

CBS Reports No Blame For Winchell Murder?

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) - Word is out that the Army's anticipated report on homophobia at Ft. Campbell found that everything at the scene of the crime is A-OK.

The long-delayed Inspector General's report as to whether the "command climate" at Fort Campbell in Kentucky may have contributed to the homophobic-motivated bashing death of Private First Class Barry Winchell has yet to be released to the public, but according to a CBS News report based on unnamed sources, the Army base and its former commander Major General Robert Clark have been given a clean bill of health. CBS noted that one soldier there had told 60 Minutes that his platoon regularly used to chant for its cadence, "Faggot, faggot down the street, shoot him, shoot him until he retreats." While all officers have apparently been exonerated, the finger of blame is pointed at Winchell's first sergeant for failing to intervene in at least four months of near-daily harassment preceding the fatal attack; that sergeant has already been relieved of his duties. The report is set to be released to the public on July 21.

Any other issues were reportedly put down to the service-wide lack of training regarding the so-called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. At Fort Campbell, in the months after that training was provided in the wake of Winchell's death, 105 men were discharged for homosexuality, compared to six in the same period the previous year.

July 6 was the anniversary of Winchell's death. Early on July 5, his co-worker Private Calvin Glover bludgeoned his skull with a baseball bat while he was sleeping on his cot. Glover was convicted by a military court of premeditated murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. Winchell's roommate Specialist Justin Fisher was sentenced to 12-1/2 years after pleading guilty to lying to investigators and obstructing justice; originally he had faced accessory charges.

Whether Winchell actually was Gay is a moot point; he had certainly begun questioning, spent time at a Nashville, Tennessee Gay bar, and formed a close relationship with a transwoman. What is known is that he loved the Army, strived to excel at his work and wanted to make it his career, but feared discharge for homosexuality. Testimony at the hearings in connection with the criminal charges made clear that his co-workers believed him to be Gay and harassed him for it, and that his immediate supervisors not only failed to intervene but acted in violation of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

Winchell's death brought military leaders a new level of recognition of the extent and danger of homophobia in the ranks, but the one key element which has never been in place is accountability: while thousands of servicemembers have been discharged for "telling," there is no docu-

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AIDS Conference Marks Turning Point In Global Response

DURBAN, South Africa (SFC) - It won't make a mark as a very important gathering of scientific minds, but the 13th International AIDS Conference that closed here Friday may well be remembered as a historic turning point in the global response to the 20 year-old plague.

For unlike previous international AIDS conferences, this one was infused from the start by deeply divisive political issues that put the spotlight on the differences between have and have-not nations, continents and cultures.

It was the first such meeting ever to take place in Africa, and for this reason alone it accomplished its purpose. For one week, the world's attention was focused on the enormity of human suffering that has and will come down on this troubled continent, where nearly 25 million of the world's 34 million HIV-infected reside.

And like a hero warrior who has at last heard the cries for help, Nelson Mandela himself — perhaps the most admired

world figures alive today — belatedly but decisively became engaged in his country and Africa's plight.

His call during his closing ceremony address for an immediate and grand-scale campaign to save the continent was a challenge to his own government, to neighboring African states and to the world.

"This is, as I understand it, a gathering of human beings concerned about turning around one of the greatest threats humankind has faced, and certainly the greatest after the end of the great wars of the previous century," the former South African president said.

"AIDS is clearly a disaster, effectively wiping out the development gains of the past decades and sabotaging the future. Something must be done as a matter of the greatest urgency."

That is a far cry from the lackluster
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GLBT Commission Votes To End City Funding To Organizations That Discriminate

TUCSON (ON) - During their monthly meeting, the City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Commission approved a proposal, to the Mayor and Council, to recommend ending funding by the city government to organizations that discriminate.

It was the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision allowing the Boy Scouts of America to bar openly Gay troop leaders and scouts from being members that spurred the Commission's action. However, Amelia Craig Cramer, commission co-chair, stated the Commission and the Mayor and Council must not focus only on the Boy Scouts, but to send a message to all non profit organizations, who receive funding from the city government, that discrimination will not be tolerated.

Tucson attorney, and commission member, Ron Bogard, said the city gave \$1.7-million to the local chapter of the United Way during the last fiscal year, with \$27,262 in direct city funding and \$3,156 from employee contributions, going to the local chapter of the Boy Scouts. He went on to say that the United Way gave the local Boy Scouts chapter \$102,213, with an additional \$24,568 given in discretionary funding by United Way. Bogard said that during a phone call with Lou Salute, the head of the local Boy Scout chapter, the Catalina Council, that Salute stated the Boy Scout's annual budget is more than \$1.2-million.

Bogard posed the question to Salute if a Boy Scout or troop leader came out, would they be expelled from the Scouts? According to Bogard, Salute said the Gay Scout or troop leader would be removed. Salute said that the local Scout's largest donors, religious institutions, have a different position and that Gay members of the Scouts should be removed.

Despite the position by the local chapter of the Boy Scouts, the organization, according to Ed Parker of the United Way, who said in an interview that they had signed an agreement stating they will not discriminate based on factors, including sexual orientation. The United Way has a contractual agreement with the City of Tucson to distribute funding to non profit organizations that don't violate the city's anti discrimination ordinance. Tucson's anti discrimination ordinance, enacted in 1977, prohibits discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation, and includes sexual orientation and gender identity. Cramer said the national United Way organization has an anti discrimination policy, which includes sexual orientation as one of the protected categories. Tucson's chapter of the United Way, according to Ron Bogard, hasn't held a meet-

ing yet on the funding given to the Boy Scouts and whether to discontinued it.

Alexander John Goodrum, a commission member, brought up the subject of public facilities and their use by non profit organizations. A consensus was reached by the Commission to not alter the city's policy of the public facilities being available equally to all organizations.

Amelia Craig Cramer the motion for the Commission to consider, covering direct city funding, indirect city funding (from organizations like the United Way) and by campaigns soliciting contributions by city employees:

Direct Funding: That the GLBT Commission ask the Mayor and Council immediately to adopt a resolution to that no City funds (contingency or otherwise) shall be given to any organization that discriminates on any of the bases listed in the Human Relations Ordinance as bases upon which discrimination is prohibited by employers, providers of housing and providers of public accommodations. [These bases include: race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, age, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, familial status and marital status.]

That the GLBT Commission ask the Mayor and Council immediately to require all organizations seeking City funding to sign a written statement declaring under oath that they do not discriminate on any of these bases.

That the GLBT Commission ask the Mayor and Council to direct the City Attorney forthwith to draft an amendment to the City Code incorporating these resolutions and that the GLBT Commission asked the Mayor and Council thereafter to adopt the amendment to the City Code. [This portion of the first motion is to make sure the recommendation's don't have a "Sunset Clause," where they could expire after a certain period of time.]

Indirect City Funding: That the GLBT Commission ask the Mayor and Council to adopt a resolution that no City funds shall be given to any funding agency that supports any organization that discriminates on any of the bases listed in the Human Relations Ordinance as bases upon which discrimination is prohibited by employers, providers of housing and providers of public accommodations.

That the GLBT Commission ask the Mayor and Council immediately to require all foundations seeking City funding to sign a written statement declaring

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Grey Eagle Arm Wrestling Tournament July 12

TUCSON - The fourth annual Grey Eagle Arm Wrestling Tournament is being held at IBT's, 616 N. Fourth Avenue, July 22, 4:00 p.m.

Proceeds from this annual event will go to the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN). Hosting this year's event is Faith Michaels.

Event organizers are encouraging people to participate, sponsor a wrestler or at least come out and watch the fun and have a wonderful time. It's not a competition, people participating will be matched up by similar physical characteristics. In addition to the arm wrestling, a vast array of wonderful entertainment will be presented.

For more information, call (520) 884-5279, or the TIHAN office, (520) 299-6647.

AIDSWalk 2000 Update

TUCSON - AIDSWALK 2000, a benefit walk for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, (SAAF) takes place Sunday, October 22 at Rillito Downs. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:00 a.m.

SAAF encourages everyone in the community to join us in this enjoyable and important event to help support people living with HIV/AIDS in Southern Arizona. AIDSWALK is the largest HIV/AIDS related fund raising event in Southern Arizona and proceeds benefit the client services and prevention efforts of SAAF.

This year's AIDSWALK will feature a redesigned walker route which will include a 4k in addition to the traditional 10k route. Live music and food will be provided afterward for everyone's enjoyment.

Call (520) 791-9255 for more information, or at the Web site: AIDSWALKTUCSON.com.

Community Forum July 20

TUCSON - A community forum on the recent changes to Arizona's Domestic Violence law and the impact the changes will have will take place Thursday, July 20, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Wingspan Community Center, 300 East Sixth Street.

The Community Center and the Wingspan Domestic Violence Project are co-hosting this event, where panelists representing law enforcement, the justice system, domestic violence survivors and advocates will be discussing the latest changes to Arizona's law and will be available for questions and answers. A reception will follow the forum where refreshments will be served.

Wingspan's Domestic Violence Project is located in the community center. The Project provides free, confidential services, including 24-hour access. Information and services are available by calling (520) 624-0348.

TLGA Announces New Volunteer Program

TUCSON - The Tucson & Gay Alliance (TLGA), facing a possible volunteer shortage for this year's OUToberFEST 2000, is eager to announce their new volunteer program, "Volunteers for Charity."

This new program will be replacing TLGA's annual post-OUToberFEST community donations. "Basically what we are doing here is restructuring our volunteer needs as TLGA while keeping our commitment community charity with funds raised at OUToberFEST," said Chad Froeschke, President of TLGA. "In the past, donations were given to our community based on 25% of the beer sales. Now, each volunteer will be 'paid' \$10 an hour and the total amount of their service time will be donated to any non profit of their choice. We feel this can be a great opportunity for any non profit to earn a substantial amount of money and at the same time, provide TLGA with the volunteers needed to produce OUToberFEST."

The basic guidelines for "Volunteers for Charity" are that: All volunteers will work between 2 to 2 1/2 hours. TLGA will contribute \$10 and hour per volunteer, and donate the total amount raised to that volunteer's favorite, non profit organization. Each volunteer must "time in" and "time out" on a volunteer slip in order for their contributions to be made. All volunteers are required to attend one training session and a final prep meeting a week before OUToberFEST begins.

TLGA will be needing more than 185 volunteers for this year's OUToberFEST. "This really is a call out to our community," Froeschke said. "TLGA needs an incredible amount of volunteer support to produce Tucson's Pride festival. Hopefully this will entice people to volunteer a small amount of their time while having fun and feeling full of Pride at OUToberFEST."

Individuals and organizations who would like to "Volunteer for Charity" during Tucson's Gay Pride Festival, "OUToberFEST," please call the OUTline (520) 622-3200.

Stop 'Dr.' Laura Update

TUCSON - The Stop Dr. Laura Tucson rally committee held its first fund raiser at the Stonewall and proceeds from this and other fund raisers, according to the rally committee, will go to the purchase of poster boards, placards, photocopying of handbills, sound equipment and for airfare to get the national speakers to the rally, Sunday, August 20, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at KGUN 9, 7280 E. Rosewood.

One of the national figures who will be present and speaking is Robin Tyler, the head of the national coalition to Stop Dr. Laura. Tyler is a well known producer, putting together the various marches on Washington D.C., and is producing this year's National Stonewall Democratic Foundation Convention, August 10-12 in Palm Springs. Andy Thayer, a coalition organizer from Chicago will attend and speak, as well as local speakers and special guests, including Rabbi Joseph Weizenbaum of Temple Ner Tamid and Rev. Joyce Cook of Water of Life MCC.

The rally committee announced the dates and locations for more fund raisers: Stonewall Barbecue, July 21, 4:00 p.m.; Venture-N Beer Bust, July 29, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.; IBT's Beer Bust and Barbecue, July 30, 4:30 to 9:00 p.m.; Woody's Pool Tournament, Beer Bust and Barbecue, August 5, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.; Stonewall Barbecue, August 6, 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Bob at Full Spectrum Travel and Dave from IBT's, according to the rally committee, have given donations to help pay the air fare for Robin Tyler and Andy Thayer to come to the rally.

Make a difference, come out and support your community by helping fund the Tucson rally to Stop Dr. Laura. To volunteer, for more information, contact Andrea, (520) 519-6768 or leave a message for the rally committee at Wingspan, (520) 624-1779.

UA Center For Creative Photography Marks 25th Anniversary

TUCSON - The Center for Creative Photography (CCP) at the University of Arizona, a museum and research institution dedicated to photography as an art form and cultural record, is commemorating its 25th anniversary with special exhibitions, publications and educational programs in 2000 and 2001.

The CCP's integrated mission of preservation, access, exhibition, interpretation, and education celebrates the history of photography and its contemporary practice, with an emphasis on American photography, from 1900 to present. Until September 17, the CCP is hosting Our Quarter Century, including the works of many photographers, including Robert Mapplethorpe.

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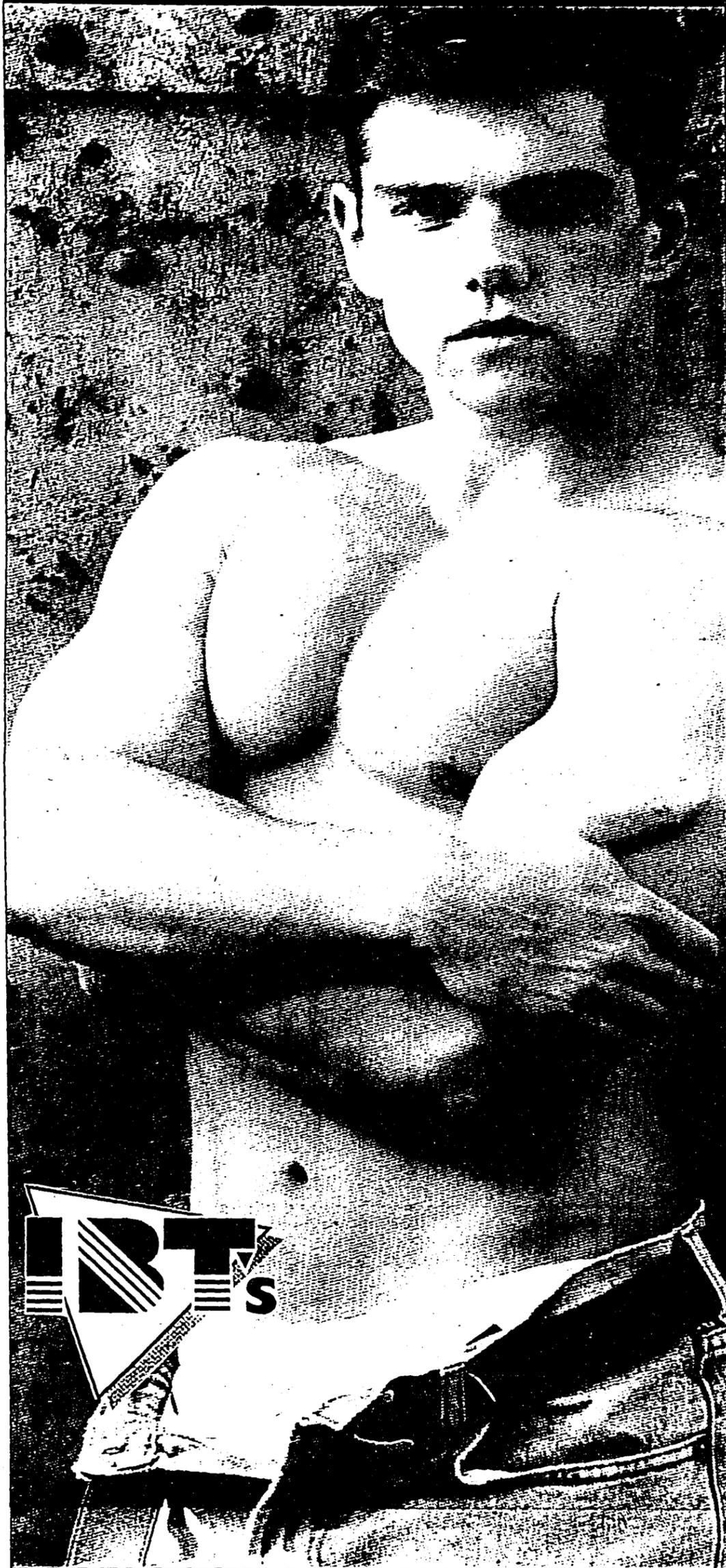
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Time Publishes GLAAD "Counterpoint" to Laura Schlessinger Interview: Time and Time.com published a counterpoint essay by Joan M. Garry, executive director of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), addressing the impact of talk-show host Laura Schlessinger's attacks on the Lesbian and Gay community. In her July 3 Time interview, Schlessinger defended her anti-Gay comments - including her use of words like "deviant" and "biological error" to describe Lesbians and Gay men - and claimed that she has cried in response to the resulting controversy.

"When parents of a Gay child hear the words error and deviant in the same sentence as Gay, it's easy for me as a mother to imagine what conclusions they draw," Garry writes in the July 17 issue of Time. "If Laura has 'cried more at times than I would like to admit' in response to Lesbians' and Gays' speaking out against her, she has nothing on the misery she has caused us with her virulent and prejudicial denunciations."

The July 17 issue of Time is available on newsstands today. The essay also can be read at Time.com: <http://www.time.com/time/daily/0,2960,49395,00.html>.

Statements by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP) and the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against

Defamation (GLAAD) Regarding the Investigation of the Murder of J.R. Warren: The following statements are in reaction to recent developments in the investigation of the murder of J.R. Warren. Warren was killed on July 4 in Grant Town, W.V. Following his death, the local community displayed a great deal of concern about the direction of the investigation into his murder. Nearly one thousand concerned community members participated in a vigil on Tuesday, and federal investigators have been called in by the Marion County Sheriff to determine whether Warren's death could be considered a hate-crime.

Jeffrey Montgomery, NCAVP: "Regardless of whatever relationship may have existed between Mr. Warren and his alleged killers, if they are found guilty of planning and carrying out the execution, they must be held fully accountable for his murder. While we fully expect the prosecutor to charge the two suspects as adults, we implore him to be well prepared to counter a possible 'Gay panic' defense. 'Gay panic' is the last resort for the cowardly killers of Gay men to attempt escape from the consequences of their crimes."

Cathy Renna, GLAAD Director of Regional Media and Community Relations: "GLAAD firmly believes that media images are at the heart of social and cultural change, and these images have a profound impact on how all cultural minorities - whether by race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, religion, age or sexual orientation - are viewed and treated by society. When tragedies like this occur, the media play a vital role in raising awareness of the nationwide problem of hate-motivated violence. For this reason, GLAAD immediately dispatched Regional Media Manager Romaine Patterson to offer support and media relations expertise to the community."

"The media coverage of this tragedy provides a stark and potent reminder of the cost of hate. As this investigation proceeds, we hope that the local, regional and national media will continue their comprehensive coverage of this tragic murder."

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Tucsonan Wins Mr. Gay Arizona All-American 2000 Title



Quinton Jenkins
Mr. Gay Arizona All-American 2000

TEMPE - On Saturday, July 15, Quinton Jenkins won the title of Mr. Gay Arizona All-American 2000 at the contest finals held in Tempe.

Jenkins is the first Tucson resident to win the title in the competition's 10-year-history. He will now compete against national contenders to be Mr. Gay All-American 2001 in August in Dayton, Ohio.

In winning the competition, Jenkins competed against a slate of other contenders including Sean Slattery, the reigning Mr. Gay Millennium All-American 2000, and George Johnson, Mr. Gay Phoenix All-American 2000.

"This was always something that was in the back of my mind and I felt that now was a good time for me to compete," Jenkins said. "I also wanted to be a title holder in the contest system for Mr. Gay All-American because there aren't many vehicles for individual men and women in the GLBT community to be recognized at the state and national level."

As Mr. Gay Arizona All-American 2000, Jenkins will use his reign to build coalitions within and outside the GLBT community. He will try to increase awareness about GLBT issues and help create a general community bond in greater Tucson and across the state.

categories of personal interview, fashion and on-stage question. During that part of the competition, he was asked how he would encourage young people to practice safe sex.

"I would remind young people that their greatest asset is their youth," he said during the event. "I also would point out their mortality and how much they would lose by practicing unsafe sex."

Jenkins is the resident disc jockey at IBTs, a dance club on Tucson's Fourth Avenue. He also is a self-employed special events promoter who has raised more than \$300,000 for AIDS organizations over the past 16 years.

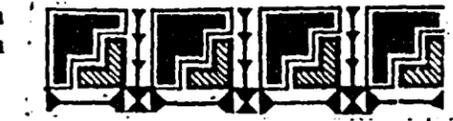
He recently was the show producer for Much Ado, a fund raiser for Phoenix Body Positive (an AIDS prevention and education organization), that raised about \$30,000. He also is a consultant and main-stage production coordinator to the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance (TLGA) who will produce OUToberFEST. Jenkins is also special events chairman at Wingspan, Tucson's GLBT community center, where he produces the annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and helps coordinate its annual fund raising dinner.

After winning the title, Jenkins thanked IBT's, his partner Tim Konski and his long time friend James Taylor, who were his sponsors.

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Entertainment Briefs

According to a four-year study conducted by the University of Maryland, the earning power of Gay and Bisexual female movie stars is substantially higher than that of their heterosexual counterparts. According to the study directed by economics professor Seth Sanders, the average salary per picture for female stars who have acknowledged same-sex relationships is \$7.9 million, while the average for a straight star is \$6 million. (The megasalaries earned by Julia Roberts were not counted in this study.) The disparity was attributed to the fact that Lesbians may devote more energy to career advancement, as opposed to heterosexual women who are more pre-occupied with family obligations. The study also indicates that Gay and Bisexual women are eight times more likely to enter the film business than married women. Additionally, the study notes that the careers of both Ellen DeGeneres and Anne Heche have regained ground, following their loss of work opportunities after they came out two years ago.

Irish actor Stuart Townsend, best known in the United States for his role opposite Dan Futterman and Kate Beckinsale in Shooting Fish, is in negotiations to play the vampire Lestat in the upcoming adaptation of Anne Rice's Queen of the Damned. Already attached to the project—which will tell the story of rock star Lestat awakening Akasha, queen of all vampires, with his music—are singer-actress Aaliyah (Romeo Must Die) and director Michael Rymer (In Too Deep).

When Gay writer Gore Vidal's play The Best Man gets a Broadway revival this fall (starting September 5 at the Virginia Theatre), the official title will be Gore Vidal's The Best Man. Producer Jeffrey Richards said in an interview that, "We want to make sure the play is not confused with the 1964 film version, excellent as it is. It's also in honor of Gore." The newly mounted version of the political drama will star Charles Durning, Spalding Gray, Chris Noth, Elizabeth Ashley, Michael Learned, Christine Ebersole, Jonathan Hadary, and Mark Blum.

Bette Midler's upcoming CBS comedy, The Bette Show, wins high marks as a potential hit in the fall 2000 prime-time preview report issued by media research firm OMD USA. Of 32 shows scheduled for the fall season, only Midler's sitcom and ABC's Geena, starring Geena Davis, earned ratings of 4 (good). Everything else went from 3.5 (borderline) to 1 (miss), reserved for ABC's People Who Fear People.

GLBT Commission

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That the GLBT Commission ask the Mayor and Council to direct the City Attorney forthwith to draft an amendment to the City Code incorporating these resolutions and that the GLBT Commission asked the Mayor and Council thereafter to adopt the amendment to the City Code.

Campaigns Soliciting Contributions by City Employees: That the GLBT Commission assign Commissioners to investigate what types of campaigns soliciting contributions by City employees are permitted to take place on City property during business hours and to report the findings of that investigation to the Legal Subcommittee.

That the Legal Subcommittee of the GLBT Commission be directed to analyze whether the City can and should take any action to prohibit solicitation of City employees to contribute to discriminatory organizations or to foundations that support discriminatory organizations. [This part of the proposal would not go to the Tucson Mayor and Council for their August meeting. The Legal Subcommittee, according to the motion, would report back to the full Commission at a later date, pending the outcome of the Scouts' lawsuit in Connecticut.]

A call to the audience was made to have those present to speak on the proposals, for which two people spoke.

Sherri Gentric, a teacher at Pima Community College, said the proposals weren't just for the GLBT community, but for all minority groups. "This proposal upholds what Tucson stands for," she added.

Claudia Reynoso, executive director of the Wingspan Domestic Violence Project, expressed her support for the Commission and their proposal, but said they should consider developing a public statement on the matter.

The three motions were voted on individually and were approved, without opposition but with one abstention on the second proposal.

Commission member Ana Lozano commented that "Tucson has an anti discrimination ordinance and through this action, the Commission is making sure that the ordinance is carried out."

Arthur Padilla, the co-chair of the GLBT Commission, said Commission members "have definitely maintained their approach to all these issues of discrimination and they've maintained their support of the City's policies." The action by the Commission, Padilla added, "was a positive one, and not just towards one group, but the action must be across the board for all organizations who receive city funding."

It is expected the Tucson Mayor and Council will consider the GLBT Commission's proposal during their August meeting, scheduled for Monday, August 7.

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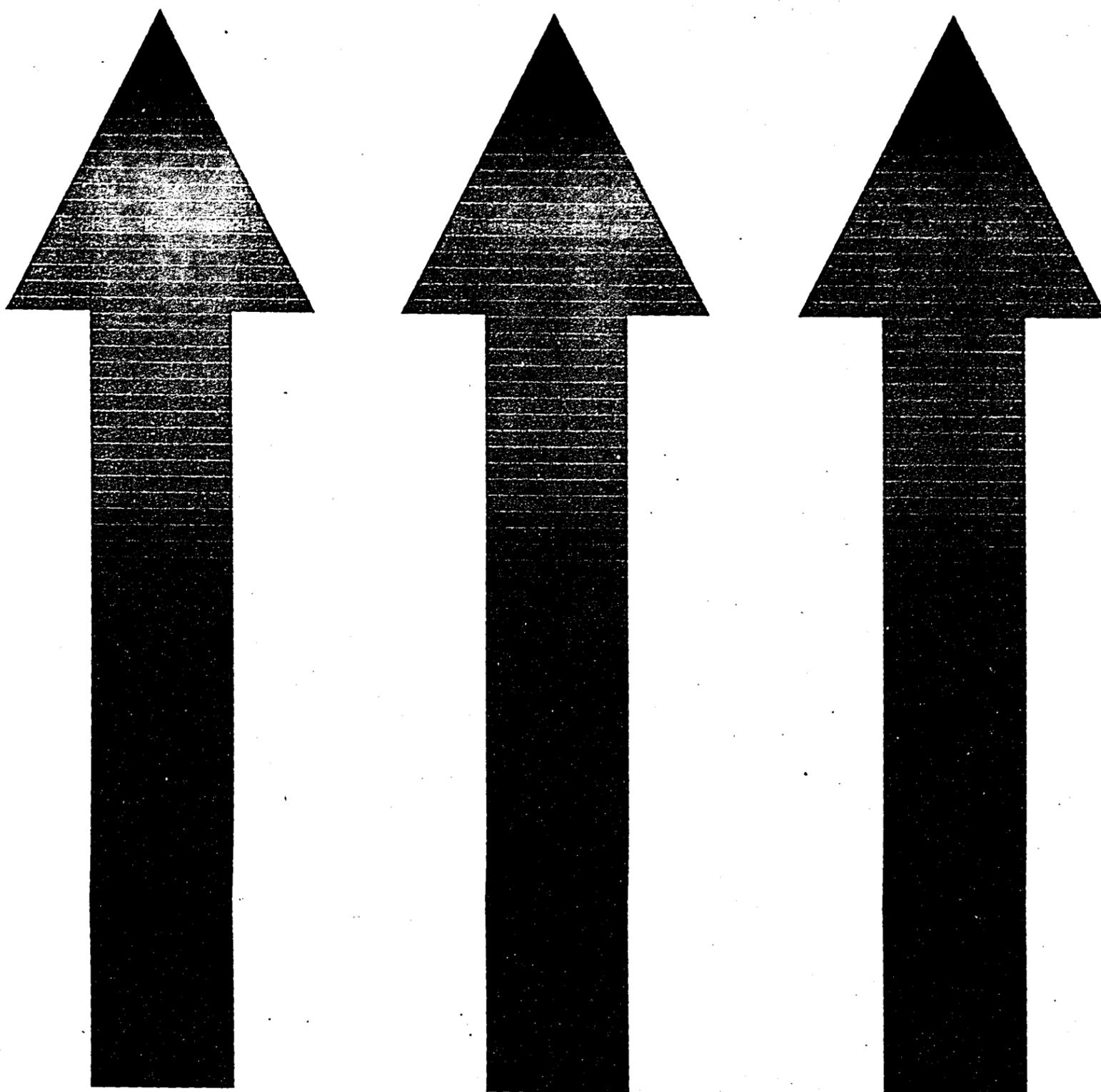
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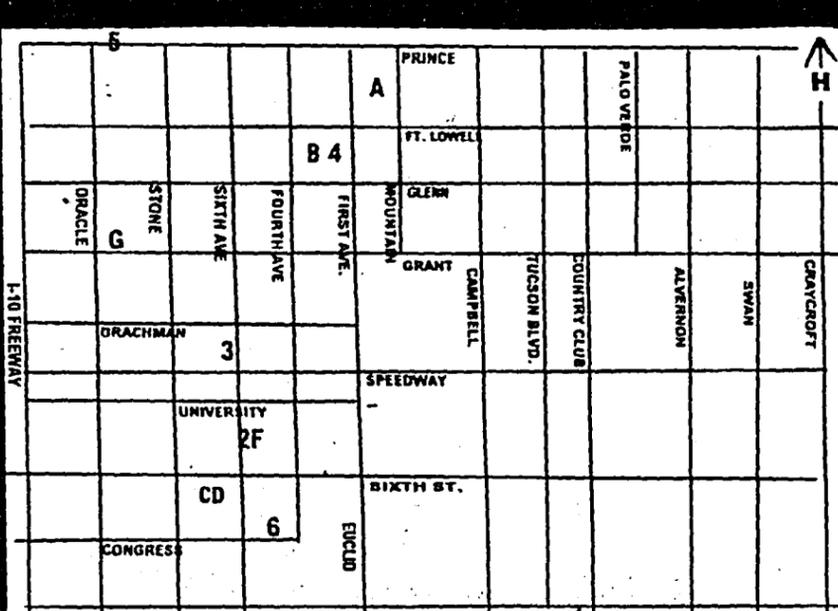
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A Biblical Model For Male Couples

The Bible is a collection of writings compiled over more than a two thousand-year period. There are different styles of writing, different cultures presented, and different types of literature, like poetry, prose, and interpreted historical chronicles. The Bible contains stories of adventure, stories with a moral, and stories of romance. It should not be surprising that one of my favorite stories of romance in the Bible is the story of Jonathan and David.

The story of Jonathan and David is woven through the chronicle of the First Book of Samuel. It's a story told in the midst of the account of the reign of King Saul, the first king of Israel. Samuel, after whom this book is named, was the prophet and priest who anointed Saul as king and who later chose David to follow Saul as the second king.

Jonathan was the Saul's son. He grew-up with all the advantages of the royal household. He was a warrior and well known throughout the land. David had a more humble background. He was the youngest of the family and had been left with the job of shepherd. While today we have prosaic images of shepherds, in the Biblical culture it was a dead-end job. A shepherd lived with the sheep and was unable to maintain the social and religious customs and so became a social outcast by virtue of the job.

David's social standing as an outcast was reinforced by his first appearance in the royal court. He was brought in as a special servant to the king; he was the new target for javelin practice. Yes, young David was the human target for the king's practice. Obviously, the king didn't have a good aim.

Jonathan first took notice of David after the battle with Goliath, the Philistine warrior. While all the soldiers of Israel were terrified of the big, bad warrior Goliath, David knew that he had an advantage: as a shepherd, he used his slingshot to chase off fast moving animals at night. Goliath was a big, slow moving, easy target. Having already developed the skill to outrun the king's javelin, David saw an opportunity where others saw impossibility. David killed the giant with one well-aimed stone in his slingshot. With that victory, David immediately went from being the shepherd boy best suited for target practice to becoming the country's greatest hero.

It was at this point that Prince Jonathan took an interest in young David. He befriended him and their companionship grew. Jonathan brought him to the royal household to live. As a sign of his commitment to David, he exchanged clothing with him, giving David the royal garments while Jonathan wore David's ordinary cloak. Clearly, this was no ordinary friendship.

Jonathan regularly brought David to dinner at the royal table, so that the two were publicly seen in the midst of all the military leaders and other officials. At dinner, they were in each other's embrace, kissing and caressing each other.

Saul became jealous of David. David became more popular than the king. He also had significant influence over his son. So Saul plotted to kill David. Jonathan, learning of the plan, helped David escape. The book of Samuel records a tender scene where the two men hid in a field to say their good-byes, both in tears.

Jonathan returns to the court and confronts his father publicly. Because Jonathan's relationship with David was splitting family loyalties, Saul decided to chase after David and hunt him down.

David and Jonathan continued to rendezvous from time to time. Jonathan warned David of his father's schemes. David not only eluded Saul but also played tricks on Saul, which further frustrated him. In the end, the two young lovers were separated because of war. It's in war that King Saul and Prince Jonathan were killed.

On hearing their deaths, David was crushed. In the second book of Samuel, the first chapter, David lamented their death. It's one of the most beautiful poetic elegies in the Bible, with images that touch the heart even after these thousands of years.

In verse 26 of this elegy, David laments: "Jonathan lies slain upon the high places. I am distressed for you, my dear Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women." (2 Samuel 1:25b-26)

Let me be clear: the Bible never states that these two men were sexually involved. Nor would they be considered a Gay couple in the terms we now consider Gay couples. However, David clearly states that the bond he experienced with Jonathan surpassed his romantic experiences with women. That is quite a statement for someone who as king would maintain a large harem.

The cultural notion that two people of the same gender would live a committed relationship is something only found in modern times. However, the writers of the Bible saw no difficulty in portraying intimate love and commitment between two men, men who are considered Biblical heroes. To make a statement about their sexual orientation would be like comparing apples and oranges. It was a concept absent in their culture. Yet, they were clearly in love, committed to each other even in the face of great conflict, and were very public about their commitment to each other. I believe there is no better model for Gay couples who face conflict and adversity in doing what is necessary to live in a committed relationship. That's exactly what Jonathan and David had done.

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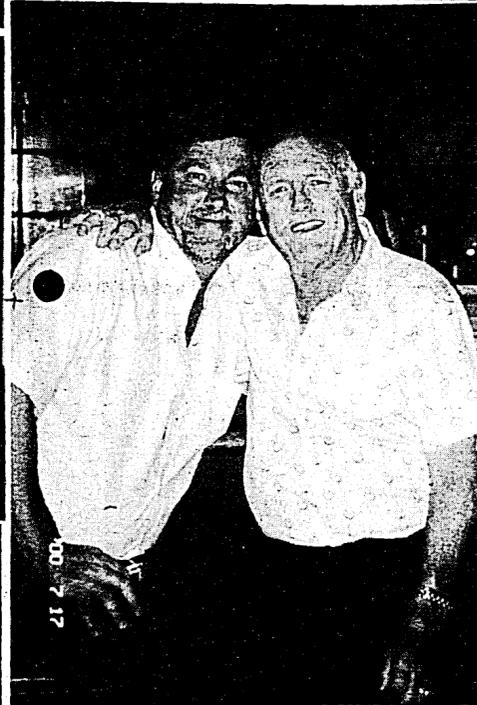
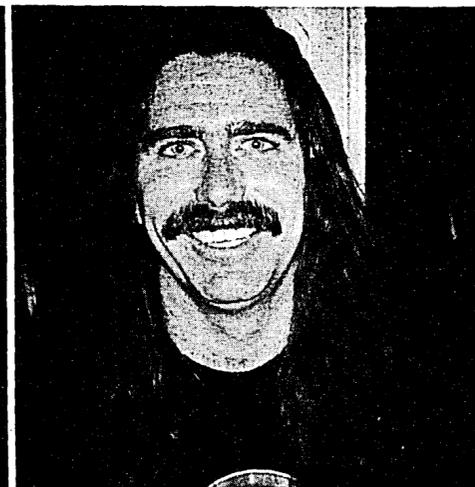
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Before you throw out the baby with the bath water, take a clearheaded look at your happy home surroundings. Gay Libras are especially affected by the total lunar eclipse in Capricorn. Nothing in your life seems to measure up this week. Oh cut yourself some slack, cousin; Don't measure yourself by others' yardsticks. The grass looks greener next door but it's astro turf.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20
Career issues may reach a head when Gay Rambos catch the total lunar eclipse in Capricorn this week. "Is that all there is?" you may ask from your plush corporate suite. Before you cry in your martini, cash in your options and resign yourself to a life of early bird specials, count to ten, say your schpiel and gird your forces for a potential onslaught. Motto: Living well is the best revenge.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21
Globetrotting queer Bulls may step in a huge pile when they trod through the total lunar eclipse in Capricorn. If you find yourself in an international stew or a diplomatic blunder, don't panic. Hint: Things can get only as bad as your initial reaction. Stay calm, cool and collected and let the wild winds rage. Keep your travel agent's phone number handy, just in case.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21
All this foggy eclipse energy has flirtatious pink Twins in a twisted knot. This week, with the total lunar eclipse in Capricorn, you are overly anxious to demonstrate your sexual prowess at every opportunity. So what are you trying to prove cousin? It doesn't take a village to bang your drum. Be discerning and discreet, lover; you don't need to advertise.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23
Prepare for a few irritating misunderstandings with partners when the total lunar eclipse passes over pessimistic Capricorn. Queer Crabs can get steamed at the slightest provocation. Why not toss a little spice in the pot and forget about your claws, cousin. Single crustations may be eaten alive by a all consuming, but ill advised infatuation. Ah, but what a way to go!

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23
Even hard working proud Lions may feel a bit over-extended when the total lunar eclipse passes through Capricorn. Avoid volunteering for extra duty now. It will only lead to more work, more fatigue, more stress and less satisfaction. You may also feel a bit under the weather this week. Maybe you should take two dates and call in sick in the morning?

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23
There is nothing like creative block or a lousy party to unhinge an aspiring Gay Virgin. As the total lunar eclipse in Capricorn casts a pall over your happiest endeavors, you need to learn to keep your sunny side up even as the thunder storms rage. There is also the chance that you'll be overly affected by any alcoholic or psychedelic intake. Know your limit and try not to exceed it ... too often.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22
Queer Scorps are usually fairly tight lipped but now the total lunar eclipse in Capricorn tempts you to let all your nasty jibes spill out. Avoid the temptation, compadre. You are operating in an emotional theater and nothing you can say now will help you - it can only open wounds. That being said, if you are itching to say something unmentionable, at least make sure it's a clean kill.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22
If it seems to good to be true, it probably is. Use this as your mantra this week when the total lunar eclipse transits Capricorn. Proud Archers are usually fast and loose with their money, going on gut and luck to build a nifty little nest egg. Your luck and fiscal acumen goes on hiatus for about a week. Cradle your eggs carefully now and don't cook an emotional omelette.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20
The total lunar eclipse in your own sign may give you a case of the social jitters and may cause you to make the wrong first impression. So what Gay Cap! Rather than allow yourself to become a prisoner of your own fears and demons this week, why not take your act on the road? Remember, the eclipse is an emotional time, keep your emotions in check and give 'em the best you got!

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19
If little voices goad you to certain unadvised actions, blame the noise on the lunar eclipse in Capricorn. Aquerians are fairly level headed, but now you are susceptible to all sorts of new age bubbemcisers. Lower the volume and attune your senses to more community-minded activities. Nothing can go sour in a karmic inspired good Gay deed or two. Madam Lichtenstein has spoken!

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
Rainbow Fish may ache for platonic companionship but this week, during the lunar eclipse in Capricorn, close friends seem just a little too close for comfort. Before you push them away or lash out and complain, find a nice excuse to escape. Spend a little time away from the maddening crowd and get centered. By next week, you may want a pal or two to pal around with.

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HATE IS NOT A FAMILY VALUE

GO IN GOOD HEALTH
BY REV. ANDREW BROOKS

This week, I want to talk about the importance of ethics. Life is full of choices, and we must decide early on in life what is wrong and what is right. There are far too many manipulative, selfish people out there in the world, and we don't need to be one of them! Lying and conniving and manipulating other people may get you what you want for a little while, but in the end, it is self-defeating. Sometimes people assume that ethics are the same as morals, but that is not always the case. Even the most promiscuous people can have ethics.

You can decide not to seduce someone who is already happy in a relationship with a lover, or not to cheat on your own partner, for that matter. There are far too many people out there who are more than willing to try to break up a happy couple just to get someone in bed, and the sad fact is, they usually care nothing for that person more than a passing physical infatuation. Deliberately hurting other people is wrong, no matter what.

We see a lot of unethical behavior in the business world, such as someone willing to sabotage someone else's hard work to get ahead, or conniving to get a promotion over somebody else. We can choose not to buy into that behavior. We can also choose not to make up vicious rumors about others just to make ourselves look better, or to hurt somebody else. When we start to look at life objectively, we can see that a lot of behaviors are actually rather childish and selfish, and truly beneath us. We can decide not to be a part of all that. Honesty is always the best policy. That doesn't mean blabbing confidential things about someone we know to everyone else, it just means choosing not to lie. Being an ethical person means rising above petty motivations and unscrupulous behavior. I am sure every one of us has come across people who are less than fair, and willing to hurt other people to get ahead in life. If you have ever been victimized by such a person,

you know exactly what I am talking about.

It is best not to have such people in your life. Someone who is willing to sabotage other people just to get ahead is just as likely to turn on you and do mean things behind your back if you ever do something to make them mad. Such people aren't really what you need in your life, and it is best to cut them out of the picture.

It is better to surround yourself with kind, fair, loving people, who are going to be for your highest good. It is much better to live a life based on love, kindness and compassion than petty ambition, greed and avarice. There really is something to the principle of karma, and the old saying is very, very true - "What comes around, goes around." As you go through life, you can see that people are, indeed, rewarded according to their behavior.

One more point I would like to make. Don't let bad experiences make you bitter. If one person treats you badly in a relationship and you get hurt by it, doesn't mean that everyone else you meet is going to be the same way. If you have been attracting people who do the same bad things over and over, it's time to look at yourself and what you want out of a relationship. Not rushing into a commitment with someone before you get to know them is a good idea. You can't base a relationship entirely on sexual attraction. It's fine if you are just "f**k buddies" (to use a popular term) but a deep, committed relationship is based on communication and common interests, not just sex. That is equally true for Lesbian women as well as Gay men.

Life is full of choices. Just be sure you make the ones that lead to good results, and are not based on the desire to hurt anyone. In the end, you reap what you sew. It's definitely something to think about. Goddess bless. Til next time, Go in Good health.

Columna Abierta by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

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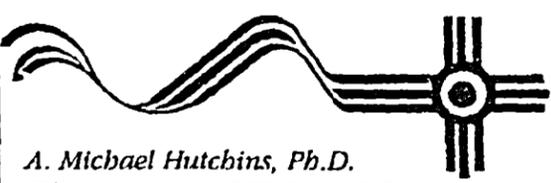
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VIEWPOINT

By Paul S. Lotsif

When you give it a little thought you'll realize that Dr. Laura Schlessinger's logic is quite sound when she suggests that Lesbians and Gays are biological errors. Of course, in order for her reasoning to be valid, it is essential that there be no definition of a biological error. If the term means anything she wants it to mean, nobody can dispute her contention. Her logic appears to be based on the central premise that the purpose of sex is reproduction. Since men doesn't seem to be able to get each other pregnant, the system is subverted and an error has occurred.

Laura is that we don't play into her hands. Noisy demonstrations are likely to get the public curious and give Laura more viewers than she would otherwise have. Moreover, she could argue that a bunch of narrow minded extremists are trying to deprive her of her first amendment right of free speech. The last thing we want is to be portrayed on national television as a collection of oppressors who in the name of civil rights are trying to take away Laura's rights.

A better tactic would be to approach the management of TV stations and request time to respond to Laura's anti-Gay outbursts. TV stations have no legal obligation to provide such time and it could be necessary to take up a collection to pay for the time. If we are lucky, we might get it free or at a reduced rate.

Incidentally, although it hasn't been publicized much, Dr. Laura's program is already being aired daily on KNST Radio (790 AM) and has been for many months. She's on weekdays between, 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Although TV is a bigger medium, radio has multitudes of listeners that shouldn't be disregarded.

A little additional thought reveals that we are in good company. Everyone knows that birds have wings so that they can fly. Turkeys, ostriches, penguins and emus are all birds that have wings but can't fly. Similarly, chickens have wings but they don't get very far off the ground. Thus, it would appear that among biological errors, we have billions of companions who share our category. I'm confident that there are countless examples of biological errors that nobody gets very emotional about.

My main concern relative to Dr.

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alone can give us true love and comfort. In fact he is always waiting for you (and me) with his arms outstretched. He is waiting for you to take away your loneliness, to comfort you, to take away your pain and heal you.

God, Jesus, has done this for me. He will do it for you too! Jesus died for all of us so that we will have eternal life with him in Heaven, no matter what we have done. There is a second chance with God.

Does this scenario sound familiar? Are you just waiting for the right person to come along? Do you walk in faith that someday you will have that comfort? I did. I just didn't know how or where or through whom it would come.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Why put all your trust in someone or something (drinks, drugs, gambling...) when they can only fail you? It took me a long time to learn this but putting your faith in Jesus is the only secure thing to do. He

God forgives all of our sins but we have to have a relationship with his son Jesus Christ. I am a whosoever and so are you. Why not leave that barstool, or put down the magazine, or stop changing partners whenever you get bored? Try Jesus. He won't disappoint!

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POLITICS 2000
 by Mark R. Kerr

'This Week's Column Is Sponsored By A Corrupted Floppy Disk'

Eleven members of Congress sent President Clinton a letter asking him to resign as honorary head of the Boy Scouts of America because of the group's policy barring Gay men from the organization.

Henry Waxman (D-CA), includes several reforms supported by the Gay and Lesbian Log Cabin Republicans, including changing the formula for distributing funds from one based on the number of AIDS cases to one based on the number of HIV cases. The Senate has already approved reauthorization in a somewhat different bill.

"In order to disavow this policy of intolerance as well as to clarify a misperception of implicit presidential approval, we urge you, the leader of our nation, to resign as the honorary head of the BSA," the letter read.

The National Stonewall Democratic Federation, a national organization of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Democrats, with over 10,000 members and 55 affiliated clubs across the country, announced that it will hold its 2000 National Convention from August 10 through August 12 at the Marquis Resort in Palm Springs, California.

The White House had no immediate response. Aides have said that Clinton does not agree with the Scouts' policy, but they have given no indication that he is considering giving up the honorary title, which has been granted to every president since William Taft.

The U.S. Senate passed, by a 97-3 vote, the defense spending bill whose many amendments include the language of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

Coming immediately prior to the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles, the National Stonewall Convention 2000 will bring together Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Democrats from across the country to plan a national strategy to identify, energize and mobilize the GLBT vote for Democratic candidates on Election Day.

That measure would add sexual orientation as a protected category under federal hate crimes law, as well as greatly expanding the conditions under which federal authorities could become involved in the investigation and prosecution of hate crimes. The House of Representatives had already passed its own defense spending bill, which does not include the hate crimes amendment.

For more information on the NSDF convention, call (202) 783-8670 or visit the National Stonewall Democratic Federation website at: www.stonewalldemocrats.org.

President Bill Clinton once again called on the House for enactment of the hate crimes measure, writing in a letter to House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-IL) that, "We must take action now to stop these acts of violence."

On Tuesday, September 8, the Arizona Stonewall Democrats and the Arizona Human Rights Fund will host a joint fund raiser, "Pride and Politics: An evening with the Honorable Barney Frank."

That call was echoed by a group of legislators including Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA), Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) and Representative John Conyers (D-MI), who urged the House to act quickly to schedule a vote before Congress adjourns on July 28.

Frank has served in the U.S. House since 1980, and has been described as "one of the intellectual and political leaders of the Democratic Party in the House." During his tenure, Frank has lent his voice to a range of causes from gun control to the medical use of marijuana to Gay marriage. The Massachusetts Member of Congress is not only a champion for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender rights, but for civil rights anywhere they may be threatened.

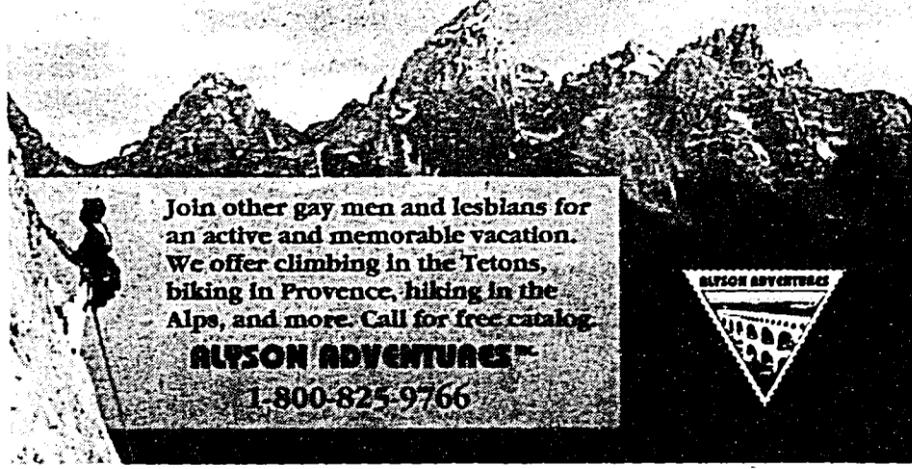
However, it's believed that Republican leaders intend to see the hate crimes amendment dropped from the defense bill when it goes to a House-Senate conference committee, as it was last year.

A reception at a Paradise Valley residence will take place at 6:00 p.m., with an intimate dinner to honor Frank follows at 8:30 p.m. at Coup Des Tartes, 4626 N. 16th Street, Phoenix. Tickets are \$50 for the reception and \$250 for the dinner, with the proceeds going to the state's Gay and Lesbian rights group and Arizona's Gay and Lesbian Democratic organization. For more information, call (602) 864-6092. ...

The House bill, developed by Representatives Tom Coburn (R-OK) and

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THE VOTE by Chaz

No Blame For Winchell Murder?

Continued from Page One

mentation of anyone being disciplined in any way for "asking" or "pursuing" in violation of policy since it went into effect in 1994. What Winchell's mother Pat Kuticles said months ago when filing her \$1.8-million wrongful death lawsuit against the Army is still true: "There has been nobody that has been held accountable for the Army's part in the harassment and the lack of safety."

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), originally formed to assist those harmed by "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," is carefully avoiding comment until the group has actually had a chance to review the report. But in the course of their own investigation in connection with Winchell's death, more than twenty soldiers from the base asked their assistance with harassment they'd witnessed or experienced. The Inspector General did not have the same access to reports from Gay and Lesbian soldiers because of their justified fear they would lose their jobs — the Inspec-

tor General explicitly stated that he was required to turn in servicemembers who were discovered to be Gay in the course of investigating harassment against them.

SLDN co-executive director Michele Benecke told the Tennessean that, "If the CBS News report is true, that the Army is dismissing any concern that there was a climate of homophobia at Fort Campbell, then the Army's report lacks any credibility. There is more than ample evidence of harassment on the record." Benecke and "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" drafter sociology professor Charles Moskos contributed a joint op-ed piece published in the Washington Post July 18 to emphasize together that while they may differ on the policy itself, they agree that the anti-Gay violence and harassment will not end until Gay and Lesbian servicemembers can safely report it.

Fort Campbell's commander at the time of the murder, Major General Clark, has maintained that he exceeded both Department of Defense and Army requirements for training personnel regarding what's officially known as the "Homosexual Conduct Policy." As he moved on June 9 to a prestigious but low-profile job with the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon, Clark said, "There is not, nor has there ever been during my time here, a climate of homophobia on post. The climate here is one that promotes just the opposite, respect for all."

The Inspector General's report had originally been scheduled for release before Clark's ceremonial leavetaking from the home of the Screaming Eagles. Rescheduled for July 1, the release was then delayed again, apparently without a new date being announced. Thirty Congressmembers had written in strong terms to Secretary of Defense William Cohen complaining that Clark was being advanced (even if not given another star) while the assessment was still outstanding, among other concerns for accountability. A separate report from a top-level all-service working group with recommendations for reducing anti-Gay harassment is due on Cohen's desk this week.

Some SLDN supporters chose to send dignified memorial cards to Clark, Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera and Army Chief of Staff General Eric Shinseki on the anniversary of Winchell's July 6 death. Winchell's birthdate was August 31, 1977. [Ed. note: All three can be reached at The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20318.]

As a footnote, SLDN got a bad rap in the case from a cover article in the New York Times Sunday magazine ("An Inconvenient Woman," May 28), which said that that group and others had pressured Winchell's Transgendered friend Calpernia Addams to identify herself to media as a man to emphasize the Gay angle. Addams herself, SLDN's Kathi Westcott and Rhonda White of the Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice, wrote together to the Times to say that never happened. On July 2, the Times published a "Correction" saying, "Because of an editing error, an article on May 28 about Calpernia Addams, who is in the process of changing sexes to female from male, and the murder of her boyfriend, PFC Barry Winchell, included an erroneous statement about a meeting between Addams and Kathi Westcott, a lawyer, and Rhonda White, a Gay rights advocate, after the murder. Westcott did not say that Addams, 'for the sake of clarity' should tell reporters to refer to her as a male. White and Westcott discussed the press with Addams but did not make a specific proposal about how the press should refer to her."

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

Tucson Prime Timers Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. at the Wildcat House, 1801 N. Stone Avenue. For more information call 747-5669.

THURSDAY, JULY 20

Paz Cafe Monthly Luncheon - providing a delicious free lunch, along with friendship, games and social activities. Open to all HIV+ adults and one guest (partner, family, friend or volunteer respecting confidentiality/privacy concerns). Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is served at noon and games, crafts and social time until 2:30 p.m. Located at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, a Gay friendly church at the corner of River and Swan. RESERVATIONS REQUESTED. To reserve your space or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at 299-6647 by Monday, July 17.

FRIDAY, JULY 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, July 19 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).

Dinner with the Bears of the Old Pueblo and guests. Bears go Italian this month. Call the Bear Line at 327-1620 or visit their web site at <http://www.botop.com>. Be sure to RSVP by July 19th.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

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

Christmas in July Party! A great annual event with the Bears of the Old Pueblo and their guests. Traditional holiday fixins will be provided, just bring a dessert of a holiday themed side dish. Don't forget to bring a gag gift for the "white elephant" gift exchange. For time and location call 327-1620 or check out their website at <http://www.botop.com>

SUNDAY, JULY 23

Tucson Prime Timers dinner 5:30 pm. At Shooters Steakhouse, 3115 E. Prince Road. (East of Country Club (North side of Prince). It's Prime Rib Night! For more information call 747-5669.

MONDAY, JULY 24

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 326-6196.

THURSDAY, JULY 27

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

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of "Happy, Texas", about 2 escaped cons masquerading as gay pageant directors in a small Texas town. A funny comedy, with heart. For reservations & directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, JULY 29

Bears of the Old Pueblo Lemmon Rock hike! Now here's an image - Bears in the woods! Bears and guests will meet at the McDonald's on the corner of Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway at 8:00 a.m. to car pool up Mount Lemmon. Bring your own water and picnic lunch. This is a hike of light to moderate difficulty with some of the best scenic views of the surrounding mountain ranges. This is a wilderness area so no pets on this trip please. (520)327-1620 or <http://www.botop.com>

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our Topic of Discussion as we look at "Friendship". Do you have enough friends? Do you make time for the ones you have. Want to learn how to make new friends? Come share your thoughts. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

The men's massage group celebration meets today at 5:00 p.m. Call for more information. They meet every 3rd Sunday of each month. The group is ten years old. This is a great place to meet new friends, other men and relax through the medium of laymans massage. It is a fun and lively group of 8-10 men. Non-sexual. Call Marc well in advance to reserve a place at 881-4582. Centrally located. Small fee.

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FRIDAY, JULY 21

STONEWALL - The 'Stop Dr. Laura' Committee will be holding a benefit Bar-B-Que here beginning at 4:00 p.m. In addition, Karaoke will begin at 5:30 this Friday also.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

IBTS - 4th Annual Grey Eagle Arm Wrestling Tournament Benefit for TIHAN. 4:00 p.m. Sign-up packets available at IBT's and Woody's. Support your favorite wrestler.

SUNDAY, JULY 23

IBTS - Party line-up includes Jeff's Bloody Mary Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.. Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to PFLAG. Then at 9:00 p.m. It's the Men of IBT's Male Revue.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

IBTS - 9:00 P.M. 'The Girlie Show' hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Ajia Simone, Faith Michaels and Janne Starr.

FRIDAY, JULY 28

IBTS - Miss Gay Western States-America Pre-Pageant Show featuring Naomi Knight (Miss Gay Western States 2000); Elektra Bleu (1998); Truly Fabu (1997); Patti Le Plae Safe (Miss Gay America 1995) and Catia Lee Love (Miss Gay America 2000). Hosted by Lucinda Holliday.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

IBTS - Today's Benefit Bar-B-Que / 16oz Beer Bust will go to the folks at the Tucson 'Stop Dr. Laura' Committee.

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Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

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

IBT's - 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 - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Free Pool noon til 5pm. Dance Club opens 9pm with Mix Master David Z playing House & Hip Hop. New digital Karaoke surround sound system (in the bar) 9pm to close. Popcorn, steaming buns & hot weenies... free.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open noon. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft, \$2 pitchers. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Boss Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball 5:30 pm. B-B-Q 5:30-9pm. \$2.50 burger; \$1.50 Hot Dog. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm to close. Patio Bar Open.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight, 25¢ cups of draft 8 to closing.

IBT's - Open 10am. Martini Monday all day all call martinis's \$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 - Open at noon. All well drinks \$1.75 till 8pm. Free pool all day and all night. Dance Club opens 9pm with DJ CrispX spinning Circuit Noise. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies...free

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Dart Tourney 8pm, pot matched. Patio opens 5pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close. Special drink prices 8pm to close for American Airlines - American Express - ADL employees.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool touney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Long Islands all nite. Dance to music w/DJs.

IBT's - 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. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Free pool all day and night. Dance Club opens 9pm. with DJ Eduardo featuring international music. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies... free.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Skyy's the limit \$2.25.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Free Pool 2-4. \$1.50 pitchers 9-close. 80s Retro DJ Sarafina. No cover.

IBT's - 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. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Free pool noon til 5pm. New Digital Karaoke surround sound System (in the bar) 9pm til close. Dance Club opens at 9pm with DJ Eduardo. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies... Free.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio opens at 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court Open this evening. Spaghetti Feed 6-9pm \$2.50. Patio bar open.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Liz 9pm to close. \$1.50 Tequila & 75¢ Watermelons.

IBT's - 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 (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Dance club opens at 9pm. Dance with DJ CrispX to Circuit Noise. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies... free.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-1sh. \$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. Patio Bar Open.

Friday

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

IBT's - 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. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Free pool noon til 5pm. Dance Club open 9pm. Dance with DJ David Z. to High Energy Music. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies... free.

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 \$2.50 all day. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. \$2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every half hour.

IBT's - 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. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Free pool noon til 5pm. Dance Club opens at 9pm with DJ David Z. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies... free.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Steak Fry 5-9pm Filet Mignon, vegetables, salad, roll & potato \$4.50. Patio Bar Open.

NOTICES

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at St. Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. 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 293-6624.

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) meets once a week on Sundays. Gay men and women who wish to stop compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520)570-1225 for 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, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us!! Call 881-1369 to audition. 617-3100 for more info.

MENS SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary 770-9979 or Bertie 316-3415.

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 299-5647.

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 881-4562 for more information or sign up.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Holman 529-7542 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3200.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Desert Girlz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Desert 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) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

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

DESERT DUNGEON TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational, Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. Call us at (520)325-0131, or http://www.azds.net/dd

LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA. Local chapter of the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian Republican organization. Meets the first Tuesday evening of each month. For information, call Patrick at 615-1887.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call 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)534-6219 (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.

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LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7063.

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

LESBIAN/GAY/BISEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6678 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 791-7676.

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

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

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio 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).

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1520 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline for info at 668-5541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-6850 or Ronn 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 693, 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 624-6765.

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 889-7298.

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

LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS: Workshop at 7:00 p.m. third Wednesday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 8th Ave. Call 791-9662.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT.** In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 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), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC provided daily by the Pima County Health Department. Gay friendly. Confidential. Treatment and Medication too! Any questions? Call 624-8272

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.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11am. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty, 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 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Wingspan at 624-1779 about a new Al-Anon group being organized in Tucson.

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 681-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

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.

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

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGICC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpgicc.org or call (602)225-8444.

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.

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ter response of the South African government, including Mandela's own administration. The leadership has ignored and trivialized the AIDS threat, even as it grew to the point where 1 in 5 adults is believed to be infected with the virus, for which there are costly treatments, but still no cure.

Mandela ended on a high note a meeting that began with president Thabo Mbeki's reiteration of his own skepticism about the nature of the epidemic, and his insistence that there is nothing about this disease that eradication of poverty wouldn't cure.

The anger many of the 12,000 conference delegates felt toward Mbeki was transformed by the inspiring keynote address by Justice Edwin Cameron, a high court judge who is Gay, white and HIV-positive. He explained how he was able to "pay for life itself" by purchasing antiviral drugs, and he demanded that his poor, black fellow countrymen be afforded the same opportunity.

"My presence here embodies the injustice of AIDS in Africa because, on a continent in which 290 million Africans survive on less than \$1 a day, I can afford monthly medication costs of about \$400 per month," the judge said.

Cameron's address set a high moral tone for the remainder of the week, and assured that the questions of access would dominate discussions. Demonstrators badgered drug company representatives and called on developing nations to sidestep patents and import cheaper, generic forms of the AIDS drugs otherwise so costly they were beyond the reach of their people.

The challenge laid down by treatment access advocates applied to the scien-

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tists reporting the latest findings of their own research.

"The development of new drugs doesn't mean anything without a discussion of how the broader community will get access to them," said Mandeep Dahliwal, a Ugandan lawyer who runs an AIDS service organization in Kampala.

Dahliwal was one of dozens of female African women leaders, whose high profile at the conference underscored one of its lessons: that the heterosexual epidemic decimating Africa is disproportionately afflicting women, who are being infected and dying in greater numbers, and at a younger age than their male counterparts.

The presence of powerful female voices assured that the sensitive issues of male violence against women, and the subservient role of women in many African societies, would be openly discussed at the conference.

"We know that the customs and practices associated with male and female roles and sexuality in many societies today are compromising the rights and freedoms of individuals and promoting a cycle of illness and death. This must stop," said Geeta Rao Gupta, president of the Washington, D.C.-based International Center for Research on Women, during a plenary address.

"There can be no more powerful reason for change — gender roles that disempower women and give men a false sense of power are killing our youth and women and men in their most productive

years. This must change. That is the message that must be communicated — without any caveats, ifs, or buts."

In the scientific forums, one of the most disappointing moments was the disclosure that a commonly available contraceptive gel used as a microbicide to kill the AIDS virus actually increased HIV infection rates among prostitutes. This was a set-back for women's rights advocates, who are desperately seeking "women controlled" methods of HIV protection.

But there was good news, too. Trials of short courses of an inexpensive antiviral drug, nevirapine, seemed to prove that there is an affordable way to cut in half the number of babies who would contract the AIDS virus from their HIV positive mothers in the birth canal.

Studies showed that AIDS prevention efforts such as providing HIV tests are both affordable and effective means of getting people to practice safer sex. "People who know their HIV status change their behavior," said Tom Coates, director of the University of California at San Francisco AIDS Research Institute.

Reports on drug research touched on many themes. Studies showed that low-cost treatments with broad-spectrum antibiotics such as Bactrim could be used in African settings to improve the health of HIV-infected men, women and children. Efforts to find new antivirals turned up promising results for "fusion inhibitors," a new class of antiviral drug that targets a different mechanism of the AIDS virus than two other drugs.

There was universal belief that the ultimate solution to the world AIDS crisis is a vaccine. And for the first time, there was enough good news on vaccine research that the topic was placed on the agenda of the international conference.

"At the start of the epidemic, no one knew enough about the virus or immunology to know even what questions to ask," said Dr. Margaret Liu, vice president of vaccine research at Emerville-based Chiron, addressing a plenary session.

Today, however, immunization research is highly focused. Numerous approaches are being studied and all are yielding promising candidate vaccines. Liu wouldn't predict that the world would meet President Clinton's goal of an effective AIDS vaccine by 2007, but she said it is clearly within reach. The contrasting worlds of high-power pharmaceutical research and village-level community health care were ever present at the Durban conference. This coastal resort and shipping port embodies the contradictory worlds of South Africa, which is both a wealthy industrial power and an impoverished developing nation.

"You meet in a country to whose citizens freedom and democracy are but very new gifts," President Mbeki reminded delegates. "For us, freedom and democracy are only 6 years old."

San Francisco General Hospital AIDS clinician Dr. Donald Abrams marveled at the contrasts of Durban itself. "You look around, and it could be Southern California," he said at the modern International Conference Center, surrounded by glass-walled luxury hotels.

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