

'An Inspirational Walk'



TUCSON - Jim Valiton had the honor to represent the Tucson GLBT Community after being one of 49 persons selected to carry the Olympic Torch through Tucson last Sunday, January.

TUCSON - On Sunday, January 13, Jim Valiton did the Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and HIV/AIDS populace proud, by representing them in an historic event that took place in the Old Pueblo.

Thousands of flag-waving Tucsonans turned out Sunday, January 13, to cheer on local heroes who made history by carrying the Olympic flame through the Old Pueblo for the first time. The flame is on its way to Salt Lake City for the Winter Olympics, starting February 8.

One of the 49 Olympic Torchbearers, Jim Valiton were thrilled at the big

crowds along the route as the flame was paraded through town under a police escort.

"It was overwhelming, the support on that street," Valiton, who has lived with the human immuno-deficiency virus for 16 years, and who works for the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network, said in an interview about the throngs of spectators. "You just go 'wow' - that is when you know it is real."

For Valiton and other torchbearers, the historic trek started under a tight schedule early on Sunday, at O'Rielly Chevrolet, where four officials from spon-

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Anti-Gay Scouting Provision Becomes Law

WASHINGTON, DC - President Bush signed into law his Education bill, which was recently amended by conservatives to include a provision threatening the repeal of federal funds if schools deny the use of school property to the Boy Scouts or any other group that discriminates against Gays.

The amendment runs head-long into progressive district policies denying the use of school facilities to any group that discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation.

"We are going to have to look at the language of our policies, because our backs are against the wall," Berkeley School Board member Joaquin Rivera recently told the San Francisco Chronicle. "We can't say no to millions of dollars."

He said it was a "disgrace" lawmakers were using public funds to advance a narrow, right-wing agenda.

The amendment was added by conservative lawmakers under the "Family Protections" section of the bill that deals with everything from blocking adult-themed Web sites on school computers to notifying parents before giving students medical exams.

The Boy Scouts provision was crafted by Republicans Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina and Rep. Van Hilleary of Tennessee in response to school districts

that have voted to exclude Boy Scouts from meeting on campus due to their anti-Gay policies.

The Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network, the leading national organization to end Gay bias in K-12 schools, is concerned the redundancy of the Boy Scout provision in the education bill will confuse school districts.

"Schools have to rent or provide equal space, but they don't have to promote Boy Scouts and discrimination based on sexual orientation," said GLSEN executive director Kevin Jennings.

Jennings says that, practically speaking, the Boy Scouts provision is an unnecessary solution for a problem that doesn't exist. Although many have confused access with sponsorship, this provision does not require schools to sponsor Boy Scout troops.

GLSEN says it is preparing a mailer to districts across the country emphasizing what the law does and does not say. Schools are still perfectly within their rights to withdraw Boy Scout troop sponsorship - they just cannot deny troops meeting space on school grounds.

The true travesty of the amendment, say critics, is that Helms and Hilleary have intentionally sought to sow confusion about the meaning and intent of the law to bend districts to their will.

Supreme Court Limits 'Disability' Definition

WASHINGTON, DC - The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund says a ruling this week by the U.S. Supreme Court is constricting the power of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), possibly making it harder for people with HIV to qualify for benefits.

Lambda says that the ruling in *Toyota v. Williams* further erodes the definition of "disability" and the strength of employee protections, reported 365Gay.com.

Lambda AIDS) Project Director Catherine A. Hanssens, who worked on an amicus brief for the case and is an expert on the ADA, said, "The Supreme Court has managed to make the definition of disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act an ever smaller moving target, one that is moving farther from what Congress intended and what common sense would dictate in determining the scope of the law's protections."

The 9-0 decision verturns an earlier victory for a Kentucky auto worker with severe carpal tunnel syndrome who chal-

lenged Toyota's refusal to accommodate her disability. The court ruled that she did not show that the limitations on her ability to perform "manual tasks" substantially limited a major life activity. The court defined such a substantial limitation as being severely restricted from doing those things that are "of central importance to everyday life."

"The drafters of the ADA never contemplated that this level of scrutiny, complicated by the necessarily subjective task of determining what is 'centrally important' in a person's life, would precode a determination that someone is covered by the Act. Nowhere near this amount of attention gets focused on the employer's discriminatory conduct in these cases. In fact, more often than not, the merits of the case are never reached," Hanssens noted.

Application of the court's reasoning to a person with HIV could leave many without a viable legal remedy for a wide range of discriminatory exclusions from work and social activities. For example, an

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teer--will be reminded of confidentiality concerns.)

This luncheon is fully sponsored, courtesy of generous support from the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association, St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, and other caring individuals and congregations of TIHAN. Reservations are requested and transportation can be provided with advance notice simply through one phone call to the TIHAN office. For more information about POZ Cafe, to make your reservations or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at (520) 299-6647 by Tuesday, January 15. Transportation deadline is Wednesday Noon, January 16.

TIHAN Training Sessions To Be Held

TUCSON - The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) will be conducting a volunteer training session on Saturday, February 9, 2002 at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church (2331 E. Adams).

There are four orientation times set for your convenience; one orientation must be made before training. The orientation dates and times are: Monday, February 4 at Grace St. Paul's 2 - 3:30 p.m. & 7 - 8:30 p.m. Orientations at the TIHAN office (492 N Alvernon) are Tuesday, February 5 & Wednesday, February 6, both from 7 - 8:30 p.m. The cost for training is \$15.00 which covers lunch and materials, scholarships are available upon request.

Volunteer staff give social, emotional, and practical help to those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Volunteer staff are needed for CareTeams, Poz Programs, Educational forums, and community outreach. Come and join us in being a part of the solution in an effort to educate faith communities about HIV/AIDS. For more information on volunteer opportunities, please call the TIHAN office, (520) 299-6647, and ask for Todd.

OutoberFest Appreciation Party

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance (TLGA) announces its OUTOBERFEST Appreciation Party, Saturday, January 26, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

If you were a volunteer or sponsor at OUTOBERFEST 2001, or are interested in volunteering or sponsoring for TLGA this year, you are cordially invited to attend.

Please call our Prideline at (520) 622-3200 in order to RSVP and to obtain further details of the event (or send email to tiga@tucsonpride.com).

Community Forum Jan. 17

TUCSON - A community forum on the experiences of Gay and Lesbian persons with disabilities, will take January 17, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street.

This forum is another in a continuing series of forums on issues of interest to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) community. This forum will have panel of disabled Gay people who will discuss their encounters with discrimination within the GLBT community itself. Discussions and a question and answer session will be part of the program.

For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

POZ Cafe January 17

TUCSON - People living with HIV are invited to The Poz Cafe Lunch along with social and recreational activities on Thursday, January 17.

Poz Cafe is located at St. Francis in the Foothills UMC (corner of Swan and River Roads). Doors open at 11:30 a.m., with complimentary lunch served at noon. Following lunch there will be several games of Bingo (with prizes!), a very special raffle, and many friends to enjoy.

Volunteers from Congregation Ner Tamid are hosting this month's lunch which will feature Brisket of Beef with Broiled Red Potatoes, Winter Vegetables, Fresh Fruit Salad and French bread. And Home-made Chocolate Cake for dessert. A selection of beverages, including iced tea and coffee will be available, along with a hospitality table of punch and snacks.

Like all TIHAN programs, it's Gay-friendly, free of charge, and no proselytizing or evangelizing is permitted. HIV+ people may have one adult guest accompany them if they so choose. (Each guest--partner, spouse, friend, volun-

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The goals of Lobby Day are to educate Arizona legislators about Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender issues, to advocate for the passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) during the 2002 Arizona Legislative session, to empower GLBT citizens to participate in the political process, and to introduce GLBT citizens to their elected representatives and vice versa.

AHRF is a non-partisan, membership organization whose purpose is to secure, protect, and defend the rights and welfare of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered people. Each year AHRF selects an issue to address with the Arizona legislature. This year, AHRF's legislative agenda is passage of ENDA, which would bar employment discrimination against GLBT people in Arizona.

Lobby Day is a critical part of AHRF's strategy to pass ENDA and to educate Arizona legislators about GLBT issues. It is a personal connection with GLBT citizens that will persuade Arizona legislators to pass GLBT-friendly legislation, including ENDA.

To prepare volunteers for Lobby Day, AHRF will hold a Citizen Lobbyist Training Day on Saturday, January 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Tucson-Pima Main Public Library, 101 N. Stone Ave., Tucson. The goal of this training is to inform citizen lobbyists about the legislative process, train citizen lobbyists how to effectively lobby their legislators, and educate citizen lobbyists about ENDA. AHRF strongly encourages all citizen lobbyists to attend this free training.

You can register for Lobby Day and the Citizen Lobbyist Training by contacting the Southern Arizona AHRF office at (520) 990-5162, the Phoenix office (602) 650-0900 or saz@ahrf.org. You can also obtain a lobby day registration form from the AHRF website at www.ahrf.org.

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MTV, Showtime Plan Gay/Lesbian Cable Channel

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - In an announcement, MTV Networks and Showtime say they will develop "the first cable channel" specifically aimed at Gay and Lesbian viewers.

The two cable divisions of Viacom (NYSE: VIA) will offer the still unnamed channel to cable and satellite system operators as a lower-cost channel option.

In addition to advertising revenue, the estimated \$5 to \$6 dollars a month consumers would pay for the new channel would guarantee revenue to cover programming costs, say the cable networks.

Speaking to The New York Times, Betsy Frank, executive vice president for research for MTV Networks, said the Gay channel had the potential to make the same "groundbreaking impact" that the Fox network, the WB network and the Black Entertainment Network had.

"We see this as the next step in what a television network is supposed to be," she said.

Joan Garry, executive director for the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, or GLAAD, said a Gay network was an idea just waiting to happen.

"The real promise of cable television from its inception was about reaching the under-served, people in rural communities who couldn't get reception." The Gay and Lesbian community, says Garry, fits that profile. "The Gay community has been historically under-served - this is long overdue."

Proposed programming for the new Gay network is rumored to include original series, acquired films, imported shows, news and information programs, talk shows, comedy shows and travel shows.

Garry, who spent seven years at MTV, followed by another 7 years at Showtime before joining GLAAD, thinks the channel will have a real shot.

"These networks have brought us 'The Real World' and 'Queer As Folk,' so they know a thing or two about taking risks with ground-breaking and inclusive programming... it's really a perfect match.

The proposed channel could begin within a year, according to Gene Falk, senior vice president for the MTV digital media group.

While Showtime and MTV say they will be the first cable channel specifically aimed at Gay and Lesbian viewers, their PR would appear to have overlooked a few folks who beat them to the punch.

All-Gay programming players, like CITV, Canada's Pride Vision and the Triangle Television Network, have been broadcasting on cable in one form or another for more than a year.

Only Pride Vision and Triangle have reached the goal of transmitting 24-hours a day. Still, few people have sampled their Gay fare, either because their channel appears on so few cable and satellite providers or due to a small subscription base (Triangle has only 19,000 subscribers all within the U.S.).

Even with the money it takes to put together an all-Gay channel, the overriding problem for all hopeful Gay networks is that cable and satellite providers

are already swamped with requests for space on their limited channel capacity.

Last month, in an effort to create a place for themselves, Triangle purchased full page ads in national newspapers to "invite Gay TV into your home."

In Denver, the ads were also aimed at the people who can make the decision about which channels to carry. AT&T Broadband, the largest cable provider in the nation, and EchoStar, one of two satellite dish networks, are based in the Denver area. Triangle Television founder Frank Olsen said he bought ads in 16 cities "to get the cable companies aware of us."

While CITV, Pride Vision and Triangle struggle to get a foothold in the cable lineup, Showtime and MTV will undoubtedly not encounter the same difficulties with their new venture. As hearty limbs of the Viacom tree, both channels have extraordinary leverage for distribution - and they have the ability to create packages as an incentive to carry their Gay channel.

For the systems that carry it, Triangle currently charges \$9.95 a month for their channel, a fee that may soon seem steep, when undercut by the \$5 to \$6 a month Showtime and MTV say they plan to charge for their Gay-specific channel.

Can more than one all-Gay channel thrive on cable, offering quality content, attracting advertisers and find cable and satellite outlets to carry them? Probably not. Perhaps the next year will see Viacom looking to the smaller players to capture some of their better fare for their

Showtime/MTV venture, maybe even buying up one of the smaller companies, thus eliminating the competition, while scooping up attractive programming at bargain prices.

Mark Greenberg, the executive vice president for business development at Showtime told The New York Times, "Like MTV created a new audience that advertisers went out of their way to reach, we think we can do the same thing here. Advertisers began making commercials specifically for MTV. That might happen here, too."

Executives from both organizations said that while certain specific commercials might run on the channel, a more likely model would be to have program sponsorships, with the company and its products mentioned only at the beginning and end of programs.

The question may be, will mainstream advertisers be lining up to sponsor shows on a major network that is Gay 24/7?

While many well-known companies already spend money on Gay-specific advertising, there will undoubtedly be a rethinking of how to spend on this market.

says Mike Wilke, executive director of the Commercial Closet.

"Right now they're spending pocket change because print and online ads are so cheap. TV advertising is obviously much more expensive. To really support a major network will be an education for those interested in the market, as well as an evolution of their spending budget."

If the advertisers come, the ultimate question may be: will Gay and Gay-friendly viewers?

GLAAD's Joan Garry offers, "It will be all about the content, at the end of the day. If the content is smart, the channel will have a real shot."



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Boy George Opens New Musical, Makes Controversial TV Appearance

LONDON, UK - Taboo, a new stage musical featuring 21 new songs written by Boy George, began previews in London's West End.

Named after the London nightclub where George spent much of his youth, the musical tells the story of a young man in 1980s London and the colorful characters he meets—including Boy George (who will be portrayed by an impersonator). In an interview last year, George said about the show that "the message really is that no matter what someone looks like, they are still a person." Taboo's official opening is scheduled for January 29.

In the meantime, Boy George has drawn criticism in the United Kingdom over his recent appearance on Frank Skinner's talk show. Ananova.com reports that more than 20 viewers complained about the show to the Independent Television Commission after George "talked to Skinner about subjects such as buggery and masturbation." The ITC voted to uphold viewer complaints and ruled that "Boy George seemed to be determined to disconcert Skinner through a series of 'outrageous' suggestions," adding, "The ITC did feel that the unrelenting sexual nature of the whole Boy George interview, and one or two of the references in particular, had gone beyond the limits of the code." The ITC, however, rejected complaints from viewers about Skinner's jokes regarding the war against the Taliban, calling the remarks "justifiable satire."

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Elton John: "Lucky Not To Have HIV"

LONDON, UK - After a British AIDS service organization honored Sir Elton John as a hero in the fight against the disease, the pop star declared himself lucky not have contracted it, reported Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

"As a Gay man I'm very lucky not to be infected," he told ITV News. "My concern nowadays is that young people think they are invulnerable, but they're not."

John received the Hero Award from the U.K. Coalition of People Living with HIV in recognition for his efforts to combat HIV and AIDS through the Elton John AIDS Foundation. The foundation has awarded over \$30 million for various prevention and service projects during the last decade.

"I accept the Hero Award with gratitude, but more importantly in the acknowledgment of the 30,000 positive people here in the U.K. today," he said at the awards ceremony in London.

John added that he got involved in the fight against the disease after Ryan White's death in 1990, a year in which the singer says he "wasn't behaving very well."



Anne Robinson Called Fashion's 'Weakest Link'

HOLLYWOOD, CA (WS) - Anne Robinson, host of TV's "Weakest Link" tops Mr. Blackwell's 2001 Worst Dressed Women list.

The tart-tongued critic described Robinson as looking like "Harry Potter" in drag.

Britney Spears was next on his 42nd annual worst list, issued Tuesday, for outfits he called "belly baring bombs." Juliette Binoche was third, termed "Le Gauche Binoche." All three members of Destiny's Child shared fourth place on his list for "Off-Pitch Kitsch."

Numbers 5-10 were singer Bjork, Monaco's Princess Stephanie, Kate Hudson, Camilla Parker Bowles, Cameron Diaz and Gillian Anderson.

On the other end of his acerbic spectrum, Blackwell said, Julia Roberts tops his "Fabulous Fashion Independents for 2001," followed by Oprah Winfrey and Diane Sawyer.

Blackwell's yearly pronouncement of the worst and best-dressed public figures almost didn't occur this year. Blackwell considered taking a year off due to "the horrific events of September 11," he said in a news release.

"But after some thought, I felt some traditions (however frivolous) should continue," Blackwell said, "... it may be good for a laugh!"

CyberCenter Opens At Wingspan

TUCSON - Wingspan, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center, has a new CyberCenter open for public use.

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Thousands of people lined the curbs of the Olympic Flame route to cheer the torch bearers on. None were more vocal than the 200+ who gathered at the intersection of Treat Street and Speedway to greet and cheer on Jim Valiton as he carried the torch West on Speedway to Tucson Boulevard.

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sors Chevy and Coca-Cola did some last-minute coaching.

One reminder, Valiton said in an interview, was to make sure to give the torch to the "gas man," a tour official who turns on the fuel flow in each torch just before the flame is to be lighted. "They said when the man comes, give him your torch - he'll give it back. They've had people who wouldn't let go of that torch so they could turn it on," he said.

flags, many of Valiton's supporters waved rainbow-colored flags symbolizing Gay and Lesbian pride. When the time came, Valiton was dropped off at his relay point minutes ahead of his relay partner. His relay leg went off without a hitch, but the experience was somewhat of a blur amid the cheering crowd.

The theme engraved on each Olympic torch - "Light the fire inside" - holds significance for Valiton, who has had to draw on his inner strength to keep his HIV from developing into AIDS. He added that he hopes his participation in the Olympic torch relay will raise awareness and support of HIV issues and, perhaps more importantly, inspire others with HIV to carry on in the face of a deadly disease.

"We've been told we're going to die for so many years that being told they're going to live is a scary prospect," Valiton said. "I just hope I can give them some inspiration to get through the next day." You do Jim, you definitely do.

Valiton is an inspirational person, someone who makes those people who know, work with, and for those he helps with his work in THAN, lives better. He is an individual that people could and should learn from.



Joining in the festivities of the Olympic Flame torch bearers was this pretty young girl who proudly displayed her rainbow message for her hero Jim Valiton.

From the auto dealership, the torchbearers were transported on buses that became part of the flame caravan. Valiton stated he felt "more honored than nervous" before boarding the bus, until the gravity of the moment began to take hold. "I did fine until the guy on the bus said, 'I want you to remember that when you walk down the street with that flame, you are the only person on the planet holding the Olympic flame,'" he went on to say.

Valiton's next wave of nerves hit when he saw the crowd of his supporters - more than 150 strong over the short block on Speedway between Treat Avenue and Tucson Boulevard. Along with American

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Sapphire Crowned Miss Gay Tucson USofA



Sapphire, Miss Gay Tucson USofA 2002

By A.F. Productions
Lindsey Roberts and Jorge Reyna

TUCSON - On Sunday, January 13, Absolutely Fabulous Productions held the First Annual Miss Gay Tucson USofA Pageant at the Flamingo Hotel. The three contestants vying for the title were Jasmine Bouvier, Sapphire and Fiona LaShock. When it was all over, Sapphire was crowned Miss Gay Tucson USofA 2002, with Jasmine Bouvier

taking the 1st Alternate position. Sapphire and Jasmine Bouvier will go on to compete at the Miss Gay Arizona USofA 2003 Pageant to be held in early October.

Some special awards were also given that night, including the "Aviva Diamond" Best Talent Award to Sapphire, Best Presentation to Jasmine Bouvier, and Miss Congeniality to Fiona LaShock. A special appearance by Kyra Starr, Miss Gay Arizona USofA 2002 was enjoyed by all. Other entertainers during the event were, Co-Promoter Tori Steele, and new performer DianaFlair.

A special thank you to Jake's and Peppy Lou's Cafe for sponsoring the Miss Gay Tucson USofA Pre-Pageant show held on Saturday at Jake's bar. We had a great time with entertainment given by Tori Steele, Misti Malone, Kyra Starr, and Aja Simone.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all who helped in putting the event together. No one can do it alone. A special thank you to all our Corporate Sponsors, IBT's and Woody's for sponsoring the Crown; Ain't Nobody's Bizness, the Winners Trophy; G.L.E.A.M./American Airlines, the 1st Alternates Plaque; The Yard Dog Saloon, the Congeniality Award and David Wetstein, the 'Aviva Diamond' Best Talent Award.

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Entertainment Briefs

Nine years after the Pulitzer Prize-winning plays debuted on Broadway, Tony Kushner's two-part Angels in America is headed for HBO. Director Mike Nichols, hot off his HBO adaptation of Margaret Edson's Wit, will direct the six-hour mini-series, with a cast of luminaries including Al Pacino (as Roy Cohn), Meryl Streep (as Hannah), Emma Thompson (as the angel), and Jeffrey Wright (as Belize). Shooting begins in April. . . .

Out Oscar-winning writer Alan Ball (American Beauty) has signed for another two years with HBO, home of his acclaimed series Six Feet Under. The net-seven-figure TV deal to continue as Six Feet's executive producer while also allowing him to create, write, and executive-produce other projects for HBO. "I feel like I'm the luckiest guy in town to be able to do this show the way I want to do this show," says Ball. "I love working at HBO, and I hope to keep doing so for a long time. I feel like it's the best place to work in television." . . .

The first season of the HBO series Oz will be released on video March 19. The acclaimed series unflinchingly depicts life in prison, including Gay relationships and rape. The DVD set will feature audio commentaries with series creator Tom Fontana and actor Lee Tergesen, deleted scenes, a making-of featurette, previews, an episode index, and more. . . .

Hedwig and the Angry Inch and L.I.E. were among the most-mentioned films when the nominations for the Independent Spirit Awards were announced. Both films were cited in the prestigious best feature category rather than as best first feature, even though each was the debut for its respective director. Hedwig, the transsexual rock musical, also received nomina-

tions for best director, best male lead, and best first screenplay for its director-cowriter-star, John Cameron Mitchell, who created the character with composer and lyricist Stephen Trask as part of a stage show over several years in the 19-90s.

L.I.E. earned two nods for Michael Cuesta, as the film's director and, in the best first screenplay category, as its co-writer, with Stephen M. Ryder and Gerald Cuesta. L.I.E.'s Brian Cox, who plays Big John, a man who seduces teenage boys and then befriends a troubled youth, was nominated as best male lead, while Paul Franklin Dano, as the youth, was among the nominees for best debut performance, and Billy Kay, who plays Dano's friend, was mentioned as a best supporting male.

Other films of Gay and Lesbian interest nominated for the Spirit Awards, given by the Independent Film Project/West to honor independent (nonstudio) filmmaking, included Patrik-Jan Polk's Punks, for best feature made for less than \$500,000; The Anniversary Party, earning best first feature and best first screenplay nods for collaborators Alan Cumming and Jennifer Jason Leigh and a best supporting male nomination for John C. Reilly; Cheryl Dunye's Stranger Inside, for actresses Yolanda Ross (best debut performance) and Davenia McFadden (best supporting female); David Siegel and Scott McGehee's The Deep End, for Tilda Swinton's lead performance and best cinematography; David Lynch's Mulholland Drive, for best cinematography; Lukas Moodysson's Together, for best foreign film; and the documentary Trembling Before G-d, earning filmmaker Sandi Simcha DuBowski mention in the "Truer Than Fiction" category, honoring an outstanding fact-based film. Here is a complete list of 2001 Independent Spirit Award nominees:

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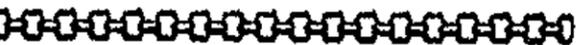
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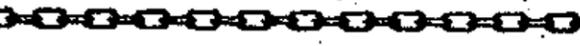
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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

'Secret Military Tribunals'

While everybody seems to be discussing the relative merits of military tribunals versus civilian criminal trials, the biggest difference between the two is generally overlooked. In a civilian criminal trial, at the time of the trial, the crime is over. That being the case, nothing that happens in the trial can affect what happened in the crime.

In a military tribunal, at the time of the tribunal, the war is not over. That being the case, things that happen in the tribunal can affect the ongoing war. If we use a civilian criminal trial to deal with a war crime in an ongoing war, any number of disasters can result.

The most glaring example is the trial that resulted from the first terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, the attack that occurred a few years ago. People are still arguing, to this very day, that the trial proved how effective civilian criminal trials can be in dealing with terrorists. After all, they point out, even though the defendants were given all the appropriate Constitutional protections, the bad guys got convicted. Hooray!

That argument completely ignores the effect that the trial itself had on the war against terrorism. It is now generally accepted that Bin Laden learned from that trial that some of his methods of communication had been compromised. As a result, he quit using the compromised methods. We were thereby denied information that might have allowed us to prevent the attacks of 9-11.

If you apply a cost-benefit analysis to the debate, having a civilian criminal trial resulted in a handful of convictions that put a few terrorists out of action. Not having a secret military tribunal instead may well have resulted in thousands of deaths and billions of dollars in losses.

Theoretically, a big advantage of civilian trials is that they are better at protecting the rights of the accused. They are certainly better at letting the public observe the judicial process. But it's difficult to argue that the tribunals will necessarily be unfair when the rules under which they'll operate haven't even been drawn up.

As for military justice in general, it's so much fairer than civilian justice that no innocent defendant who was knowledgeable about both systems would be likely to prefer the civilian variety. In the civilian version of criminal justice prosecutors are

evaluated on their clearance rates. The more crimes they get people to confess to the "tougher" they look and the better their chances become for achieving higher political office. Hence prosecutors routinely charge defendants with crimes they know the defendants are not guilty of simply to increase their bargaining leverage. The charges that are brought and the deals for confessions that are struck because of them end up having little or no relationship to reality.

In stark contrast, before charges are brought in the military, an officer from outside the defendant's unit, an officer who's usually neither a lawyer nor a politician, examines the case to determine whether prosecuting it would serve the purposes of the military. To put it simply, the investigating officer is not just trying to determine whether there's been an infraction of military law; he's there to see if the infraction is such that it justifies the expenditure of the time and resources necessary to bring it to trial. If military standards were applied to the city and county courts that operate in Tucson, three-fourths of the petty nonsense that presently goes to trial would never see the light of day. The unemployment rate of lawyers would skyrocket.

Getting back to the war at hand, whatever the rules for the tribunals turn out to be, there will be very little incentive for the officers serving as judges and those serving as prosecutors to convict people who are innocent. They, the judges and prosecutors, will not be running for office. They will therefore not have to establish a high conviction rate to show that they're tough on terrorism.

What the secrecy of tribunals will do is cost the enemy resources. If we capture a terrorist and try him and shoot him in secret, the enemy will have to expend resources and time to find out that the terrorist got caught, as opposed to the possibility that he took the money to the south of France and retired from terrorism altogether. Time and resources taken away from the terrorists means less terrorism.

To recall a popular saying of the early 1940s: "There's a war on".

[Thorn welcomes comments, suggestions for future columns, tips on local skulduggery that needs to be exposed. Write to Box 85571, Tucson, AZ 85754.]

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Just when you thought things were fairly under control, Mercury retrogrades and causes untold confusion and frustration in communications. Prepare for telephone calls to be missed, mail to be mis-routed and blithe comments to be taken way out of context. Ah, but like all else, though, this too shall pass... in February!

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Gay Rains must hang on tight to their ideas and principles lest retro Mercury lures you into a social swirl that turns into a riptide. Are you going in the direction you want or are you simply floating along with the crowd? Pull back and quietly reevaluate what you are getting from certain pals. If there is more to life, wait until mid-February, think again and do what you must do.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Retrograde Mercury is making its presence known in your career. It is the wise queer Bull who refrains from voicing any disquieting opinions now in front of bosses or other authority figures. Don't upset your progress by pressing on issues that need time, patience and a direct Mercury to correct. Basically, if you can't say anything nice, it is best to whine out of earshot.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Planning a great escape? Pink Twins should wait until feisty Mercury goes direct in February before they mail the deposit and pack their bags. This transit has a way of losing reservations as well as luggage after your flight was rerouted by way of Podunk. In addition, it's not a great time to pursue legal issues. Get justice next month when the scales are balanced again.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Rainbow Crabs can give Dr. Freud a rest during the Mercury retrograde. It will be difficult if not impossible to make sense from all the psychological static. (All those "revelations" may just be gas anyway.) All is not lost though, lover; you can revel in the pure enjoyment of raw sex for sex sake without having to worry about any sparks of self discovery. Oh happy day!

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Relationships may hit a temporary snag when Mercury goes retrograde. Even the most politic and strategic of proud Lions may inadvertently roar the wrong thing at the wrong time or totally misinterpret partners' actions. The best laid plans will fall to ruin if you push the envelope or rock the boat. Wait until mid-February before you make any major relationship decisions.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Queer Virgins must sit back and reprioritize at work; what you think needs to get done immediately may actually have a much lower priority. Retro Mercury leads you down blind alleys and creates false deadlines and phony alarms. And remember, it's never too late to revamp your diet or exercise regime. The slothful-retrograde Mercury ice cream diet will just simply not do it.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Fun may have a way of getting way out of hand when nervous Mercury retrogrades. Gay Libras can fritter away carefully accumulated riches on questionable games of chance so avoid Vegas until mid-February. Even the old artistic muse may need a respite. Keep a harmless flirtation where it belongs - light, fun and unencumbered. (Some of us like it that way anyway.)

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

What can possibly go wrong next around the house? A check is "lost" in the mail, the computer crashed and the phone reception is pretty ratty. What next? Dear queer Scorp, this retrograde Mercury is only a passing phase. Why don't you lock the door, play a little night music and curl up with a good friend. If the electricity has been shut off, make music in the dark.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Proud Archers are well advised to think twice before blurted out an opinion or two. Communications gone awry will go doubly awry for you at this time. Avoid any important interviews if you possibly can until mid-February. Yet, the fateful combination of honest Sagittarius and out of control retro Mercury can ignite smoldering embers to a raging fire. Revolution anyone?

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Gay Caps are advised to hold onto their wallets and avoid major investments during retro Mercury. What you believe to be a safe and sound strategy, may in fact turn out to be more wilde and wooly than you expect. Keep your eye on the prize and continue to do your homework but don't spend a buck until mid-February when old Mercury is back on track and so is your gravy train.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

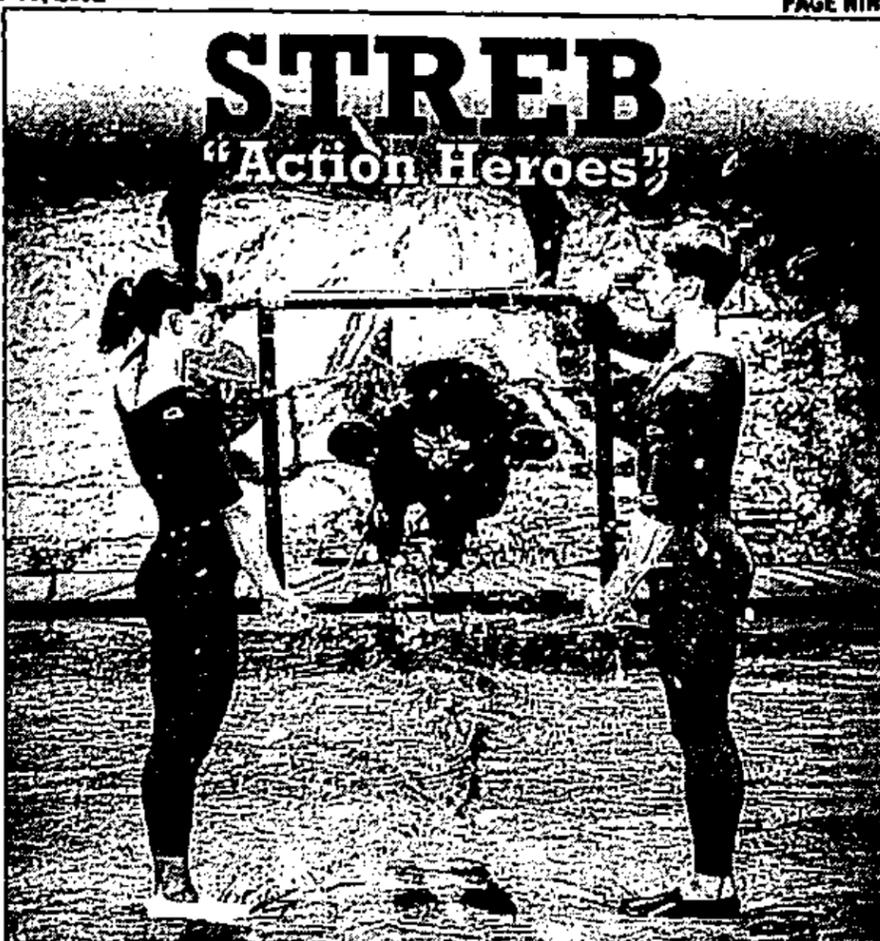
It is a wise Aquarian who understands the pitfalls of retro Mercury. Simply put, you're not fit for human company now so zip the lip and find a quiet spot to sulk. Your meager attempts at making the perfect first impression will not go as planned with this planetary influence but so what? If there was any excuse to curl up with a good book and a glass of wine, this is it.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Retro Mercury is wreaking havoc with your intuition. Have you have uncovered a fabulous secret? It is difficult not to tell a soul but this supposed "secret" may be offtrack and perhaps best left unannounced. Guppies could wind up with a case of "fin in mouth". Glide through this miserable retrograde with relaxing therapies such as yoga or meditation. Assume the lotus position.

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Dear Dr. X,

While in Europe I saw posters that said, "Don't bareback!" What do you think? Would this help slow the spread of HIV if everyone did this, whether with a steady partner or a one-night stand? Why are people still bare backing?

I ask since I've been with guys who were supposedly in monogamous relationships, with men and women.

Signed,
Confused About Bare Backing

Dear Confused,

I know it's hard to believe but there are still people in this world that are under the impression that they are invincible to HIV and AIDS. A lot of people still remember "the good old days" when a condom was just for birth control.

A few years ago a bar in San Francisco created quite a stir with an ad

featuring a naked man and the words "Bareback Thursdays" The ad was referring to going shirtless in the bar for drink specials, but it was viewed as a slap in the face to a community that is at a high risk for the disease. It's true that if everyone stopped barebacking and stayed in monogamous relationships there would be no new infections and the disease would be eradicated. On the other hand even you, in your letter state you're sleeping with men who are in monogamous relationships. Must be that sleeping around kind of monogamy.

In a perfect world everyone would be using condoms and/or be in monogamous relationships. Unfortunately we live in a world where it's pretty much your needs first. Play smart and keep yourself safe and healthy.

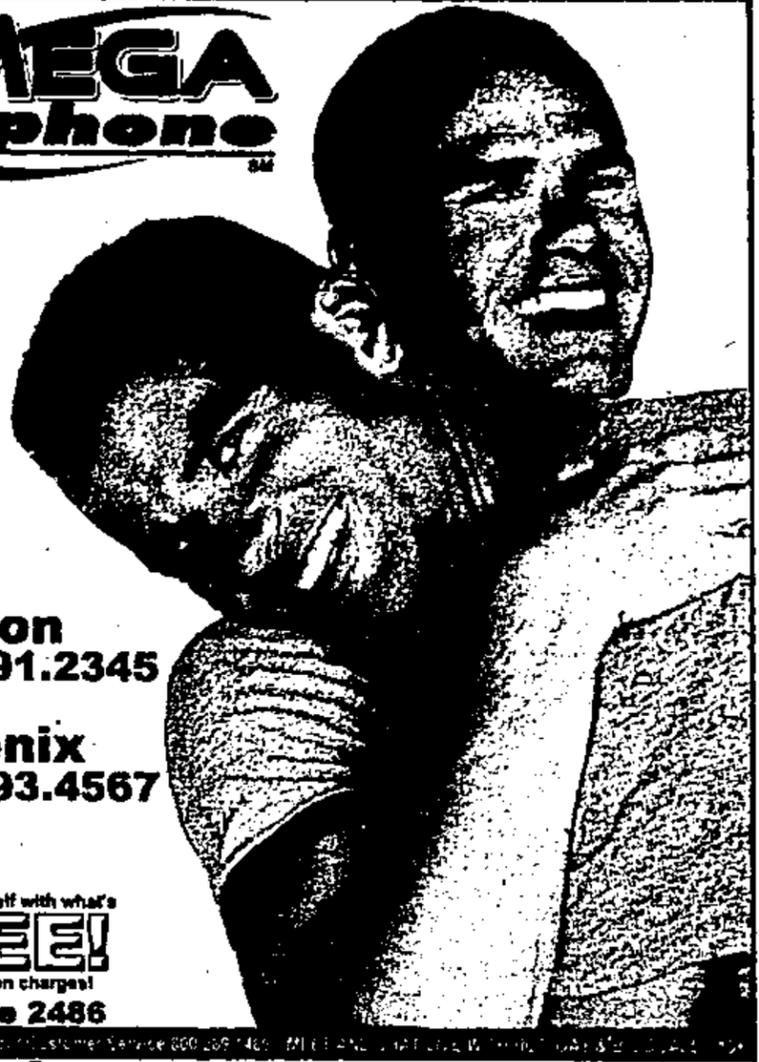
Dear Dr. X,

I moved to Tucson very happily married. However, since moving here I have gotten rid of the ex. I am wondering how to find a partner without the bars here in Tucson? Any ideas?

Signed,
Husband Hunting

Dear Husband Hunting,

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I would also check out the info wall at Wingspan, Rainbow Planet or SAAF and see what up coming events pique your interests. Also you can check out our website www.gmhp.org and check out our local links and events schedule.

Good luck to you and for all my readers out there, Dr X is single and also looking for a husband. See a little self-promotion never hurt anybody.

[Have a question for Dr. X? Contact him at GMHPoutreach@SAAF.Org or www.gmhp.org or SAAF, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719, Attn: Dr. X.]

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High Game Scratch: Bernadette's Peter, 725; Heather H., 279; Keith D., 289.

High Series Handicap: Heather H., 806; Dave F., 799; 2 PP's & A HooHoo, 2140.

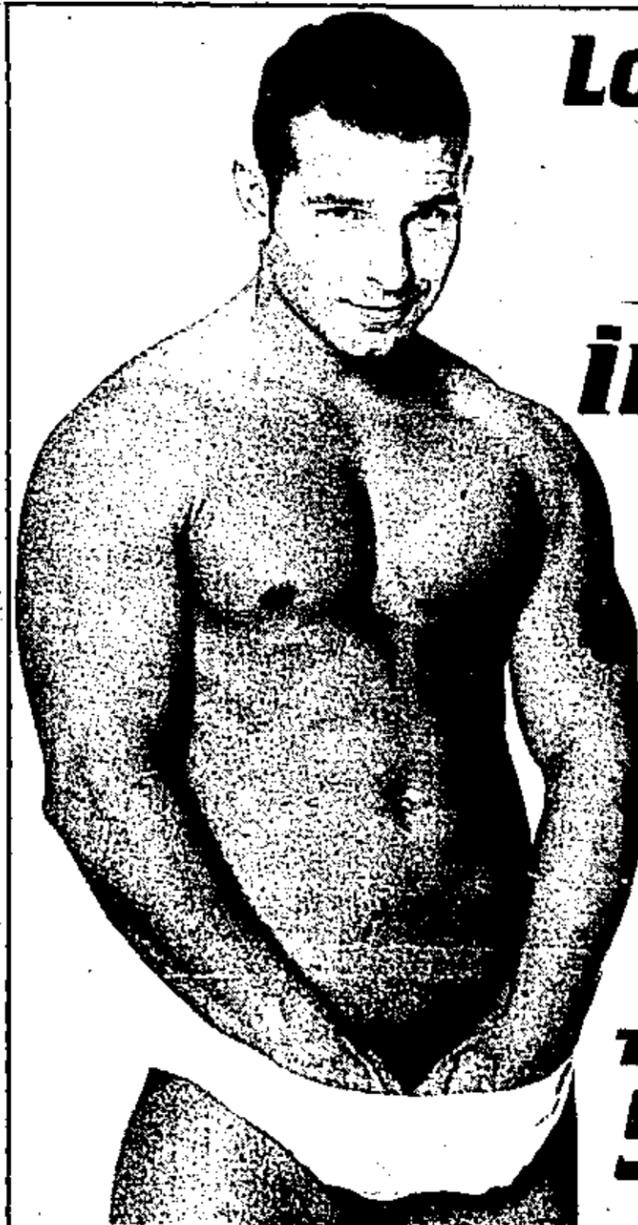
High Game Handicap: Jack S., 307; Heather H., 329; Bernadette's Peter, 798.

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Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for Pizza Night, as we enjoy an evening of good food and camaraderie with the guys. This month, the party will be on the east side of town. For reservations and directions, please call Joe at 548-9685.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Rick and Jack for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Rick at 818-1616, or Jack at 881-5733.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch/Business Meeting at 12:00 Noon. The Hometown Buffet 5101 N. Oracle Rd., Just north of River Rd.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 a.m. Join Curt for a moderate hike (3-5 miles). For more information, please contact Curt at 722-1842.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. The Triangle Tribe is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 318-1650.

Tucson Prime Timers, Lunch at 1:00 P.M. The Wildcat House 1801 N. Stone Ave., South of Grant Rd.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Joe for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For directions or more info, please call Joe at 886-1536.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Tom hosts Bridge Night. If you're a beginner or an old pro, join the guys for a fun, relaxed night of Bridge. For reservations, please call Tom at 326-6196.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

Tucson Prime Timers, Video Night at 7:00 P.M. Movies with a non-pornographic Gay theme will be shown. Phone: 740-0620

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us as we get out our monthly 10-page newsletter. It's simple, and you get a chance to meet new guys as we assemble the newsletter. The work goes quickly, and is usually done with 45 minutes. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-6565.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of the "All Over the Guy", a comedy drama about a blind date with two guys who don't seem like a good fit. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9555.

Tetra video 8:00 p.m. Have more passion in our life and improve relationships. Call Marc 881-4582 for more information.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The boys are back in town! Join us for the new season of "Queer As Folk" as we show the first 2 episodes of the 2nd season. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 646-7539.

Tucson Prime Timers, Lunch at 1:00 P.M. Red Sky Cafe 1881 N. Swan Rd., SW corner of Swan and Pima Rds.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. Bill will host Pinochle & Pizza Night beginning with a chance to share some pizza and meet and greet the other players over pizza (\$5), followed by Pinochle at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call Bill at 297-3589.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 a.m. The latest birding expedition gives you the chance to see the Sandhill cranes that make an annual trek through the area. For directions and more information, please call Gene at 625-9109.

SeniorRap from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. An open discussion group addressing the interests and needs of senior LGBTs. All genders are welcome.

New Men's Message Group 3:45-6:00 p.m. A great way to meet new men. Fee. Call 881-4682

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. The Triangle Tribe is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 318-1650.

Tucson Prime Timers, Lunch at 1:00 P.M. The Wildcat House 1801 N. Stone Ave., South of Grant Rd.

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

IBTS - 9:00 P.M. "Diva-Licious" presents Phoenix Nite at IBT's hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Barbara Seville and Phaedra.

THUR-FRI-SAT-SUN-MON JAN. 17 - 21

VENTURE-N - La Fiesta De Los Ocos is being celebrated here for five days. Check it out!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Hip Hop Friday with DJ Hill from 8:30 to close plus Hot Sex for only a buck or Tequila Sunrise only \$2.50!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

IBTS - Party line-up includes Jeff's Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosa. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to PFLAG. Then at 9:00 p.m. a SPECIAL Martin Luther King Holiday Show starring Faith Michele, Janee Starr, Tatiana O'Boron and Stella Virgin.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

IBTS - New Order CD Release Party. Door prizes and drink specials.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Jail-O Shot Night - Jail-o shots 3 for a buck from 8:00 p.m. until gone! And country music night at 8:30.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. "Diva-Licious" Show starring Lucinda Holiday, Janee Starr, Adrienne Alexander and from Phoenix Angelica Dodd.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

IBTS - Steve Nicks CD Release Party.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

IBTS - Cher CD release party.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

IBTS Mardi Gras Party with bawbles, beads, masks and lots more. Sinfuilly fun!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14-Valentine's Day

YARD DOG SALOON - Big 1st Anniversary Mardi Gras Party here. Plus "Mr. & Ms Yard Dog" Contest. Pick up your registration form at the bar with all the rules. Must be registered by Feb. 10. Watch for more details.

9:00 p.m. Full Moon Slumber Party. Call Marc at 881-4582.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Joe for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For directions or more info, please call Joe at 886-1536.

Tucson Prime Timers, Dinner at 6:00 P.M. El Greco Grecian Gardens 4635 E. Fort Lowell Rd., Just West of Swan Rd.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for the MSN Premiere of "Chocolate", a charming film about an unconventional woman who settles down in a very conventional village. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-6565.

Tucson Prime Timers, Video Night at 7:00 P.M. Movies with a non-pornographic Gay theme will be shown. Phone: 740-0620

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

5th Annual "Treasures For TIHAN" live and silent auction at the Radisson Tucson in the Starlight Ballroom in City Center, 181 West Broadway. Featuring fine art from locally and nationally recognized artists; jewelry, rugs, unique gift items and more. Buffet beginning at 5:30 p.m. No host bar and entertainment. Tickets \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. For more information call 299-8647.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

SeniorRap from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. An open discussion group addressing the interests and needs of senior LGBTs. All genders are welcome.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

SeniorRap from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. An open discussion group addressing the interests and needs of senior LGBTs. All genders are welcome.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

SeniorRap from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. An open discussion group addressing the interests and needs of senior LGBTs. All genders are welcome.

Daily Bar Calendar

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 8:30 to close. Shot specials all night.

IBTS - 9am-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 8 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, Well \$1.75.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Daily special \$1.75. Patio Beer bust 3-7. Burger Bar-B-Que 5-7. (Donation only).

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Dart tournament 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Patio Bar open 5-close. Pickup Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger or chicken 5-9pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm.

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am-1am. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.75 from 10am-1pm. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm-7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Football Madness \$1.75. 75¢ drafts 8 to close. No Cover.

IBTS - 9am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well and domestic beer 4-7pm. 7-9pm \$1.50 well and domestic. 9pm to close, "Undie Munde" Happy Hour prices for those in their undies. Plus, small pitchers Bud/Bud Light \$1.50. DJ Rayman plays house music 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, Well \$1.75.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close. Special drink prices 5pm to close for American Airlines - American Express - AOL employees.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool touney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched, \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Bottle Bud products. 8-close. Country music with D.J.s. 8:30-1

IBTS - 9am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Tee's & Tattoo Nite, wear an IBT's t-shirt or IBT tattoo get happy hour price 9 to close, or buy an IBT's t-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. House Hi-Nergy Dance 9pm to closing.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, Well \$1.75.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. 7pm Dart Tournament with Doc. Trivia Party 8pm-1. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. \$3 Zombie, Jungle Juice or Mei Tai.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Tequila until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 2-7. Beer Bust \$1.25 Pitchers Bud/Bud Light 8-close. Dance music 8-close.

IBTS - 9am to 4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-7pm. \$1.50 well & domestic 4-9pm. All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, Well \$1.75.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball games start 7pm. Underwear Wednesday with Reuben & Paul. Happy Hour prices for those in their undies. Patio bar open 7pm-Midnight.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Vodka until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Karaoke w/Stephanie 9-close. \$2 Kamikaze and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBTS - 9am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 Well & domestic 4-8. \$1.50 well and domestic 7-9pm. Hi HRG dancing 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, Well \$1.75. Dance Room open 9pm-1am. Latino Night.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Pool Tournament 7pm. 3 entry. (Special prices for players).

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close plus 50¢ off all Big Ase drinks. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open 7pm to midnight.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Bourbon til 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free food at 8:30pm. Dance music 8:30-1 w/DJ Hill. Drink specials all night.

IBTS - 9am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Tracey 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, Well \$1.75. Dance Room open 9pm-1am. Country Music Nite

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Happy Hour Buffet 5-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Martini Party - Well Martini's \$2.00 all day. Call Martini's \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm -midnight.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Gin until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. \$2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 8:30-close.

IBTS - 9am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. plus live Jazz on the patio 6-9 with Susan Artemis and Tracy York. Dance 9-1. All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, Well \$1.75. Dance Room open 9pm-1am. House Dance Nite

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pool Touney 2pm. Patio Bar & Volleyball Court open 6:30 -close. Steak & fish Fry 5-9pm. Fiat Mignon or Swordfish with trimmings & roll \$4.50

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. 75¢ glass, \$2.25 pitcher. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm to 7pm. Kennel open 5pm

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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 298-8647.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-8678 or 327-4293.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson. Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7676.

GRACE GROUP CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Santa Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Ernie Slight 721-2003.

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 Jennifer at 792-4807, Ext.398

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 885-0010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 18th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA QWENR ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Desert Girls (MFF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Desert Boys meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 824-1779 for more info. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagemail

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

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 8623 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 802-279-4805.

DESERT DOMINION TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetch, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational, Safe Space for the S&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. For more info call (520)792-6124 or http://www.desertdominion.org

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 with these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-0059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-8219 (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.

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at St Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6524.

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520)570-1226 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 information visit www.lctucson.org or write LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PH8 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 617-3100 for more info.

TGNArizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-varient communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnarizona.org - e-mail address: algodrum@uwest.net.org

SENORRAP, a discussion group for older LGBTs, meets from 7 to 9 pm on the last Sunday of every month at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE 25 PER WORD \$5.00 MINIMUM



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NOTICES

"OUT ON THE TRAILS" - EQUESTRIAN FUN! Rider Club forming. Looking for women and men to ride together on the trails of Southern Arizona. Must have own horse, truck and trailer. For more info write: "Out On The Trails" P.O. Box 44045, Tucson, AZ 85733-4045

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 625-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 8:30 to 11am. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty, facilitator. 882-7723

P.P.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 575-8860 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

TUCSON GLBT AL-ANON GROUP meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. Call 824-1779 for more information.

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, 824-1779.

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** 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 529-8344, 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 881-1784 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 9:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 824-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Poothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. For more information call the church at 298-8063 and ask for a contact person.

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

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGLOC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpgloc.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. 322-5855. Leave message.

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

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-Q, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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

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)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at www.btop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Bonita St. between St. Marys and Congress.

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 at 880-6541

NOTICES

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. Ext 561-8850 or Ronn 988-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 863, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Waters, (602)371-1102

CHRONES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-8765.

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 325-8466 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7268.

COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY! St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church offers a variety of Gay and Lesbian groups and services for the spiritually minded. Come meet the Phamily! For more information call Debbie 579-8627 or David 323-7943.

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 8:30pm at Army Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9882.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT**. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3061 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.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-8565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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 298-8847.

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.

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adolescent newly diagnosed with HIV whose "central" life activities remain largely unaffected could face insurmountable difficulties passing the court's disability test, particularly since the major life activity the court has recognized to date as affected by HIV, reproduction, may not be considered sufficiently "major" for a young person by the court's conservative members.

"What type of evidence will the court require in order to show that a 'central life activity' of an adolescent with HIV has been impaired when the kid is thrown out of a summer camp? This decision just increases the burden on people with HIV who want to challenge discriminatory treatment in court," Hanssens added.

Lambda Legal Director Ruth E. Harlow observed, "The High Court's reading of the ADA, in which the inability to do tasks associated with lifting one's arms is rendered too unimportant to be a covered 'major life activity,' has produced a result in which an employee who is afflicted with severe carpal tunnel syndrome as a result of her assembly line job is considered too disabled to keep her job but not disabled enough to be covered by the ADA."

Toyota was battling Williams, a former employee who developed carpal tunnel syndrome and tendonitis after working many years on one of the corporation's assembly lines. When Williams could no longer do work that required keeping her arms raised for extended periods of time, Toyota initially complied with the ADA and reassigned her. However, Toyota later added tasks to her job that eventually rendered her unable to work, at which point Toyota fired her.

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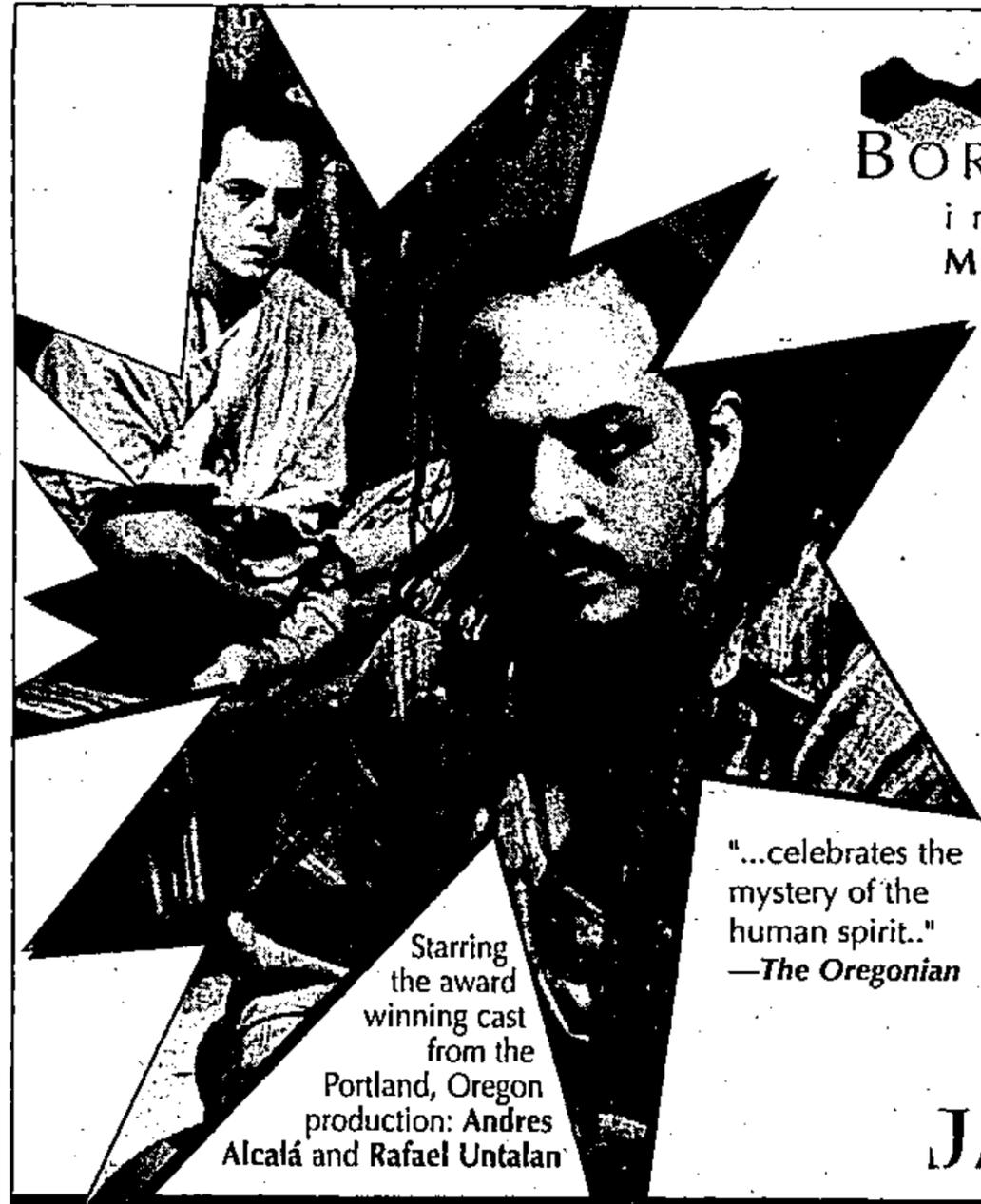
However, Suarez warned that the assumption that drugs lower viral load in semen was based on a study finding a link between a lower viral load and a reduced chance of infecting others. That finding may not apply to people taking anti-HIV drugs, he said, and should not be taken into consideration when weighing the likelihood of HIV infection.

"If the body can control (viral levels), it can control the amount of virus in semen, but if the drug is controlling it, there may still be virus in the semen," Suarez said.

In addition, the researcher said, this could lead to infection with a mutated virus that is harder to treat. "You may get infected with a strain that is resistant to everything we have and more virulent," he explained.

These findings offer a glimpse of real-life thought processes, probably among heterosexuals as well as homosexuals, Suarez noted. "Sometimes we engage in these risk behaviors that if you really thought about it, it is flawed," he said. "Thinking about it can help change behavior."

Suarez added, "The traditional message has been, treat everyone 'as if' (they had HIV), but that strategy only worked so much. We need to develop programs around the decisions that people make."



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