2000



TUCSON - Last Saturday, Aug. 28, saw the Miss Gay Arizona-America Pageant held at the University Ramada Inn. A record breaking crowd of more than 600 people jammed the ballroom to watch eight contestants vie for the crown. The judges had an extremely difficult time in choosing the winner. At the conclusion, there was only a one point difference between 1st and 2nd place and again for 3rd place. But there can be only one winner and here she is boys, here she is girls, Barbra Seville, Miss Gay Arizona-America 2000.

Phaedra won first runner-up and also was the winner in the talent competition. Miss Kristin was the winner of Miss Congeniality. Rev. Henry Warner won the Daniel "Moose" Pagan Humanitarian of the year award.

Lucinda Holliday who took over the reins of this yearly pageant at the last minute carried the evening off smoothly and with a great presentation. There were complaints of being too crowded and too hot but in the end everyone had a great time and Lucinda is to be congratulated for pulling the record-breaking event off.

Other contestants included Miss Tori Nove, Guera, Aurora, Tori Steele, and Chane Jordan. The crowd was entertained with performances by Miss Gay Arizona-America 1998-99 Mr. Kenneth Blake; Miss Gay America 1999 Linda Carrero; Miss Gay Niagara 2000, Celebrity Starr; Miss Gay Western States, Naomi Knight; Mr. Gay Mississippi Valley All-American 2000, Mr. Jeff Edwards.

Again, congratulations to the winners and all the contestants and everyone who worked behind the scenes to pull off an evening of great fun against great odds - well done! And to Lucinda - you go girl!

2nd Annual Wingspan Benefit Dinner Sept. 18

TUCSON — Tickets are available for a special benefit dinner to help Wingspan celebrate 11 years of working for Tucson's rainbow community.

This event will be held Saturday, September 18, 6:00 P.M., at the Marriott University Park Hotel, 880 E. Second Street.

Including the dinner, a diverse program has been planned by organizers, including appearances by:

Kerry Lobel, executive director of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force.

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EDITORIAL

Your Vote Does Count In Election '99

On Tuesday, September 7, Tucsonans will go to the polls to decide who will be their party's nominee for mayor and councilmember for Ward 4.

There is one contested primary for each post, but in the case for Ward 4 Council seat, the winner of the Democratic primary will be elected, since there is no opposition in the general election.

Two individuals are vying for the Ward 4 Democratic nomination, Debra Johnson and the incumbent, Shirley Scott, who is seeking a second term.

A questionnaire was sent to the two council candidates asking their views on issues of concern to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) community of Tucson. Councilmember Shirley Scott was the only candidate in the Ward 4 contest to return the questionnaire.

The following are the responses given by Ward 4 Councilmember, Shirley Scott.

Do you support the recent expansion of the City of Tucson's Human Rights Ordinance which makes it illegal to discriminate in employment, public accommodations or housing on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, familial status, ancestry, marital status, and/or religion?

"Yes I do. I lobbied in favor of expansion and was proud to support expanding the ordinance to encompass all of

the concerns of our whole community. Further, I pledge to work to ensure that the ordinance will be given the enforcement resources it needs to remain vital and relevant."

Do you support the recently created City of Tucson, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual business of making our community a better place. I must honestly say that I've never considered a person's sexual orientation in making an appointment. Openings on existing committees and commissions occur routinely. The City of Tucson also generates new working groups as need. If anyone out there would like to volunteer some time and an honest concern for seeing our community improve, I welcome that interest and would be pleased to consider their application to serve."

Why should Tucson's GLBT community support your candidacy?

"Because they honestly put the health and vitality of our whole community at the top of all priorities. My support for GLBT issues during my first term has been predicated on the premise that doing the right thing first, is always the best policy. As a small-business owner and employer myself, I tend to be fiscally conservative. If we waste money on what we don't need, can't use, and don't understand, we won't have the resources to address the needs of our residents for safer streets, parks, better police and fire protection, and the facilities and programs we really need to promote a healthy community for our children, our

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Arizona Lawmaker Speaks Out Against 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'

By Mark R. Kerr

WASHINGTON, DC (ON) — "It was not a choice I made at all. I did choose to serve my constituents in the legislature. I did choose to serve my country in uniform. And I also made a choice to live my life with integrity, and that's what's caused this conflict," state Representative Steve May, R-Phoenix, said on CNN's Larry King Live, as he continued to speak out against the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, and the pending Army investigation of him.

His appearance on the national cable network marked a serious of events for which May spoke out against "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

On Friday, August 27, May held a press conference in New York City with the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network

(SLDN), the only national legal aid and watchdog organization that assists men and women in the military facing investigation until the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

At the SLDN press conference, May said "I'm a soldier. I'm a legislator. I have chosen to live my life with integrity. Because of the legislature, I'm visible. Because of my integrity, I have created a conflict." The Phoenix Representative also appeared on ABC's Good Morning America the same day.

May was in New York City for the Log Cabin Republican convention. In an interview, he said that he was very surprised at the publicity over his case.

The uniqueness of the May's case, many activists commented, is what is drawing all the attention from the national press,

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UPDATE

Two Same-Sex Couples May Have Obtained Arizona Marriage Licenses

BISBEE (WS) — Two same-sex couples are under investigation by authorities after coming under suspicion for obtaining marriage licenses.

In both cases, which involved a female couple and a male couple, one member of the couple passed as a member of the opposite sex. The Cochise county clerk told reporters that in one instance, Aida Lopez and Brianna Thomas obtained a marriage license last month, with Lopez saying she was a male. In the other case, Tiffany and Richard Edgar were issued a license in March.

The state has a law forbidding recognition of same-sex unions. Brianna Thomas' father said that his son-in-law is "the best partner" his daughter has ever had. Richard Edgar commented that Tiffany is the process of gender reassignment and that they wouldn't have gotten marriage if he knew it was illegal to do so.

ACP Announces Y2K Pride Date At Meeting

PHOENIX — Emie Mendoza, President of Arizona Central Pride (ACP) announced that the City of Phoenix has okayed Friday and Saturday, April 14-15, 2000, for the Valley of the Sun's annual Gay Pride Parade Festival.

The announcement was made at ACP's annual meeting. Also on the agenda was the election of a new board for the organization. It was also announced that the 1999 Pride event made it the most profitable in the group's history. With the extra money, it will insure that ACP will be able to attract higher-caliber entertainers to the event as well as help the organization make improvements in many other event areas.

The first meeting of the new board will take place Sunday, September 19, noon at the Community Center, 24 West Camelback Road. For more information, call (602) 279-1771, E-mail: info@azpride.org or visit the Web site at: www.azpride.org.

TKO Update

CITY OF ROCK, NM — Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) met Hijos del Sol of Albuquerque for the 18th year of fun, fellowship, camping and Kamp. This is TKO's second oldest run.

It was a beautiful weekend, except for a couple of instances. It has been said that "Fairies Don't Fly," but when a four-foot Diamondback Rattle visited the camp site, you could find a fairy on top of every rock. In addition, the flies were in great abundance. Everyone had a drink in one hand and a fly swatter in the other.

Angel has written a song called "No rain, no rainbow," which was inspired by the rain every year at City of Rock. The tune was adopted as TKO's new theme song. From the reports back, there was no rain this year, just heat and fun!

TKO's next event will be in November on Thanksgiving weekend. TKO will be hosting the Arizona Fellowship here in Tucson. Run applications will be out soon. If you're interested in participating, watch for details or ask a TKO member.

New Gay-Friendly Gym Opens In Tucson

TUCSON — General Manager Robb Gonzales and Personal Trainer John Sorrentino have just opened the Olympic Gym located at 2823 N. Stone Avenue (at Glenn).

The gym will be open 24 hours Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekends.

There is no contract required and the rates is only \$30 per month.

Robb says "We won't force you to work out - just come to our gym for the fun of it." All of the equipment is brand new and is first class. This large facility will hold a lot of people, so check it out. For more information, call 623-1433.

Desert Voices Now Holding Auditions

TUCSON — Desert Voices is holding auditions for new singers now through September 13.

Singers of all ranges are welcome to audition, especially tenors and basses. Auditions take about 5 minutes and are a simple voice check to see where each singer's range and strengths are. You don't even have to know how to read music. There's a space on the stage (for the upcoming season) and in the recording studio (for the groups' second CD) reserved for you.

In its eleventh year, Desert Voices is the premier chorus dedicated to musical excellence, advancing the choral arts, and to promoting a positive, ongoing Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered presence in Tucson. Membership is open to all people, regardless of sexual orientation.

Call (520) 791-9662 for more information or to reserve your spot.

DP Effective Hiring Incentive

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) — A survey of 279 human resources professionals in 19 industries found that domestic partner benefits are a highly effective incentive in recruiting new hires — the top-ranked incentive for executives and the third-ranked for managers and line workers.

Domestic partner benefits were more effective than telecommuting options, hiring bonuses, stock options, and 401(k) plans, among others.

Those surveyed were members of the Society for Human Resource Management; the results were published in "Human Resources Management, Issues and Trends" from the Commerce Clearing House.

Desert Coyotes Fall Bowling Season Starts September 8

TUCSON (ON) — The Desert Coyotes, Tucson's Wednesday Gay and Lesbian bowling league will begin their Fall season of bowling, Wednesday, September 8, at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 West Miracle Mile.

A league meeting will be held at 8:00 P.M., to go over league rules, put together team roster and take care of other bowling business. Bowling will start at 9:00 P.M., and will start at that time for the rest of the season. Seventeen teams participated in the league last season and league officials are anticipating 20 to 24 teams.

Teams will consist of three individuals, bowling three games each. Skill is not important, having fun and meeting people is. For more information, please call (520) 628-7834.

CDC Voices Alarm Over Gay Youth

ATLANTA, GA (WS) — Researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that the Gay community continues to bear a disproportionate share of new HIV infections nationally and that Gay men under the age of 22 are among the most at risk.

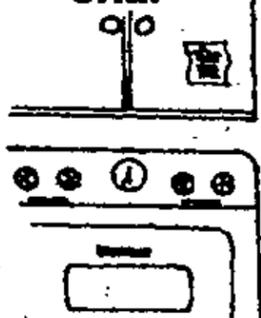
Data compiled by CDC researchers in a six-city study found that 8 percent of Gay and bisexual men coming to STD clinics were testing positive for the virus compared to less than half a percent for heterosexual patients. The CDC states that these statistics imply that men who have sex with men are 17 times more likely to contract HIV than the heterosexual majority.

CDC researcher Linda Valleroy presented research indicating alarming levels of HIV among young Gay men. A seven-city survey of 15- to 22-year-olds, called the Young Gay Men's Survey, found that young men who have sex with men are showing current infection rates (HIV prevalence) of 7 percent, with 3 percent becoming newly infected each year (HIV incidence).

Racial breakdowns show that young African-American men are being hit hardest with prevalence rates twice as high compared to young Gay men as a whole. Young African-American men in the study show infection rates of 14 percent, with a 4 percent incidence. The CDC study also reported data on risk behavior among young Gay men, indicating that 41 percent of them had engaged in unprotected anal intercourse in the last year.

"These findings underscore the critical need to reach Gay men with early and sustained prevention efforts," said Valleroy. "We cannot accept this level of infection in each generation of young men."

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Witness Describes Scene Of Soldier's Beating



Pfc. Barry Winchell

FORT CAMPBELL, KY (LCJ) — As Pfc. Barry Winchell's mother and stepfather sat in a military courtroom, a sergeant described how their son was so badly beaten that he gurgled on his own blood, struggling to breathe while unconscious.

"He had raccoon eyes, and both eyes were black," Staff Sgt. Bradley Hardin testified at a hearing for Spc. Justin Fisher, accused of acting as an accomplice in the beating death of the Gay soldier earlier this summer.

Winchell's mother, Patricia Kutteles of Kansas City, Missouri, sat quietly, at times taking notes on a pad of paper. Her husband, Wally Kutteles, hugged her and rubbed her arm as they listened to eight witnesses who took the stand in the Article 32 hearing, the military equivalent of a grand jury and preliminary hearing. The hearing continues this morning at Fort Campbell. Winchell's mother and stepfather declined to comment after leaving the courtroom.

Hardin said he was on duty the morning of July 5 and rushed to the scene outside Winchell's barracks to find the 21-year-old near death after being struck several times with a wooden baseball bat. He testified blood coated the cot where Winchell was sleeping, as well as his comforter and the walls. Winchell was taken to a hospital in Nashville, Tennessee, where he died the next day.

Pfc. Calvin Glover is accused of premeditated murder and, at his Article 32 earlier this month, the Army acknowledged that the killing was motivated, in part,

because Winchell was Gay. Investigators also say Glover killed Winchell as revenge because Winchell beat Glover in a fight two days earlier.

The case outraged homosexuals and Gay-rights organizations across the nation and, in part, led the military to announce revisions to its "don't ask, don't tell" policy on Gays in the military.

Fisher, Winchell's roommate, is accused of encouraging Glover to strike Winchell. The Lincoln, Nebraska, native is also charged with making false statements to Army investigators and obstructing the investigation.

No testimony so far has surfaced about the role Fisher may have played in the killing. The circumstances could surface today or when military prosecutors summarize their case for an investigating officer, who will recommend if the case should proceed to a court martial. The commanding general at Fort Campbell will eventually decide if Glover and Fisher face a court martial. No decision has been made in either case.

Testimony revealed Glover attempted to blame Fisher, saying Fisher hatched the plan to kill Winchell, then dump his body into a river. Sgt. Carlos Rodriguez testified Glover described such a plot after he had been arrested. The comments surfaced as Rodriguez was guarding Glover at a jail cell at Fort Campbell, the sergeant testified. Glover also made similar comments to another soldier who was guarding him, according to the hearing.

The most graphic testimony of the day came from the last witness, Staff Sgt. Hardin, who said he realized something was wrong when he heard Fisher yelling, "Oh, God, help me, I think he's dying."

Hardin said he rushed to Winchell's barracks and saw Fisher covered in blood, holding Winchell under his arms and trying to drag him down a flight of stairs to get help. Hardin said Winchell was bleeding from his left ear. Hardin and another soldier tried to stop the bleeding by applying pressure and placing a field dressing on the wound.

Hardin testified Fisher was visibly upset and "freaking out." Other soldiers testified Fisher was running around the barracks, screaming for help and asking people to hope that Winchell would pull through.

AS I SEE IT..... BY CLARK

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with the lawmaker being a conservative Republican, a Mormon, out as Gay man, and a lieutenant and second-in-command of his Army reserve unit.

Also considered for the focus by the press, was the impetus for the Army investigation. May had delivered testimony in February before the House Government Reform committee over HB 2524. The bill, sponsored by state Representative Karen Johnson, R-Mesa, would have prohibited government entities in the state to extend benefits to the domestic partners of their employees. May spoke before the committee, only after Johnson had testified, making many homophobic remarks.

During the testimony, May was on inactive duty, a "civilian" as he said on Larry King Live. In April, May was called to active duty during the crisis in Kosovo.

May said on the show about his situation, saying: "the story is really absurd, and I think my case does show uniquely how absurd the policy is. Don't-ask/don't-tell simply doesn't work."

Also appearing on the program were retired tennis star Martina Navratilova, the Reverend Albert Mohler Jr., president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Democratic Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin, a member of the House Judiciary Committee, who is openly Lesbian, and anti-Gay Republican Congressman Bob Barr of Georgia.



Lieutenant Steve May

Later in the broadcast, Congressman Barr and Steve May got into a heated debate on the topic after a viewer called the show with a question.

CALLER: Hi. As an outsider, this discussion is odd and somewhat humorous. For me, I see the U.S.A. has fought in wars and protected human rights for years, and I'm sure that included gay men and women. My question is for Mr. May. Why are you a member of a party, the Republican Party, which generally does not generally support gay rights issues?

KING: Mr. Barr and you are in the same party.

MAY: Yes, and I'm sure Mr. Barr and I agree on many, many issues, primarily, of course, fiscal issues. But the Republican Party isn't the party of homophobia. It's not the party that opposes gay people in American society. Yes, there are some people like Representative Barr and some others who have really hijacked our party and gotten us away from our mainstream values that made our party great...

BARR: Oh, come on now Mr. May.

MAY: We're the party of Lincoln, the party of Roosevelt. We believe in limited government, not more government. So there's

BARR: I know you think you're a great legislator and a great military strategist, but the fact of the matter is...

KING: He didn't say that.

MAY: I never said that.

BARR: ... you know -- well, you complemented yourself extensively at the beginning. But be that as it may, the fact of the matter is this is not a matter of your great integrity. If you were so full of integrity, you would recognize that the federal law prohibits the practice of homosexuality in the military, and it prohibits homosexuals in the military. That is the law. It was passed in 1994...

MAY: Well...

BARR: ... So if you were so full of this...

MAY: Congressman...

BARR: ... almighty integrity that you keep talking about, you would the resign out of the military if you want to protect your integrity. Otherwise you're violating the law.

MAY: Congressman, my nation called me when we were at war in Kosovo.

BARR: You've told us that 15 times already.

MAY: And I reported for duty as ordered. This issue really is about honesty and integrity, Larry, and this is the problem in America today. There aren't many politicians who have honesty and integrity. But I was trained. I was taught these values as an Eagle Scout...

BARR: Only you do, of course.

MAY: ... I was taught these values as an Eagle Scout -- I hope you would too -- as a member of my church, by my parents. These are values that I hold very dear: honesty, integrity, duty, honor, country. And I will not surrender those values.

According to local activist Ron Bogard, who also sits on the City of Tucson Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Commission, May "did an outstanding job articulating the bankruptcy of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' and the need to repeal it."

One of the founders of Tucson's Community Business Association, Greg Hollman, said May's appearance on Larry King Live showed the problems with the policy. "One can't serve with honor by not telling the truth, Hollman added.

Miguel Guzman of the Tucson Chapter of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Veterans of America, said the show "brought up the arguments that were used against African-Americans and women serving and were refuted."

Neil Giuliano, the openly Gay Republican mayor of Tempe, said May's appearance "puts a face on the issue of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' and points out the absurdity of it."

Ron Passarelli of the Arizona Human Rights Fund, the state's Gay and Lesbian rights group, said remarks made by Mohler and Barr, "clouded the issue with pomposity."



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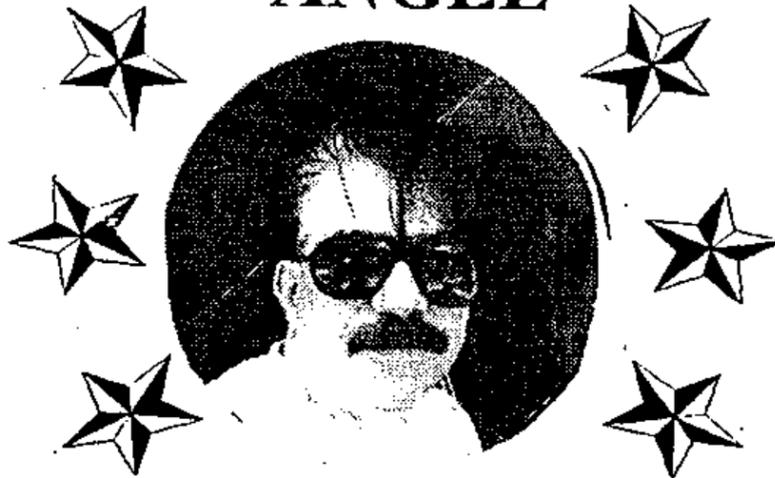
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SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION

By Anne Maley

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We are looking forward to a busy fall. AIDS Walk preparations are going great. We have already exceeded our goal for corporate underwriting, which means that once again all expenses of putting on the Walk are paid by the corporate sponsors. Walker packets are available, so call (520) 791-WALK (9255) to register for AIDS Walk '99, October 24.

This year again, our volunteers are doing a fabulous job of organizing Festival for Life. We have secured many great donated items for auction already. Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 21, for this beautiful event.

To get involved in the preparations for either of these events, call (520) 628-7223.

During the recent fiscal year, SAAF served over 800 clients, an increased from previous years. And more clients are attending support groups than before. We

continue to evaluate our services as HIV/AIDS affects more and more of our community.

One recent trend that saddens us is the increase in deaths over the last year. Local physicians have witnessed as many deaths of people with AIDS in the first seven months of this year as they had for all of 1998. They project that deaths will be up 30% from last year.

While there are certainly many factors involved in this trend, we know that the current medical treatments are not a cure. We must remain vocal in our advocacy for funding for both medical research and for services for people living with HIV/AIDS. We miss those we have recently lost. And we continue our hope for a healthy future for those infected.

To assist individuals in coping with the transitions of major life changes, whether it is an HIV diagnosis, a death of a loved one, or any other difficult transition, SAAF begins a new support group. Open to anyone, this facilitated group will focus on healing and growth through life changes. The group, called The Road Ahead, begins Wednesday, September 8, and runs from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M.

If you have any questions about the services or support we offer, please call us at (520) 628-7223. We are here for you.

2nd Annual Wingspan Benefit Dinner Sept. 18

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Bob Smith, comedian and recent author of the book, "Openly Bob."

Elvira Kurt, who appeared in the movie, "We're Funny That Way."

In addition, the second annual Godat Award will be presented to Jean Baker, a Wingspan board member and founder of its youth group programs.

As of mid-August, about 250 tickets had been sold for the event. Dinner organizer, Nick Ray said that the room, in which the dinner is being held, has a capacity of about 450. "If you want to attend, you better hurry up." He added that the number of tickets sold already matches the total number sold for last year's event.

But it's still possible to get tickets, individually or in groups.

Organizers in particular are looking for individual or corporate table hosts who will buy a block of 10 tickets, which could then be sold or given to other mem-

bers of the local Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) family. According to organizers, three tables have been donated so Wingspan volunteers and youth group members can attend at no cost.

The three price options, according to Ray, are:

Eagle Supporter, \$1,000: This includes 10 tickets to the three-course dinner and cash-bar reception at the Marriott. It also includes a catered reception with guests and honorees at the Arizona Historical Society Museum.

Road Runner Supporter, \$600: This includes 10 tickets to the three-course dinner and cash-bar reception at the Marriott.

Philanthropic Supporter, \$600: This is for contributors who wish to donate a table for GLBT youth or Wingspan volunteers.

Individual tickets for open seating will be sold for \$60 or \$100.

In addition to the dinner, Kerry Lobel will appear at a free open house at Wingspan, 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on the day of the event. The appearance is being planned to make sure all Wingspan volunteers and supporters have a chance to meet Lobel, if they are unable to attending the evening festivities.

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Texas Gov. Dubya Bush, the front-runner (with several trillion dollars to boot) for the Y2K GOP presidential nod, didn't "fess up" and come clean on whether he did drugs in his youth. So he didn't inhale like the Prez?!

According to the vast multitude of GOP presidential losers, er wannabees, who stated that Dubya answered enough and the press should move on. For which they did, to ...

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), who admitted recently that they used tear gas during the Waco siege in 1993, which was thoroughly investigated, (resulting in tax payer dollars going down the drain), by the Newtie-controlled Congress.

Conspiracy groupies said this new revelation goes all the way to Hillary's office. She masterminded this? Now, joined by reporters from the Fascist News Channel (FNC), and the right-wing parrots on the Cable News Network (CNN), a call went out for congressional action, and their hero, who believes in truth, virtue, and the "American Way" has come through!

Superman? No, Super-Adulterer, U.S. Rep. Dan Burton, R-Indiana, has launched another investigation against Attorney General Janet Reno and the Clinton Administration. "Cocaine, what cocaine?"

Let's hear it for the breeder press!

Interrupting the pending congressional investigation was the developing story of Arizona state Representative, Steve May, R-Phoenix, and the ongoing (ludicrous investigation) by the Army over

violations of the "don't ask, don't tell, don't really follow" policy concerning homosexuals serving in the military.

Some breeder papers, including the New York Times, the Washington Post and the Boston Globe did their homework. To the point that Vice President Al Gore, sensing an opportunity to pick up some extra "princess points," criticized President Bill over "his administrations" handling of the situation. Gore said he'd be more compassionate! Yes, emotions running from A to B here!

On the other hand, some national media outlets blew it. An example, Ted Turner's media empire, CNN.

On the CNN Web site, hyping May's appearance on Larry King Live, he was referred to as a "state congressman Steve May." Huh?

During the actual broadcast, King, seven wives and excessive makeup in tow, said the Army investigation was started over remarks made on the floor of the Arizona House over a bill and May came out during these remarks. This was also misreported by the KOLD TV-13 news in Tucson - Home of Chopper 13 that "passes wind," but digressing.

That's not the case. In February, during the recent session of the Arizona Legislature, May testified against a bill, HB 2524, which was before the House Government Reform Committee. The measure,

sponsored by state Representative Karen Johnson, R-Mesa, would have forbid the extension of medical benefits, to the domestic partners of government employees in Arizona. May was incensed (as any sane thinking person would be) over Johnson's hate-filled, homophobic rhetoric. Does death at 42, eating feces and "Gay Bowel Disease" ring a bell?!

When he gave his testimony, May wasn't on active duty in the Army Reserves, for which he was a Lieutenant. In April, during the Kosovo crisis and after the remarks were made, he was called to active duty and "got his uniform out and was ready to serve his country."

So does the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution apply? It should, but only time will tell. Not for the breeder press, who will move on to cover Monica Lewinsky selling her purses over the Internet from her new apartment in New York. Hooray!

All this hilarity doesn't end in the "Beltway." Here in McCainland, the bungling, breeder press set shining examples as well.

Take former Arizona Governor, J. Fife Whitewash III, R-Getting Away With It ... to prison, but jumping ahead ... to the eventual outcome.

Recently, the television news bimbos, limbos and the daily fishwraps covered with glee, Fiferama's "internship"

at a posh restaurant. Denny's?

Not quite, but those unfortunate enough watching the boob-tube at the time could have seen:

J. Fife Wonderbread chopping onions happily! The Fifer jokes around the chef who will be his mentor! A man, who should be "slinging hash" in a prison, talk lovingly about learning to make sauces and soups, resulting in ... an entire state hurling!

All this shows that, despite the circumstances and location, thanks to the breeder press, money still talks and justice still walks! ...

In a recent column that deal with contributions for state Representative Steve May. It was "omitted" that there is a limit, under Arizona Proposition 200, on how much a person can contribute to a campaign. The limit is \$256 for an individual. If inclined, make checks and money orders to "Steve May for 2000," Mail contributions to: Steve May for 2000, 2303 N. 44th Street #14, PMB 393, Phoenix, AZ 85008.

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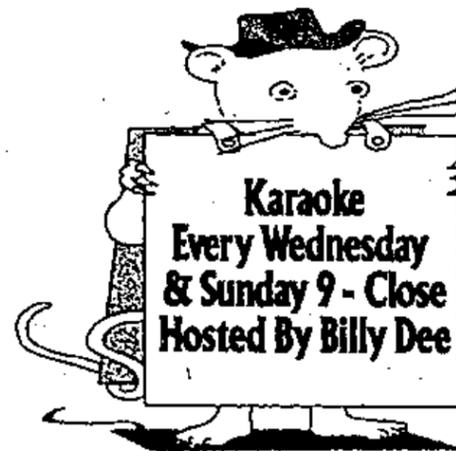
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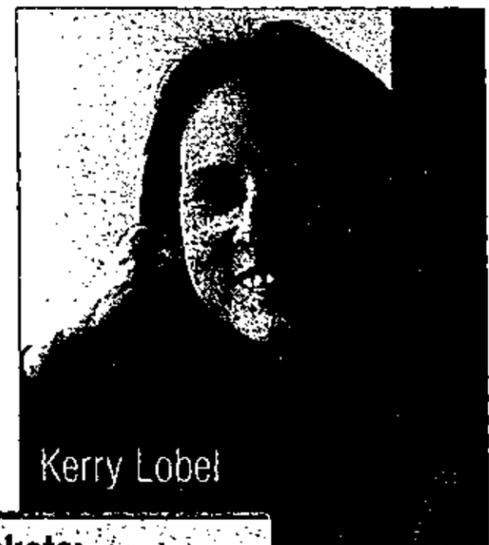
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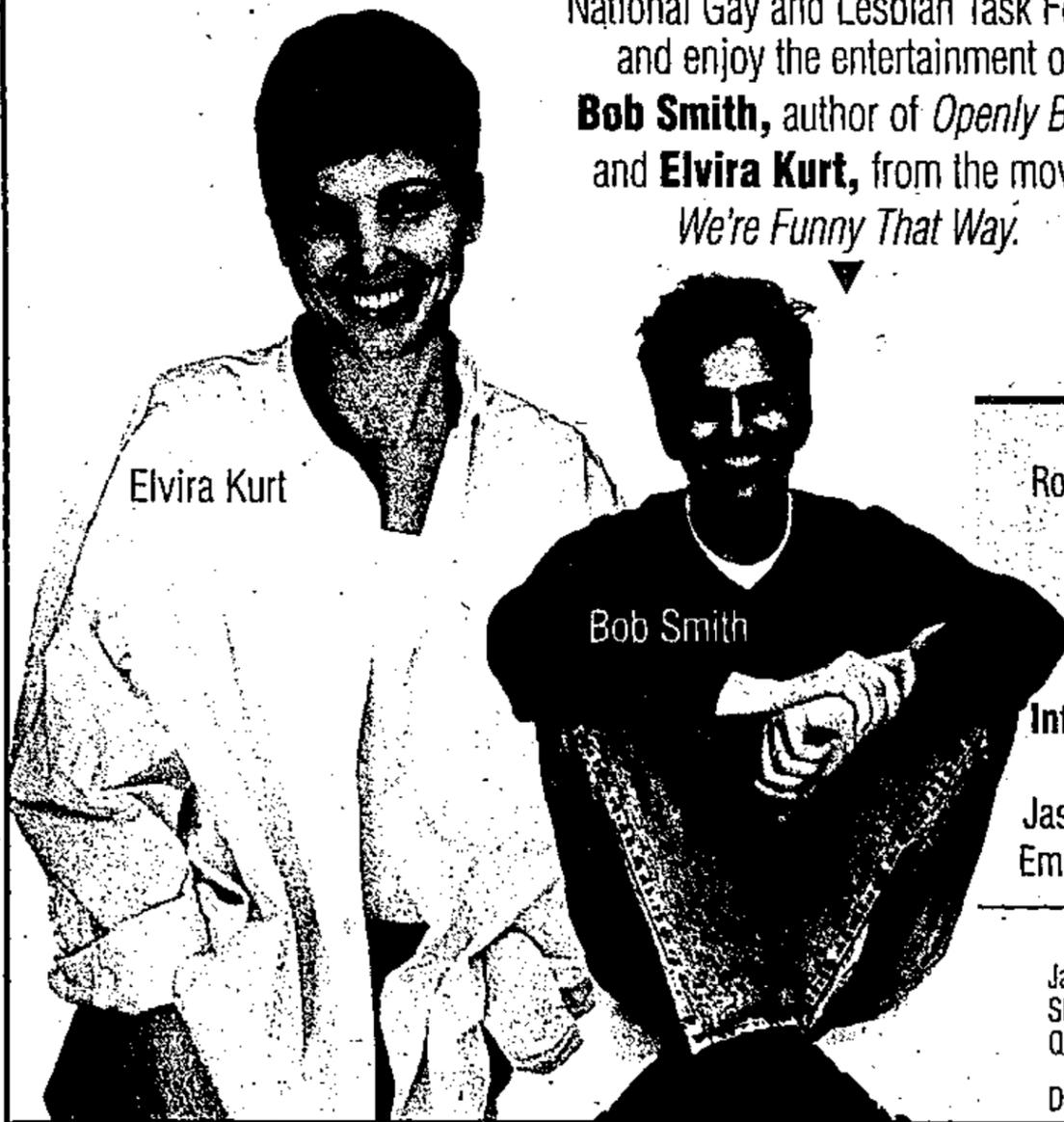
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As the dust settles from a rather raucous August, let's turn our attention to September this week which is chock a block with planetary festivities. Mars moves into Sagittarius and infuses our lives with new zesty energy as Venus helps us see some old material in a new light. Turn your pumpkin into a carriage, Cinderella, and have a ball.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23
Friends stir up all sorts of happy mischief this September thanks to the combination of sassy Venus and feisty Mars. Plan some jolly get togethers with a few compadres and toss in a couple of surprises to keep things interesting. See if one or two of your old cast-offs are worth another look. Gay Libras may find a gem among the trash. Or maybe you're into trash?

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20
Those who didn't quite seem to measure up to your high standards in August are beginning to look pretty damn good in September. Get new glasses? No, it's Venus refocusing your attentions. Gay Rams are apt to take things to the next hot step with a nifty little holiday getaway. Mars helps you pack your bags. Ah but will they respect you in the morning? Ah but do you care?

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22
The quest for mo' money and the power and prestige it can buy is an enticing undercurrent for strategic Gay Scorps this September. Now with Venus placing new emphasis on career goals and Mars turning your greedy attention to the bottom line, try to find balance between what you really want and what you really need. The real question is, "Can you tell the difference?"

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21
Choppy waters at home reach a peaceful lull. Venus provides happy times, pleasant thoughts and a desire to reach a familial accord. Set things queer with relatives, Gay Bull, and use Venus and Mars to solidify home base by committing to a certain zesty someone. But for those Bulls still on the hoof, use this month to roam the prairies. Pack a branding iron, and the hot sauce.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22
Give a full range to your most expansive and global ideas this September as Venus highlights anything having to do with travel and far reaching enterprises and Mars jump starts your personal oomph. The sky is the limit and success is almost assured for any new and promising idea or pet project. Grab for the gold ring, proud Archer. If you're lucky, it will be a nipple ring...

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21
Gay Twins are more eloquent than usual thanks to Venus which turns past gaffs into bon mots. Put this planetary advantage to good use in any one to one relationship that has reached an impasse. Mars fully plow into issues that others may wish to discuss now. Now, not only can you discuss things rationally but can also make necessary changes. Is change good?

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20
Any simply sexual relationship has the potential to reach a deep psychic level of understanding this September thanks to the machinations of Venus and Mars. Venus suggests you give one more look to an old affair while Mars revs up your pride and gives an amplifier to your inner, intuitive voice. Affirmation is in the cards, Gay Cap; you just need to know where it's buried.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23
Hard work brings monetary rewards for all serious pink Crabs this September. Worries about finances pass as Venus sheds a little golden light on your bank account and Mars recharges your commitment to the job. A little elbow grease applied in the right areas could produce swell results, cousin, so don't waste time. You may even get a raise, or is it a rise?

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19
Aqueerians are in their element this September as compadres and partners bring you great delight and heavy duty fun. Venus suggests that you overlook nit picky problems in your relationship and enjoy it for its fullness and love. Mars, in the meantime, pours a little gasoline on your friendly flame. Don't singe yourself in the merriment; Save something for a rainy day, kid.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23
Gay Lions can put their best paw forward in September as Venus heightens their already considerable charisma and charm. Too much is never enough, compadre, so make the most of this delightful energy by sharing it with those less fortunate at every party in town. It is one thing however to be an alley cat rather than a royal beast. Carry yourself like the proud feline you are.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
Your job prospects and general professional outlook look especially good this September. Mars enters Sagittarius and catapults career aspirations while Venus encourages you to take another look at current responsibilities to make the most of them. In other words, friend, pink Fish can make their own dreams come true. Quite a change of pace, eh?

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23
September is an excellent time to attend to spiritual matters and extend your Out reach to the community. Queer Virgins are blessed with a keen intuitive sense and infused with the desire to "do good" now. Do it with passion! Use the Mars oomph to create changes at home to make it more affirming and in tune with your needs. If that means a total re-haul, so be it.

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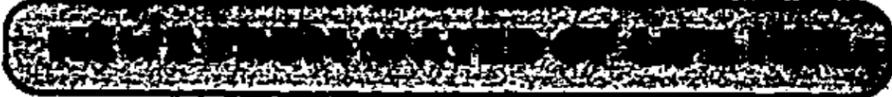
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New September Programs At MCC

TUCSON — The Reverend Joyce Cook, Pastor at Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), has announced new ministry and church programs beginning this September, including a study on the book of Acts, a prayer ministry, membership class and Marsha Stevens returning in Concert.

The highlight for September will be Marsha Steven in Concert, Saturday, September 25 at 7:00 P.M. Marsha will also be singing at both Sunday morning services on September 26. Marsha Stevens is a well-known hymn writer, soloist and evangelist, popular in Tucson at her annual concert at Water of Life MCC. Marsha is the famed composer of For Those Tears I Died (Come to the Water), a standard of Christian hymnals since 1972. Since coming out as a Lesbian and experiencing the rejection and scorn of a homophobic society, she has focused her talents on evangelizing the Lesbian and Gay community through her gospel music. The Gay Music Guide has rated her last two releases as among the top 20 albums of 1995 and 1995. Considered shocking by some and comforting by others, among the deeply personal songs she performs are The Body of Christ has AIDS, and Love is the Only Law.

In other September activities, Pastor Cook will offer a Membership Inquirers class on Friday, September 3 at 7:00 P.M., and will continue on Fridays September 10, September 24 and October 1, at 7:00 P.M. This four-part class will include

the history of the UFMCC, and brief review of homosexuality and the Scriptures, the structure and organization of Water of Life MCC, and the basics of the Christian faith. This class offers an excellent process of learning more about Water of Life MCC, and all at no obligation. Those who complete this class are eligible to be received as members of Water of Life MCC, if they so choose.

Beginning Thursday September 9, Pastor Cook will lead a study on the New Testament book of Acts, and will continue on Thursday evenings for eight weeks, meeting at 7:30 P.M. The book of Acts relates the incredible growth of the earliest Christian Church, and as such, the study will focus on the scriptural factors that are the foundation for a growing church. The church begins a weekly prayer ministry on Monday September 27, at 7:00 P.M., focusing on praying for the church and leadership and the greater community, and will specifically remember any prayer requests in their prayer time together.

Water of Life MCC is located at 3269 N. Mountain Ave., just north of Fort Lowell Road, meets for worship each Sunday at 9:15 A.M. and at 11:15 A.M. Everyone is invited to come and participate in the exciting ministry programs of the church, or experience the spiritual blessings of worship with the congregation. For further information, please contact the local church office at (520) 292-9151 or e-mail WOLMCC@aol.com.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Our church has been undergoing a rather extensive study of the Old Testament book of Joshua. We've just completed a three month Bible Study of it and our pastor is currently preaching a series of sermons on the same book.

Through the many studies and sermons that we have participated in thus far, one theme seems more prevalent than any other. It is this: If you do things God's way you will be blessed. If you do things your way there will always be consequences. Now that's a very important truth to learning about God and how to find peace in our lives. Doing things God's ways can be difficult and at times down right agonizing. But that's just because God's ways are so different than the World's ways. You see the World says, "Do it the easy way. Look out for number 1. Skip a few steps . . . everybody does." The World's ways and ultimately our ways are so often based on what is easiest or what we

deem as being best for us. But as we have learned in studying the life of Joshua, the great servant of God, human ideas always fall short of what God would have us do.

One example from our studies came at a time when the Israelites, being lead by Joshua, had experienced several great victories over their enemies. The Lord had told them to fight the other peoples of the land and take over the land. When the Israelites inquired of the Lord and did what he commanded them to do, they were victorious. But in this instance, the Israelite leaders did not inquire of the Lord. They set out to fight the enemy only to be badly overtaken. The Israelites had to retreat hastily suffering great casualties. When they realized why they had not been victorious they then prayed to the Lord and waited until he told Joshua when and who to fight next.

Often we learn life's (or God's) lessons the hard way. Isn't it frustrating to see someone about to go down the same difficult path you have traveled and been beaten up on yourself? Yet, so often, even after relaying our own trials, others still don't listen nor learn from our mistakes. There is hope though. The Bible is filled with stories that teach us how to follow God, how to do his Will in our lives, and warnings of what could happen if we don't. If only we can put aside some of our own pride and self-sufficiency we too can learn and be spared some of life's heartaches. Lets learn from the Israelites who did not inquire of the Lord first. Lets remember the many times Joshua and his people were blessed because they did just what God wanted. Lets continue to study God's Word and put into our hearts the truths we should all live by. Then and only then will we be afforded peace, happiness, and contentment.



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seniors and our families. With four years experience in this job, I believe I have the skills to implement the improvements and reinvestment the Southeast side needs. I have always believed in providing the tools and resources people need to forge their own destiny. I would appreciate your vote on September 7th, if you're a Democrat or Independent. I look forward to serving our community for the next four years, no matter what your political orientation happens to be."

Four Democrats, one Republican and one Libertarian are vying to succeed George Miller (D), who decided not to run for another term as Tucson's Mayor. This field will be narrowed on September 7, as the four Democrats will battle it out to see who will be their party's standard-bearer. Bob Walkup, the Republican candidate and Ed Kahn, the Libertarian, do not have a contested primary within their respective and Transgender Citizen's Advisory Commission?

"Yes. I voted for it, and will work to ensure that this new commission has the support it needs to perform the work it needs to do, to carry out its mission."

Do you support the City of Tucson's Domestic Partnership Benefits Program, which allows non-married, same-sex city employees' life partners to receive health insurance, family and bereavement leave and pension benefits equal to those benefits received by other city employees' spouses?

"Yes. When I voted in support of this measure some while back, there were those who said I was wrong to do so. Being criticized for doing the thing comes with the job."

Would you support Tucson's continued lobbying effort in the Arizona Legislature to: A) repeal Arizona's archaic sodomy laws; B) enact a statewide employment non-discrimination act to prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation; C) amend Arizona's domestic violence laws to equally protect same-sex victims of domestic violence and D) repeal Arizona statute which prohibits discussion of homosexuality in public high school AIDS prevention classes?

"My answer is yes to all of the above. It is especially important that we not let morality become an impediment to giving our youth the critical information they need to keep themselves safe. I hope to live long enough to work hard enough to

see an end to the unnatural roadblocks some sectors of society seem determined to keep in the way of others."

Will you appoint GLBT people to the City of Tucson's Boards and Commission, in addition to the GLBT Commission?

"I have always made it a policy to appoint people to various boards, committees and commissions who are qualified and who can make a real contribution to the party and will go on to the general election."

The four Democrats vying for the mayoral nomination are: Ward 2 City Councilmember Janet Marcus, former Ward 6 Councilmember Molly McKasson, real estate developer Pat Darcy and, Betsy Bolding, the director of consumer affairs (on leave) for Tucson Electric Power.

For the question, "Why should Tucson's GLBT community support your candidacy?", the candidates gave the following answers:

JANET MARCUS

"I have always stood up for human rights and civil rights. For the past twelve years on the Tucson City Council my voting record has demonstrated my commitment to these rights. I voted yes on questions #1, 2,

3 and will continue to uphold human rights."

PAT DARCY

"I want to make Tucson a better place to live for everyone. We need to enact laws that protect everyone regardless of their sexual preference, race, color, age, disability, etc. What consenting adults do is only their business."

BETSY BOLDING

"As Mayor, Betsy will continue to work on creating a diverse group of decision makers. She is strong leader, soundly grounded in the principles of the Democratic Party."

MOLLY MCKASSON

"I believe deeply in equality and compassion for all people. All my life I've been committed to seeing that respect for basic human rights, respect for diversity, is increased, understood and honored. Sexual orientation is a most deep down part of who we are. Discrimination for any person because of this orientation cannot be tolerated anymore than discrimination based on skin color, ethnicity, religion, or creed. Respect and compassion for all is at the core of my mayoral vision, creating a community of opportunity and cohesiveness. A diverse community united by a vision of better jobs, better environmental preservation, better care for our neighborhoods and local businesses."

BOB WALKUP

"Tucson's GLBT community should join with Dennis Embry and support me because I'm fair, just, enlightened and I respect the rights of all our citizens. I recognize my personal responsibility to protect these rights for everyone, and like Mayor Miller, I will work to do so."

ED KAHN

"Because I am a Libertarian and believe in people's right to be left alone to do as they please so long as they don't interfere with other peoples rights to do likewise. But no government control or coercion."

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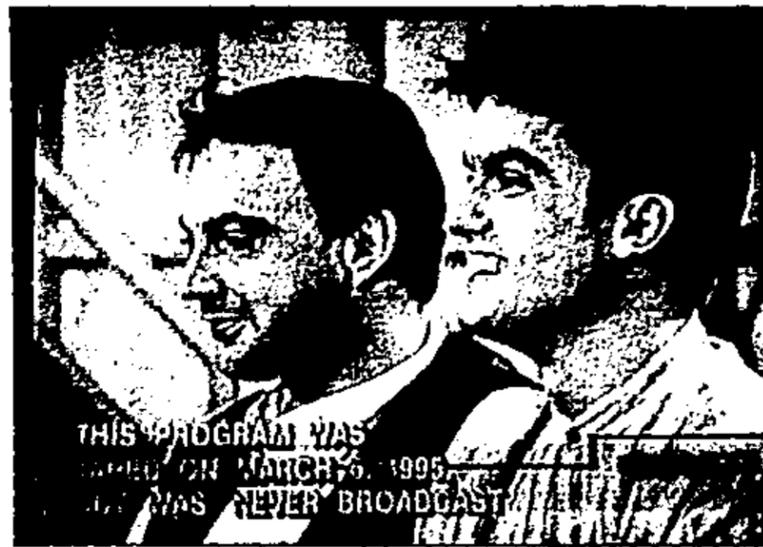
PONTIAC, MI (NP) — The 1995 murder of Gay Scott Amedure by Jonathan Schmitz was not the act of "a reasonable person," even after the so-called humiliation of Amedure revealing his "secret crush" on Schmitz at a taping of "The Jenny Jones Show," an Oakland County, Michigan Circuit Court jury found, when it rejected defense pleas for a manslaughter conviction to find Schmitz guilty of murder in the second degree.

That verdict, reached after three hours of deliberation, reaffirmed a 1996 jury's finding that was thrown out by a state appeals court because the judge had denied a last-gasp jury challenge by the defense. When Schmitz appears for sentencing on September 14, the prosecution will be requesting the same punishment prescribed for him in 1996: 25 - 50 years in prison. Schmitz was also found guilty of using a firearm to commit a felony, which carries an automatic sentence of two years.

After being released from duty, jurors told reporters that they didn't buy the "heat of passion" defense because of the three days that had elapsed between the talk show taping and the murder and because of the series of choices Schmitz made leading up to the shooting. During deliberations, the jury had asked to view once again the flashing light and note that Amedure had left at Schmitz' door as a joke, the sight of which decided Schmitz to kill, according to his confession to police after the murder. The light had apparently been intended as a reference to the headlight Schmitz had broken on his car, but the note — "John. If you want it 'off' you'll have to ask me. P.S. It takes a special tool. Guess Who." — has been described as "suggestive" because of the term "special tool."

Prosecutor Donna Pendergast gave a powerful closing argument. "The only reason that murder [as opposed to manslaughter] is an issue is that Scott Amedure was Gay and [Schmitz's] manhood, so to speak, was insulted on national TV. Well, you know what? Get over it," she said.

"This trial is not about whether homosexuality is proper or whether or not you agree with it. This trial is about murder. If the [person with the "secret crush" on Schmitz at the taping] had been an African-American woman and he had issues with that, would there be any question that this would be a murder?" Pendergast asked.



Scott Amedure, left, and Jonathan Schmitz during the taping at the Jenny Jones Show

Pendergast charged, "This was cold-blooded murder, nothing less. It was premeditated, planned and executed." She emphasized that, "It was not in the heat of passion. It was thought out. Every single thing was planned out. This man [Schmitz] was on a mission." She referred to Schmitz as a "vigilante gunman" who made "conscious, cold-blooded choices."

As for the defense contention that Amedure had harassed Schmitz to the breaking point, Pendergast said, "You say, 'No.' You say, 'Leave me alone.' That never happened." "Don't let the victim get lost," she said. "You may not like Scott Amedure; you may not like his lifestyle. But this trial is about murder. Scott Amedure has been murdered twice — once by this defendant and once in this courtroom. Blame Scott for his own murder? That's abhorrent! Scott was murdered, and his grave is being stomped on."

Pendergast asked, "Is it too much to ask a jury to convict for killing a Gay man?" Then she reached for the murder weapon, pumping the shotgun twice as if to rack the two shells fired at close range into Amedure's chest, with clicks that echoed through the courtroom, and said, "Remember, those were the last sounds that Scott Amedure heard as he was staring death in the face."

Schmitz chose not to testify in his own defense, so defense counsel Jerome Sabbota made the unusual choice at one point in his closing argument to speak in

the first person as if he himself were Schmitz. "I killed Scott Amedure because I was pushed. I was pushed to the point that I lost all reason. I was pushed to the point that I acted out of impulse and I acted out of passion," he said.

Sabbota described Schmitz discovering the light and note at his apartment and, "The next thing I know, I'm picking up a gun I didn't own [actually, Schmitz purchased the gun that morning] and driving to Scott's house. I ask Scott about the note and he just smirks at me. The next thing I know I'm going to a gas station and calling 911."

Speaking in his own voice, Sabbota referred to Schmitz as "a kid whose dreams were shattered" when his high hopes for finding true love at the talk show taping were dashed. Referring to Amedure, Sabbota said, "He created a situation where I think any reasonable person would have snapped because he wouldn't let up." He said, "It was like an onion, and [Amedure and the men's mutual friend Donna Riley] kept peeling away the layers. They took a 24-year-old kid and they began to [figuratively] remove his clothing. . . . In the end, [Schmitz] knew there was nothing left of the onion peel, there was nothing left to live for." He said, "It happened because [Schmitz] was pushed too far. He snapped. He couldn't control himself any longer."

The steps that Sabbota portrayed as wearing down Schmitz to the breaking point were essentially: Riley having the two

men over for dinner; Amedure and Riley arranging "The Jenny Jones Show" taping; Amedure and Riley lying to Schmitz when he asked them if they were involved in arranging the taping; the taping itself; Amedure having Riley tell Schmitz that the tape was scheduled to air during sweeps week; Amedure leaving the light and note at Schmitz' door; Amedure "smirking" [according to Schmitz' confession — no one else was party to that last conversation] when Schmitz asked about the note.

The steps Schmitz took on the morning of March 9, 1995, were withdrawing cash from an automatic teller machine; buying a shotgun and ammunition at two separate stores; assembling and loading the gun; driving to Amedure's trailer; leaving the gun in the car while entering the trailer to converse briefly with Amedure; returning to the car to get the gun and returning to the trailer with it; shooting Amedure in the chest at close range; recocking the shotgun and shooting Amedure again as he lay bleeding on the floor. The defense had underscored that Schmitz did not also shoot Amedure's roommate Gary Brady, who witnessed the shooting, but the prosecution had presented evidence that in fact the shotgun had jammed after the second shot was fired into Amedure. Sabbota promised to file an appeal based on the judge's exclusion of any discussion regarding Schmitz' fragile emotional state.

Jeffrey Montgomery, executive director of Michigan's Triangle Foundation, monitored both the Schmitz criminal trials. While thankful that the current jurors had applied the harshest charge available to them, he believes that the 1996 jury should have convicted Schmitz of murder in the first degree.

In a statement, Montgomery said that, "This [current] jury clearly understood that premeditation was at the core of the case, and that Jon methodically planned and carried out the most vicious murder of Scott Amedure. The execution of Scott Amedure has always been about planning and elimination of a Gay man whose only offense was being attracted to another man. In this case, another man who couldn't abide the thought that such an attraction might lead others to think he was Gay himself. Gay lives are still regarded as less

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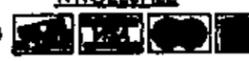
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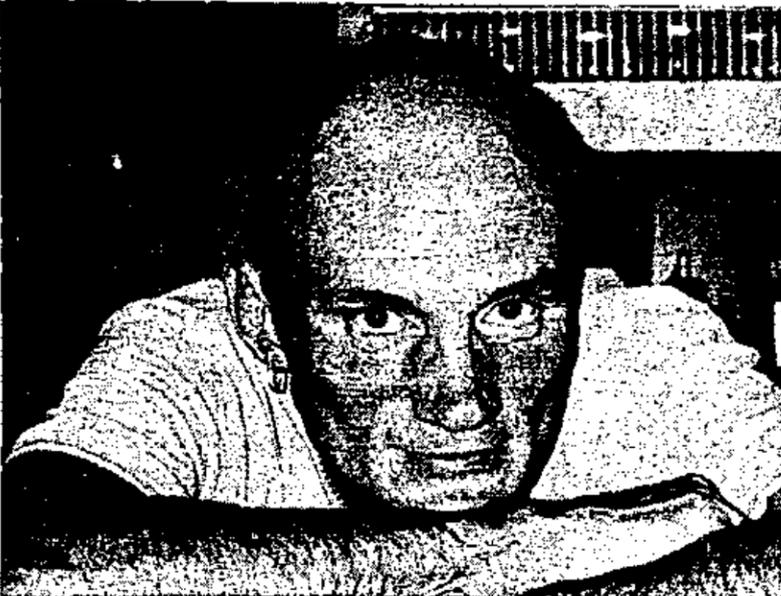
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GO IN GOOD HEALTH...
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This week, I want to begin by making a comment on one of my earlier articles. I was talking about the obsession with physical perfection that is all too prevalent in the Gay world, and I received a response that wondered if I hadn't written the article out of jealousy of bodybuilders. Not at all. If you want to go to a gym, and get into a fitness regimen that includes weightlifting, aerobics, and so forth, go for it. More power to you! It is commendable that many men, both Gay and straight, are taking care of themselves, and getting into a fitness program.

Since many of us now work in offices and in indoor jobs where physical exertion just isn't a part of the daily routine, the need for such activities is apparent. Some men enjoy the burn of a good workout in a gym. I would rather do a good day of landscaping, getting my hands dirty, and feel that I have accomplished something. But the gym is a good place to burn calories, and to make yourself a little more fit. But where the problem lies isn't in the

fitness, it's the drive to become perfect. That is what I was talking about. If you look at other guys and sneer at them because they aren't involved in a gym program or don't look all buffed and toned, that can be a problem.

Have you noticed that American society really places a lot of emphasis on looking good? Somehow, if someone is a little fat, or older, or just plain, then they are looked down on. Slick marketing ads and popular culture promotes the idea that if you are young, buff, and well muscled, then you are better than everyone else somehow. What this fails to acknowledge is that everyone has intrinsic value as a human being, no matter their weight, height, or level of fitness.

In the Gay world, we have created a culture all our own. And it is really up to us if we want to go along with the trendy attitudes of the moment or think for ourselves. So if you have gained twenty pounds, don't beat yourself up over it. Weight shouldn't have the heavy stigma attached to it that it does. That is just narrow-minded thinking. If you decide to diet, and lose a little weight, that's just fine. But don't think less of yourself if you aren't the perfect weight according to some chart!

What it all boils down to is a drive for self-improvement. And that can have many manifestations. You might decide to take up an aerobics class, or go back to school, or develop a new skill. Some people decide to go to a career school and change the direction of their life, and pick up a new job skill for a career change. Or go to college and pick up a degree. Just because you're in your thirties or forties doesn't mean you can't get up one morning and decide to take a new direction in life. If you have a dream you've always wanted to pursue, go for it. It doesn't really matter what other people think about it. What matters is what you want to do.

So if changing your job, or getting in shape, or taking a new class, or even picking up and moving to a new home (or even a new city!) is what you need to do to feel good about your life, then go for it. Change can be a positive thing. If you decide it's time to change things in your life, and go off in a new direction, and do something you have never tried before, what's to stop you? In the end, it's all about making choices, and deciding what's right for you. So if you have a goal, keep pursuing it. It may take a lot of work, such as going to college and getting a degree. But if you find it personally rewarding, then by all means, go for it. What have you got to lose? It's something to think about. Goddess bless. Till next time, Go in Good Health.

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The boys-in-lust flick *Trick* may be waning a bit at the box office, but it's still lively enough in New York and L.A. theaters to rank 40th on *Variety's* "box office wrap" sheet, right above *The Mummy*. The comedy, which stars Christian Campbell, J.P. Pitoc, and Tori Spelling, has amassed \$1,281,762 after 38 days in release. Meanwhile, the Lesbians-in-lust comedy *Better Than Chocolate* may be getting a boost from a controversy surrounding the film's advertising campaign. *Chocolate's* distributor, Trimark Pictures, has taken The San Diego Union-Tribune to task for refusing to run the word Lesbian in ads for the film, and the fracas has been noted in various media outlets. The film, which expanded its release from 19 to 50 screens last week, had a not-so-bad per-screen average of nearly \$4,000. The Gay-man-in-lust-with-everyone drama *Head On* also continues to do well in its New York run, taking in over \$10,000 last weekend at the city's Quad Cinema...

Several Gay-themed shows have bright prospects in this coming season's ratings race. The trade magazine says the Fox showbiz satire *Action*, which boasts two Gay characters, is one of the most "buzzed-about" programs; NBC's *Will & Grace* is "returning as a true stand-alone success this year"; and ABC's sitcom *Oh Grow Up*, which includes a high-profile Gay character, has a "sunny forecast" from industry watchers. GLAAD has dished UPN; the watchdog organization has taken the network to task because it "unfortunately features no Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender characters this fall..."

Jancane Garofalo will play Sandra Bernhard's lover in an upcoming episode of *The Sopranos*. The pair filmed a scene for the HBO hit in SoHo. The plotline has them playing two actresses making a movie in which they both brandish pistols and end up in a bloody motorcycle crash. Despite the gore, the scene had both of them laughing...

The work of filmmaker Russ Meyer, whose campy, hypersexual '60s skin flicks like *Faster, Pussycat! Kill! Kill!* often included Lesbian overtones, is the subject of a retrospective set to run at the American Cinematheque in Los Angeles in mid-September. Included in the mix will be *Pussycat* and other voluptuous films like *Beyond the Valley of the Dolls* and *Cherry, Harry & Raquel*...

Frozen Stars, a new coming-of-age film by first-time director David-Matthew Barnes, will have its West Coast premiere at the Directors Guild of America in West Hollywood this week. Among the four story lines about young Latino and Latina Americans is the tale of Manny (Eddie Rivera), who is coming to terms with his homosexuality and with his attraction to a young sculptor, played by Star Maps actor Caesar Garcia. Barnes, who's Gay, says he hopes the film can be "a positive voice for young people." The movie as yet has no distributor...

Legendary pansexual '80s band the B-52s will be returning to its roots in Athens, Georgia, on October 7 for a performance at the Athens Music Factory, proceeds of which will benefit the AIDS Coalition of Northeast Georgia—an organization the band helped launch with a hefty 1987 donation. The B-52s, including openly Gay member Fred Schneider, will also attend an October 8 benefit party, *Party Out of Bounds*, at Athens's Boneshakers Dance Club, and will have lunch on October 9 with five winners of a weekend raffle; party and raffle proceeds also go to the coalition.

Whereas Courtney Love and others are getting creamed for historical inaccuracies in the now-postponed feature film *Beat*, documentarian Chuck Workman has been putting together *The Source*, a masterful true look at the Beat movements. Famous for his rapid-fire Hollywood homages at the Oscars, Workman has worked his magic with film and TV clips of the Beat period. The doc also features previously unseen interviews with Gay beatniks Allen Ginsberg and William Burroughs as well as footage of Jack Kerouac both in his sexy prime and during his long alcoholic decline. The film premieres this month at New York City's Film Forum...

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A prepared monologue is suggested but not required for the audition. Anyone wishing to audition or volunteer to work behind the scenes that cannot attend on the above days can call the theater, (520) 620-6099 and arrange for an individual appointment.

Schmitz Convicted

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precious than others. We still see juries that find sympathy for killers and bashers of Gay people. Those sympathies, found in the first trial's jury, are what have saved Jon Schmitz from spending the rest of his life in prison. The fact is, we live in a society that lives by the imperative of compulsory heterosexuality. Scott Amedure transgressed that rule and it cost him his life. The first jury affirmed heterosexism when they failed to bring in a first-degree conviction."

Montgomery added, "Being suspected of being Gay is one of the worst disgraces our culture affixes to anyone. [Schmitz] took matters into his own hands to prove he could kill a man, but not be attracted to him."



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NOW PLAYING

The City Players have extended the run of "The Knack... and how to get it" thru September 5. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. Sundays 3:00 p.m. matinee and Mondays at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$11 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. City Players Theatre is located at 37 West 33rd Street. For more information 620-6099.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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 "2001: A Space Odyssey", starring Keir Dullea. Seating is limited to 9 people. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Gays and Lesbians United will meet at 6:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. The meeting will be hosted including a light supper by the Men's Social Network. All Gay, Lesbian and AIDS groups are welcome. For more information or to RSVP please call David at 323-7943.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Donn as he hosts his first night of his Cher Film Festival. Tonight: "Come Back to the 5 and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean". There will also be a special feature with this showing. For reservations and directions, please call Donn at 325-4257.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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!). We're having a barbecue tonight, and we're providing the meat. You're invited to come and share your favorite picnic 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 September have.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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, SEPTEMBER 7

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 Perry at 321-4387.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Latino Men's Health Project present Miss Gay Hispanidad - Tucson 1999 Pageant at the Clarion Hotel - Randolph Park, 102 N. Alvernon. 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Dinner Buffet, 8:00 p.m. Pageant. For more information call 628-7223 and ask for Rafael ext 255 or Ernie ext 240. Limited seating. \$10.00 donation. Saludes Poder is a project of the AIDS reversion collaboration, Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, Pima County Health Department and Wingspan Community Center, funded by CDC.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. It's a Multiplex Movie Night as we offer two movie choices. Both features begin playing at 7:00 p.m. In Room One, "Sleepers", starring Brad Pitt, Jason Patric, Robert DeNiro and Dustin Hoffman. Room Two will have "Aliens" starring Sigourney Weaver (this movie has 17 minutes of previously cut footage). Seating is limited to 7 for the "Aliens" showing. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Les 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 Les at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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, SEPTEMBER 14

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jim an Ed for an information trip planning session for 2 trips in 2000: one to Bali and the other to Russia. For reservations and directions, please call Ed or Jim at 577-1602.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Donn as he hosts his 2nd night of his Cher Film Festival. Tonight: "Moonstruck", with Cher's Oscar winning performance. There will also be a special feature with this showing. For reservations and directions, please call Donn at 325-4257.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Mr. and Miss Gay Teen Pageant 1999 at Tucson Convention Center in the Leo Rich Theatre, 260 S. Church St. Tickets \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. The pageant is a fundraiser to send youth to the

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

IBTS - The Girlie Show featuring Lucinda Holliday, Phaedra, Naomi Knight and Miss Kristin.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - A benefit for TIHAN starring Tori Steele (Miss Carousel '98), Faith Michaels, Alotta Whoremans, Misti Malone, Shaundrina. 9:00 p.m.

SAT-SUN-MON, SEPTEMBER 4-5-6

VENTURE-N - It's a three day celebration here with activities day and night all three days. Too many to mention here so please check out their full page ad in this issue and come out to party with the leather and levi men.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

HOURS - Adrienne's cookin' again. Indian Fry Bread the way you like it!!! 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Come on down and celebrate!

IBTS - Benefit Bar-b-que/Beer Bust to benefit MPS Society 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Don't forget Karaoke with BillyD from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Then at 9:00 p.m. sharp, a fundraiser for the Purple Team starring the Purple team -Gilda Fatale and Aja Simone with friends. It's to benefit OUToberFEST.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - 'Deswert La Cage' starring Crystal Abrams. 10:00 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 (Labor Day)

IBTS - Labor Day "Monday Morning Madness". 11:00 a.m.! Show with Lucinda Holliday, Aja Simone, Phaedra and Naomie Knight. Decadence at its best! Then from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. it's the traditional Community Picnic followed by retro 80s from 9:00 p.m. to close with Spyder.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - New Hours. Stonewall/Eagle will at open noon seven days a week!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

IBTS - The Girlie Show featuring Lucinda Holliday, Bunny FuFu and Tori Steele.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

IBTS - Tucson Weekly's 'Personal Call On The Road' 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Noche Latina w/DJ Eduardo 9:00 p.m. to close. Fuerza Latina 2000 Travesti Show 10:00 p.m.

FRI - SAT - SUN - SEPTEMBER 10-11-12

IBTS - 'Shag-A-Delic 7th Anniversary Party weekend. Don't miss it!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Miss Carousel Pageant. Watch for Details.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

IBTS - Bud Team Party - Underwear Night. More later!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

IBTS - Rudy de la More I back and you don't want to miss him this time. Mark your calendars.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

STARS - "Cabaret Night". A fundraiser for the '99 Lesbian and Gay Film Festival. Raffle and entertainment hosted by Lucinda Holliday and Stars.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

STONEWALL/EAGLE - 3rd Annual "Turnabout For TIHAN". Sponsor an employee TODAY! Buy a raffle ticket and bring in your spare pennies for the T.I.H.A.N. Penny Pig.

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force: Creating Change '99 conference to develop their leadership and activism skills. For more information call Mike P. at 628-7223, ext. 227. The pageant is produced by Queer voice, a program of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, Pima County Health Department and Wingspan.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Party held at Jerry & Les' 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 or Les at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, September 16 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, SEPTEMBER 18

2nd Annual Wingspan Benefit Dinner. 6:00 p.m. at the Marriott University Park Hotel. Keynote Speaker, Kerry Label, Executive Director NGLTF. Also entertaining are Bob Smith, author of "Openly Bob" and Elvira Kurt, from the movie "We're Funny That Way". Tickets are \$60-\$100. Dress: Black Tie Optional. For more information and Tickets call Steve Hill 647-3436 or Jason Cianciotto at 624-1779

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 Farmer John Night (Midwestern fare). For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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.

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 4pm. 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.

STARS - Open 3pm. The Magnificent Mimi on the Piano. STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Pool Tournament & Sirion Burger Bust 2-6pm. Karaoke 8pm-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 Well 8-midnight.

HOURS - Closed Mondays.

IBTS - Open 10am. Martini Monday all day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. 9pm closing, \$1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Karaoke Billy Dee 7:00-9:30pm. Retro 80's dance 9:30pm to closing with DJ Spyder. All drink specials not available during special events.

STARS - Open at 3:00pm. Open piano tonight. 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 6pm

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 Starskoe & 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/34 large pitchers. Karaoke Night 9pm.

IBTS - Open 10am. 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-Nergy Dance 9pm to closing.

STARS - Open at 3pm. Open piano tonight. 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 & Wesem 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 10am 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. All drink specials not available during special events.

STARS - Open at 3pm. Piano by the very versatile Rosemary. 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, 2fort Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Melissa 9pm to close. W/creamy cowgirls & \$2.50 Tequila Rose.

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 10am 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. All drink specials not available during special events.

STARS - Open 3pm. Piano by the very versatile Rosemary. 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. 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 6pm

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 10am. 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. All drink specials not available during special events.

STARS - Open 3pm. Piano by the magnificent Mimi. 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 10am to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

STARS - Open 3pm. Piano by the incomparable Danielle. 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 5pm. Dart Tournament 9pm

NOTICES

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. ELUCIO. Office Hours Open 9 am to 5 pm, 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. 629-SAAF (7223). 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 325-3535 or e-mail mrandmrsuz@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 575-8980 or write P.O. Box 38284, Tucson, AZ 85740-8284. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about AJ-Anon 801-1794 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 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 681-1784 - 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 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitates. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPIRIT - 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 Fathills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. Call the church at 886-1208 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

HIKE & BIKE DYKES. Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7239 for info.

LESBIAN SOCIAL DISCUSSION GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 pm. Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Come Chat!

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX. For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5855. Leave message.

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

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - 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-Q, 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 818, 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)327-1820 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-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Rom 948-2584.

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

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 824-6768.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Gertrude (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-8488 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 3, Okawa, CANADA, X1P6C4.

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips in the Hill Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 325-7843 for more information.

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NOTICES

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 525-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30pm at Army Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9862.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3881 N. Campbell Ave. #363, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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

MENT'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 620-9583 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 Bertie 318-3415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-8647.

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 628-7223.

"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 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 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.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Holtman 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. 684-7063.

THAN, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV+ supportive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-8647.

THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson. Call 797-3116 for more information and a membership bls.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contactia 325-6876 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 701-7876.

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

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 884-9820, Ext.448 or Emmet 322-6057 (evetter@ix.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 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCJ. 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).

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