

Federal Court Affirm Fair Housing Laws

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (NP) - Christian landlords' claim that Anchorage, Alaska's fair housing laws would force them to "facilitate sin" has been evicted by a federal appeals court.

The full U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals threw out by 10 - 1 a religious challenge to civil rights laws on August 4, even though last year a three-judge panel of the same court had ruled for the challengers in a split decision. The earlier ruling is negated by the full bench having agreed to review the case. Kevin Thomas and Joyce Baker, two Christian Anchorage, Alaska landlords, claimed that compliance with city and state fair housing laws by renting to unmarried couples would force them to "facilitate sin." Similar cases had previously been lost before the California and Alaska Supreme Courts (the 9th Circuit has jurisdiction over nine Western states. The case particularly threatened civil rights protections for categories not named under federal law, including sexual orientation as well as marital status.

However, the federal appellate ruling could be only a "reprieve." The court did not decide whether city and state laws against marital status discrimination were trumped by the landlords' constitutional right to freedom of religion, but found there was no case since no complaints had been filed against the landlords to date. The majority decision written by Judge Margaret McKeown said, "Simply put, at this stage the dispute is purely hypothetical and the injury [to the plaintiffs' religious liberty] is speculative." She called it "a case in search of a controversy," when "No violation of the laws is on the horizon, and no enforcement or prosecution is either threatened or imminent," so "dismissal of this action is required."

Lone dissenting Judge Andrew Kleinfeld said the ruling would "slam the courthouse door" on landlords asking "whether a constitutionally valid law prohibits them from acting ... in the exercise of their religious beliefs." He wrote, "It is a serious question. They have standing to raise it. They are entitled to an answer."

Because there had been no actual complaint, the interests of tenants were not represented. Those would include some privacy from landlords' intrusive questioning into their personal lives to assess if they were indeed "sinners."

Among friend-of-the-court briefs urging the panel to reverse last year's ruling were the U.S. Department of Justice and the attorneys general of several states in the 9th Circuit. California Attorney General Bill Lockyer told the San Francisco Examiner that the new ruling "has allowed state protections against discrimination by landlords to stand. However, there may be

new challenges to come, and we will continue to fight against discrimination."

Clyde Wadsworth of San Francisco's Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe filed an amicus brief on behalf of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. He said, "Civil rights stand stronger today because of this court's decision. Landlords should not be prying into the private relationships of their tenants, who could be two female roommates, a Gay couple or Will & Grace."

Jon W. Davidson, supervising attorney of Lambda's Western Regional Office, said, "The court rightly saw through the smokescreen of these landlords' claim for religious exemption, which had no basis in experience."

Cases have been filed elsewhere with the same kinds of arguments the plaintiffs used in "Thomas versus Anchorage Equal Rights Commission," notably pending challenges to 1999 civil rights laws protecting Gays and Lesbians in Louisville and Jefferson County, Kentucky.

Bush Voted Log Cabin's Man

PHILADELPHIA, PA (NP) - The Gay and Lesbian Republican group's endorsement of their party's presidential nominee may be a mystery, but isn't a surprise.

The day after George W. Bush accepted the Republican Party's U.S. presidential nomination, the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian Republican organization, the Log Cabin Republicans (LCR), gave the Texas governor their resounding endorsement by a vote of 109 - 2. Citing Bush's ongoing dialogue with the Gay community and the inclusion of Gays at this week's Republican National Convention in Philadelphia, LCR chairman Robert Stears said the Bush campaign had made significant progress on GLBT issues since the Texas governor first sat down with 12 Gay Republicans in April.

LCR leaders said that the Bush campaign had repeatedly "reached out" after the meeting, seeking their advice on issues such as HIV/AIDS policy. "We anticipate being a part of the policy discussions" that come up throughout the campaign, said Stears.

The endorsement is seen as particularly significant since the national leadership of LCR publicly feuded with Bush during the primary season over his refusal to meet with them; the organization went so

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Advocates Upset Over WVA Murder Trial Proceedings

FAIRMONT, WV - Gay-rights activists, horrified by the discovery that a murder victim was still alive when run over with a car, say they don't believe the motive suggested in a judicial order transferring one of the teens to adult court.

Marion County Circuit Judge Rodney Merrifield ordered 17-year-old David Allen Parker to stand trial as an adult on a first-degree murder charge in the death of Arthur "J.R." Warren, a 26-year-old Gay black man.

In transferring Parker to adult court, Merrifield detailed evidence presented in a closed hearing last week. It includes the revelation that Warren was not only conscious after his initial beating, he was strong enough to crawl from the hatchback area into the back seat of the car, begging to be taken home.

Instead, Warren was dragged from the automobile, kicked and beaten into submission and repeatedly run over and killed.

The 10-page order said Parker and Warren had argued earlier that evening over a rumor that had circulated about the two. The nature of that rumor was not specified by Merrifield, but it has already been widely reported that there was talk he and Parker's relationship was partly sexual in nature.

Though this did not appear in the report, detailed mention was made in the court document of the accusation that \$20 was stolen from Warren's wallet. It is

strongly implied that a fight which erupted on the basis of this accusation is what got Warren killed. Gay civil rights advocates monitoring the case were furious.

"For them to put something out that would leave the impression that this was the result of a dispute over \$20 is outrageous, considering the sheer brutality inflicted on this young person," said David Smith, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign in Washington, D.C. "It is incomprehensible."

"One needs to look only at the brutality to understand that sheer hatred was behind this crime," said Smith. "There might have been other factors, which hopefully will come out in the coming days and weeks. But what they did to this young person was the result of hate, and I know that."

Cathy Renna of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, said her organization also holds fast to its belief that Warren's sexual orientation played a role in his death.

"The problem is they're continuing to withhold information that would give people any sense of the motivation for the crime," she said. "As we've seen with so many hate crimes, the truth will hopefully come out in the trial -- and that's where the eyes and ears of the Lesbian and Gay and African-American communities will be," Renna said.

"The bottom line is we want to find out what happened here."

Help Stop 'Dr.' Laura

TUCSON - The Stop Dr. Laura Tucson rally committee held more fund raisers and proceeds from these 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.

More than \$220, organizers stated, had been raised to help cover the costs, including barricades, sound equipment and for signage for the event.

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.

Organizers of the rally expressed their appreciation to IBT's, Venture-N, Woody's, Stonewall and Spectrum Travel for holding fund raisers so the rally can go on as scheduled.

A sign making party will take place, every Saturday, from August 6, 10:00 a.m. to noon, to the rally date, at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street.

Persons attending the rally need to show up at 12:30 p.m. Organizers said parking is available at Walmart or the Gateway Ice Center. A map and more information will follow in future editions of the Observer.

Make a difference, come out and support your community by helping fund or

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UPDATE

Phoenix To Protest 'Dr.' Laura

PHOENIX - After meeting with KTVK Channel 3 station managers, organizers of the first protest of "Dr." Laura Schlessinger's television show have announced the second date for a protest, Saturday, August 26, 10:00 a.m. at KTVK, 5555 N. 7th Avenue.

Organizers said the second protest was for the decision by KTVK to air the show in the fall.

Stop-Dr.-Laura-Phoenix had held a protest in front of the KFYI radio station this spring when Schlessinger was in town to do her radio show. The group protested again, later that day, in Scottsdale for a speech Schlessinger delivered to an anti Gay group.

A protest is regarding the Supreme Court decision to allow the Boy Scouts to discriminate against Gays, will be held, Monday, August 21, 4:00 p.m. at the Grand Canyon Council, 2969 N. Greenfield.

Positions Open At SAAF

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is seeking a qualified individuals for the following positions:

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POZ Cafe Aug. 17

TUCSON - People living with HIV/AIDS are invited to Poz Cafe, a lunch with social and recreational activities, Thursday, August 17 at St. Francis in the Foothills UMC, at the corner of Swan and River Roads). Doors open at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon.

The wonderful volunteers from Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church is hosting this month's lunch, the menu includes: Sloppy Joe's or veggie burgers, a variety of chips, cucumber salad, macaroni salad, Jell-O, seasonal veggie platters, and a fresh fruit salad. Dessert includes vanilla ice cream with butterscotch or chocolate topping and sugar wafer cookies. A selection of beverages, including ice tea and coffee will be

available, as well as the hospitality table with punch, pretzels and peppermints. Poz Cafe is not "health food," but it's healthy, with a balance between good nutrition and comfort foods. The menu items will taste good, be appealing and made with lots of love from TIHAN's volunteers.

Poz Cafe is Gay friendly, free of charge thanks to AGRA, St. Francis and other caring individuals and congregations from TIHAN, and no proselytizing or evangelizing is permitted. Poz Cafe's purpose is to enhance social opportunities and nutrition for adults living with HIV/AIDS. After lunch, there will be arts and crafts plus card and board games.

Reservations are requested by Monday, August 14, so that TIHAN can have an idea of how much to cook. Each HIV+ person may have one guest accompany them. All partaking (guests and volunteers) in Poz Cafe will be reminded of confidentiality concerns. Transportation can be provided with advance notice by calling the TIHAN office, (520) 299-6647.

For more information or to make reservations, by Monday, August 14, call the TIHAN office, (520) 299-6647.

GLBT Commission Update

TUCSON - The City of Tucson, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Commission will be holding two meetings next week.

On Monday, August 14, 5:30 p.m., the Commission Outreach Subcommittee will be holding their monthly meeting at SAAF, 375 South Euclid. Topics for this meeting will include the GLBT Brochure, Web site and planning for the Commission's first fund raising event, "Common Threads, A Celebration of Families."

The full commission will meet on Tuesday, August 15, 5:30 p.m. at SAAF, 375 South Euclid, for their monthly meeting. Finalizing the Standards of Practice for Social Service agencies, direct city funding for Boy Scouts and the Tucson Police Department are several of the items to be discussed at the meeting.

Rainbow Support Group Forming

TUCSON - A new group, the Rainbow Support Group, is being formed for Lesbian, Bisexual and Transsexual/Transgender women with disabilities.

On the last Tuesday of every month, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., the Rainbow Support Group meetings at the Direct Center for Independence, 1023 N. Tyndall. The Direct Center is completely accessible and a chemical free zone, so no perfume or scents please.

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EDWARD BEJARANO

Edward A. Bejarano, 48, of Tucson, passed away July 18. Eddie was born on August 11, 1951, in Tucson. He was a graduate of Pueblo H.S. and served in the U.S. Navy for four years during the Vietnam War. He went on to graduate from Fresno State University with a degree in accounting. He worked as an accountant for Bank of America and Hughes Aircraft in Los Angeles for more than 20 years.

Eddie enjoyed reading, exercising, and spending time with close friends and family. He devoted much of his time the past few years to volunteering at SAAF as a peer counselor. He also became active at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, where he took courses to renew and revitalize his faith and served as contact person for the Grace Group, a spiritual support group for Gays and Lesbians.

Eddie was preceded in death by his parents, Florentino and Mary Bejarano. He is survived by eight siblings, Minnie (Joe) Tellez, Butch (Grace), Rodolfo (Esperanza), Floyd, Mary Jane Vargas, Michael (Rosie), and William, all of Tucson, and Norma (Mario) Cruz of Mexico. He also had many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews whom he loved.

Eddie will be honored at a memorial Mass at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1946 E. Lee Street (on Campbell Avenue, across from University Medical Center) Saturday, August 19, 10:00 a.m. A reception will be held after the Mass in Madonna Hall, south of the church. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to SAAF, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85705.

(including invisible) are invited. Please contact the group by phone or E-mail, if you would like to join. If attending is a problem, the group still wants to hear from you and maybe you can participate by teleconferencing or be involved with phone support.

For more information, call (520) 624-6452 (Direct Center) or (520) 624-1779 (Wingspan), or E-mail kchapman@dakotacom.net or Luise@azstarnet.com.

Wingspan Dinner Sept. 30

TUCSON - Reservations are being taken for Wingspan's Third Annual Benefit Dinner, Saturday, September 30, at the Marriott University Park Hotel.

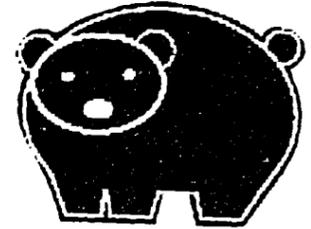
This event is the primary annual fund raiser for Southern Arizona's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community center.

Appearing at this year's dinner are: Urvasi Vaid, director of the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Vaid is a long-time veteran of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender rights movement and was named by Time Magazine in 1994 as one of the 40 most influential leaders under 40 years old in the United States. Also appearing at the dinner will be Karen Williams, a comic who was described as "ferociously funny, with perfect pace, timing and structure."

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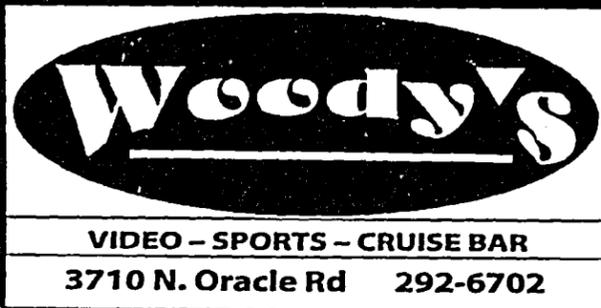
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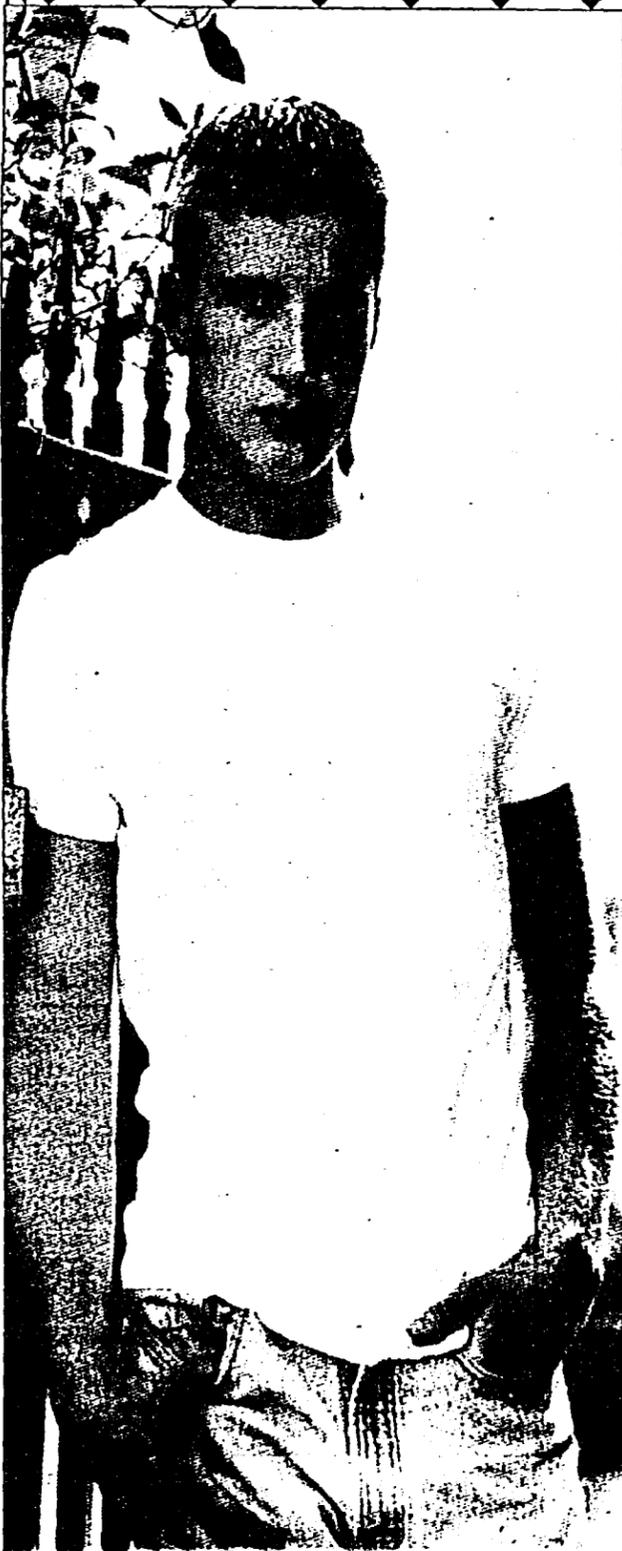
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New Trial For Local Murder Convict

By M. Scot Skinner

TUCSON - A jury convicted Richard Bell of first-degree murder in 1993 after hearing him testify that he repeatedly stabbed and strangled Candido Sanavria, a 24-year-old Gay man.

It sickens Sanavria's family that Bell, a former football star at Desert View High School, was granted a new trial after successfully arguing that his original lawyer was ineffective. Jury selection began Tuesday, August 8 in Pima County Superior Court.

"After all these years, here we are again," said Esther Sanavria, 62, the victim's mother. "We are so disgusted with the justice system."

Although the case was not prosecuted as a hate crime, Sanavria is convinced her son was killed because he was Gay.

She believes that Bell, who was 25 at the time, didn't want his friends to find out that he had an openly Gay man in his bed during the early morning hours of Aug. 21, 1993.

During his first trial, the muscular former running back testified that Sanavria, described as outgoing and "kind of feminine" by his sister, had sexually assaulted him after they drank beer and snorted cocaine together.

Bell told the court that he woke up naked with Sanavria on top of him, trying to rape him. He jumped up, put on his shorts, went into the kitchen and returned with a knife, he said.

According to Bell's testimony, which echoed the statement he gave police detectives, he stabbed Sanavria in the back. After the victim started to fight back, he put a pillow over his face and stabbed him more than two dozen times.

Sanavria stopped struggling, but he was making "hiccupping" noises that bothered Bell, he testified. At this point, Bell said he decided to strangle him with a telephone cord. When that didn't work, he went back to the kitchen, got another knife and thrust it into the victim's chest.

Sanavria, an aspiring nurse known as Cuquito to his friends and family, was dead.

Bell said he put the body in a closet at his third-floor apartment at 6200 S. Campbell Ave. He cleaned up the blood and then walked to the Circle K to buy a beer.

Less than four months later, he was convicted and sentenced to 25 years in prison without the possibility of parole.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION REVEALED

Two months before he was killed, Cuquito told his mother that he was Gay, she said.

"I was probably the last to know," his mother said. "I told him that a lot of people don't like this. I told him he had to be careful."

She knows it wasn't easy for her son growing up in a Hispanic, Catholic culture that expects men to be macho.

Even so, he was always the clown in the family, said Marisol Galvez, 25,

Cuquito's only sister. Sitting with her mother at their home near West Valencia Road and South 12th Avenue, Galvez said that her brother was a fun-loving guy who liked to play jokes.

"He used to walk into the room and say, 'This is Lupita Murillo, Eyewitness News.' He was so funny, always imitating people and talking in different accents."

His biggest worry was how his father would react to the news that he was Gay.

As it turned out, the young man's fears were well-founded.

"He left us," Galvez said of their father. "He abandoned the family and blamed it on Cuquito. He didn't even come to the funeral."

Cuquito told his sister about his orientation several years earlier when she was in the eighth grade. She told him she kind of thought so.

"No. 1, I told him, you hang out with a bunch of girls, and No. 2, they all look stronger than you."

They laughed together, just like always, and soon they were playfully comparing notes on neighborhood boys.

"It was never an issue with me," she said. "I thought it was like a bonus. I had a brother and kind of a sister, too."

PREMEDITATION DENIED

Richard Bell's new attorney, Richard Bock, said that his client did not commit "a premeditated, deliberate, intentional type of act. That will be the theme and theory of the case."

Bock is expected to pursue a mental-health defense, suggesting to the jury that Bell reacted so violently because he was molested when he was 8 or 9.

The defense will also present evidence that Bell acted impulsively and in self-defense, said Bock, who declined to comment further except to say:

"We are going to present a much different defense than was presented seven years ago."

Bell's attorney at the first trial, Edward Nesbitt, did not pursue a psychologically based defense. Instead, he focused on Bell's contention that he acted in self-defense to prevent a rape.

In his statement to detectives after his arrest, Bell didn't say anything about being molested, and the alleged abuse was not brought up during the first trial. That became one of the reasons his new trial was granted.

The prosecutor will again be Deputy County Attorney Louis Spivack, who said that "there is plenty of evidence to support premeditation."

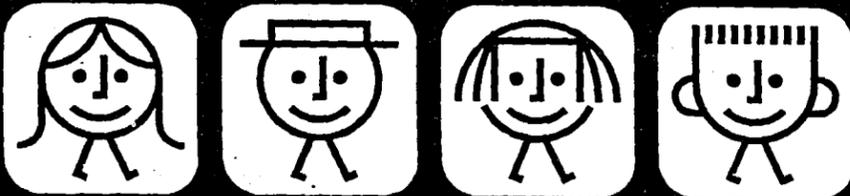
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Armey 'Jokes' On Barney Frank . . . Again

PHILADELPHIA, PA (NP) - A repeat performance of the House Majority Leader's unpleasant "scents" of humor at the outspoken Gay congressman's expense can't be spun away.

years since Armey apologized for his last "joke" about the openly Gay Congressman, and he hasn't come anywhere near apologizing for the new one yet.

about minority groups in front of the press." (Actually the "Barney Fag" remark was made in an interview with broadcast journalists; neither Frank nor his mother who has carried the name even longer have ever before or since heard anyone make that slip of the tongue.)

it over with because it was such a bad joke... It was like, 'Heard it all before, let's get it over with.'"

Even professional homophobe Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition was able to put on a mask of tolerance for the see-how-inclusive-we-can-be Republican National Convention, but not so House Majority Leader Dick Armey (R-TX). Surrounded by professional funny-men at a party August 2, he couldn't resist making a joke himself, nor could he resist making it a Gay joke - and therefore he could not resist making it a joke about Representative Barney Frank (D-MA). It's been all of five

The "Joking" Matter: Armey was standing with Miami Herald humor columnist Dave Barry and five political cartoonists. One of the cartoonists was the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's Mike Luckovich. According to Luckovich, Barry asked, "Are you really Dick Armey?" and Armey replied, "Yes, I am Dick Armey. And if there is a dick army, Barney Frank would want to join up."

The Spin: This made major headaches for Armey spokesperson Michelle Davis, who wasn't there when it happened but had to take all the phone calls afterwards. Taken out of context, was her initial knee-jerk reaction - a good all-purpose response. Later she told the Journal-Constitution that yes, jokes had been made, but Armey was just trying to get an obvious joke out of the way before one of the others said it. "It's a bad joke, and he was just trying to get it over with."

And when the Associated Press called, Armey had become a victim. She said the group was making jokes about the name and that the Frank comment had been said "in a sarcastic tone" to cut them off. She said, "He was making the point that these jokes are offensive and old and unnecessary. That's how he has always treated those jokes."

Then the Associated Press spoke with Barry. Barry said he had "jokingly" asked, "Are you the real Dick Armey?" And Barry said, "He said, 'Yeah, I'm afraid I am,' and then he kind of obliquely referred to all the trouble he got into before, and then he made a joke about his name." Barry clarified that "the trouble he got into before" was Armey's 1995 reference to "Barney Fag," which Armey had insisted was a slip of the tongue, adding he never used that word. Barry says he's not an Armey fan, but that Armey "was making fun of himself" and is "not stupid enough that he's going to get up and make a joke

When the Dallas Morning News - a major paper in Armey's own state - called, Davis still maintained the remark was taken out of context and that Armey was anticipating what he expected the others would say, but now she had a better line: "There were six or seven people there, and they were all talking at once. He did not make a joke. They made the joke, and he completed the joke. He was just getting

The Reaction: Barney Frank has been in politics for a long time and has the thick skin that requires. (Not long ago he said of the Congress, "If you're not able to work closely with people you despise, you can't really work here.") So rather than get all huffy about the joke, when the AP finally caught up with him (he was in transit when the morning papers were seeking comment), he went directly for the partisan hit. He said, "It's just interesting that as hard as George W. Bush is trying to disguise the real nature of that party, it's beyond his capacity. You still have one of the most important figures in the Republican Party, the Majority Leader of the Hou-

Help Stop 'Dr.' Laura

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volunteering for 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.

Another Company Drops 'Dr.' Laura

WASHINGTON, DC - Organizers of the StopDrLaura.com Web site announced that computer giant Gateway will pull its advertising support from Laura Schlessinger's radio show because of what a company spokesperson called its "discriminatory" content.

Gateway's Director of Consumer Communications, Brad Williams, affirmed the company's principles in a letter to StopDrLaura.com. "For some time Gateway has followed a policy of not advertising in media whose editorial content is discriminatory," Williams wrote.

"Gateway advertising runs in a variety of national and local media throughout the year - and in this case, a media buy was made that was clearly inconsistent with that policy."

"We have discontinued advertising on this program," Williams concluded, "and are reviewing our procedures for ensuring that our advertising policies are strictly adhered to by our advertising and media agencies."

Gateway, an \$8.6 billion that employs more than 20,000 people worldwide, is the latest in a flood of corporate sponsors to abandon advertising sponsorship of Schlessinger's controversial radio program. Volunteers affiliated with StopDrLaura.com in Texas also announced this week that Kroger stores in that state have pulled ads on "Dr. Laura" radio program in response to complaints.

Last week, EchoStar, Sears, and the Ohio State Lottery abandoned advertising commitments with Schlessinger's radio program, adding to the growing list of American companies that have been convinced their association with Schlessinger's brand of anti Gay bigotry is bad for business.

Gateway, EchoStar, Sears, Kroger's in Texas and the State Lottery in Ohio add their names to the roster of reformed Schlessinger sponsors that includes Geico, SkyTel, Kraft, American Express, United Airlines, ToysRUs.com, Xerox, AT&T, TCF Bank, Amica Insurance, and BoxLot.com.

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THE BOOK REPORT

Me Talk Pretty One Day by David Sedaris. (Little, Brown and Company, 2000.)

French phrases for doctors. Sedaris writes in "The Tapeworm Is In":

There is nothing quite like the pleasure of laughing aloud while reading; *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, David Sedaris' latest collection of semi-autobiographical essays, had me howling at the laundromat and giggling in line at the Dept. of Motor Vehicles.

Come to Paris and you will find me, headphones plugged into my external audio meatus, walking the quays and whispering, "Has anything else been inserted into your anus? Has anything else been inserted into your anus?"

David Sedaris' *Me Talk Pretty One Day* (as well as *Barrel Fever*, *Naked*, and the *Santaland Diaries*) can be borrowed free of charge from the Tucson-Pima Public Library. Give us a call at (520) 791-4010, or go online at www.lib.ci.tucson.az.us to reserve a copy today!

[Reviewed by Karyn Prechtel, TPPL Adult Services Librarian.]

Male Factor

Study of HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) in men 18 and over and Hepatitis A/B vaccinations.

Study starts August 7th.

400 participants needed.

Theresa Lee Clinic
332 South Freeway
(520) 624-8272
Hours:
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GMH Gay Men's Health Project
Gay Men's Health Project is a collaborative effort of Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), Pima County Health Dept., and Wing-pain.

- HPV FACTS:**
- ▶ HPV is a virus that causes genital warts and may cause some types of anal and rectal cancers in men.
 - ▶ HPV is a viral infection that is contracted by skin-to-skin contact with an infected person.
 - ▶ Condoms do not protect against HPV infection but they reduce the risk of HPV infection.
 - ▶ Up to 1 in 10 Americans has a genital HPV.
 - ▶ The incubation period for genital warts is from 2-3 months to several years.

- HEPATITIS A/B FACTS**
- ▶ Both have vaccines that can prevent you from becoming ill.
 - ▶ Hepatitis A is one shot, Hepatitis B is a series of three shots.
 - ▶ There is no medical treatment for either virus.
 - ▶ Hepatitis B is 100 times more infectious than HIV.
 - ▶ Hepatitis A & B has no cure.
 - ▶ Symptoms of both include general fatigue, nausea, dark colored urine and jaundice (yellowing of skin or whites of eyes).
 - ▶ Hepatitis A is transmitted by using utensils, plates or glasses that have been handled by an infected person as well as by infected feces that get in the mouth through rimming, fingers or the penis.
 - ▶ Engaging in unprotected vaginal, oral or anal sex with an infected partner transmits Hepatitis B. You can also become infected by using items like razors or toothbrushes or by sharing needles such as tattooing, steroid shots or piercing.
 - ▶ Hepatitis B can also have serious medical effects on the liver.

Sedaris begins this new collection with an amusing tale of his elementary school speech therapy sessions. You see, David pronounces his s's with what he calls a "lazy tongue." Curious about the other children in need of therapy, he "started keeping watch over the speech therapy door, taking note of who came and went."

None of the therapy students were girls. They were all boys like me who kept movie star scrapbooks and made their own curtains.

When asked what we wanted to be when we grew up, we hid the truth and listed who we wanted to sleep with when we grew up. "A policeman or a fireman or one of those guys who works with high-tension wires."

In a hilarious essay entitled "You Can't Kill the Rooster," Sedaris examines the symbiotic relationship between his younger brother (the Rooster) and their father. David is understandably annoyed because he would never have "gotten away with" the things his youngest sibling says and does in their father's home.

It often seems that my brother and I were raised in two completely different households. He's eleven years younger than I am and by the time he reached high school the rest of us had all left home. When I was young, we weren't allowed to say "shut up," but once the Rooster hit puberty it had become acceptable to shout "shut your mother—ing hole." The drug laws had changed as well. "No smoking pot" became "no smoking pot in the house," before it finally petered out to "please don't smoke any more pot in the living room."

After having recently moved to France to live with his boyfriend Hugh, Sedaris recounts many absurd attempts at learning French including one instance where he listened to an instructional tape of

Barney Frank In Phoenix Sept. 8

PHOENIX - 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."

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.

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.



AS I SEE IT..... BY CLARK

THE DREAM TEAM

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A MONTHLY LUNCHEON
*for HIV-positive adults and a guest**
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Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network
(Transportation can be provided with advance notice).

POLITICS 2000

by Mark R. Keir

**Deadlines, Implied Promises,
and A Good Record, Not Great But Good'**

Balloons and confetti fell, but not the spirits of the mostly-WASP crowd of GOP delegates, at the First Union Center in the City of Brotherly Love after Texas Governor George W. Bush had delivered his "coronation speech," Thursday, August 3, as the 43rd President of the United States. Long on smirks and platitudes, short on specifics, Dubya won over the political pundits, got the post convention bounce in the polls but received an "ass whoopin" in the television ratings.

Enough implications, despite the anti Gay platform, were there for the Log Cabin Republicans, the Gay and Lesbian political group, who voted at their national convention to endorse the Texas Governor and former Defense Secretary, Dick Cheney, the GOP nominee for Vice President.

Cheney, on a train, whistle-stopping across the country, was asked by reporters has the Republican party evolved on the issue of Gay rights. "Generally, the society is more tolerant today than it used to be, and the party is reflective of that tolerance." When the reporter followed up with a question on whether the Republican platform reflects "tolerance," Cheney said "That's not what you asked me ... I've gone as far as I'm going to go on this subject." Don't ask, don't tell indeed.

Meanwhile, a week before the Democratic National Infomercial in Los Angeles, California, Vice President Al Gore, the presumptive Democratic nominee for President, named his choice for Vice President, Connecticut Senator Joseph Lieberman, who is the first Jew to run on a national ticket (he is Orthodox), a centrist with relatively conservative views on moral issues, although his positions on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender rights appear to be more progressive.

The Human Rights Campaign gave Lieberman's voting record in the most recent Congressional session a 100 percent approval rating. Among the measures he supported were the Employment Non-Discrimination Act and the Hate Crimes Prevention Act (of which he was a cosponsor).

According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Lieberman has also advocated lifting the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy on military service by Lesbians and Gays and has consistently voted pro-choice. However, like Gore, Lieberman supported the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, which allows states to ignore legal same-gender marriages another state may someday perform. And in 1994, he voted to block aid to schools that provided Gay-positive information to students, though he reportedly later called that vote "a mistake." ...

Monday, August 14, is the deadline to register to vote for the upcoming 2000 primary election, where Arizonans will tread to the polls, Tuesday, September 12, or have cast an early ballot already, for their party's standard-bearers for elected political offices, ranging from U.S. Senator to Constable.

In some races, especially the case for the Arizona Legislature, voters will go to the polls for the primary and decide who the elected official will be since there isn't an opposition for the general election. That's not the case for the Democratic primary in the Legislative District 13 House race, where four candidates are vying for two spots, and to take on the Republican House candidates, Carol Summers and Jonathan Paton (who had run previously in 1998 from District 9).

One of the four Democratic candidates running is former bar owner, activist and board member of Wingspan, Colette Barajas, making her first bid for public office in Arizona. In this election cycle, candidates have the option of running as "clean elections" candidate, where they must collect a certain number of contributions of \$5, depending upon the race and the political district, to qualify for matching funds from the Arizona Clean Elections Commission. Barajas is one of three candidates in District 13 taking this route. In District 13, candidates must get 200 contributions of \$5 each, from registered voters of the candidate's party to qualify for state funding, and the deadline for this is Friday, August 24 for campaigns to submit their paperwork listing the contributions for the funding, a new task, of sorts, for a candidate and political campaign but not the most important task.

Getting the candidate's message out to the voters, especially those who take time to cast a ballot, is the important task during a campaign, especially during the primary contest where the candidate can only "knock on so many doors" and meet potential voters. Volunteers play an important part in getting the candidate's message out by helping the campaign on mailers, walking door-to-door, staffing phone banks (calling voters to get the candidate's name or positions out to the public), and working in the campaign headquarters, depending upon the political race.

Idealism and good intentions are one thing, but they don't win political campaigns. Hard work and a staff of volunteers are key to political victory, especially in Arizona. Pima County has one Gay elected official, U.S. Representative Jim Kolbe, R-CD 5, who faces a token primary and will face the Democratic primary winner, either state Senator George Cunningham, or deputy Pima County Attorney, Mary Judge Ryan in the November election. In addition to Barajas, Jesse George, the Gay former chair of the Pima County Democratic Party, is making a bid for County Treasurer and is unopposed in the primary.

Barajas, on the other hand, is in the home stretch of her primary race for the Arizona Legislature, and volunteers are needed, especially in a four-way contest in a District that is considered crucial, especially with the next Legislature to deal with political redistricting. For more information or most importantly, to volunteer, call her campaign headquarters, (520) 327-3591. ...

So it goes for now kids!

'DR.' LAURA SEZ: "How many letters have I read on the air from gay men who acknowledge that a huge portion of the male homosexual populace is predatory on young boys?"

Reuters/Variety Feb. 13, 2000

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THE GLAD BULLETIN

GAY & LESBIAN ALLIANCE AGAINST DEFAMATION, INC.

Schlessinger loses more advertisers: Following the lead of Procter & Gamble, a major advertiser that affirmed in June it would not advertise on the upcoming Paramount-syndicated Laura Schlessinger television show, nor continue with her Premiere Radio Networks-syndicated show, many other companies have followed suit.

The latest big names to distance themselves from Schlessinger's brand of pseudo-clinical defamation are Sears, Roebuck & Co. and EchoStar Communications Corp.

Sears' statement reads: "Sears supports both diversity and culture throughout our customer base and within our own associate networks. We will no longer advertise on the Dr. Laura show as a result of recent comments."

Echostar's release stated: "As an equal opportunity employer, EchoStar's corporate culture does not reflect or support Dr. Laura's views nor did we make a conscious effort to 'stand by' as a sponsor of her show."

Some companies that no longer are advertising have not specifically referenced the controversy around Schlessinger as their reason, but instead have said they would not be renewing contracts, others have given explicit reasons. Geico Insurance said it would not continue advertising because "Geico is an equal opportunity employer and does not condone discrimination of any type directed toward any minority." More.com said, "By no means do we share Dr. Schlessinger's views. In fact, we have pulled out all advertisements."

If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to thank these companies for whatever their reasons are for not supporting people and programs that hurt others.

Contact: AT&T, Customer Services, P.O. Box 1288, Pittsburgh, PA 15230; e-mail through a form found at http://www.att.com/cgi-bin/ATT_WEB/feedback/write/corp_exec.html?id=wts_corp_policies&parseform=1.

Geico Insurance, Ted Ward, Vice President of Marketing, 1 Geico Plaza, Washington, D.C. 20076; fax: (301) 986-2068.

Kraft Foods, Inc., Marketing, 1 Kraft Court, Glenview, IL 60025; telephone: (800) 323-0768; e-mail through a form found at <http://www.kraftfoods.com/html/email/email.html>.

More.com, Jennifer Ianniello, Marketing Coordinator, 520 Third St., Suite 245, San Francisco, CA 94107; fax: (415) 979-9598; e-mail through a form found at http://www.more.com/company/cm_contactus.html.

Procter & Gamble, P.O. Box 599, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45201; telephone: (800) 331-3774; e-mail through a form found at <http://www.pg.com/about/contact1.htm>.

Sears, Roebuck and Co., Sears Customer Relations, 3333 Beverly Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60179, telephone: 800-549-4505, e-mail through a form found at <http://www.sears.com> by clicking on "customer service," "contact Sears" and then "other customer issues."

SkyTel Communications Inc., Allison Lee, Advertising Promotion Manager, SkyTel Centre, 200 South Lamar St., Jackson, Miss. 39201, e-mail through a form found at <http://www.skytel.com> by clicking on "contact."

Toys "R" Us, John Eyer, CEO, 461 From Road, Paramus, NJ 07652; telephone: (888) 869-7932; e-mail through a form found at <http://www.toysrus.com/> by clicking on "contact us."

United Airlines, Customer Relations, P.O. Box 66100, Chicago, IL 60666; telephone: (847) 700-6796; e-mail through a form found at <http://www.united.com/site/primaryNC/1,10022,2076,00.html>.

Xerox, Christa Carone, Media Relations, 100 Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14644; comment line: (716) 423-2096, e-mail through a form found at <http://www.xerox.com/> by clicking on "feedback."

Encourage Priceline.com and Natrol to join growing list of right-thinking companies.

Priceline.com, an online market where buyers can bid on products, and Natrol, a health and beauty product company, are currently advertising with Laura Schlessinger. As more and more companies are placing their advertising dollars elsewhere, now is the time to encourage both Priceline.com and Natrol to do the same. These companies need to know that by supporting Schlessinger, they are supporting defamation and driving away potential customers.

Contact: Priceline.com, Brian Ek, Vice President of Corporate Communications, 800 Connecticut Ave., Norwalk, Conn. 06854; fax: (203) 299-8933, e-mail through a form found at http://www.priceline.com/PricelineASPCustomerService/email/email_templates.asp?product=General&subject=GenFeedback&path=0.

Natrol, Inc., Meline Adinians, Marketing/Advertising, 21411 Prairie St., Chatsworth, CA 91311; telephone: (800) 326-1520; e-mail: madinians@natrol.com.

Advertising without thought: An ad campaign by TheStreet.com, a Web-based provider of investment news and commentary, lists three concepts or topics together and then, in an attempt at humor, links them with a catch phrase as to why the information provided by the Web page is needed by smart investors.

A recent ad lists the three concepts as: mail-order bride, transsexual and Internet stock. The punch line is "It never hurts to do a little research before bringing one home." To categorize transsexuals as something to be suspicious of is using a negative image that is both unfair and insensitive. It also helps breed intolerance and fear of gender-variant people.

Let TheStreet.com know it should think about what messages this type of callus advertising sends. Also contact TheStreet.com's advertising agency, DeVito/Verdi, with the same concerns.

Contact: TheStreet.com, Abby Marr, Vice President of Planning/Communications, 14 Wall St., 14th Fl, New York, NY 10005, fax: (212) 321-5016; e-mail: amarr@thestreet.com.

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Stop "Dr." Laura!

Infamous for calling gays and lesbians biological errors, Laura Schlessinger has built her career by promoting homophobia and stereotypical gender roles for women and men. With the help of ABC and Paramount Schlessinger wants to broadcast her hate to a nationwide TV audience beginning this fall. ABC wouldn't allow bigots calling other oppressed groups "biological errors" to have a national TV broadcast. Why do they extend that courtesy to "Dr. Laura"? We call on ALL who oppose hate to join a day of protest to Stop Dr. Laura!

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Sunday, August 20th

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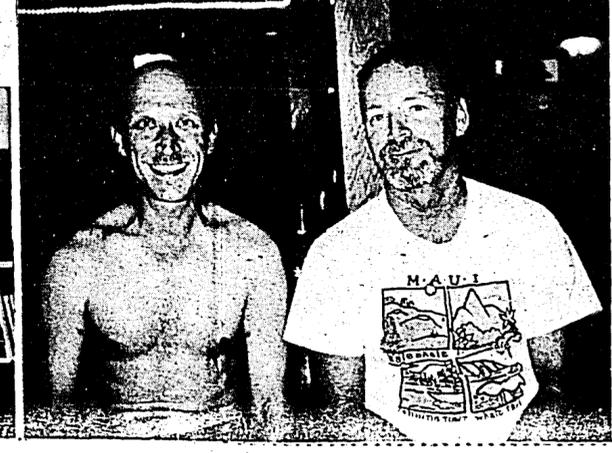
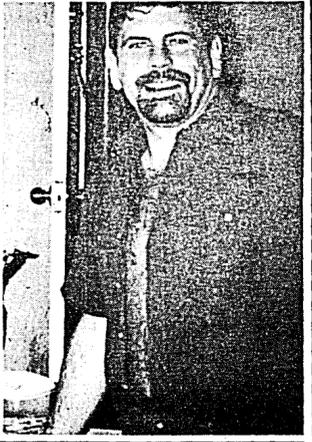
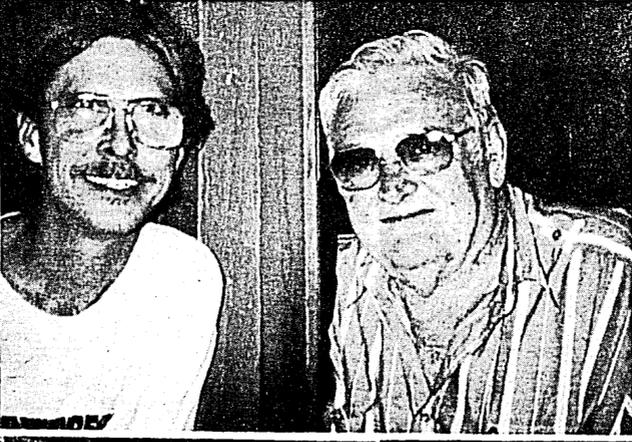
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T HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Let's rock and roll this week as both Mars and Venus aspect volcanic Pluto. Mars in confident Leo guarantees that our actions change the landscape for the better but Venus in conservative Virgo may make us sentimental for the old view. Don't hang on to the past kiddo; it's upward and Out!

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Rainbow Rams feel a burst of inspiration when Mars and Venus both aspect Pluto. It is an excellent time to view life from a different angle and apply all new ideas to improving the workings of your day to day job. Who knows what volcanic changes can happen when you tap into your great Gay muse? Today the cubicle, tomorrow the world! Well, maybe just the corner office.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Mars trine Pluto creates a fury of activity at home that can transform your cold water flat into a hot to trot love nest. Let's also give a little credit to Venus which adds the cushy red velvet, champagne and mood music. Queer Bulls are naturally sensual souls but now you are a veritable natural resource of sexual energy. Shall we tap into your reserves? Bring the pump!

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

If there are any hidden agendas with partners, Mars' aspect to Pluto brings them up for discussion and resolution. Good thing too, pink Twin; it's best to clear the air and strengthen current relationships or move on. Venus square Pluto may cause some friction at home but can make the "kiss and make up" stage even more delightful. Hopefully you do get to kiss and make up....

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Gay Crabs are prepared to work themselves down to nubby claws to get mo' money when greedy Mars trines powerful Pluto. Sweat equity pays off big, big, big so don't rest on your laurels. With Venus square Pluto, you may find that a strategic word here and there can push your cause along. But don't use Venus to complain, cousin; sugar always sweetens the pot.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Mars in your own sign catapults your best ideas and gives them the Pluto stamp of approval. You're on top of the world! But don't buy the bar a round of drinks yet, proud Lion; Venus square Pluto has you lavishly spending on nonsense and wasting valuable resources. Use your Gay genius to locate a well endowed benefactor to grease your wheels... and a few other parts.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

A new broom sweeps clean at home and fastidious queer Virgins are happily wielding the stick. Mars and Venus aspect Pluto now and enable you to make some much need changes around the house and among relatives. Closeted cousins are emboldened to come out to the family in no uncertain terms. Toss off that ancestral straight jacket. Life is far too short.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Compadres get you into all sorts of mischief when Mars and Venus aspect zesty Pluto. Ho, ho queer Libra, what's up your sleeve? You may think you are being cagey and secretive, but Pluto finds a way of blasting your assorted comings and goings all over the front page. Choose your moves wisely, cousin; you don't want to go when you should ... well... you know.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Frustrated Gay Scorps want their professional desserts now! when feisty Mars and self-interested Venus aspect Pluto. True, you have worked long and hard and deserve the gold ring, but it seems like fate has cheated you out of what is rightfully yours. Pluto now blasts open the bank vault or totally changes your value system. Heck, who wants filthy cash anyway? Send it to me!

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Meet a completely new you around the corner. Queer Archers may be feeling like a piece of tired road kill but now, as both energetic Mars and lovely Venus aspect Pluto, a new lavender you bursts on the social scene and delights the masses. If you have a pet project ruminating in the back of your mind, unleash it and let it run wild. Who knows where it can take you? Paris??

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Even conservative Gay Caps can't help but be swept off their feet by a fling when Mars and Venus aspect Pluto. You may think that you've met your soul mate as the sparks fly and ignite a smouldering fire of passion in you. Open a window cousin and take a deep breath before you are overcome! It's a trip to the moon on gossamer wings but it may also be one of those things.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Sometimes it's difficult for you to choose between friends and lovers. This is one of those times as both Mars and Venus aspect Pluto. Aquarians feel pulled in two directions but must learn to prioritize relationships. Pluto now forces you to choose. My advice; If you don't make partners feel like number one, you will always go through life feeling like number two.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Guppies are not the most ambitious folks but now, as Mars and Venus aspect powerful Pluto, you feel that a strong effort on the job can result in dramatic career gains. While this may chaff with partners who may watch many a dinner get cold waiting for you, ultimately you know that it's now or never professionally. Ah but also know that it's lonely at the top but not on top.

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'DR.' LAURA SEZ: "Unless I have hallucinated, I have never made any anti-gay commentary, I have made anti-gay-activist-agenda commentaries."

Judge Says No To Restraining Order For Gay Man

BRADENTON, FL - It was both "unconstitutional and unconscionable" for a Florida judge to refuse to issue a restraining order to protect a Gay man from domestic violence, the American Civil Liberties Union said. The ACLU said it was investigating reports that Lesbians and Gay men are now considered ineligible for protection from domestic violence in parts of Florida.

A Bradenton, Florida, county judge denied a Gay man a restraining order earlier this year that would keep his allegedly abusive partner away from him, saying the state law mandating such injunctions applies to couples who ave resided together or "are presently residing together as a family." In the months since the judge ruled that Gay and Lesbian couples are not legally recognized as families, county clerks have not issued applications for domestic violence injunctions to Lesbians and Gay men.

"The ruling was clearly unconstitutional," said Matt Coles, Director of the ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "It would hard to think of a clearer denial of 'equal protection of the law' than denying protection from violence because of sexual orientation."

Since they are not protected by domestic violence injunctions, Manatee County Lesbians and Gay men in abusive relationships can only apply for repeat violence injunctions. Repeat violence injunctions are more cumbersome to obtain, have more limited effect and are available only to those who have already been abused.

"This is dangerous," Coles said. "We've already had conversations with county officials, and we are looking into the quickest way to resolve this situation and ensure equality and safety for all citizens. Our preference is to resolve this without a lawsuit."

Nothing in Florida state law on domestic violence injunctions prohibits judges from issuing restraining orders to Gay men or Lesbians, the ACLU said. Judges in the neighboring counties of Sarasota and Charlotte issue domestic violence injunctions regardless of sexual orientation.

Circuit Judge Marc Gilner initially denied a domestic violence injunction to a 27-year-old Bradenton man because, the judge said, the domestic violence law did not apply to "roommates." The man requesting the restraining order said he has been in a "monogamous, committed relationship" with his partner, who he said punched him repeatedly during an argument. In court documents, he included photos of his swollen cheek and eye.

Just 89 minutes after the victim asked for a restraining order, Gilner denied it. The victim asked him to reconsider, and the judge issued a hand-written denial that said, in part, "Florida law does not recognize same-sex, live-in relationships as family."

Gilner's decision was based on Florida's law banning recognition of same-sex marriages (which are not legal in any state), as well as the state's law preventing Gay men and Lesbians from adopting children. The ban on adoptions is already the subject of an ACLU lawsuit.

The U.S. and Florida constitutions mandate that all citizens be treated equally under the law, and Coles said legal precedent clearly includes Lesbians and Gay men as people who are entitled to equal protection.

"We believe lives may be in the balance in Manatee County," Coles said. "We aren't talking about pushing for societal acceptance or for technical recognition. This involves people's basic safety."



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Take Action To Pass Hate Crimes Bill

WASHINGTON, DC - The U.S. Congress is now in recess for the month of August. Congress will re-convene on September 6 to finish all legislative activity for the year before they are scheduled to adjourn in early October.

The House has yet to take action on H.R. 1082, which is the companion bill to the Hate Crimes Prevention Act passed by the Senate in June. Your help is needed starting NOW to make sure Congress acts this year.

In June, HRC Action Network members used the Action Center to send over 5,000 faxes to the Senate and made countless phone calls to urge passage of the Senate bill. Senator Kennedy specifically mentioned HRC's grassroots effort in his comments after the historic vote. We have a real chance of passing this bill in the House if members hear continuous and repeated demands for action from their constituents.

We are asking our HRC Action Network members to take one or more of the following actions:

1. Meet with their Representative in the district during the August recess (its easier than you think).
2. Write a letter to the editor or op-ed article for your local newspaper (HRC will provide a sample).

3. Attend or organize a local rally (we'll connect you with others in your area)
4. Send e-mails, faxes and letters to your Representative through HRC's Action Center (now and in September)

For details and instructions on the actions listed above, log on to HRC's Online Action Center by clicking on the link below or pointing your Internet browser to www.hrc.org and then clicking on "Take Action!" You can also find background information on hate crimes and you can automatically send an e-mail to your Representative.

If you are using HRC's Online Action Center for the first time, click on the yellow box when you get into the action center. Then enter your e-mail address and use your last name as your temporary password. You can change your password by clicking on "Update My Profile" at any time.

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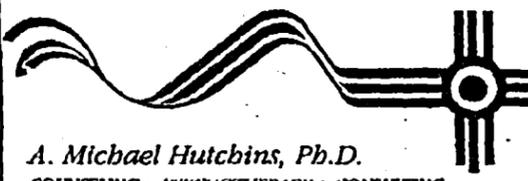
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DESERT VOICES UPDATE

Desert Voices and Reveille Gay Men's Chorus recently returned from a successful Lesbian and Gay chorus music festival in San Jose, California. In all, 142 choruses from US, Canada and Europe appeared. Nearly 6000 Lesbian and Gay singers participated in an eight-day festival of music-making. Appearances by Harvey Fierstein, Kristen Chenoweth, Kate Clinton, Suzanne Woestenoffer, Paul Williams, Bruce Vilanch and Nell Carter were highlights of the opening and closing ceremonies.

Desert Voices Artistic Director Keith A. Koster, who is one of a handful of people who have participated in all GALA Festivals since 1983, received a plaque for his four years of service as a member of the GALA Board of Directors. "It has been a real honor to serve, and the most rewarding board work I have ever done," says Koster, "I will miss working with my peers."

GALA Festival 2000 is the first

festival ever in which all four GALA Choruses from Arizona performed. Grand Canyon Men's Chorale and Arizona Women in Tune from Phoenix also performed during the week.

Desert Voices also appeared before a standing room only crowd of 600 in San Diego with the San Diego Men's Chorus and San Diego Women's Chorus for their annual Gay pride concert. The men and women of Tucson performed a benefit concert for Theatre Rhinoceros in San Francisco, America's oldest Lesbian and Gay theatre, as well.

On Wednesday of the week, Reveille Gay Men's Chorus and Desert Voices were recipients of a grant award from GALA Choruses for \$1000 each to commission new work in the coming season. Congratulations to these two choruses and Tucson who received nearly a third of all grant monies awarded.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

I just finished exercising in a water aerobics class. Its great fun because although the exercised is grueling, the water is refreshing. Now I may be stretching this a bit but isn't a water aerobics class kind of like a metaphor for friendships? I know, you think I've lost it now, but just hear me out.

In the water we feel lighter than normal and we can be buoyant, floating at ease. But that same water which refreshes and eases our muscles can also become our adversary. As soon as we try to make quick, forceful movements we encounter resistance. The harder I push the more resistance I encounter. But when I work with the natural properties of water I can actually use the water to assist me in my movements. So the same water is both my friend as well as my adversary.

Often times in life, the relationships we have resemble that water, don't they? We can learn to work together, accessing each others strengths to minimize our weaknesses, or we can work against each other and ultimately encounter resistance.

In the water aerobics class we often times do activities with a partner or as a whole group. And in those activities we generally create a current. So at times we can easily go with the current, but at other times we must go against it. Its interesting to note how fast we can move through the water when we work in unison and move through the water with the current and what a struggle it is when we try to go against it.

So often we look to others when we have a problem with someone. We look for others to join our side, support our point of view and get the current going our way. How many times have we purposefully

pushed someone we disagreed with into the current so to speak, leaving him/her to sink or swim.

In an exercised class I look for the current to go against. After all, I want to get the most benefit from my time in the water. But in life, in relationships I need to be looking to still the water, or create a positive current for all to float in.

Jesus taught us that we are to love everyone, live at peace with everyone, and put others' needs first. Lets stop stirring up the water. Lets stop going out of our way to hurt people. Lets begin to create peaceful environments for ourselves and others. Lets do things God's way. And you know what the result will be? That's right, a calm soothing environment that promotes God's love instead of our petty hatred. Lets leave "going against the current" for the aerobics class.

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Water of Life New Teams

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The Welcome Team puts together visitor packets, gives out name tags and welcomes our visitors. Water of Life MCC has an Administration Team to answer phones, make appointments and cover the office. The Hospitality Team is responsible for the fellowship hour, potlucks, dances and sing-a-longs. The Worship Team co-ordinates worship participation, special services and music. The Outreach Team is responsible for the newsletter, e-mail and public relations. The Education Team provides us with membership classes, Sunday School for children, family support and spiritual growth classes. People doing all these activities do not have to be members of Water of Life MCC, but have a willingness to serve in spreading the good news. We will be introducing the team leaders and thanking all the volunteers at a special Celebration Brunch, August 13, following each service. Come help us celebrate and pray over our new teams. Everyone is welcome.

Water of Life MCC is a member congregation of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UF-MCC), a world-wide Christian community with a positive, affirming ministry to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered communities. The church meets at 3269 N. Mountain Ave, (just north of Fort Lowell Road). Worship services are each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School is during the 11:15 a.m. service. For further information, please contact the

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PERSPECTIVE

In the past few weeks, there have been two horrendous bias-motivated murders that have shaken the gbt community. One, which has received a good deal of press coverage, involved a Gay man, Arthur Warren, Jr., in West Virginia. His attackers beat him to death, then drove their car over him in order to disguise the murder as roadkill. The other, which has received considerably less press coverage, involved a Transgender woman, Amanda Milan, whose throat was slashed by her attacker. While she lay bleeding to death, suffocating on her own blood, taxicab drivers at a nearby taxi stand cheered and applauded the heinous act.

The disparity in the coverage of these two murders is discouraging, to say the least. While both murders involved persons of color, the one receiving almost no coverage happened to be Transgender. I think it is important for us, as a community, to ask ourselves why this might be. Is it because some lives are worth more than others? Is it because some folks in the gbt community are less "acceptable" than others? As a community, a community of Gays, Bisexuals, Lesbians and Transgenders, we are asking for acceptance of our way of being. Why, then, do we not practice among ourselves what we ask of others?

The problem is that when murders of only Gay and Lesbian individuals receive press coverage, the notion emerges that Gays and Lesbians are most at risk for anti-gbt violence.

This simply is not the case. Many workers in the field of anti-gbt violence are all too aware that Transgender and other visibly gender variant individuals bear the brunt of anti-gbt violence. And, because they tend not to "pass" completely as women, the typical victims of anti-Transgender bias-motivated violence are Transgender women -- and usually Transgender women of color, for reasons stemming from the systematic racism and classism in our culture.

In response to the November 28, 1998 murder of Boston's Rita Hester, San Francisco activist Gwen Smith began doing some research into bias-motivated murders of Transgender individuals. Her work resulted in the launching of her "Remembering our Dead" website, <http://www.gender.org/remember>. More significantly, however, her research uncovered a chilling statistic: for nearly two decades, we have seen the media report of a Transgender individual -- and usually a Transgender woman of color -- murdered on the average of once per month. Two

observations need to be made, here: First, these figures don't go back any farther only because we don't have information any farther back. Second, we need to remember that we're talking about the "reported murder" of Transgender individuals, and the actual murder frequency may be much higher. This is because very often murdered Transgenders become invisible, and so the reports of their death passes under the radar. Sometimes it can be "caught," with a newspaper report of the murder of "an unidentified male, wearing women's clothing."

Now, let's put this statistic into a context. You may be thinking, "this is all very good, but more Gays and Lesbians are murdered than Transgenders, if only because there are more of us." According to "The Advocate" Magazine, in the 12 months following the murder of Matthew Shepard, 20 Gay, Bisexual, Lesbian and Transgender individuals were murdered. What the Advocate did not point out, however, is that of those 20 homicides, 12 -- more than half -- were Transgender-identified individuals.

This conflation of Transgenders into a broader category of "Gay and Lesbian" is not isolated, however. For decades, murdered Transgenders often have been reported as "drag queens" or "Gay men" or "Lesbians" in the Gay press, thus making the murder of a Transgender person invisible. For example, one Gay newspaper editor insisted that Rita Hester was a "Gay man," when in fact she was a transsexual woman. And who can forget all the media reports claiming that Brandon Teena was a "Lesbian?"

At this point, one might be tempted to lash out, to fix blame for the disparity in the coverage of these atrocities. Who to blame? It's easy to point the finger at the persons or organizations responsible for publicizing the Gay and Lesbian murders, while ignoring the murders of Transgender individuals. Political organizations composed of memberships with passing privilege get not only to advocate along strict identity lines, but also to promote media stories that end up as history. And so the question begs: when someone is murdered and no one notices, did the murder take place? Only the victims and their families

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Bush Voted Log Cabin's Man

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far as to produce its very first radio spot to challenge Bush's claim to being "a uniter, not a divider," but cancelled its run when he indicated a meeting was a possibility. In 1996, the group had a similar dispute with Republican nominee Robert Dole, who returned an LCR donation, but LCR eventually endorsed him, too. However, in 1992 the group declined to endorse Bush's father President George Bush, largely because of the notoriously anti-Gay tone of that year's convention.

LCR waited until after the party's convention to hold the vote at its own August 4 national confab (which brought together representatives from each of its 45 state and local chapters) in order to see if Bush provided "clear public signs that our people would be welcomed into his Republican Party and his Administration." Stears said Bush passed this hurdle "through his work on the platform, the historic speech of openly Gay Congressman Jim Kolbe (R-AZ) in prime time, the welcoming of openly Gay delegates and alternates, and running a consistently inclusive convention." Other LCR members also highlighted Bush's selection of Dick Cheney as a running mate and his reported acceptance of Cheney's openly Lesbian daughter as hopeful signs.

However, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), which has endorsed soon-to-be-nominated Democratic presidential candidate Vice President Al Gore, pointed out that Bush has not changed any of his anti-Gay policy stances since the April meeting. "The Log Cabin endorsement is perplexing because the group is throwing its support behind a candidate who opposes Gay and Lesbian equality and continues to succumb to the far right," said HRC executive director Elizabeth Birch. HRC political director Winnie Stachelberg added, "The Log Cabin Republicans must have had to look extraordinarily hard to see a silver lining in what is unquestionably a dark cloud of a record."

But Stears, who met with Bush in July, hinted that policy changes could come soon. "There are things that we are working on with the Bush campaign," he said. "I believe it will happen. I don't feel comfortable announcing their policies. I think it's

something that they're going to do -- and hopefully in the near future." Among the policies Lesbians and Gays might well like to see changed are the nominee's opposition to the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, hate crimes legislation, and same-sex unions, as well as his support of the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

Log Cabin director of public affairs Kevin Ivers spoke of another possible reason for the LCR endorsement: "I think the overriding goal -- the thing that's motivating us more than anything -- is that we've been facing for the last generation ... a political status quo of one party writing us off and one party taking us for granted. And our greatest goal is to make sure that both parties take us seriously."

Armey 'Jokes'

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se, making these kinds of remarks."

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) was much more distressed than Frank but went right for the legislative hit: their frustrated efforts to bring the Hate Crimes Prevention Act to a floor vote in Armey's House. HRC political director Winnie Stachelberg fired off a statement that, "While Armey continues to use Gay Americans as punch lines, too many people are using remarks such as his to justify using Gay people as punching bags. It is no joke when a man who is a staunch opponent to hate crime legislation makes crude jokes that can only lead to further stigmatization that may result in violence. We urge the Majority Leader to apologize." HRC has already endorsed Vice President Al Gore (D) for President and criticized the Gay and Lesbian Log Cabin Republicans for endorsing Texas Governor George Bush (R).

Another Brand of Humor: Texas political humorist and long-time Bush observer Molly Ivins predicted that Texas Governor George W. Bush would mention his hometown of Midland, Texas somewhere in his speech accepting the Republican Presidential nomination. Midland, she wrote, is where "rich, white-collar Republicans live" while the working class are in neighboring Odessa. She wrote, "Last year I asked the American Civil Liberties Union board member from Midland if they were having any trouble with Gay-bashing out there. She said, 'Oh, hell, honey, there's not a Gay in Midland who will come out of the closet for fear people will think they're Democrats.'"

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[Editor's Note: This letter was received by the Observer on August 8.]

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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

Bears of the Old Pueblo Wednesday Night Coffee at Coffee Etc., 2830 N. Campbell 7-9 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

Bears of the Old Pueblo General Meeting and Potluck. A really great way to meet the guys and get a chance to participate in club planning. Bring a dish and find out why being a Bear is so special. Contact the Bear line (520)327-1620 or at their web site <http://www.botop.com> for location and directions.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

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, AUGUST 13

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 3:00 p.m. Join Erich as he hosts a hot summer day Pool Party. For directions and reservations, please contact Erich at 745-2689.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

Bears of the Old Pueblo Wednesday Night Coffee at Coffee Etc., 2830 N. Campbell 7-9 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Poz 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 so we can have some idea of how much to cook. To reserve your space or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at 299-6647 by Monday, August 14.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Dinner out with the bears of the Old Pueblo. Contact the bear line (520)327-1620 or at their web site <http://www.botop.com> for location and time. Be sure to RSVP with your host by Wednesday, August 16th.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bill hosts a night devoted to all sorts of games (board and card variety). It's a fun evening, and you get to know your table mates well! For directions and reservations, please contact Bill at 546-7539.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 3-6 p.m. Bill and Joe host a Pool Party in honor of Reveille's first trip to GALA. This is a good chance to meet the nice guys of MSN and Reveille at the same time. For reservations, details, and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Stop 'Dr.' Laura Rally from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at KGUN-TV, 7280 E. Rosewood. For more information call Wingspan 624-1779 or Andrea at 519-6768. Nationally known speakers are scheduled to appear. Your input is needed! Volunteers are needed to help with putting on a successful event, making signs and posters, etc.etc.etc.

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 layman's 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.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

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 Peter at 615-8974.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

Bears of the Old Pueblo Wednesday Night Coffee at Coffee Etc., 2830 N. Campbell 7-9 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

Bel it's been a while since you went miniature golfing! Why not try it with the Bears of the Old Pueblo. Bears and their guests will head out to the tiny links for an evening of fun at a local mini-golf course. Contact the bear line (520)327-1620 or at their web site <http://www.botop.com> for location, time and directions.

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.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

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 Bruce's home. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Bruce at 743-3890. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, August 25 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).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Art and Jeff host a day of "Apple Pie" (the movie)

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

IBTS - 'The Girlie Show' hosted by Lucinda Holliday featuring Bunny Fufu, Faith Michaels, Angela Dodd, and Domino Blush.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Latino Night - Tucson's hottest Latin Night. Music starts at 9:00 p.m. \$1.50 Tequila shots all night. Music with DJ Hill. No Cover.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

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 week's proceeds go to Wingspan Domestic Violence Project. Then at 9:00 p.m. It's Showtime: 'Just For The Hell Of It!' starring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Bunny FuFu, Faith Michaels and special guests.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - 5th Annual Les-B-Wed Show. Come see four couples battle it out. \$2.00 Long Islands all night. No cover. Lots of fun. Dance music follows.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. it's the 'Girlie Show' hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Bunny FuFu, Samantha White and Taylor West.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

VENTURE-N - Beer Bust and Chili Feed from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. hosted by the Bears of the Old Pueblo. Join the Bears at the Patio Bar for 50¢ Beer and Soda drafts, \$1.50 pitchers and \$1.00 bowls of that great chili. All tip proceeds benefit our community while you have a great time with the Bears.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Attend 'Stop Dr. Laura Rally at KGUN-TV
(See Non-Bar Calendar for time and directions)

IBTS - Gay Men's Health Project Benefit Show. More later.

VENTURE-N - 5:00 TO 7:00 p.m. it will be either Super-Subs or Boss Burgers hosted by Bears of the Old Pueblo. Either way it's a great way to grab a bite and have a relaxing Sunday with the Bears. Suggested food donation is \$2.00 with tip proceeds benefitting our community.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

VENTURE-N - Jungle Party 2000 begins at 8:00 p.m. this evening. Watch out for more details and make plans to attend!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

IBTS - It's IBT's 8th Anniversary Bash! Watch out!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - LABOR DAY

IBTS - Monday Morning Madness. Get there early!

and Ice Cream (the homemade variety!). Space is limited, so call quickly if you're interested. For directions (in Vail) and reservations, please call Jeff or Art at 762-9135.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join T. Jay for some "Music Under the Stars" as a group of guys goes to Reid Park to listen to the Symphony. It's a very enjoyable evening and the price is right (free!). For directions on where to meet, please call T. Jay at 881-7919.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Time: 1900 hours. Place: Bill's house. Mission: watch "Butch Camp" with Judy Tenuta. Plot: wimpy gay man decides to become more masculine and enrolls in "Butch Camp". What to do: have fun! Call: 546-7539. Now, mister!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

Bears of the Old Pueblo Wednesday Night Coffee at Coffee Etc., 2830 N. Campbell 7-9 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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! Tonight's theme is a luau! The Potluck is held at the Casas Adobe Congregational Church at 6801 N. Oracle. Please call Jerry at 650-9565 for directions and any questions you may have.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join T. Jay for some "Music Under the Stars" as a group of guys goes to Reid Park to listen to the Symphony. It's a very enjoyable evening and the price is right (free!). For directions on where to meet, please call T. Jay at 881-7919.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for their annual Labor Day Pool Party. We'll also have games to play for those who don't want to get wet. The fun starts at 1:00, and goes through the day. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:30 p.m. Join Bill for Dinner Out as we go to El Minuto for some great Mexican food. Please phone in your reservation to Bill as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant

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.

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 - 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 3-7 pm. Volleyball 5:30 pm. B-B-Q 5-9pm. \$2.50 burger or chicken; \$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. \$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 - Open at noon. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Free pool all day and all night. Dance Club opens 9pm with DJ James (The Wizard). 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 - AOL employees.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Long Islands all nite. Dance to music w/DJ S. Country music 9 to close

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. 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. \$1.50 pitchers 9-close. 80s Retro & house music with DJ Sarafina.

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. 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. Pick-up Volleyball games start 7pm. Spaghetti & meatballs 6-9pm \$2.50. Patio bar open.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1. 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 (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 James (The Wizard). 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-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. Patio Bar Open.

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. 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. 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 Martinis \$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.

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. 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, potato & roll \$4.50. Patio Bar Open.

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NOTICES

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 293-6624.

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520)570-1225 for current information.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 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 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 MENS 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 Hollman 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. Dezert 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) 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.

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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)

OLSEN - 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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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 CareTeams 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 325-6676 or 327-4293.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7878.

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 854-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (evelten@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 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KKCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

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)327-1620 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.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline for info at 888-5541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

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 624-6768.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 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 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

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

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 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 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), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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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 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Room 43. Call the church at Davey at 886-1208 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

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

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpglcc.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.

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 really know. And as the roaring reticence of Gay organizations to speak out against anti-Transgender violence continues, the murders of Transgender people continue, once per month. Once again, as the AIDS activists put it so terribly well, silence equals death.

So, like it or not, it falls on the Transgender community — and our friends and allies — to shed light on the horrendous murder rate of Transgender and other visibly gender variant individuals. More importantly, it is up to us to ensure that the publicity regarding anti-Transgender violence is kept up, so that people don't forget. Towards this end, I personally am committing to doing my best to introduce into media reaching the gblt community news stories regarding Transgender murders and other anti-Transgender violence. I ask other Transgender and visibly gender variant individuals to join the struggle to bring appropriate light to the violence being levied on Transgender individuals.

There is a lot of talk these days of the emergence or existence of a "Gay, Bisexual, Lesbian and Transgender community." One of the hallmarks of a community is a sense of cohesiveness, unity, and the sharing of common interests and a common bond. One woman of color I know tips waitpersons of color more than others just because the waitperson is a brother or a sister. This is community. Every member of the gblt community has a desire and a need to live in safety, to not have to live in fear for one's life. Towards this end, it is incumbent upon all members of the gblt community to advocate for all of our gblt brothers and sisters. For we are family. All of us, whether we be Gay, Bisexual, Lesbian or Transgender. Whether we be white, African American, Latino/a, Asian/Pacific Island, or whatever our heritage may be.

I love my family: all of it, in all of its rich diversity, even those corners I haven't yet had the pleasure of visiting. I mourn for Arthur Warren, Jr., and I'm glad that my family mourns for him. I also mourn for Amanda Milan. I ask my family, my brothers and my sisters, to mourn for her, also.

[This letter was improved with the editing assistance of Jessica Xavier and Jamison Green, for whose work in helping to tighten the piece I am very grateful.]

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PHILADELPHIA, PA (NP) - Misdemeanors associated with the demonstrations at the GOP convention rate as much as \$1-million for arrested direct action leaders.

According to the Associated Press, leaders of ACT UP/Philadelphia are among those facing the highest bail after being arrested in demonstrations associated with the Republican National Convention. The nation's largest chapter of the direct action group AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power was a leading organizer of trainings in non-violence and of this week's demonstrations in Philadelphia, and previously of the World Trade Organization protests in Seattle and World Bank protests in Washington, DC. ACT UP/Philadelphia's Kate Sorenson had bail set August 3 at \$1-million for charges including instigating property damage — equal to the amount set for Ruckus Society leader John Sellers as the highest of any among the 390 people arrested in Philadelphia since July 29. Two other ACT UP leaders, Paul Davis and Terrence McGuckin, had bail set at \$450,000 and \$500,000. Sorenson and Davis, as well as Sellers, remained in jail August 4 while many other demonstrators charged with misdemeanors were released.

Philadelphia Police Commissioner John Timoney called on federal authorities to investigate groups which were instrumental in recent large demonstrations featuring property damage and assaults on police officers. Timoney denied there had been any pre-emptive attempt to "take the leaders out."

Attorneys representing demonstrators arrested August 1 denounced what they viewed as exorbitant bail — amounts in excess of \$15,000 for misdemeanors more typically set at perhaps \$200 — and alleged it was an effort to extend detention of suspects without trial until the convention was over. Police confirmed for Reuters that one suspect charged with misdemeanors had bail set at \$50,000. Even Sellers charges, which he denies, were all misdemeanors.

After some 300 arrests on August 1, a number of organizations present to protest cancelled plans for actions August 2 and 3, deciding to hold a candlelight vigil for those in jail instead.

Some civil rights activists looked at the upside of interactions between police and demonstrators in Philadelphia: no use of mace or teargas, no arrests of bystanders

not involved in protest actions, no mass violence. Some local critics of the Philadelphia police attributed their relatively peaceful behavior to their public shaming with the recent videotaped beating of Thomas Jones by a group of officers.

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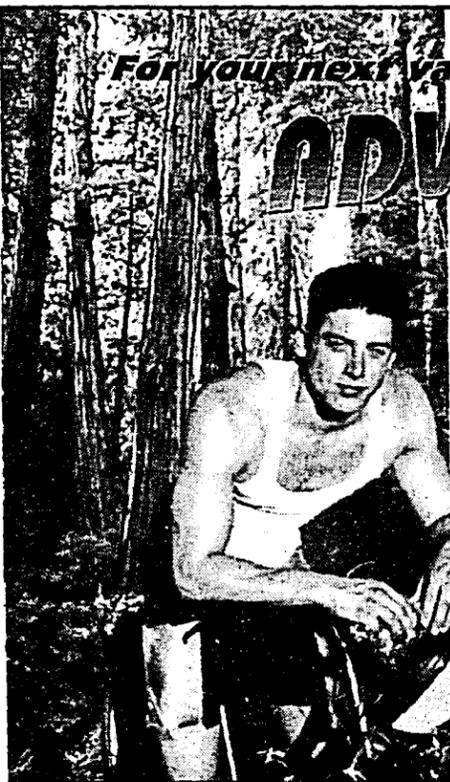
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