

Holly Hughes Does Tucson



TUCSON - Pictured above are Kate Randall (l) co-owner of Antigone Books with Holly Hughes, performance artist who made a special (nearly un-announced) appearance at the bookstore to entertain a small but appreciative crowd.

Hughes, a performance artist, comedienne, author, activist, Lesbian, and more, was in Tucson for an appearance at Centennial Hall on the UofA Campus in "Voices from the Margins" a singular Festival of four Uncommon Artists each of whom appeared on their appointed night. Holly was to appear on Saturday, but she was in Tucson to do a lot more than that appearance.

On Thursday, March 23rd, she participated in "When You Wish Upon A Star" at the Congress Hotel in a fund raiser for the Committee for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Studies at the University of Arizona and the Women's Studies Department at UofA. She appeared at this fund raiser with Lesbian comedienne Marga Gomez.

On Saturday, she made a surprise visit at Antigone Books on 4th Avenue. She gave the attendees there a bit of her show that was to be performed later that day at Centennial. She also participated in a spirited question and answer session afterwards. Then it was off to Centennial for her sold out show at 9:30 p.m. Saturday.

The Chicago Tribune was correct when it described Holly as, "one of the most insightful, funny and entertaining story tellers around".

Mississippi Adoption Ban Back, Clears House

JACKSON, MS (NP) - A bill to block Gay and Lesbian couples from adopting children in Mississippi appeared dead a week ago, but it's back with a vengeance.

The move to ban adoptions by Gay and Lesbian couples in Mississippi was cleverly revived as an amendment to Senate Bill 3074 late March 21 and passed by the full House of Representatives by an overwhelming 107 - 8 on March 22, thanks to aggressive lobbying by Donald Wildmon's Tupelo-based American Family Association. The bill now moves to the Senate,

which had previously passed it without the adoption ban. Just last week it appeared the ban had been blocked when House Judiciary A Committee chair Percy Watson (D-Hattiesburg) held back from the floor Representative Bobby Howell's (R-Kilmichael) original House Bill 49, effectively killing it for the session because of a legislative deadline. The American Civil Liberties Union and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force have renewed their "phone home for families" campaign, asking those with connections in Mississippi to lobby

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Tucson Mayor and Council Vote To Join Lawsuit Against Boy Scouts

TUCSON (ON) - During their weekly meeting, Monday, March 27, the Tucson Mayor and Council unanimously approved a resolution for the city to sign onto the amicus brief in Dale v. Boy Scouts of America, now before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund (LLDEF) had requested the City of Tucson sign onto the brief, for Dale v. Boy Scouts of America. Their brief would show how such cities, as Tucson, Arizona, New York, Atlanta, Georgia, Chicago, Illinois, San Francisco and Los Angeles California, ability to combat discrimination would be impacted by Dale v. Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

James Dale had been a member of the Boy Scouts in New Jersey, rising to the rank of Eagle Scout and was an assistant scoutmaster in the town of Matawan. Ten years ago, Dale was kicked out of the Boy Scouts when scout leaders found out Dale was Gay. He took the Boy Scouts to court to make sure "justice would prevail."

The New Jersey Supreme Court, in August 1999, unanimously ruled that the BSA was bound by state civil rights law and may not discriminate against Gay youth and Gay adult members. They rejected the BSA's asserted First Amendment defense to the state civil rights law finding that the "core expressive purpose" for

which members join Scouting do not include anti Gay prejudice. According to the decision, the BSA was open to the public and therefore is a public accommodation subject to New Jersey's non discrimination law. After the ruling, the Boy Scouts appealed the case to the U.S. Supreme Court, which agreed to hear arguments.

Current legal standards make it difficult for an organization to use the First Amendment (speech and freedom of association) as a shield against state and local nondiscrimination laws. Tucson played a major role in shaping these standards.

In 1991, the City of Tucson went to court, against the Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE), to protect the non discrimination ordinance against clubs that discriminated against women. The Arizona Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the City of Tucson, stating that the FOE constituted "a place of public accommodation" within the meaning of the city's nondiscrimination ordinance. The Court also held that the application of the ordinance prohibiting sex discrimination did not violate the FOE members' right to freedom of association because the organization, with some 900 members, had a low degree of selectivity for membership.

LLDEF intends to use Fraternal

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Anti Gay Harassment in Military is Commonplace, According to New Study

WASHINGTON, DC - The Pentagon released a military survey on the climate under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue, Don't Harass" showing that anti-Gay harassment is commonplace in today's military.

Of the 71,500 service members surveyed, the Department of Defense Inspector General found that:

80% said they had heard derogatory remarks made about Gay men, Lesbians and Bisexuals during the past year;

37% said they had witnessed or experienced targeted incidents of harassment, 9% of whom reported witnessing threats and 5% of whom reported witnessing physical assaults; and

57% reported they had not received training on "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue, Don't Harass."

Senior Pentagon officials expressed surprise at the findings and conceded, for the first time, that they have "a ways to go" in combating anti-Gay harassment. Secretary Cohen ordered the Inspector General survey in the wake of the murder of

Private First Class Barry Winchell at Fort Campbell, Kentucky last July.

The Pentagon's survey corroborates findings by an independent watchdog group, Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN). Two weeks ago, SLDN published Conduct Unbecoming, its sixth annual report on "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue, Don't Harass." The SLDN report cites 968 incidents of anti-Gay harassment during the past year, including assaults and verbal Gay-bashing, up 142% from last year's report of 400 harassment incidents. Copies of the report are available online at www.sldn.org.

Michelle Benecke, co-director of SLDN and a former Army officer, stated, "For six years, SLDN has warned military leaders that anti-Gay harassment is a serious problem. After six years of denials, it's about time Secretary Cohen has finally acknowledged this problem. We urge Secretary Cohen to immediately hold his leaders responsible for stopping harassment and ensuring the safety of military members."

In response to the survey, Secretary Cohen ordered the formation of a

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Community Forum To Discuss Domestic Violence April 12

TUCSON - The Wingspan Domestic Violence Project will host a free community forum on domestic violence, Wednesday, April 12, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Main Library - lower level meeting room, 101 North Stone.

Recently, talk show host Oprah Winfrey aired an episode: "Emotional Abuse in Relationships." Rather than hold the perpetrators responsible for their abusive words and actions, Oprah and Dr. Phil continually focused their blame and their outrage at the victims (i.e. He abuses you because you let him.-Dr. Phil).

Join the Wingspan Domestic Violence Project, as they watch this episode of Oprah and have a facilitated discussion about the dangers of victim-blaming. This forum is an opportunity to further your understanding of domestic violence and the dangers of victim-blaming, to network with other domestic violence survivors, advocates, and agencies, and to create a plan to counter the harmful effects of victim-blaming in your life and the work you do.

Please come and share your ideas and strategies. If you have any questions or need special accommodations, please call (520) 624-0348 or email WDVP@juno.com.

If you suspect that you or someone you know is a domestic violence situation, help is available! Call (520) 624-0348. An advocate is on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You are encouraged to bring information from your organization to share with others.

SAAF Launches Youth Prevention Program

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation with Luz Social Services, Tucson Urban League, and Pima Prevention Partnership are pleased to announce the implementation of the Check Yourself Youth Team.

This HIV and substance abuse prevention program for 13-15 year old Hispanic and African-American youth began planning and development last October after receiving financial support from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The Check Yourself Youth Team program works intensively with youth to determine their future aspirations, then equips them with knowledge and skills to support their choices. Once youth complete the training, they are expected to take the information they've learned and share it with their peers through their circle of friends and family.

In addition to working with youth, the Project utilizes the expertise of a Consensus Panel, a group of community representatives who advise the Project planners. Parents, guardians or youth-respected adults are also asked to contribute time and attention to the Project. To learn more, call Velia Leybas, (520) 628-7223.

CD Release Party April 7

TUCSON - On Friday, April 7, the Annie Hawkins Band will officially release the "Sex Master" CD and kick off both a West Coast tour and an HIV/STD prevention ad campaign.

Sharing the stage with two Arizona bands, Annie and company will treat the Club Congress audience to selections from both "Sex Master" and their previous album, "Unbound," while raising funds for HIV/STD prevention education for South-eastern Arizona.

Nuclear 19, in their Tucson debut, will get the ball rolling at 9:30 p.m. Early birds will get their first chance to experience the fresh, exciting sound of this Phoenix group.

Come 10:30, local favorite Hector on Stilts will work the crowd with their Latin-influenced folk-rock groove...followed at 11:30 by the Sex Masters themselves, the Annie Hawkins Band!

"Sex Master" takes Annie's folk-rock style to a new level, with more than a hint of metal in the mix. Lyrics ranging from the sensitive to the viciously comic and the addition of fourth member, Chris Perro, keep this tour fresh for long-time fans, and exciting for newcomers!

This event is a fundraiser for the Glenn Sabel Memorial Project, a non-profit organization providing HIV/STD risk-reduction information to populations not served by existing publicly-funded programs.

Club Congress is located at 311 East Congress Street, on the ground floor of the Hotel Congress. Admission is five dollars at the door. Log on to www.anniehawkins.com for further information.

Bank Of America To Participate In Phoenix Gay Pride Festival

PHOENIX - Bank of America is seeking candidates for several job openings in metropolitan Phoenix at the Gay Pride Festival, April 15, at the Margaret T. Hance Deck Park.

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On The Boards

TUCSON - The stirring saga of the legendary warrior-kings of West Africa explodes into vivid life in a glorious spectacle of music, song and dance as Les Ballet d'Afrique Noire of Senegal present "The Mandika Epic" at UA Centennial Hall, Friday, April 14, 8:00 p.m.

The Washington Post hailed "The Mandika Epic" as a "grand and colorful show ... gorgeous and fast paced and immensely appealing." Ticket prices range from \$16-\$28. ...

Uapresents, The University of Arizona's performing arts series, is presenting the complete string quartets of Ludwig van Beethoven in the final program in the chamber ensembles season, featuring the Colorado String Quartet at UA Crowder Hall, Saturday, April 15, 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 14, 4:00 p.m. A limited number of tickets are still available for each concert at \$30. ...

One of the great masterpieces in American musical history, the Tony Award winning "Show Boat," will sail into the UA Centennial Hall for eight performances, April 18-23.

This production of Show Boat is an entirely new version, carefully assembled by Broadway impresario Harold Prince from the best moments of the musical's various stage and motion picture version during the past seven decades, including lost material recently discovered in the Hammerstein archives. Ticket prices range from \$28-\$40.

For tickets or more information, call the Centennial Hall box office, (520) 621-3341.

Bush Upset That Condoms Are Tax-Free Under Texas Law He Proposed

AUSTIN, TX - Gov. George W. Bush is disappointed that condoms are among the over-the-counter medical items that will be exempt from Texas sales taxes beginning next month, a spokeswoman said to the Associated Press.

The Republican presidential candidate, who has said abstinence should be promoted to teen-agers, proposed the tax break during his re-election campaign and didn't want it to cover condoms, said his spokeswoman, Linda Edwards.

But state Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said she had no choice but to list condoms as a product will be exempt from the 6.25 percent state sales tax and local sales tax beginning April 1.

The Legislature specified that the tax break should cover any product that has a National Drug Code number issued by the Food and Drug Administration and is used to diagnose, treat or prevent disease and suffering.

"Governor Bush never wanted condoms to be exempt," Edwards told the news agency. "A condom is not a drug or medicine, although it does fall under the FDA's National Drug Code."

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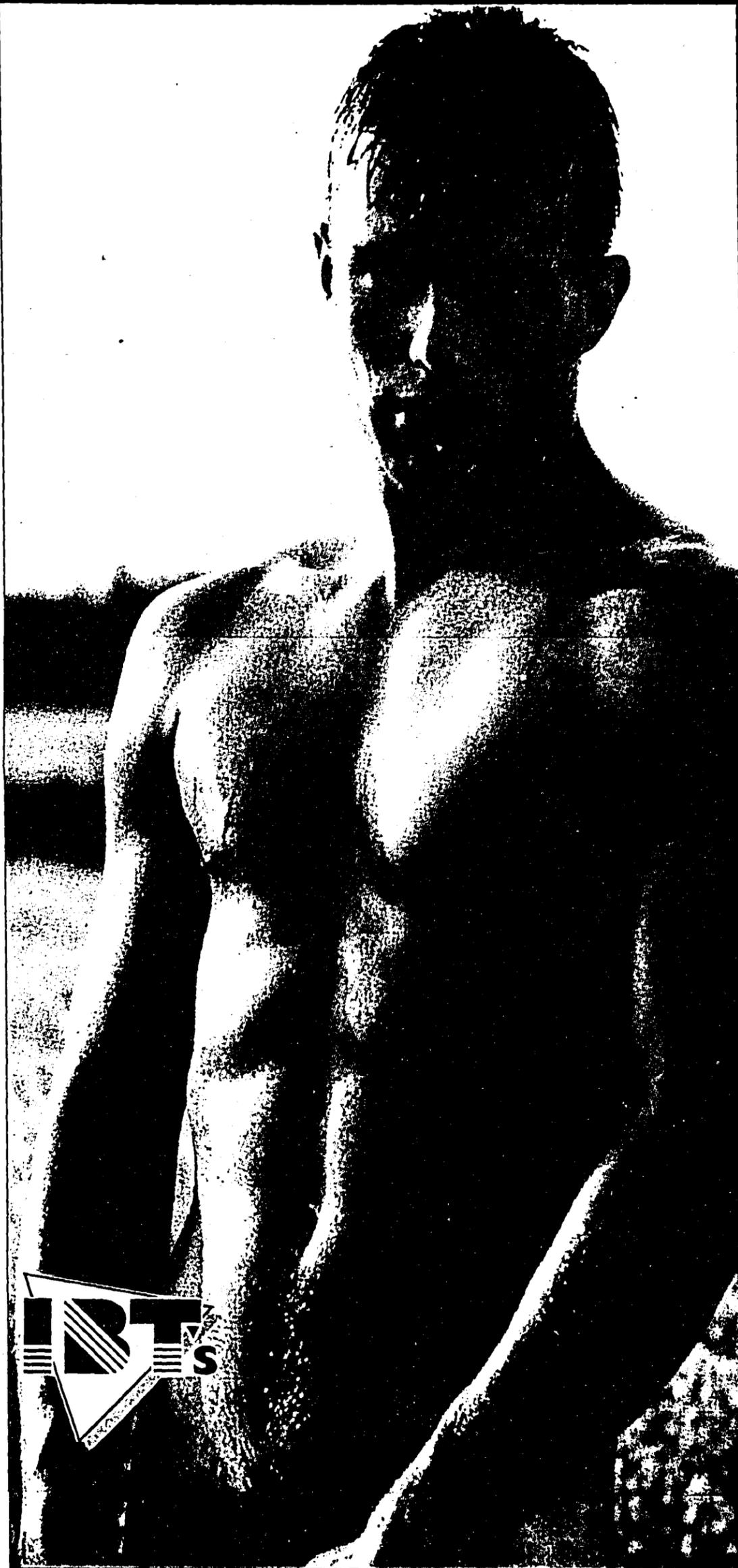
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against the bill.

SB 3074 as passed by the Senate was a measure to allow nurse practitioners as well as physicians to certify the health of children to be adopted. The House Public Health and Welfare Committee added a prohibition against "adoption by couples of the same gender" and passed the measure on to the full House. However, SB 3074 does not include one unique feature of HB 49 -- denial of legal recognition to adoptions another state may have granted to Gays and Lesbians. Like the now-familiar so-called Defense of Marriage bills, HB 49 had sought to restrict the definition of "family" to a husband and wife and their children, and those supporting it had argued it was necessary to avoid having court rulings infringe on what they consider to be the state's values. Lawmakers were apparently convinced to avoid an inevitable federal court challenge to this violation of the U.S. constitution's Full Faith and Credit clause, by which states agree to recognize each other's legal proceedings. Also like the Defense of Marriage bills, the current legislation has not been moved in response to any existing problem, and the Clarion Ledger said that lawmakers admit it's unlikely that any Mississippi Chancery judge would approve an adoption by a same-gender couple.

The American Family Association, Mississippi Family Council and Mississippi Baptist Convention literally jammed the House switchboard with complaints at the blocking of HB 49. House Speaker Tim Ford (D-Baldwyn) said he was pressured to violate House procedures to bring HB 49 to the floor, and emphasized that all proceedings have followed the rules of the chamber. Another lawmaker said he'd received more than 50 calls demanding the adoption ban and none opposing it.

The House vote will face an immediate challenge from Representative Jim Evans, who opposes the ban. He was absent when the vote was taken, and charges that another member cast a vote on his behalf in favor of the bill. He will seek to have the vote invalidated.

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force executive director Kerry Lobel said, "If the anti-adoption bill passes, it will result in Mississippi children who are desperately seeking placement with loving families, including same-sex couples, being denied permanent homes. People who truly care about children should let their voices be heard now."

In response to the House action, a coalition of faculty, staff and student leaders from Mississippi universities issued a statement in opposition to the ban. The coalition includes teachers of psychology and social work from the University of Mississippi and the University of Southern Mississippi. Their statement said, "The State Legislature's decision should be based on scientific research, and on what is in the best interests of Mississippi children. With those criteria, the only sensible action is to defeat this bill. Every respected national organization in the mental health and child welfare field has recognized that a parent's sexual orientation is irrelevant in determining child custody. Among the organizations that have taken this position are the Child Welfare League of America, the North American Council on Adoptable Children, the American Psychological Association, the American Psychiatric Association and the National Association of Social Workers. The presumption that a Gay or Lesbian person is unfit to be a parent has no basis in fact and is rebutted by the available scientific evidence. Research indicates that the sexual orientation of parents does not adversely affect their children or the quality of their parenting. Children raised by Lesbian or Gay parents are as healthy psychologically and socially as children raised by heterosexual parents. Gay men and Lesbians are as fit parents as heterosexuals. This bill is not in the best interests of our state or its children. We call on the State Legislature to defeat it."

Currently only Florida bans adoptions by Gays and Lesbians, although Utah Governor Mike Leavitt has just signed into law a prohibition against adoption by unmarried cohabiting couples.

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I Won't Stay Home Again By Ellen DeGeneres

I remember watching the '93 March on Washington on TV and crying because I couldn't be there. I watched thousands of people who were proud of who they were and I cried because I wasn't proud. I was struggling to be proud, but fearful of losing my career. Everything I worked so hard for could be taken away simply for being proud of who I am.

My decision to stop that shame — to stop rationalizing why I didn't need to come out — was the most important decision I've ever made. What I thought was such a tremendous risk has taken me on a spiritual journey I would've never experienced otherwise.

While sitting through the '93 March — closeted and alone — was an awful experience, nothing has devastated me more than the vicious and hateful murder of Matthew Shepard.

His death continues to have a profound impact on my life, and the lives of so many others. In the presence of so much hate and violence, it seems impossible to imagine staying on the sidelines. In spite of a horrific loss, Matthew's parents, Dennis and Judy Shepard, have become outspoken and powerful advocates for non-violence, tolerance and love.

If the Shepards can find the

strength to come out and speak out, we all must find it within ourselves to do the same.

I'll be there with my family because I don't want to lose any more. I don't want us to lose our jobs, just because of who we love. I don't want to lose any more Matthew Shepards to anti-Gay hate crimes. I don't want to lose any more of our youth to suicide.

I've learned that truth and love are all that matters. I have tremendous compassion for those who can't, for whatever reason, join us in our celebration. Being a part of this will be my biggest celebration of coming out. I'll get to celebrate with thousands and thousands of people who, for that one day, are surrounded by love and support and pride.

I won't stay home again. We live in a world that would rather not see us — that day in Washington we will be seen. We will stand up and be counted. I'll be at the Millennium March on April 30th to make a statement, and a difference. I hope you'll be there, too.

[Ellen DeGeneres is a stand-up comedian and actress. She recently starred in "If These Walls Could Talk 2" on HBO, and will star in her own variety television series coming this fall.]

THE BOOK REPORT



Recently published by Knopf Publishers, one of the landmark literary achievements of the 20th Century is the novel "LIEUTENANT-COLONEL DE MAUMORT" by Roger Martin du Gard, winner of the Nobel Prize.

TO THE LIST OF NOBEL PRIZE LAUREATES who have dealt with gay themes—Andre Gide, Thomas Mann, Patrick White—another name must be added: Roger Martin du Gard. Substantial sections of Martin du Gard's final work, *Lieutenant-Colonel de Maumort*—just published by Knopf in a superb English translation—delve deeply into the homosexual experience.

Having won the Nobel Prize in 1937 for his saga *The Thibaults*, Martin du Gard applied himself from 1940 until his death in 1958 to what would be his magnum opus: *Lieutenant-Colonel de Maumort*. To say that this novel takes the

form of an intimate autobiography of an intellectual, aristocratic military man—his education, sexual and otherwise; his adventures in Paris and Morocco; his reaction to both of the century's world wars—is to give only the barest outline of this monumental work.

Albert Camus wrote: "From his very first book, Roger Martin du Gard achieves the portrait in depth, whose secret seems to be lost nowadays." It is in the character of Xavier de Balcourt, a brilliant graduate student sent to tutor the pubescent Bertrand de Maumort and Bertrand's sexually precocious cousin Guy, that Martin du Gard presents an extraordinary study of a Gay man. We first see Balcourt struggling with his consuming passion for his provocative pupil Guy (Chapter V). We follow him to Paris, where he tries to make his mark as a writer (Chapter XII). Finally, in "The Drowning" (Chapter XIII)—which can be read as a novella in its own right—Martin du Gard gives us, in the story of Balcourt's pursuit of a small-town baker's apprentice, a searing tragedy of Gay love fatally at odds with a repressive society.

The novel's protagonist, Maumort, remains a passive, though fascinated, spectator to Balcourt's travails, but in another part of the book takes part in the games played in the sexual hothouse of his Catholic boarding school. In an unforgettable episode, he and a young classmate enter into an inarticulate yet intense relationship which consists almost entirely of reciprocal masturbation practiced clandestinely in public.

These scenes form part of a vast fresco that touches on many aspects of life, and in which Martin du Gard has revealed his most private thoughts—so much that he insisted that the book be published only after his death. As the Parisian daily *Le Figaro* described it: "The ultimate exercise in freedom by one of the greatest of French novelists."

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On Monday, March 27, the Tucson Mayor and Council unanimously approved a proposal for the city to sign onto an amicus brief in the pending case before the U.S. Supreme Court, Dale v. Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

The lawsuit is about James Dale, who was kicked out of the Scouts ten years ago because he is Gay. He had risen through the ranks, becoming an Eagle Scout and scoutmaster in New Jersey. The courts have sided with Dale, but the BSA appealed it to the Supreme Court, which will hear arguments on April 26.

Also taken into consideration will be Tucson's amicus brief, stating how the city sued the Fraternal Order of Eagles in 1991 over the same matter. The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund is making this precedent a cornerstone of their arguments.

With two speakers in favor, no opposition present and most important, no long winded remarks from elected officials, Tucson's Mayor and Council approved it in less than five minutes.

Bravo, Tucson! ...

This past week, the Arizona House of Representatives, thanks to the efforts of activists and legislators, passed a bill, SB 1173, extending the protection of the state's domestic violence laws to same sex couples.

By a vote of 47-8, the full House approved the bill after what witnesses said was a very ugly debate.

Current statutes give protection to crime victims if the incident is determined to be one of domestic violence. Under the law, the police can arrest someone on reasonable belief and without a warrant, if an incident of domestic violence had occurred but.

The victim had to be the spouse, former spouse or child of the person who



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committed/or is accused of committing the crime.

Under the floor amendment on SB 1173, the opposite sex requirement in the law was deleted.

SB 1173 will go back to the State Senate and face a likely conference committee. In addition, sources have that the leadership in both chambers is trying to end this current session of the Arizona Legislature by next week. So the question of its passage and approval from Governor Hull is up in the air. ...

Arizona Senator John McCain, former Republican presidential hopeful and media darling, returned to the nation's capital, E-mail D.C., and back to his humdrum duties in the Senate.

The Republican leadership in the Senate issued press statements fawning over McCain's return, saying they were so glad he was back and that they "like him, they really like him."

McCain, the day after his return, delivered an address on campaign reform on the Senate floor, in front of the C-Span cameras, a bigger audience than on the Senate floor. Senate Republicans, and for that matter, Senate Democrats, didn't show up for the speech. You had shots of empty desks and spittoons. ...

Speaking of empty, there's Dubya Bush. The Texas Governor expressed his disappointment that condoms are among the over-the-counter medical items that will be exempt from Texas sales taxes beginning April 1. Abstinence over rubbers is Dubya's view.

A small problem, he proposed the law that took condoms off the taxable list.

Dubya said earlier this month that he would "consider" meeting with the Gay and Lesbian Log Cabin Republicans (LCR), the outcome of that consideration is apparently a decision not to do so.

A spokesperson for the Texas governor's campaign for the White House said Bush "may meet with a group of Republicans who support him and happen to be Gay," possibly organized by Gay public-relations consultant Charles Francis.

Several statements by Bush and his staff have implied that his reluctance to sit down with LCR had to do with the perception that the organization was already tied to his former opponent for the Republican nomination, Arizona Senator John McCain. McCain did indeed meet with LCR to enthusiastic response, at which time the group said its invitation to Bush had also been accepted although a date had not been set.

To their surprise Bush said in a television interview that he would "probably not" meet with them. However at that time it was not because Bush felt that LCR was already firmly in McCain's camp, but rather, as he put it, "Well, because it creates a huge political scene, I mean, that this is all. I am someone who is a uniter, not a divider. I don't believe in group thought, pitting one group of people against another. And all that does is create kind of a huge political, you know, nightmare for people. I mean, it's as if an individual doesn't count, but the group that the individual belongs to is more important."

After dropping several hints to individual LCR members that his refusal wasn't set in stone, Bush said in an interview recently, "Yes, I would consider meeting with them," and his communications director Karen Hughes said the next day that he had never actually refused to meet with the group, only with two of its leaders he believed had endorsed McCain. She said, "He has a number of supporters who are Gay. He has a number of supporters who are Log Cabin Republicans."

After this though? ...

So it goes for now kids!

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A Gay Night For Oscar

LOS ANGELES, CA (NP) - It was a winning night for Gays as the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences distributed its 72nd "Oscar" awards.

The Gay Screenwriter - Alan Ball: American Beauty went in with eight nominations and topped the field with five wins in an important victory for DreamWorks SKG, but everyone agreed it all grew out of Alan Ball's Best Original Screenplay, the Gay veteran television writer/producer's first produced film script. The other trophies were for Best Picture, Best Director for first-time film director Sam Mendes, Best Actor for Kevin Spacey, and Best Cinematography for Conrad L. Hall. The hoopla of arrival on the red carpet left Ball feeling "extremely ill," as if he might get trampled, despite his having already won numerous awards for his script including the Golden Globe and the Writers Guild. In his acceptance speech, Ball acknowledged Mendes for getting it "just right" and the "amazing cast" for realizing nuances he hadn't seen himself. He told the BBC later of the film's impact on viewers and critics, "I think it surprises them. I think it takes them to unexpected places, and I think that's rare for! American movies." The dark satire on suburbia includes a poster-Gay couple-next-door and some ugly consequences of homophobia.

American Beauty was the first Best Picture winner for DreamWorks since its 1994 founding by Steven Spielberg, Jeffrey Katzenberg and Gay David Geffen, despite the box office success of movies like Saving Private Ryan. The studio campaigned hard for its victories, including placing twice as much advertising in trade publications and spending more than \$774,000. The film's producers Dan Jinks and Bruce Cohen are both openly Gay.

In accepting his Best Actor award, Spacey promised his mother he would always take her to his award shows "no matter what they say."

The Gay Filmmaker - Pedro Almodovar: Appropriately enough, it was Antonio Banderas, along with Penelope Cruz, who announced the nominees for Best Foreign Language Film and the Gay winner, Pedro Almodovar, for his sex- and gender-diverse *Todo Sobre Mi Madre* (All About My Mother). "Pedro!" Cruz shouted. Almodovar, previously a nominee for his 1988 *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown*, claimed his Oscar saying, "This is for Spain!" As Almodovar relished his moment in the spotlight, thanking all those who had prayed for him (and some of the saints to whom they prayed), ignoring the music cue to wind up, Banderas tugged him off the stage. Host Billy Crystal remarked that compared to Almodovar, last year's memorable winner Roberto Benigni was an English teacher.

The Gay Composer - John Corigliano: Best Original Score went to Gay classical composer John Corigliano for *The Red Violin*. The Canadian-co-produced film had previously won him the 1999 Genie Award. In his acceptance speech, Corigliano noted the difference between the solitary activity of composing his classical oeuvre and the teamwork involved in filmmaking.

The Actress Who Played Transgender - Hilary Swank: Previously little-known Hilary Swank was rocketed to fame by her work as real-life murdered Nebraska Transgender Brandon Teena in the low-budget independent *Boys Don't Cry*, and the trophies she's been amassing as a result (Golden Globe, Los Angeles Film Critics Circle, New York Film Critics

Circle, ShoWest Star of Tomorrow, Independent Spirit) were capped with the Best Actress Oscar against first-rate competition. She began her acceptance speech remarking, "We've come a long way," to a roar of self-appreciation from the industry audience. "I think this movie wouldn't have been made 3-1/2 years ago. We made it for under \$2-million and now this, it's quite remarkable." She continued, "I think this movie opens the door to letting people know what's going on in society and putting an end to intolerance in the future. It is a very big night in history because of this." She noted that, "Everyone put their heart and their soul into this movie." Swank saved her final appreciation for the person behind the film and said, "I want to thank Brandon Teena for being such an inspiration to us all. His legacy lives on in our movie to remind us to always be ourselves, to follow our hearts, to not conform. I pray for the day when we not only accept our differences but we actually celebrate our diversity."

Swank's olive/bronze Randolph Duke gown was accompanied by a 17th-century leaf-shaped diamond collar the Washington Post described as "like a rope of profit-taking looped around her neck" (or maybe it was a promo for the film she starts working on next week, *The Affair of the Necklace*).

During the parade of arrivals down the red carpet, *Boys Don't Cry* filmmaker Kimberly Peirce said she had searched the whole country to cast the part "and interviewed every butch Lesbian and Transsexual out there" until finding the answer in Swank. And when Swank was asked about playing a male, she responded, "I was just trying to be a human being." In preparation for her role, she cross-dressed in public for a month.

Backstage, Swank refreshingly preferred to talk about the movie than herself, saying, "This recognition makes me realize people responded to the story. To see this movie get this recognition is quite spectacular. ... When I took this movie on I didn't think of anything like [an Oscar] at all. You get the best of both worlds when you're involved in a movie like this: you get to grow as a human being and talk about the experience and how it changed you." She said, "I can't honestly stand here and say I know what it feels like to be a boy, but ... I know how it feels to be a human being with dreams and desires. I think this movie opens the door to letting people know what goes on in society and putting an end to intolerance."

The Men Who Came in Drag & Other Queer Moments: The waggish creators of *South Park*, Trey Parker and Matt Stone, saw no reason to leave the fashion statements to the women. Parker came in a replica of the Versace gown Jennifer Lopez wore to the Grammys (although he had rather less to flaunt in it than she), while Stone wore a copy of the pink Ralph Lauren gown Gwyneth Paltrow wore to last year's Oscars. Parker's song *Blame Canada*, co-written with Gay Marc Shaiman (whose outfit was described as "Puff Daddy-ish"), didn't win Best Original Song, but Robin Williams' performance of it -- temporarily gagged to avoid broadcasting one of the "Seven Words You Can't Say on Television" -- was a highlight of the show.

Cher appeared in an untypically simple black gown, which, nonetheless managed a star turn when the hem caught her heel as she approached the podium, prompting her to snort, "Damn this dress!" Freeing herself she said, "You've probably

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Welcome April! If April showers bring May flowers, let's get our soap and towel ready! While we wait for the down-pour and subsequent rainbow, the planets douse us with new energies. Venus and Mercury get a zetz from Aries as the Sun joins Mars, Jupiter and Saturn in Taurus. Tempted to dive in head first, kids? Please check the water level!

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23
Popular Gay Libras are given a boost by all the planets in sensual Taurus now. April brings you into contact with all sorts of interesting and delightful folks. Parties abound! Friendships, relationships and even sexual exploits are all highlighted and enjoyed to the fullest. Can you handle all this stimulating company, dear? Try not to get names and faces confused! Oops!

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Imagine yourself in a fabulous, sporty new car, racing around hair pin turns and scattering pedestrians as you go. Now imagine that you allow your foolish pal next to you to steer. Good idea? I think not! The best thing that proud Rams can do this April is to drive purposefully, eyes wide open and take full control of the vehicle. Don't even listen to the directions of others!

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

The corporate chickens come home to roost if you have allowed yourself to drift aimlessly in your career. But all is not lost proud Bull; compadres and certain acquaintances will happily give you a few new nifty ideas to push you in the right direction. All you have to do is ask their advice before the 14th. Socially, you are a force to be reckoned with, you bulldozer, you.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

April is the cruelest month but pink Twins can help make the world a better place by volunteering for worthy rainbow causes and doing good Gay things for the community. As the month progresses, the Sun joins Mars, Jupiter and Saturn in randy Taurus and unleashes innumerable opportunities to make a name for yourself in certain circles. Hmm... and what name would that be??

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Queer Crabs may find that a friend and sex cocktail doesn't mix particularly well in April. All those planets in Taurus accentuate camaraderie and genial company, but surprising Uranus and delusional Neptune can take things too far. Mercury suggests that you concentrate more on professional goals and leave the casting couch in the office where it belongs. Not bad advice.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud Lions have more than a little get up and go this month. You practically catapult yourself into center stage and hog the limelight. The trouble is that all this you you is not conducive to a we we we. More than likely you will upset the applectart of love on your way to fame and fortune. Ever hear the old saying, "it's lonely at the top?" Keep it in mind, cousin.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Work responsibilities seem to get in the way of pleasure and relaxation this April. Queer Virgos are among the most self sacrificing signs of the zodiac but when is too much too much? Know when to say no, cousin. And, of course, as romantic Venus trawls through robust Aries and stokes your flame of passion, also know when to say yes! yes! yes!

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

April begins with an emphasis on health and exercise, but as the Sun moves into Taurus on the 20th, all bets are off! For most of the month, proud Scorps have to concentrate on family and partners. Each side wants a piece of you and you may not be able to balance their conflicting demands. Do the best you can. By next month, each side will forget what all the tumult was about. Thank goodness!

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Proud Archers party most of the month away, but should prepare for a new emphasis on work after the 20th. The good news is that your efforts on the job will pay off handsomely as long as you work without complaint. Once you begin to flap the air, words take on a life of their own and your best efforts will not be recognized. A tall order for big mouth Sag. Can you do it?

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

April brings a reassessment of finances this taxing season. As you sift through your receipts and tally up the totals, you may find great waste and confusion. Are you spending too much on nonsense, good times and tawdry sexcapades? After the 20th when the Sun enters Taurus, who cares? Practical pink Caps go overboard in their amusements. Heck, you only live once, cousin!

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Family can make you feel on top of the world or at the bottom of the heap this April. But savvy Aqueerians recognize that they have great control over what they allow others to get away with, how others treat them and how others make them feel. Your thoughts are on target when the Sun shines in Aries through the 20th. After that, put thoughts into action and set things queer.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Rainbow Fish may feel like pond scum for part of the month as all those planets in Taurus square foggy Neptune and explosive Uranus. Your closet bursts at the seams so open it and clean it out once and for all. Ignore all nasty gremlins who try to undermine you. Go forward with renewed confidence and stake your claim to happiness and affirmation. Catch a big one, bubble!

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Jenny Jones Verdict Stands

DETROIT, MI (NP) - The TV talkshow has lost a bid to reduce the civil judgement awarded to the family of the man whose "secret crush" killed him - but stay tuned: another potential victim is in the wings.

"Whether they like it or not, each side received a trial of its own making and neither has any cause to complain," said Oakland County, Michigan Circuit Judge Gene Schnelz on March 24, letting stand a jury's award of \$25-million to the family of murdered Gay Scott Amedure from The Jenny Jones Show, its producer Telepictures and its distributor Warner Brothers. The defendant companies will file with the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Amedure was shot to death by non-Gay Jonathan Schmitz three days after Amedure confessed his "secret crush" on Schmitz at a taping of The Jenny Jones Show in March 1995. That segment was never aired on Jones' show, although it has been shown many times in other venues. Schmitz has twice been found guilty of second-degree murder and sentenced to 25 - 50 years imprisonment; his first conviction was overturned on appeal due to a judicial error regarding jury selection.

In a lengthy and dramatic trial last year, high-profile attorney Geoffrey Fieger represented the Amedures in suing the show and its related companies for negligence and wrongful death. Warner Brothers and Telepictures had asked Schnelz, who presided in that civil trial, to throw out the verdict, reduce the award or grant a new trial; Schnelz has now rejected that request. But Warner Brothers attorney James Feeney remains optimistic and contends the case should never have gone to a jury.

Fieger's emphasis in the case was that the corporations needed to assume

responsibility for the consequences of what he claimed was "ambush television." Yet Jenny Jones announced February 17 that she had scheduled another "Secret Gay Crush" show taping for February 22. Jones said then, "I don't think this is the kind of show that can be ignored forever. I really think this topic has the potential to work. Yes, we hit a bump-in-the-road on our first Gay crush show, given the fact that a guy was killed. But what are the chances of that happening again? I mean, the only lesson that could possibly have been learned from the previous show was that we should accept everyone, regardless of sexual preference."

The object of Gay Ryan Davis' secret crush in non-Gay Drake Boyd, and while Schmitz at least knew he was appearing on a "secret crush" show, Boyd was told he was appearing to be reunited with his mother. At her news conference, Jones described Boyd as "a little edgy" and as being "awful mad about something" when she'd last spoken with him on the phone. "So after I got off the phone with him," she said, "I wrote in teeny-tiny letters on the contract that he has to sign to be a guest that the show isn't responsible for anything that happens afterward. I don't think anything will happen but, God forbid if it does, we have all our bases covered." Jones even had Davis' and Boyd's mutual friend Patti Miller present to say, "I have known Drake for a long time, and I know he is going to be really, really mad. In fact, he always tells me when he is drunk that if Ryan ever hit on him he would kill him. But that is only when he is drunk."

In a related case, a woman on trial in Winnipeg last month for chaining her teenaged daughter to a bedpost told the court she got the idea from a trailer for The Jenny Jones Show, in which mothers chained up daughters who ran away.

Vote To Join Lawsuit Against Boy Scouts

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Order of Eagles v. City of Tucson in their amicus brief.

Two individuals spoke in favor of the city joining the amicus brief: Tucson City Manager Luis Gutierrez, and the head of the City of Tucson Equal Opportunity Office, Sylvia Campoy. No opposition was present at the council meeting.

Gutierrez strongly recommended the city should "just do it," and sign onto the brief, stating it would be consistent with and would reinforce Tucson's 23-year-old nondiscrimination ordinance.

Campoy stated that cities are at the forefront of the battle against discrimination.

"Local initiatives," Campoy added, "can help solve problems related to discrimination." She went on to state that "cities have had more expansive civil rights ordinances than the federal or state government."

If the U.S. Supreme Court accepts the legal standard urged by the BSA, Campoy said, it would create an enormous loophole in the application and enforcement of non discrimination laws by removing the ability of a city to examine the expressive purpose of an organization.

After Campoy finished, the Mayor and Council unanimously approved the proposal, without any discussion.

"I think the City of Tucson has repeatedly shown it vigorously supports anti discrimination principles," said Jon David-

son, one of the LLDEF attorney's handling the Dale case. "It's further proof that Tucson is a leader in protecting all people from discrimination."

Amelia Craig Cramer, a noted attorney and member of the City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Commission stated her pleasure in the vote. She added that she was pleased in the "absolute and unwavering support" by the Mayor, Council and the City Manager on GLBT issues.

LLDEF will submit the amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court on March 29. Dale v. Boy Scouts of America will be argued before the Supreme Court on April 26.

A Gay Night For Oscar

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noticed already that I'm dressed as a grown-up ... I promise never to do it again."

And among numerous references to Best Actress nominee Annette Bening's imminently concluding pregnancy, Crystal said, "I hope the baby doesn't look like David Crosby," referring to the recent revelation of the paternity of rocker Melissa Etheridge's and filmmaker Julie Cypher's two children.



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Y entrando ya en el tema que quiero compartir con usted apreciable lector el artículo que me ha puesto a pensar bastante, ya que es una realidad que ya había comentado hace algunos años, creo que cerca de cinco años para ser exacto; y hasta el pasado viernes 3 de marzo el semanario "El Clarín" de Agua Prieta, de aquella población fronteriza lo ha hecho a ocho columnas: Detectan 20 casos de SIDA, lo cual fué advertido por el médico coordinador de los servicios médicos de la Secretaría de Salud de la mencionada comunidad fronteriza. El Dr. Gámez menciona: "Hay un grave problema de prostitución que se ejerce sin ningún control en todos los centros nocturnos de Agua Prieta, creando un peligro eminente de contagio cada vez que se tienen relaciones sexuales sin protección, fuera del matrimonio y sin tomar las precauciones debidas..." "Actualmente están registrados 20 casos de SIDA, de los cuales siete son seropositivos o asintomáticos"... "También

hay riesgos de adquirir otros padecimientos severos como la tuberculosis, lepra y otras enfermedades de transmisión sexual..."

Mi comentario al respecto es: La región fronteriza México-Estados Unidos se caracteriza por su desarrollo paradójico. Ha habido un gran crecimiento en la región fronteriza en cuanto a población y producción económica. Este crecimiento está directamente relacionado con la deterioración del medio ambiente y la sobre población. En un día común y corriente aproximadamente 2 millones de personas hacen filas en 24 estaciones aduanales para cruzar la frontera México Estados Unidos en ambas direcciones. El crecimiento de la población se ha incrementado dramáticamente en los últimos años, sobre todo en la región fronteriza se calcula un incremento de 3.2 millones a 4.6 millones; en el lado de los Estados Unidos el cambio ha sido menos dramático pero aún significativo. Por lo tanto han surgido problemas a medida que la gente se congrega en áreas que no están preparadas con una infraestructura ambiental y de salud pública suficiente. El resultado ha sido la creación de condiciones de vida

inaceptables para gran número de gente que vive en ambos lados de la frontera. La infección por el virus de la inmunodeficiencia humana (VIH) ha sido un grave problema de salud pública en la última década en todo el mundo; en el área de la frontera de México y los Estados Unidos el SIDA presenta características peculiares porque su frecuencia es particularmente elevada; situación influenciada por el intenso movimiento migratorio y otros factores.

La posición del SIDA como causa de muerte, enfermedad, orfandad y gastos médicos es cada vez más notable y los recursos para su prevención así como para la atención de los afectados es notoriamente insuficientes; cabe mencionar la violación a los derechos humanos que constantemente son violados por temor o por ignorancia. Desgraciadamente seguimos siendo informados sobre la actitud de rechazo hacia los enfermos de SIDA que atenta contra los derechos humanos de las personas. De cómo frecuentemente, se viola la confidencialidad, el derecho a la información que tiene el enfermo y sobre todo, el derecho de un trato digno. Llega a

tanto esto que incluso a los trabajadores de la salud que atienden estos pacientes con SIDA también se les llega a discriminar; la gente opina que; "algo anda mal, donde le gusta atender a estos pacientes."

Por hoy es todo, hasta la próxima semana D.M.

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LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS

EDITOR:

Subject: 13th Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling & Benefit Auction.

On May 7, 2000 it will be time again for us, the community, to help stand by all those that raise money by jumping in ice cold Jell-O for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). This year I will be one of the many that will be trying to raise funds by diving into calf-high Jell-O and wrestling Gilda Fatale, aka "Rodney" of IBT's and Woody's. Money raised will go towards support and assistance in our community. Some of the quality client services they provide are transportation, housing, food programs, financial assistance, medications assistance program. SAAF also goes deeper into the community by providing prevention and education programs. "Salud es Poder" delivers HIV prevention and mobilizes communities of Latino Gay and Bisexual men in Tucson and Nogales, Sonora. Another program is "Queer Voice." Not only do they provide prevention information, but they help build community skills for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered youth and their support providers. Even though SAAF has many people that give up their Wednesday to stuff envelopes or prepare condom packages to be handed out at the local bars, it still takes money for supplies and to say thank you to all who volunteer.

Let me explain a little about how the Jell-O wrestling event works for those that have never been. To enter the event, each athlete must have raised at least \$100. Many then try to place challenges on how many pledges they can raise as an individual. Last year, with great support of my softball team, and the audience at last year's event. I, myself, raised a little more than \$2,000. This year, I've put my personal goal at \$4,000. I feel this can be met by getting support behind me from those in the business community. For those that wish to support me, (I'm going to win the match). Please send donations to:

SAAF, Attention Lindsay Jones, 375 S. Euclid Ave., Tucson, AZ 85719, or Joe Roos, 4439 E. Waverly, Tucson, AZ 85712.

Please remember to write all checks payable to Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, and please write in the memo section, Joe vs. Gilda. Thank you for just reading this letter and hopefully one day or at the event I can say it in person.

Thank you,
Joe Roos

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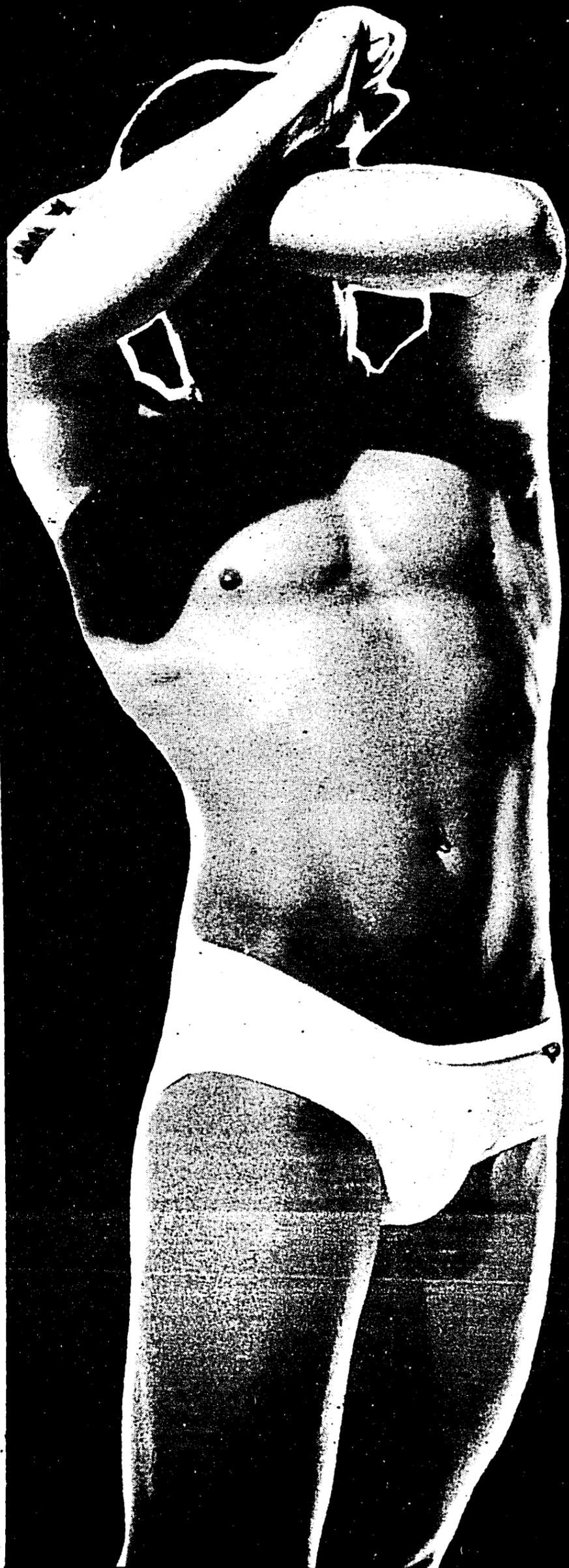
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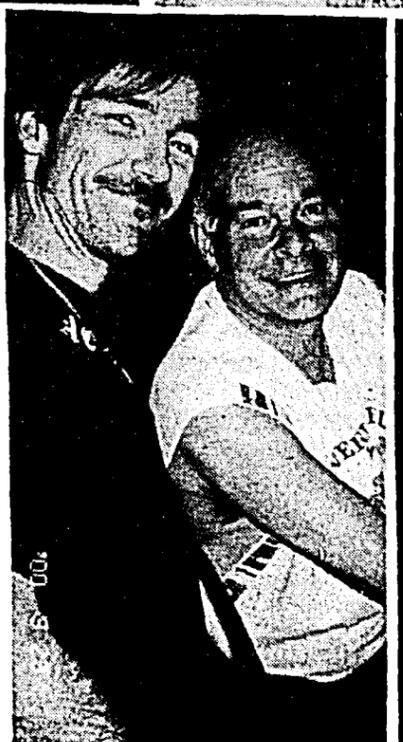
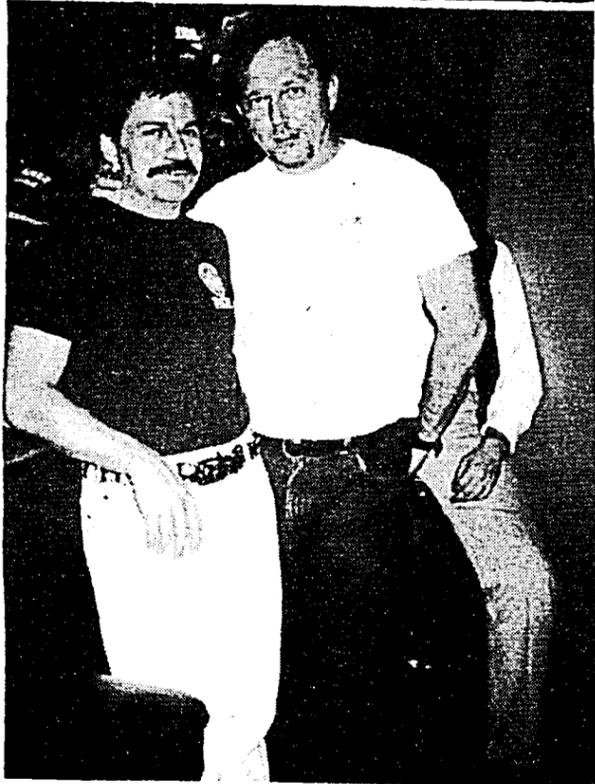
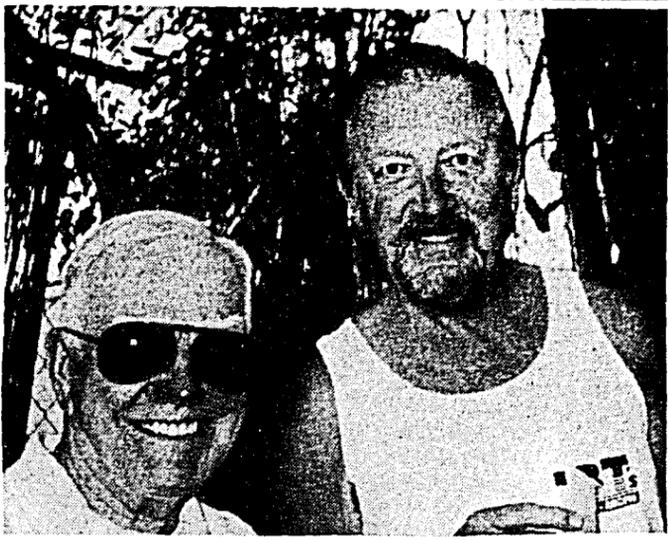
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Finding Your Own Religion: A Book Recommendation

Sometimes I come across a book, which really strikes me because of its relevance. This time, the book I discovered was a gift from friends' back east. The couple who sent me, *Finding Your Own Religion: When the Faith You Grew-Up With has Lost Its Meaning*, by Scotty McLennan, are women I've known since the mid-1980's. Over the last 15 years, we've shared a great deal of our spiritual journeys together, struggling with churches, discovering practices which passed with changing fads, and moving into mid-life wondering what our experience as Gay/Lesbian people bears on our spiritual lives. As my friends have sought a community of faith to raise their son, they've questioned again the relevance of organize religion. (As an ordained minister, I raise similar questions, but from the inside of the institutional church.) In sorting through answers to their questions, my friends discovered the book, *Finding Your Own Religion*, and sent it to me because of the impact it had on their lives.

The author, the Rev. Scotty McLennan, is a minister in the Unitarian-Universalist Church. He has served as chaplain at Tufts University and lecturer at Harvard Business School.

Many books on spirituality attempt to outline a path for people to take according to certain spiritual practices or traditions. McLennan effectively breaks out of the mold of proscribing a path and instead considers what is necessary for walking a real spiritual path. He begins by using the stages of faith development outlined by John Fowler in his book, *Stages of Faith: The Psychology of Human Development and the Quest for Meaning*. Fowler's stages include magic, with belief in an all-powerful God who performs magic for the believer; reality, the belief in a cause and effect God; dependence, where God is viewed as a Divine Parent who cares for the

believer; independence, where God is distant if present at all; interdependence, where God is paradoxical; and unity, where God is all-pervasive in the believer's life. McLennan examines and explains these stages in an early chapter of his book.

The chapters of *Finding Your Own Religion* progress thematically explore McLennan's movements along the spiritual path. They include Opening, Thinking, Experiencing, Walking, Joining, Crossing, Sitting, Suffering and Rejoicing. Each chapter weaves these movements with stories of McLennan's own spiritual journey and those of others he's worked with. Through these personal stories, he explains something of the spiritual life in each of the world's great religious traditions.

It's important to note that the stories McLennan presents are of real people. They are not stories of amazing people performing great feats of spiritual endurance. Rather, they are ordinary people leading ordinary lives, in school, at work, and in the midst of relationships, looking for ways to understand what spirituality and religion mean in their own life context. Their lives are an astounding testament to the fullness spirituality brings to human life.

For those who are trying to understand what spirituality means in their own life, I heartily recommend *Finding Your Own Religion*. I have not encountered another book that conveys both practical recommendations and spiritual wisdom in such clear and simple ways. Even those who are have journeyed some distance on a spiritual path will find this book refreshing.

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A View From The Rock
A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

There are many stories in the Bible that recount great acts of faith. But one of my new favorites is found in the book of Mark, chapter five. It's a story of a man named Jairus. Now Jairus was an extremely important and influential man for he was head of the Jewish synagogue. He had tremendous stature because in those days the synagogue was the center of education, social activity, and of course, worship.

Yet, despite his great clout, poor Jairus is helpless at the point we meet him. He is desperate for his young daughter has taken ill. In fact, she's near death. No more personal information is given about Jairus in this account. So when he approaches Jesus and begs him to go and heal his daughter we don't really know where his faith is coming from. Did Jairus see Jesus work miracles? Did he hear of the miracle? Perhaps he knew of Jesus and had seen him from a distance but never met him. We just don't know. But what is truly important is that Jairus had faith that Jesus could heal his daughter.

Jairus was persistent and Jesus went with him to the home where the girl lay dying. Its interesting to note that the story tells us that Jesus was teaching his followers as he made his way to Jairus' home. That tells me that even though God responds to my call he may not do it in a way I expect. I probably would have been yelling at him to be quite and start running

so my little girl wouldn't die in the mean time. But Jesus went at his own pace. You know, it is said that God's timing is perfect. We may not always understand his sense of timing but I have found that statement to be true.

Finally, Jesus, Jairus and many others near the house only to hear a man reveal the worst possible news a parent could ever receive..."You're daughter is dead..." Now hear comes that timing again. Jesus doesn't wait a minute or two before speaking with Jairus. He doesn't give Jairus time to start grieving and believing what he has heard. No, Jesus tells him to believe in him. He states that the girl is not dead, rather, only sleeping.

Jesus enters the home, and tells the girl to get up. She jumps up, starts to walk around the room and is healed.

So how's your faith these days? And by the way, who are you putting your faith in? Unless the faith you have is based on your relationship with Jesus Christ I am afraid you will be greatly disappointed when whomever you've put your faith in doesn't deliver. Faith in the Lord God Almighty, his son Jesus, and The Holy spirit are the only way to live. Faith in any other person or thing will not, cannot, see you through let alone work miracles in your life. Maybe its time we all examine who or what is the object of our faith, then turn to

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GO IN GOOD HEALTH... BY REV. ANDREW BROOKS

This time, I want to share a few more helpful herbal remedies. The herbs from the mint family, such as Spearmint and Peppermint, are excellent for treating upset stomachs. A strong tea brewed from these herbs are good for alleviating the upsets caused by indigestion.

Mint is a powerful healing herb, with properties good for arthritis and backache, and both peppermint and spearmint have shown promise in treating gallstones. Camomile is another wonderful soothing herb, shown to calm the nerves. It is also good for treating gingivitis. This herb contains anti-inflammatory, and anti-septic properties. While on the subject of herbs for the mouth, and treating dental problems, myrrh is an excellent herb for treating problems with the teeth and gums. It is a powerful healing herb with strong immune boosting qualities.

Ginger is another lovely healing herb. It has a definite soothing effect on the stomach, and has a warming effect on the body, with is helpful for people who often feel cold for no apparent reason. Ginger is another herb that has anti-inflammatory properties. Some people swear by it to settle their stomach when they are feeling nauseous or upset. Stress, as always, can contribute to upset. Herbs can be an effective remedy to alleviate such maladies.

Ginger is a powerful and versatile herb, also used for migraines, arthritis, colds, cough, nausea, pain, and other conditions too numerous to list here. I often use it in cooking, and do enjoy the lovely soothing effects every time I ingest it. If you are not familiar with Ginger, it is an herb you can definitely add to your spice cabinet. Healing herbs can be eaten as part of a meal, brewed into a tea, taken as a liquid tincture, or taken as pills.

Garlic is another wonderful healing plant. The more research is done on it, the more it is validated as a valuable botanical medicine. It is useful for arthritis, bronchitis, for cardiac arrhythmia, headaches, high blood pressure, and for sore throat and for fighting off viral infections. Garlic has been proven to be a potent immune booster.

Another wonderful herb I would like to discuss this time is Feverfew. It is often used to treat headaches. It has been shown to help a lot of people who suffer from chronic migraines. It is a good herb for treating headaches, pain, and allergies also. Two other natural pain relieving herbs, Meadowsweet and White Willow,

are useful for pain, and are known as nature's aspirin, since both are high in salicylic acid, the active ingredient in aspirin tablets.

I will cover more healing herbs next time. In the meantime, I would like to recommend a book I picked up not too long ago that has a ton of useful herbal information. It's called The Green Pharmacy by James A Duke, Ph.D. He has really done his homework on herbs, and this book can make a good reference guide. As herb become more popular, more and more good books are published on the subject. There are so many wonderful benefits from using herbs for self-healing. It's definitely worth looking into. Goddess bless. Til next time, Go in Good Health.

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Around The USA.....

Citing "safety" concerns, radio talk-show host Laura Schlessinger has canceled a Michigan fund-raiser scheduled for April 15 because Gay activists were planning to protest it. Schlessinger, who has been the target of criticism by Gay rights supporters for labeling homosexuality "a biological error" and "deviant," said in a statement she is canceling the event "so as not to compromise anyone's physical safety or subject anyone to embarrassment or discomfort." The event, which was also meant to double as a birthday party, was scheduled to benefit Schlessinger's foundation and the Detroit Children's Center. About 800 tickets had been sold at \$76 each. "We're thrilled that she's not bringing her antiGay rhetoric to Detroit," said Sean Kosofsky of the Gay rights group the Triangle Foundation. ...

The minister who defended the Rev. Jimmy Creech in his first Methodist Church trial will take over Creech's previous pulpit in Omaha, the Omaha World-Herald reports. The Rev. Doug Williamson is scheduled to become the senior pastor at First United Methodist Church in Omaha. Williamson defended Creech at a church trial after charges were brought against Creech for presiding over the commitment ceremony of a Lesbian couple in 1997. Creech was acquitted of those charges, but he was forced to leave his post as church pastor. Following Creech's departure, the congregation's size plummeted from 1,900 to about 900. Williamson told the paper he would have considered performing same-sex commitment ceremonies, having done so in the past, before the church officially banned them. "If the people say we want you to do that, I would seriously consider doing it," he said. "If the people said we don't want you to do that, then I would respect that and see if we can't be in ministry with Gay and Lesbian people in a different way." ...

A group has formed in Nevada determined to fight a possible Nevada ballot measure against same-sex marriages. The Coalition for Unity was formed by ten Gay rights advocates in anticipation of a November ballot initiative that is being prepared by a conservative group. "It's another hurtful act to say that Gays and Lesbians are not welcome," said Ellen Pillard, associate professor at the School of Social Work at the University of Nevada, Reno. The Coalition for Marriage is trying to collect 44,000 signatures by June 20 to get the measure on the ballot. "The whole homosexual community should stop worrying about being victims," said Lynn Chapman, spokesperson for the Coalition on Marriage. "It has nothing to do with them. It has to do with marriage."

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Author Joel E. Gallant, from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, notes that expert attention should be given to designing a treatment regimen that will be tolerable and fully followed. Without such expertise, regimens become less effective because of cross-resistance between the three drug classes. Genotypic and phenotypic resistance assays can help salvage treatment when cross-resistance occurs; however, they do not work for everyone.

The assays do not work for everyone, however. Viral load testing is now useful in determining a patient's CD4 cell count. Drug regimens still aim to suppress viral replication, and it is up to the patient and a qualified physician to make informed choices to reach this goal. ...

Experts said that U.S. Gay men might be willing to use a cream or gel that could protect against HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

According to a study conducted among 307 Hispanic men in New York City who reported having sex with men, 93% said they had had receptive anal sex within the past 12 months, and half of these individuals said that condoms were either not used or used only occasionally. Many of the men, however, reported using lubricants most of the time, and 92% said they would be interested in a microbicide if it were available. While researchers note that the study sample was nonrandom, they said the preliminary study supports the idea that this high-risk population would use a lubricant containing a microbicide.

Anti Gay Harassment
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working group comprised of Pentagon civilian and military officials. The working group will recommend a plan of action to Secretary Cohen by July 31, 2000 based on the survey findings and will also monitor the implementation of training on "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue, Don't Harass." Announced several weeks ago, the training is also a result of longstanding SLDN demands.

Benecke continued, "SLDN welcomes all good faith efforts to stop anti-Gay harassment? including the new working group. Ultimately, however, leadership and accountability in the field are needed to stop harassment."

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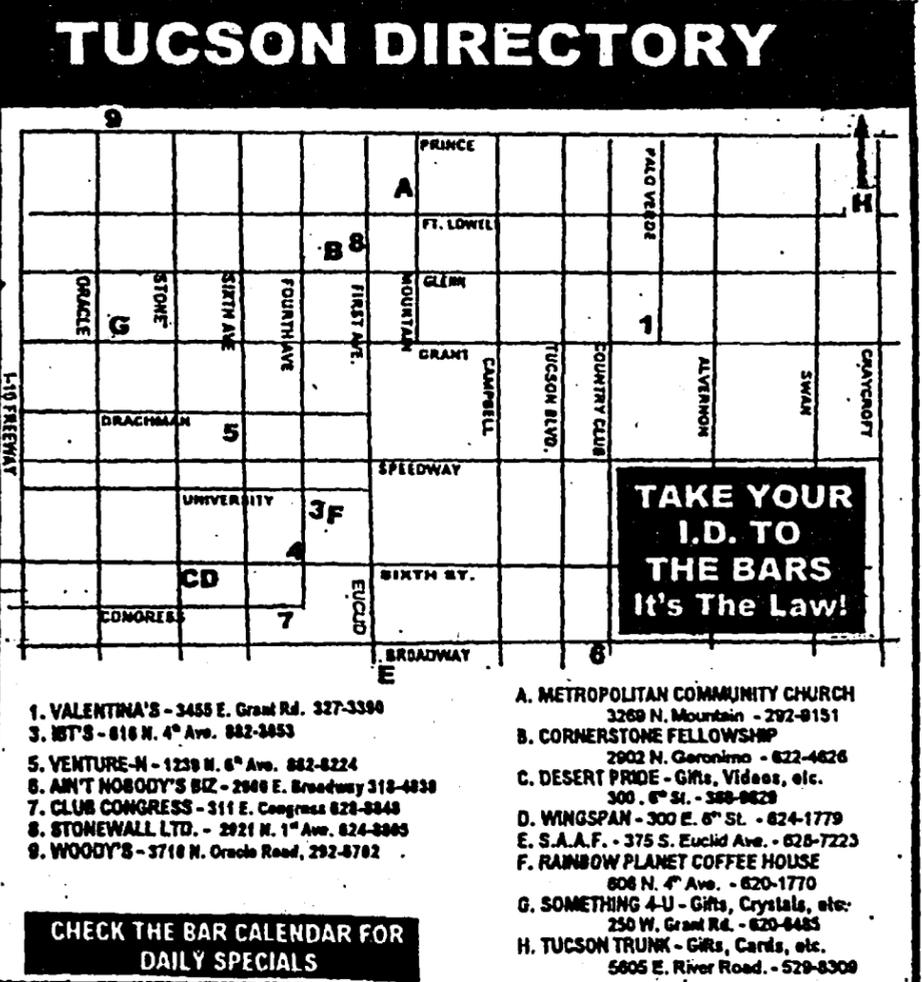
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Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Les & Jerry as they host Hearts Night. This fun and vicious card game is most enjoyable, and if you don't know how to play, but want to learn, here's the place to do it! For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

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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!). It's a nice, safe place to meet 80 guys all at once! The Potluck is held at the Casas Adobe Congregational Church at 6801 N. Oracle. Please call Jerry at 690-9565 for directions and any questions you may have.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30-6:30 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. 10:00 a.m.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). Today is the last day to make a reservation for next Sunday's brunch at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. Please call Lloyd at 792-8537 for reservation info.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Michael White in concert at La Cocina Restaurant in the Old Town Artisans complex at 201 N. Court Avenue. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. and Show at 8:00 p.m. You've heard him perform with Reveille Gay Men's Chorus and at Karaoke, but if you have never heard him 'Live' in concert you haven't really heard him. The first of two starfilled evenings of dinner and music. Tickets \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Limited seating. Advance ticket sale only. No tickets sold at the door. Ticket orderline: 390-3620.

Poetry reading by Rita Bregman and Barbara Michelman from their book "On Amethyst Glass: Two Voices One Song" from Manto Press. \$11.95. Hailing from California where they co-directed a poetry series at the Berkeley Art Center, these two women have created a dialogue in poems. The book breaks the rules of poetry by birthing an exciting and distinct collaborative form, creating an elegant conversation about love, history, sex, art and bravery. 7:00 p.m. A brief question and answer period will follow and refreshments will be served.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 8

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SUNDAY, APRIL 9

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Lloyd hosts a trip to the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch for one of their sumptuous brunches.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30-6:30 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

MONDAY, APRIL 10

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Michael at 326-3555.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

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 Guillermo's Double L on South 4th. 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, APRIL 14

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join John & Thomas for Game Night. Sure, you're welcome to play all the board or card games you want, but this time, you're also invited to bring your gentle best friend (canine variety) to play with the hosts' dogs. For details and directions, please call John or Thomas at 318-1650.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. "The Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Ajia Simone, Barbara Seville and Miss Kristen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

IBTS - Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP) Male Box Nite! Play Post Office and meet new friends.

VALENTINA'S - Its the Tucson Weekly's 'Gay Personal Call On The Road' with free prizes, hors d'oeuvres and dream date giveaway. Free spirit counseling, free psychic readings and free spiritual counseling. Come on by from 5:30 to 7:30 and join in on the fun.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

VALENTINA'S - "Salud Es Poder" the Latino Men's Health Project presents "Fuerza Latina 2000" Travesti Show featuring Mr. Gay Latino-Tucson 2000. It all starts at 9:00 p.m. But get there early for a good view!

VENTURE-N - "South Park" Weekend here Check it out!

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

IBTS - Party Day here with Karaoke on the patio with Billy Dee from 4:30 to 7:30 with the Benefit Beer Bust/Bar-B-Que to go to the Gay Men's Health Project. Then at 9:00 p.m. it's the Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP) Gender Bender Benefit Show featuring "Bears". Patti Melt, Misty Thighs, Mazine Pad and her Wings, Jackie O'no, and special guests. Hosted by Bunny FuFu and Faith Michaels.

VENTURE-N - "South Park" Weekend continues plus Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) Pancake Special begins at 11:00 a.m. \$2.69.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

IBTS - 9:00 P.M. The "Girlie Show" featuring Lucinda Holliday, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Veronica Lake, Faith Michaels and Patsy La Croix.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

AIN'T NOBODYS BUSINESS - Hip Hop and R&B all nite. \$2.00 kamakazees, \$1.50 Tequila all night. Drink and shot specials every half hour. No cover. DJ from 9-1 a.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

IBTS - Special "Night at the Cotton Club" show. Watch their ad for more details.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

AIN'T NOBODYS BUSINESS - Latino Night. DJ Hill spins the hottest cumbias and corridos from 9 to closing. 75¢ watermelons and \$2.00 kamakazees all night. No cover.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

AIN'T NOBODYS BUSINESS - Hip Hop & R&B as DJ Hill spins ass shakin' music from 9 to close. No cover. Shot specials all night. \$1.50 Tequila and \$2.00 Kami's all night.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

IBTS - MPS Easter Benefit Show featuring the 'Norman Tabernacle Choir'. Watch for more info on this fun evening.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

IBTS - Easter Egg Hunt and Party. Mark your calendars.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Robert & Bob as they co-host another Singles Night. Every single guy is invited to join in the fun and get the chance to meet other nice guys in a safe, relaxed atmosphere. For reservations and directions, please call Robert at 408-7114, or Bob at 888-2725.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30-6:30 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

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, April 20 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, APRIL 22

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill as he hosts Pinochle 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. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join Les & Jerry for a traditional Easter Dinner. The hosts will provide the main dish, and everyone else will bring a side dish or dessert to share. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:00 p.m. Join Les & Jerry for a matinee movie of "The Life of Brian". This funny, pointed look at religion was protested when it was originally released. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10. \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9-1. Shot specials all night.

IBTS - Open 11am-1am. Happy Hour 11-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Bar open Noon. Smirnoff Sundays (make your own Bloody Marys) Dance Club opens at 9pm with DJ David Z. New Digital Karaoke sound system in the bar 9pm to close. Free popcorn and Hot Dogs.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour 11am to 7pm. Bloody Mary & Boiler maker special. BBQ (\$2.50 & \$5.00) from 4-9pm. All request DJ 9pm to close.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. Check in with bartender. Karaoke with Bill Dee now on Sundays 9pm to close.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight, 25¢ cups of draft 8 to closing.

IBTS - Open 10am. Martini Monday all day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well and domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm to closing. \$1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Karaoke Billy Dee 7:00-9:30pm Retro 80's dance 9:30pm to closing. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Bar open noon. Dance Club opens 9pm. Hot dance mix with DJ David Z. Free Popcorn and Hot Dogs.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: BBQ (\$1.50) 6-9pm. Big screen sporting events. Dart Tournament \$3 (pot matched) All request DJ 9pm to closing.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Dart Tournney 8pm, pot matched. Patio opens 5pm. WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODYS BUSINESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool touney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Long Island's all nite. Dance to music w/DJs.

IBTS - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. 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.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Happy Hour prices until 7pm. Dance Club opens 9pm. DJ Eduardo. Free Popcorn and Hot Dogs.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Extended Happy Hour til 9pm: BBQ (\$1.50) 4-7pm Oh So Scary-oake (Karaoke) 9pm - 12:45am.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. 1st Tuesday TKO Spaghetti Feed. WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Sissy's the limit \$2.25

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODYS BUSINESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Free Pool 2-4. \$1.50 Longnecks 8-midnight. \$1.50 pitchers 9-close. 80s Retro DJ Sarafina. No cover.

IBTS - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am to 4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. \$1.75 Bud Products 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Happy Hour prices til 7. Dan e Club opens at 9pm with DJ Eduardo. New Digital Karaoke Sound System 9pm til close in the bar. Free Popcorn and Hot Dogs.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 9pm. Pool touney \$3-7:30pm (pot matched). Lounge Lizards Paradise: 50¢ shot sampler/bartenders choice. All request DJ 9pm. VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Cuervo Gold \$2 and Cuervo 1800 \$2.25 Open to close. Patio opens at 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball on demand 7 days a week. See bartender.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODYS BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Liz 9pm to close. \$1.50 Tequila & 75 Watermelons.

IBTS - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic 4-9. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 well and \$1.75 domestic beer to those in their underwear (part check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Happy Hour prices until 7pm. Dance club opens at 9pm. Dance with DJ Eduardo. Free Hot Dogs and Popcorn.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic 9-11pm. Oh So Scary Karaoke 9pm-12:45am.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. \$3 entry. Hides Leather shop opens at 8pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Friday

AIN'T NOBODYS BUSINESS - 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.

IBTS - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9. 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.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Dance Club open 9pm. Dance with DJ David Z. Free Popcorn and Hot Dogs.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7. Girlz will be Boyz drink specials posted above the bar. All request DJ 9pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens 8pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm Martini Party - Well Martini's \$2, Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODYS BUSINESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every half hour.

IBTS - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Patio bar 9-1. Dance 9-1. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Dance Club opens at 9pm. Dance with DJ David Z. Free Hot Dogs and Popcorn.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7. A variety of shows hosted by 'Crystal Abrams'. 9pm. All donations go to charity. All request DJ 10pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ drafts, \$1.50 pitchers. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm. Cricket Dart Tournament 9pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.



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OPEN FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS 24 HOURS

NOTICES

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAM), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-8647.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2m new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-8876 or 327-4293.

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

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Eddie Betrano 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 884-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (eve@emmett@ix.netcom.com)

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 8:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Dezeit Glitz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dezert Boyz meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAE@mail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagae@mail

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 802-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

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

TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, International Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. Call us at (520)817-4861, or http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Heights/5086

LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA. Local chapter of the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian Republican organization. Meets the first Tuesday evening of each month. For information, call Patrick at 815-1887.

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

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS - a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-8219 (Phoenix)

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

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

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 8809 S. Cardinal Ave. For more information write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3289 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us!! Call 881-1369 or audition. 617-3100 for more info.

HIKE & BIKE DYKES. Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7236 for info.

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NOTICES

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

RELATIONSHIP SURVIVORS. For Lesbians whose relationship has just broken up. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 9am to 10am. For info call Dorian Easty, group facilitator. 882-7723

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 575-8880 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

GLBT 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 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 584-0280, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 328-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Room 43. Call the church at Davey at 888-1208 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

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. 322-5655. Leave message.

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

ATTENTION ALL 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-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-9020

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85803 / (602)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)327-1620 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.

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 624-8768.

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. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 882-7298.

NOTICES

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 299-6647.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS and updates on Gay Games 2002, contact TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

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.

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 Holman 529-7542 for more info.

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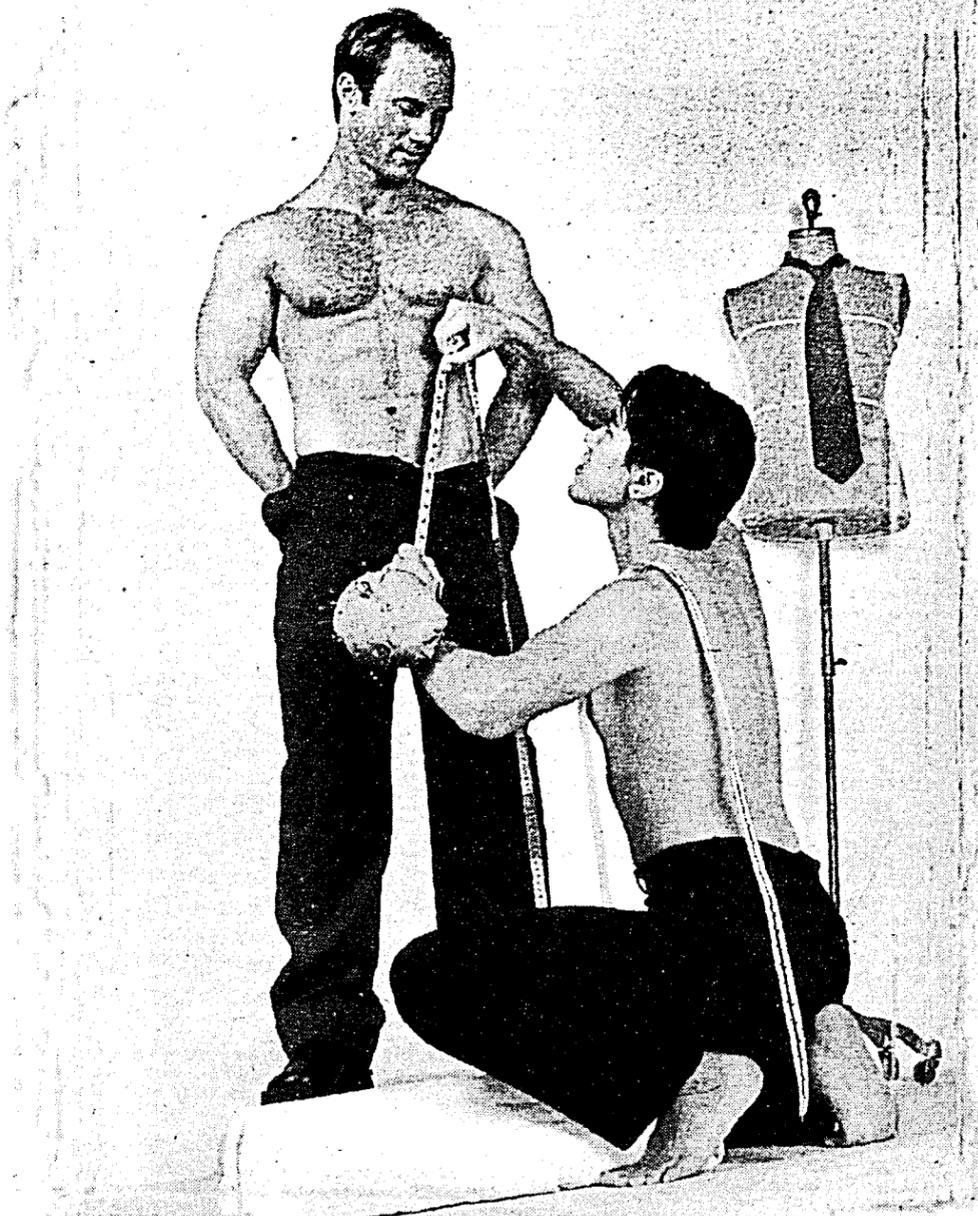
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