

Tucson AIDS Walk '95 'Walk and Win!'

TUCSON - Great things are happening for this year's, AIDS Walk '95 - Walk & Win!. Maybe you'll win the grand prize of a 7 day Caribbean cruise for two (with round trip airfare to Florida), or one of many other prizes, for being among the top money raisers. Or maybe your team will take the trophies in your category, and share the competitive spirit in helping others.

The Walk will again be held along the Rillito trail, starting at the race-track. Check-in will begin at 8 A.M., and the Walk will get underway promptly at 9:15 A.M. The celebration and winners announcement will take place at 11:00 A.M.

This year, food and refreshments will be available for sale before and after the Walk; there will be entertainment, plenty of free water, extra rest room facilities, commemorative tee shirts (for adults who raise a minimum of \$100, and kids K-12 who raise \$50 or more), AIDS Walk buttons, lots of fun, and a few new surprises!

Since this year's Walk is on a Sunday, an interfaith service will be held at 7:30 A.M. Several local celebrities will be present, including U of A mascots and cheerleaders, a horse parade, and more, you won't want to miss it. And since the Walk is the day after OUToberFEST, it's a perfect way to continue a weekend celebration of pride, diversity, and support among our communities.

"We expect over 2000 people this year, almost double that of previous years. Our estimate is based on the new system of walker and team registration that you may have already seen or heard about," said Dale Kuehnert, of Tucson AIDS Project. Kuehnert added, "Point of purchase displays with registration cards are all over town, and so far we have received back cards for over 200 teams (with a minimum of 5 people each), and another 750 cards for individual walkers. And we've got three weeks to go!"

If you have not registered yet, call 327-9435 and get signed up. You will be sent a sponsorship form immediately. If you have registered, you should have received your sponsorship forms by now, and hopefully you've already begun getting donations.

If you would prefer not to wait in line on the day of the Walk to check in, turn in your money, and get your official AIDS Walk shirt, you can come by the TAP office for early check in any of the three days before the Walk. The office will be open from noon until 7 P.M. on Thursday & Friday (October 13, 14), and 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. on Saturday, October 15.

*The AIDS Walk '95 beneficia-

ries, Tucson AIDS Project, People With AIDS Coalition - Tucson, The Shanti Foundation, would like to thank the AIDS Walk Steering Committee members, Pat Lambert (this year's Walk Coordinator), and the many volunteers doing such a fine job organizing this year's Walk. And, on behalf of the hundreds of people we collectively serve, and thousands we reach each year with education and prevention information, we thank you in the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual community for your participation and support in helping make this possible."

National Coming Out Day Plans Day Of Visibility

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Candace Gingrich, the openly Lesbian half sister of House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-GA), and Dan Butler, of NBC's "Frasier," will address rallies on the steps of the U.S. Capitol and at the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center on October 11.

The rallies, and a public service campaign, mark the Human Rights Campaign Fund's commemoration of National Coming Out Day 1995. Billed as a "Day of Visibility," October 11 will be the culmination of a six month, 51 city tour by Gingrich, as well as a two month campaign of print and broadcast public service announcements featuring Butler and Gingrich, the 1995 spokespeople for HRCF's National Coming Out Project.

At the Los Angeles rally, HRCF will present the annual Dick Sargent National Coming Out Day Award for significant contributions to Lesbian and Gay visibility. The 1995 recipients are Butler and California State Assemblywoman Sheila J. Kuehl.

Dan Butler, widely known for his portrayal of Bulldog Briscoe on "Frasier" is one of the few openly Gay actors in Hollywood. He has also been hailed for his one man show documenting his coming out journey, "The Only Worst Thing You Could Have Told Me."

Kuehl, known for her starring role as Zelda Gilroy in the 1960's hit sitcom "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis", came out with the late Dick Sargent on National Coming Out Day 1991. The first openly Lesbian California state legislator, Kuehl has become one of the most visible lawmakers in the California State Assembly and has won praise from colleagues of all political stripes.

The rallies and public service announcements are among more than 100 events already scheduled nationwide. This year's theme, Come Out, Get Involved, It

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Coalition Forms To Support Same-Gender Marriage



NEW YORK, NY - Genora Dancel and Ninia Baehr are two of the six plaintiffs participating in Baehr v. Lewin Hawaiian marriage case. A coalition of organizations has been forming to keep momentum moving forward because many believe Gays and Lesbians are on the verge of winning the freedom to marry, and to counteract any reaction from the far right. See related story below. PHOTO: Darryl Lee

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In an October 2 press conference, local, state, and national organizations will announce the formation of an unprecedented coalition to win and keep the freedom to marry for same-gender couples.

A strategy to mobilize and work with other organizations as well as the importance of this work and background on the coalition formation will be discussed at the unique news teleconference.

"Because of a case pending in Hawaii, same gender couples may be on the verge of winning the freedom to marry, affecting Lesbian and Gay couples across the country," said Lambda Marriage Project Director Evan Wolfson, who is co-counsel in the Hawaii marriage case. "This coalition has formed because political organizing and public education are urgently needed in every state to defend a legal victory against the Extreme Right."

During the teleconference the coalition will lay out a national strategy for winning and keeping the freedom to marry, including legal/legislative, educational, and grass roots organizing components. This strategy commits national organizations to assist other local leaders in organizing state by state.

"Too few Americans realize that same gender couples are not allowed to legally marry in any state, denying them the benefits and responsibilities of civil marriage," said GLAAD Associate Director Donald Suggs, "The coalition's strategy is to support mobilization at the local, state, and national levels to ensure that the decision to legally marry belongs to these couples and not to the state."

"While the coalition formed to fight this battle may be precedent setting, this is not the first time the government has intervened in a couple's freedom to marry," said LIFE Executive Director Laurie McBride. "Thirty years ago interracial couples were prohibited from entering into civil marriage. Today, very similar discriminatory arguments are being used to prohibit same gender couples from marrying."

The National Freedom To Marry Coalition's strategy offers all local, state, and national groups an opportunity to become involved in state by state work and the national campaign.

The first step groups are being asked to take is to sign the coalition's resolution in support of the freedom to marry. The resolution has already been signed by nearly two hundred political, social, groups and religious leaders.

"Few people recognize the difference between religious marriage and civil marriage, which is what we're asking for," said LA Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center Director of Communications James Key. "While religious groups will not be forced to perform or recognize same gender marriage, it is important to not that some faiths already do conduct same gender marriages despite the fact that these marriages are not legally recognized."

**Come Out,
Come Out
Wherever You
Are On Oct. 11**

UPDATE

Life Thru Art Sept. 30

TUCSON - Life Thru Art, the fifth annual fund raising art auction for the People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT), will take place Saturday, September 30, from 5 to 10:30 P.M. at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort.

Many of Tucson's prominent as well as several nationally known artists are cooperating to help produce Life Thru Art, a fund raiser for the People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson.

Last year's auction raised \$27,000 for PACT. This year's goal is \$100,000, and all proceeds will go to support the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS.

Admission for the event is \$20, which includes two beverages and food, tickets can be bought at the PACT office, 801 West Congress Street, or at the door.

PACT for Life provides a variety of services to people living with HIV or AIDS, including support, advocacy and information and referral. For more information call 770-1710.

Fourth Annual Torch Awards

TUCSON - The fourth annual TORCH (Tucson Organization Recognizing Community Help) Awards will take place, Monday, November 6, 1995, 6 P.M. at the Southwest Center for Music, located at 2175 North Sixth Avenue.

The awards are to recognize the dedicated people who make a difference in the fight against HIV/AIDS, from the community of Tucson as well as the world around us. Please join us in honoring the unique individuals.

Tickets for the TORCH Awards are free and are available, starting October 1, at PACT for Life, the Shanti Foundation or the Tucson AIDS Project.



Golfer Sues Over Use Of Name By Drag Queen In Movie

LAS VEGAS, NV (AP) - Golfer Chi Chi Rodriguez sees nothing funny about the hit comedy "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar."

Rodriguez, has sued the movie's production company and Universal Pictures over a drag queen character named Chi Chi Rodriguez.

The golfer's lawyers said that the character, played by John Leguizamo, engages in numerous "disreputable acts and is portrayed as sexually promiscuous."

Rodriguez has filed suit in U.S. District in Las Vegas. The golfer lives in Florida, but has business interests in Las Vegas. He seeks to prevent the movie from being shown using his name. Defendants are the movie's production company, Amblin Entertainment, and its studio, Universal Pictures.

"We're aware of the suit. We don't comment on pending litigation," said Alan Sutton, a spokesman for Universal Pictures in North Hollywood.

The comedy tells the story of three drag queens traveling across the country to Hollywood who find themselves stranded in a small Nebraska town.

Attorneys Tim Fraelich and Mark Denton complain that Leguizamo's character is "a Gay man who dresses in outlandish women's clothing and wears heavy female makeup throughout the motion picture."

"Beyond the objectionable surface appearance, (Leguizamo) engages in numerous disreputable acts and is portrayed as sexually promiscuous."

"This is not a question of having a sense of humor," Fraelich said. "These are two rich companies making money off an individual whose life consists of charitable acts and altruism. To us, that's reprehensible."

Sunday Volleyball At St. Francis

TUCSON - Join the St. Francis Gay and Lesbian support group for sand-court volleyball.

Come play and make new friends every Sunday, from 2 to 5 P.M. at the sand-court at St. Francis in the Foothills church, (NW corner of Swan and River).

The event is sponsored by the St. Francis Gay and Lesbian support group.

Banned Books Popular With Teens, Group Says

CHICAGO, IL (AP) - The American Library Association has suspected it all along: banning books just makes teenagers want to read them.

"I think that's the best sell we could do for a book," said Pat Scales, library media specialist at Greenville (S.C.) Middle School and a member of the America Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee.

As the ALA prepares for its annual Banned Books Week, taking place this week, when it publicizes censorship attempts, it released a report on the 760 challenges to school and library materials reported to its Office of Intellectual Freedom in 1994.

Two-thirds of the challenges were in schools. Most reflected concerns with sex and the occult. Challenged titles ranged from Hans Christian Andersen's "The Little Mermaid" to Howard Stern's "Private Parts."

When a book was challenged at a school near Scales' several years ago, the work had a renaissance.

"We couldn't keep it in," she recalled. "The public library told me they had a huge waiting list."

The book - Christopher Collier's "My Brother Sam Is Dead" - had not been a hit beforehand. It's about the revolutionary war.

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TUCSON - The Gay Comedy Jam: Freedom Tour starring Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye comes to Laff's Comedy Caffe in Tucson Tuesday, October 10, 1995.

This one night only special engagement show is scheduled in celebration of National Coming Out Day which is the following day. National Coming Out Day is widely recognized as the official day for all Gay men and Lesbians to celebrate the diversity, uniqueness, and Gay pride in their communities.

Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye are two of the hottest stand up comedians working at comedy clubs and colleges across the country. They have headlined most major comedy clubs in the U.S. from Seattle to Miami. They have also opened in concert with superstars such as: Garth Brooks, The Temptations, The Four Tops, David Sanborn and Judy Tenuta.



SCOTT KENNEDY

You may have seen them on HBO's "Comedy Channel," or A&E's "An Evening at the Improv." The Gay Comedy Jam: Freedom Tour is sponsored by The Advocate Magazine. The tour began in 1994 and sold out in almost every major market. 1995 will bring more tour dates that will include international dates as well as many more college performances.

Kevin Maye says: "I know that 25 years ago to have an openly Gay performer at a "mainstream" venue was unheard of, today we are selling out shows all over the nation!" Maye continues, "Scott Kennedy and I are very excited to be a part of this history making event." To add a twist to the plot, Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye share not only the stage together but also their lives off stage as well. They are domestic partners and enjoy life in Houston, Texas when they are not on tour with the show.

The Gay Comedy Jam is gaining national attention as it tours world wide as



KEVIN MAYE

the "first Gay comedy show of its kind." The show is structured for a Gay audience but even widely enjoyed by the non-Gay crowd as well. Scott Kennedy says: "We were both accomplished comedians before we came "out" professionally." "Funny is funny, whether it is Gay or straight, people laugh."

The venues that this show is produced in are primarily top rated nationally recognized comedy nightclubs and theaters. These are "Gay friendly" businesses who are supporting this explosive effort to bring Gay comedy to the forefront of the entertainment industry. Reviewers try to describe this unique show, but see it for yourself.

The Gay Comedy Jam: Freedom Tour starring Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye will be Laff's Comedy Caffe, 2900 East Broadway in Tucson, Tuesday, October 10, 1995 at 8:00 P.M. for one night only. Ticket prices are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door plus tax. For ticket and show information call (52) 323-8669.

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POLITICS '95

by Mark R. Kerr

PEROT PARTY: This past Tuesday on CNN's "Larry King Live and He Talks!", Texas billionaire and former 1992 independent presidential candidate, Ross "Say You Will, Say You Won't" Perot announced the formation of a new political party.

The new party is to be called either the Independence or Reform party depending upon ballot access laws. [This announcement comes just six weeks after Perot's "United We Stand Love Fest" in Dallas, where Perot stated that no new political party could be formed in time for the 1996 elections.]

Perot added that the party wants "world class people for the presidential ticket and not some weirdos who would get 10 percent of the vote. [Guess Ross isn't running then!]

FIFEY BROKE: Over the past four and a half years, we have found out that Arizona Governor J. Fife Whitebread (R-Mercado) is personally, morally and politically bankrupt. But, guess what, you can add financially to the list! [Brother or sister, can you spare Fife a dime? Nope!]

Governor Whitebread, during a press conference, announced that he filed for Chapter 7 personal bankruptcy because of debts from failed real estate ventures totalling \$24 million dollars and assets totalling \$61 thousands dollars.

Whitebread blamed the bankruptcy on union pension funds that refused to accept a settlement on the \$10 million he had borrowed for a real estate venture, The Mercado, in Phoenix. [Right Fife, blame someone else!]

The pension funds had won an \$11.4 million dollar judgement in court this past July against the Governor. [So, Whitebread took the American way out, filing bankruptcy to avoid responsibilities. I wonder how soon the state is going to file, since Fife runs the state like he runs his businesses?]

PRIMARY PIDDLE: As mentioned last week, a select few voted for so much. Or in other words, a whopping 12 percent of Tucsonans went to the polls and selected their party's standard bearers for mayor and three council seats. Well, here are the gory details:

MAYOR (Democrat) - George Miller, 15,424, 64%. Bruce Wheeler, 8,247, 34%.

COUNCIL - Ward 1 (Democrat) - Jose Ibarra 1,741, 36%. Irma Yopez-Perez, 1,573, 33%. Luis Gonzalez, 605, 13%. Ruben Romero, 418, 9%. Rudy Bejarano, 301 6%.

COUNCIL - Ward 4 (Democrat) - Shirley Scott, 2,555, 66%. Jean Wilkins, 1,176, 31%.

COUNCIL - Ward 4 (Republican) - Bill King, 1,288, 65%. Todd Clodfelter, 597, 30%.

When interviewed this past week by this reporter, Shirley Scott, the Democratic nominee in Ward 4 expressed to the Gay and Lesbian community and the paper for their support.

AS WARD 3 TURNS: The soap opera starring Council member Tom "MIA" Saggau concluded, or do we have a great cliff hanger?

As we left the story, Saggau had missed the last five consecutive meetings, being hold up West Virginia, trying to

settle his turbulent marital problems with his wife Susan. Calls for his resignation came from Council members ticked off at his disappearing act.

Saggau stated by phone he would fax a letter of intention to the mayor. This past Friday, the mayor released Saggau's letter of resignation. [Which wasn't faxed, signed, and was typed by his secretary, Veronica Meza, and on Ward 3 stationary. The city clerk said the letter was taken verbatim on 9/22.] Here is the text:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to thank my staff for the character and professionalism they have brought to the Ward III office. Due to their efforts, we have been able to bring about some small but meaningful actions on behalf of Ward III residents, from playground equipment for schools to parks

for neighborhoods too.

At this time, however, I must regrettably tender my resignation. The interests of the City of Tucson and Ward III must come first. To aid in transition and to finalize current projects, this resignation will be effective October 21, 1995.

I thank the people of Tucson for the opportunity to serve.

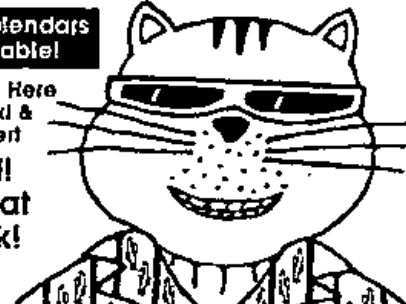
Sincerely, Tom Saggau


The mainstream media lapped this up like cheap booze served at Drew Barrymore's Sweet Sixteen party. But questions remain.

The letter was not signed, the city clerk said it was taken verbatim. But was it? Where was the faxed letter Saggau said he was going to send? Does Tom Saggau care? Is this legal and is Saggau out as a council member? [What a cliff hanger!]

[Quick, call Aaron Spelling, we have a great idea for a night time soap opera to pitch! We could call it "Alameda Place"!]

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THE WHOLE MAN
 BY DR. BOB

Intimacy and Reality, Part II

I was talking about the possibilities for we Gay men to be more real with each other. There are so many feelings that too often get pushed under the rug. For example, the AIDS crisis creates feelings of intense fear, intense grief, intense pain, and intense love in most of us. It's almost as if the AIDS crisis were saying to the Gay community, "Feel! Feel vividly, feel in your guts what it is to be alive, to love, to form sexual bonds with your fellow men, to watch loved ones tragically suffer and die, to suffer and die yourselves. Surprise yourselves, find out how big your soul really is. Be moved by the humanity you share with your brothers."

But for most of us, we pretend (on some level) that AIDS doesn't exist, and we pretend that our feelings about AIDS don't exist. But AIDS is real, and pain is real, and death is real, and our feelings are real. No amount of pretense can change any of this. And our joy is real, and our love is real, our sex is real, and we are real. I'm excited, really juicy turned on, by this. "Life is not a dress rehearsal." This is the real thing, so play with gusto, as if something were really at stake! The only way a game is interesting is if something valuable is riding on it. Well, being a Gay man today certainly qualifies for that.

All this reality makes human emotional and sexual intimacy intensely exciting. In our mortal, vulnerable state, with all the emotions we naturally feel, to risk being intimate with another man! To trust him and yourself enough to be close! To risk being hurt emotionally, risk catching a fatal disease (I'm not advocating unsafe sex), risk falling in love with someone who may get sick and die while you still are in love with him. But in the same act, also to risk feeling male camaraderie and trust, to have a really good time together, to have fusion sex with someone you deeply love, to find that, between you, you have the strength to face anything.

The best sex is between men who can show emotions. In the natural state, sex and emotion are correlated. Sex is the most intensified form of feeling in the human body. Therefore, the pleasure of sex is heightened when sex is emotional. For example, love makes sex more exciting; but so does anger. Breathing freely during sex also heightens the experience, because the breath and the emotions are intimately connected. Think of the relative un-emotionality of most sex, and think of what you're missing. And I don't mean scripted emotions, fake emotions, like imitating what porn film stars say

while they're having sex. I'm talking about feeling real feelings for a real man and expressing them sexually. But in order to do that, we have to recover our ability to feel, and to express our feelings to others. Tautic sex and Gestalt work are the best ways I know to do this.

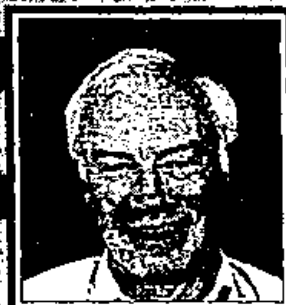
So, in order for there to be intimacy, and in order to recover our ability to feel, we have to generate an atmosphere of trusting that, whatever we are feeling, it is OK. There has to be a fundamental sense of trust in human beings, that we're not basically evil or disordered. We don't have to control or force our feelings, because they are naturally balancing, the same way water seeks its own level.

The basic question is, does your life move you? Does it move you to tears sometimes, tears of either laughter or pain? Do you have an emotional reaction to your own life, and the lives of your loved ones? Are you alive?! If so, allow your emotions to happen, because feelings are the essence of the human condition. Don't buy the hoax that those who feel are vulnerable, while those who pretend not to feel are the winners. Pretending not to feel actually creates lots of bad feelings like depression and morbid fear and suspiciousness. There's no way to avoid your feelings, not ultimately. Better to go with the flow; swimming against the current is futile.

Doctor Bob's prescription is to start small, by learning to put some of your "forbidden" feelings into words. Practice by starting your feeling statement with the word "I." At first, when you feel feelings, just imagine telling others about them; later, consider saying some of them aloud to others. Just imagine saying: "I feel angry at you right now." "I feel sad today when I think of someone close to me who died recently." "I feel such warmth towards you right now." "I feel self-conscious right now." These simple, dignified statements are seldom heard in the actual, physical airwaves. All kinds of bullshit is heard, but these simple, from-the-heart communications are, unfortunately, almost unheard of.

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[Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. is a counselor and bodyworker for the Gay community. He offers individual sessions, Saturday workshops, and Gestalt groups that help lead Gay and Bisexual men to wholeness. Call 623-1732 for more information.]



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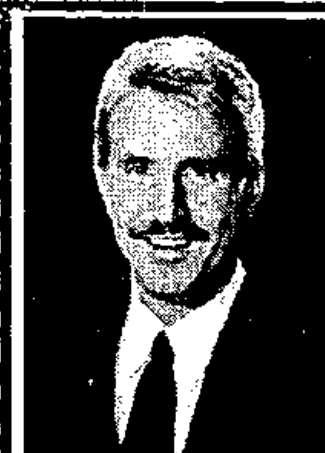
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HRCF Executive Delivers 'Open Letter' At Christian Coalition Conference

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Some members of Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition joined with progressive clergy and other supporters of Lesbian and Gay equal rights to hear a speech by Human Rights Campaign Fund Executive Director Elizabeth Birch during the group's annual "Road to Victory" conference in Washington.

More than 300 people crowded into a ballroom to hear the head of the largest national Lesbian and Gay organization deliver an address in the form of an "open letter" to Christian Coalition members. The speech was held next to a Gramm for President luncheon, and just down the hall from the conference's main ballroom where most of the 1996 GOP presidential hopefuls were addressing the two day gathering.

In the 20 minute address during the lunch break of the conference, Birch called for a new ethic in the public dialogue. "We may work for different outcomes, but we can engage in an ethic of basic respect and decency."

Birch's speech was delivered despite being rebuffed by a Coalition spokesman after formally requesting to speak at the conference. "I have had the opportunity to meet thousands of individuals from all walks of life who have grave concerns about misconceptions put forth by representatives of the Christian Coalition when addressing the hopes, dreams and aspirations of Lesbian and Gay Americans and their families," Birch wrote in a letter to Christian Coalition Executive Director Ralph Reed. "I believe that it is time to address our differences face to face," she wrote.

When the formal request was turned down, Birch decided to reserve a room in the same hotel that would host the conference, to deliver her message directly to Christian Coalition members "Although your podium was not available to me, I am grateful for those who have come and will give me the benefit of the doubt and be willing to consider what I have to say."



Dole's Wife Seeks To Change Red Cross AIDS Educational Materials

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - Responding to concerns raised by its president, Elizabeth Dole, the American Red Cross is seeking to temper instructional materials in its AIDS education program.

Mrs. Dole's husband, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, is courting conservatives in his bid for the Republican presidential nomination. But Red Cross chairperson Norman Augustine said Mrs. Dole shared with him "only in her personal capacity" questions about an expanded training program for AIDS prevention instructors.

Augustine said he appointed a task force to review the materials because Mrs. Dole didn't want it to appear that politics played a role in the Red Cross' decision.

"This was a non-political issue," said Augustine, who also is chairperson of Lockheed Martin Corporation. "It's an issue that concerns the responsibility of the Red Cross to carry out a responsible HIV/AIDS program and to do it in a manner that is not offensive to large segments of the public."

Dole's campaign also denied any link between the AIDS program and the campaign. "The Red Cross maintains its neutrality in wars. It certainly can manage to stay neutral in a political contest," said Nelson Warfield, a spokesperson for the senator.

In one example of changes, the task force requested an emphasis on preventing the spread of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, by avoiding use of intravenous drugs. The original materials emphasized using clean needles, Augustine said. The task force requested that a poster depicting proper use of a condom be redrawn along less explicit lines.

Coordinators of the AIDS program at Red Cross chapters nationwide have been waiting for materials, which were promised in March. Shana Ross, a Houston Red Cross official, said the program delay had been "shrouded in mystery." Ross added, "It's unconscionable that we don't know why the materials have been delayed."

Dead Man's Family Sues Jenny Jones Show

SOUTHFIELD, MI (AP) - The family of a Gay man shot to death after revealing he had a crush on another man on television's Jenny Jones Show has sued the talk show's producers for \$25 million.

Scott Amedure died March 9 from two shotgun blasts fired by Jonathan Schmitz, police say. Three days earlier, Amedure taped the talk show in which he revealed his affection for Schmitz, who was also a guest on the show.

The show's theme that day has been "secret admirers."

"The Jenny Jones Show created a risk of harm," said Geoffrey Fieger, an attorney representing Amedure's estate.

Schmitz, who said he is straight, claimed the edition of the show, which was never aired, had embarrassed and humiliated him. He has been charged with first degree murder in a case scheduled to go to trial in October.

"Although Schmitz actually pulled the trigger, we believe the Jenny Jones

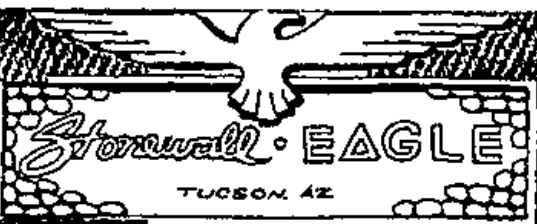
Show is as guilty as Schmitz for creating the scenario in which, finally, Scott was gunned down," Fieger told a news conference.

He said Amedure was plied with vodka before the show and encouraged to shower Schmitz with hugs, kisses and flowers for the purpose of creating a bigger sensation with the audience.

"I don't think this would have happened if it weren't for the Jenny Jones Show," said Frank Amedure, Jr., older brother of Scott Amedure and representative of his estate.

The suit filed in Oakland County Circuit Court charges the show's distributor, Warner Brothers, and its producer, Telepictures, with gross negligence and willful and wanton misconduct. It does not name host Jenny Jones as a defendant.

Company spokeswoman, Barbara Brogliatti, declined to comment on the allegations. She called Amedure's death a tragedy, but the company stands by its actions.



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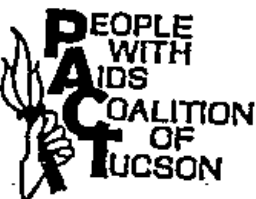
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Capitol Hill Bans Show With AIDS Theme Due To Display Of Casket

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - An elaborate gilded coffin, the centerpiece of an art exhibit with an AIDS theme, went on display at a union headquarters after senators decided it was too graphic for their office building.

"I'm not sure what they're afraid of," said Mary Fisher, who held the 1992 Republican convention spellbound with a speech about being a mother with the AIDS virus. "I don't consider my art controversial, nor do I consider myself a controversial person."

Three senators had invited Fisher to mount her 26 piece exhibit, called "Messages," in the rotunda of the Russell Senate Office Building on Capitol Hill. But subsequent objections to the coffin, and Fisher's refusal to remove it from the show, led Sen. John Warner, R-Va., to rescind the invitation.

Senator Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., one of the three original sponsors, helped Fisher find space at the foot of the Capitol at the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America headquarters.

Fisher's collages and sculpture are exhibited in a fifth floor room draped with white sheets and crawling with media attracted by the furor. "A capital conundrum over AIDS, art and appropriateness!" declared a fired up TV reporter doing a stand up next to the notorious casket.

Fisher, contracted the AIDS virus from her husband, who died in 1993. She wandered among her artwork, a small blonde woman in black, a red commemorative AIDS ribbon pinned to her shoulder.

Many of her pieces are collage panels featuring headlines about AIDS, excerpts from her speeches, and photographs of her two sons.

Some of her sculptures are wooden pulpits covered with words, paintings and photographs. One features a continuously playing tape recording of "To Worship in the Ashes," a sermon she gave two years ago. Another, in gilt and faux marble, announces that "I'll Not Go Quietly."

The casket is the most dramatic piece, painted with dark stars and laden with a huge paper sculpted bouquet.



The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - AIDS activist Mary Fisher stands next to a coffin that is part of "Messages".

Fisher has gilded the border below the lid and written, "Let us united in life rather than death, believing that AIDS is our enemy. Life is measured by its depth, not by its length."

The other two sponsors of Fisher's art exhibit were Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., and Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

"I'm saddened by their reactions, but I don't feel that they don't support me," Fisher said of the two Republicans. She said no senator came to view the work in context but she hoped some would come to the exhibit this week.

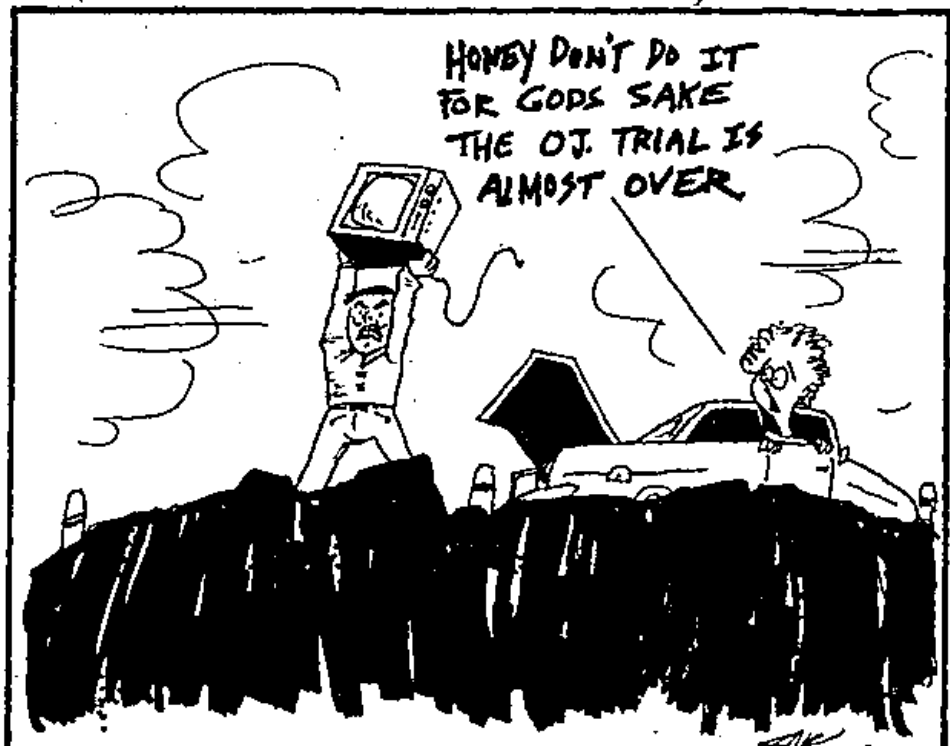
Three years ago, in the midst of a GOP convention roundly criticized for being strident and alienating, Fisher brought the hall to silence with a poignant call for compassion. She has since founded the Family AIDS Network and written three books, including a memoir called "My Name is Mary," due in January.

Warner said the committee was rescinding its invitation based on research that showed "the display of actual caskets or casket-like objects in the Capitol Building and related Senate office buildings has been restricted to official state funerals and memorial services."



As I See It.....

by Clark



House Reschedules Anti-Gay Hearings For Oct. 13. Action Urged!

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A congressional panel has set October 13 at the tentative date for a hearing sought by anti-Gay zealot Lou Sheldon on local school efforts to protect young people from hate violence, AIDS and suicide. The Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the House Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee had postponed the hearing, entitled "Parental Involvement in Social Issues in Education," after public response to press reports about Sheldon's role.

In an August fund raising appeal for his Traditional Values Coalition, Sheldon boasted of his role in staging the hearing and promised to use the taxpayer funded forum to attack local school efforts to prevent hate violence, AIDS and suicide.

Sheldon, who has built a career on singling out Lesbian and Gay Americans for discrimination, in 1989 called for men, women and children with AIDS to be confined in "cities of refuge."

HRCF Executive Director Elizabeth Birch called on Subcommittee Chairman Peter Hoekstra (R-MI) to cancel the hearing. "Congress should not interfere with local control of education," said Birch. "Local parents and teachers must be allowed to address the needs of young people threatened by hate violence, AIDS and suicide, free from federal mandates."

HRCF believes that Subcommittee Chairman Peter Hoekstra (R-MI) and House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-GA) need to hear from readers that the hearing should be canceled. Congress should do nothing to interfere with local control of education. Parents and teachers must be allowed to fairly and compassionately help students cope with the threats of violence, AIDS and suicide.

Action urged: Write the subcommittee's chairman and the House Speaker to cancel the hearing. The sample letter below provides their address and a guide for what to say:

The Honorable _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman (or Speaker):

I am writing to ask that the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee cancel plans to hold the hearing sought by anti-Gay extremist Lou Sheldon. If held, this hearing would provide a taxpayer funded forum to threaten local control of education and attack local school efforts that protect young people from violence, AIDS and suicide.

Lou Sheldon is an extremist who raised money for years by promoting discrimination against Lesbian and Gay

Americans. In the past, he has called for men, women and children with AIDS to be confined in "cities of refuge." Now, he wants the federal government to prohibit local communities from addressing the epidemic of hate violence, AIDS and suicide that threatens our school children.

Congress should do nothing to compromise local control of education. Parents and teachers must address the needs of young people in a fair and compassionate manner, free from federal mandates. I hope you will take action to cancel the misguided hearing Sheldon seeks.

Sincerely, _____



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Washington Schools Coalition Reports Gang Rapes of Gay, Lesbian Teens

SEATTLE, WA - Eight boys and girls said they were gang raped by other students in Washington schools for being Gay or Lesbian, said a report released by the Safe Schools Coalition.

In one case, a 14 year old girl said she and a 13 year old girl were forced by a group of boys to have sex with each other under the bleachers; then the boys raped the younger girl and broke her hand.

In four cases, the attackers urinated, ejaculated, or vomited on the victim or victims, the report said.

The attacks were among 27 anti-Gay incidents ranging from name calling to violent assaults reported by the Seattle based coalition of Gay rights groups, non-profit organizations, and five counties.

One rape and two other incidents were at elementary schools.

Judith Billings, state superintendent of public instruction, said that her office would review the report and take action.

Billings, who said she was disappointed but not surprised by the findings, said every school district is required to have a sex harassment policy, which covers anti-Gay harassment.

The coalition gathered the information through lengthy phone interviews with children and teens called an advertised hotline.

Project researchers made no attempt to estimate the prevalence of anti-Gay harassment in the state's schools.

To protect the student's privacy, the researchers did not attempt to corroborate the accounts and are not revealing where the incidents took place or how many of them occurred within each school district.

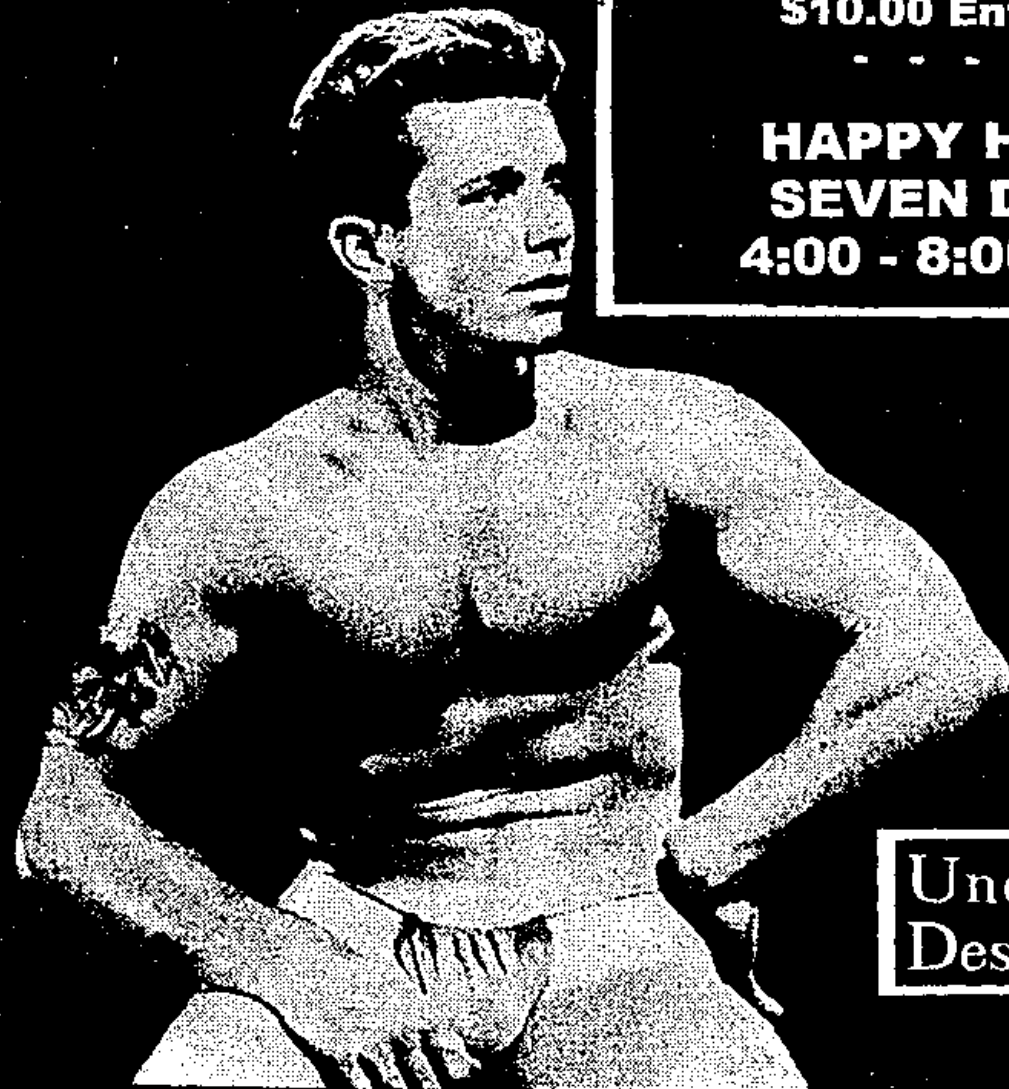
"I was stunned by the report," said Marilyn Cass, a chapter president of PFLAG. "Certainly this report confirms that our Gay or Lesbian children are at huge risk, and even children who are simply perceived to be Gay or Lesbian, and may not be," she said.

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CALENDAR

of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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IBT's - "The Girlie Show" 9:00 p.m. with Felice Renard, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Kristen and special guest appearances.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - "Family Feud" featuring Dirty Bodies vs. Tucson's female impersonators. Proceeds go to OTOBERFEST.

VENTURE-N - Mr. Venture-N 1996 Contest.

FRI. SAT. SUN. SEPT. 29-30 & OCT. 1

IBT'S - "Gilligan's Island 3rd Anniversary Party Weekend". Special Sunday Pig Roast and Theme Party, costume contest 9:00 p.m. Come as your favorite shipwreck character. Fun, food, friends. "Wheel of Bad Drag" with Tucson's Queen of Comedy, Lucinda Holliday follows the costume contest.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

IBT'S - Male Box Nite. Post office opens at 9:00 p.m. Come play post office, prizes and surprises.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

HOURS - Hours kicks off their 5th Anniversary Party with Promo Night. 8:00 to closing.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

HOURS - 5th Anniversary Party continues. Door Prizes, Drink specials, lots of fun, great music, all night long!!!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

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"House Of Tricks", at the a.k.a. Theatre playing Wednesday through Sunday evenings through Oct. 7. Playwright Victor Lodato, returns with his new one man show, written and performed by Lodato. It is an intense exploration of male sex-trade workers and the complex dynamics of father/son mythology. Based on a year of research and interviews, the play traces a single character's journey through the sexual underground. The production is being funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Tickets are \$10 at a.k.a. Theatre, 125 E. Congress. Reservations 623-7842.

Wingspan, Tucson's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community Center will be showing an exhibit of clay masks by Eric Cuevas-Thompson running through September 30. The clay masks are entitled "Reflections: Relapse and Recovery". For more info call 622-1779.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

All HIV + persons and their families are invited to attend the GLIA (God's Love In Action) dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the social hall of Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. Dinner will be followed by Bingo, great prizes. For ride or more info call 622-8860

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Free Dinner for people living with HIV at the COPE Community Center, 732 N. Stone. 6:00 p.m. Hamburgers with all the trimmings, potato salad, macaroni salad, sodas. Call 624-9818 for more info.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 6:30 p.m. Card Game Night. Call Ray at 797-6648 for reservations and information. Guests always welcome.

Every Thursday, Dream Group with Dr. Bob. Dreams are the quickest way to personal growth. Bring a dream to work on in a group of your fellow Gay men. For more information call 623-1732.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

"Life Thru Art" annual benefit for People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT). 5:00 p.m. at Grand Ballroom of the Ventana Canyon Resort. Tickets available at PACT office. Call 770-1710 for more information.

Free Workshop "What The Bible Really Says About Homosexuality" from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Led by Daniel A. Helminiak, PhD, a popular, down-to-earth speaker and best selling author, the workshop will be held at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street (east of Swan) in the Awareness Room. Seating is limited to 50 persons. To reserve space, call 323-9026. Leave name(s) of those attending.

Marsha Stevens, author of the contemporary hymn "For Those Tears I Died", will be in concert at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 n. Geronimo at 7:00 p.m. Free admission and refreshments. Call 622-4626 for further information.

Tucson Gay and Lesbian Hiking Club will travel to the Santa Rita Mountains for a 8 mile round trip hike to Vault Mine. Hike is described as difficult with a very steep trail and an elevation gain of 2,500 feet. Excellent views. \$2 fee to defray gas costs. Contact The club at P.O. Box 52532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7:00 p.m. Trivial Pursuit/Outburst teams. These are easy games to learn and lots of fun as teams. For reservations and information call Les at 690-9565. Guests always welcome.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Come play and make new friends today and every Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. for sand court volleyball at St. Francis (NW corner of Swan and River). Fun-filled, recreational volleyball sponsored by the St. Francis Gay and Lesbian Support Group.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Every Monday, Gay Gestalt Group with Dr. Bob. Learn more about yourself, grow in self-acceptance. "Therapy for the healthy." Call 623-1732 for more information.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Every Thursday, Dream Group with Dr. Bob. Dreams are the quickest way to personal growth. Bring a dream to work on in a group of your fellow Gay men. For more information call 623-1732.

Men's Social Network, Video Movie nite. 7:00 p.m. "Caravaggio", will be shown. Reservations call 881-0299. Guests always welcome.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Gay Young Men's Project workshop "Living in the Gay 90s: Identity = Power". 6:30 p.m. at Shanti, 300 E. 6th. Third in a series of workshops for GYM. RSVP with Sergio 322-6226.

Men's Social Network Board Game nite. All sorts of board games available. Call 690-0565 for reservations. Guests welcome.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

COPE Behavioral Services presents "Lifting For Life", a fund raising event to benefit the COPE Project Team (Serving people with HIV/AIDS). Noon to 4:00 p.m. at the World Gym. Activities include a bodybuilding exhibition, fashion show, power lifting exhibition, bench press exhibition, free lifting techniques demonstration, consultation plus much more.

Tucson Gay/Lesbian Hiking Club will hike the Redfield Trail in the Gallinas Mountains.

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.
CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Western Steak Fry 4-7 pm. Beginning Line Dance Lessons & Line Dance Jam 6-9, C/W Dancing 9-11. Progressive Dance Music 8-11
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c
HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screw \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 11.
IBT's - Open 11 am to 1 pm. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Decafit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing with DJ Clint 9pm to close.
STONEWALL/RAGLER - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 9pm with High Energy Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50c draft. 301 Dart Tournament 1pm \$3 entry fee. Rent Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. "Card Club" 7-9pm.
CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Mame and Bruce Madena \$1.50 well and shot specials 8-11. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).
HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c Draft Beer 7 to close.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50 2oz pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.
STONEWALL/RAGLER - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-NRG Dance Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 50c 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm. Backside open 5pm - 8pm.

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. Boys Nite Out At The Bill
CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. C/W dancing and Cumbia/Salsa Music & progressive dance music 8-11
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25, Draft 75c Schnapps 75c
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75c 7pm to close
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tattoo Tuesday. \$1.25 well and \$1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoos. Prizes and surprises.
STONEWALL/RAGLER - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Spaghetti Feed \$1 donation for S.M.A.I. Bud cans \$1. Stonewall opens at 9pm with HI-NRG dance music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1pm. Draft Beer 50c 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm. Backside open 5pm - 8pm.

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Western Nite. Country Dance Lessons begin at 8pm. Schnapps Shots \$1.
CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. 50c off well and domestic 8pm to close. Line Dance Lessons 8 to 10 pm
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c off all call drinks 7 to close. DJ Mixed Music Night: Request your favorite country, dance or disco.
IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Box Nite. \$1.50 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)
STONEWALL/RAGLER - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Karaoke. Corona or Cerveo Gold \$1.50.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 50c 6am-8pm. Cerveo Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.
CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. Men's Nite - 50c draft beer and 50c shots of Schnapps 9pm to 1am. Dart Tourney 8pm \$2, bar matches pot.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 11.
IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - wear a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and \$1.50 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing 9pm-close with DJ Clint Austin.
STONEWALL/RAGLER - Happy Hour 10am-8pm. Petey specials all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 50c 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm

friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres
CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Extended Happy Hour 3 to 10 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music 8pm to close.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c
HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. C/W dance 8-11
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. GoGo dancers 10pm. Patio Bar with Loosey 9-11. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
STONEWALL/RAGLER - Happy Hour noon-7pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy music. Long neck specials.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 50c Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30pm.

saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 5pm. Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%
CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.
HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pika Coladas \$1. Country/Western Dancing 8-11.
IBT's - Open 11am to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and \$1.25 well. Patio Bar with Loosey 9-11. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
STONEWALL/RAGLER - Noon to 7pm. Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Bitches & Bagels w/1 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.



NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

Meet The PACT Staff

Cicely d'Autremont - Housing Director. Cicely supervises the housing staff, screens applicants to PACT housing, and provides ongoing support and intervention for housing residents as needed. She writes grants for housing and writes reports for existing grants. She is also co-facilitator of the Thursday night "Body Plus" support group, which is geared for straight people with HIV.

PACT housing is undergoing an exciting period of growth and transition as it endeavors to meet the requirements of state and federal funding sources while implementing the most empowering, supportive program possible. Cicely encourages residents, applicants, and community members to give input into how the program can better meet their needs.

Contact Cicely for information including emergency assistance with bills and referral information for non-PACT housing and other services.

Lisa Alcalá - Housing Services Coordinator. Lisa helps coordinate the PACT housing program, which provides shelter and support services to people with AIDS and their families. Her duties include counseling, case management, various support services. She co-facilitates the women's support group, is a certified master's level social worker, and speaks fluent Spanish.

Contact Lisa for information about the PACT Housing Program and other area housing resources, to make an appointment to apply for the program, or for information and referral to PACT's Emergency Assistance Program at 770-1710, Monday through Friday, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Cricket Miles - Property Manage-

ment. Cricket manages PACT rental housing, including exchanging keys and conducting move in and move out inspections. She is in charge of maintaining the physical grounds, furnishing the apartments, cleaning vacated apartments, picking up furniture donations, and maintaining two storage facilities.

Contact Cricket if you have donations to the housing project you need to have picked up.

Cliff Lewis - Property Maintenance. Cliff repairs, remodels, installs and builds the mechanical, plumbing, and electrical aspects of PACT's rental housing. PACT residents may contact Cliff for housing emergencies, construction needs or repairs.

Be sure not to miss these two current movies: *To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything*, Julie Newmar and Jeffrey currently playing at the Catalina Theater. Both address Gay issues succinctly and provide entertainment and thought provoking scenarios.

The fifth annual LIFE THRU ART fund raising event takes place this Saturday, September 30th, at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort. Silent auction and cocktail reception begins at 5:00 P.M. followed by a live auction at 7:00 P.M. Entertainment, food, and beverages will be available and tickets may be purchased at the door for \$20.00. Many artists from around the country have donated fine art that goes to the highest bidders in what has always proven in the past to be a great social gathering in our community.

I leave you with this in mind, "Treat AIDS like the unwelcomed guest...it's still our party." - Darius from Jeffrey.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Imagine a visitor from Mars, visiting the third planet from the sun, describing to his fellow creatures back home what he considers this planet's worship practices. The dominant creatures of this planet, he reports, must be sun worshippers, especially one day out of seven. They gather outdoors in large groups and watch the priests or worship leaders throw strange objects and run at each other, or watch other creatures, maybe some of their prophets, hit round objects with short metal poles. Others gather in large numbers at bodies of water. After taking plunges into the water to cleanse themselves, they smear oil all over their bodies and lay, with their eyes closed, communing with the sun can't penetrate too easily. These creatures are either being punished, he muses, or perhaps they are practicing some other religion.

Is this an accurate picture of the practices of Earth? Who are these inhabitants serving, God or themselves? And what about you? Jesus reminds us in Matthew 6:24, "No one can serve two masters. Either he will have the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other." If you are serving yourself, if your wants and needs are the most important thing in your life, then you are really serving sin, because you have put yourself ahead of God. If you are a servant to sin, therefore, you have freedom from God, but if you are a

servant of God, you have freedom from the dominion of sin. Which do you think is better? When Jesus was asked by a teacher of the law, "Which is the greatest commandment." He replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment." (Matthew 22:36-38). I have made the choice to become a servant of God. Just because I am serving God, however, does not mean that I will not sin. The freedom in God which I have allows me to make the choice not to sin, something I did not have when I was serving sin. But now when I sin, I can repent and ask for forgiveness, which is given to me through God's grace. This way I have hope in the future, knowing that because of his love for me, Christ has interceded with his father in my behalf.

The way to become a servant of God is very simple. All you do is ask Christ to become your savior, with a true heart and repentant mind, and you will receive salvation from God by his grace. Once you have received salvation it is not necessary for you to do anything else, but out of the love in your heart you should want to serve him. Your service will result in a rich life here on Earth with abundant blessings from God, and when you go to meet him in Heaven you will hear him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matthew 25:23)

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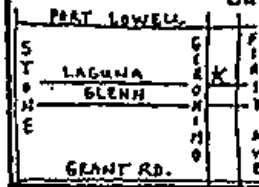
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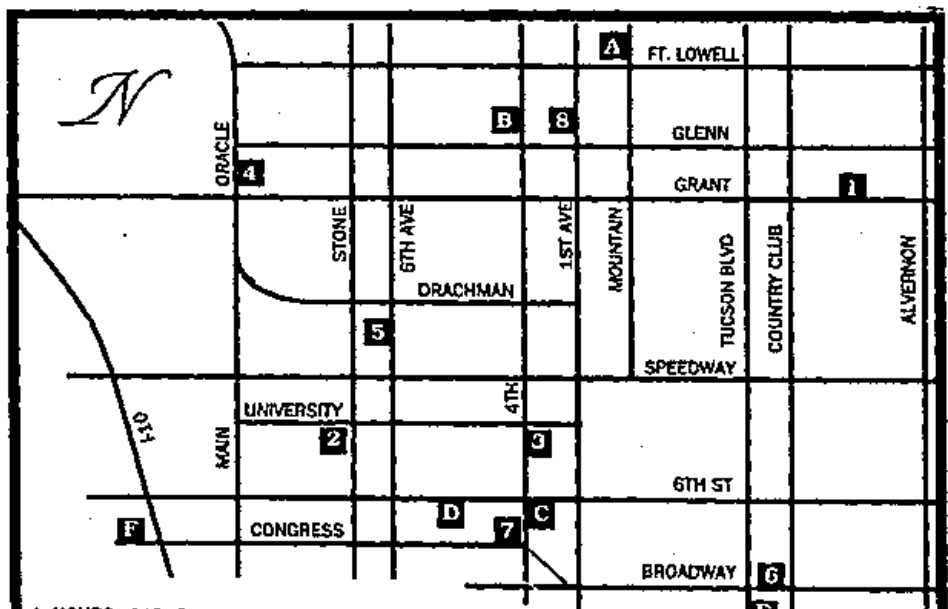
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WINGSPAN

By Marcia Paris

services fair.

At a recent Wingspan Board of Directors Meeting, Arthur Padilla, an AIDS health educator with the Pima County Health Department presented Wingspan with a check and a copy of the agreement between and the AIDS Prevention Collaboration (APC).

At the October 8 Board meeting, Diana Dexter, community intervention project director, will present several of the new ways Wingspan will serve as a coordinating center for information, space and activities that will promote the prevention of HIV/STD and AIDS.

A representative from Wingspan will attend monthly APC meetings and work closely with both Padilla and Dexter. Wingspan in cooperation with the Pima County Health Department is already a site for once a month free and anonymous HIV testing. The next testing will be Friday, September 29, from 4 to 7 P.M. at Wingspan, 422 North Fourth Avenue. You do not need an appointment.

It was good to see many of you at the recent moving production of Angels In America. Thanks goes to volunteers who staffed the Wingspan booth before each performance and during intermissions. More people now know that Tucson does indeed have a Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Center that has a mission statement to provide support, the acceptance, well being and freedom of Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals.

A big thanks also goes to the U of A Centennial Hall staff for providing such a bold and creative production, to Ken Foster and the staff of the U of A Cultural Affairs Office for involving so many of the Gay and Lesbian Organizations. Those of us involved as facilitators at the Saturday evening dinner that was provided in between performances are still having on going discussions about aspects of the play that were brought up during dinner discussions.

This past week a volunteer from Wingspan also set up a booth at the Tucson Community Center for the combined Pima County and City of Tucson United Way ECAP, (Employees Combined Appeal Program), Training and community

ECAP is a less painful way of giving to your favorite charity by having it taken right out of your check if you are a city or county employee. All you have to do is ask your ECAP department representative to give you a donor designation form and designate all or part of your gift deduction to go to Wingspan. We thank you if you choose Wingspan as an agency to support this year.

There was more traffic at our booth this year, so we know that there is a desire for information on what our community center is doing and that is good.

Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming Wingspan sponsored events:

October 7 - Results of juried art show and reception from 7 - 10 P.M.

October 8 - Open Wingspan Board Meeting and election of new board members, 6 P.M.

October 12 - Dinner sponsored by Wingspan for Gays and Lesbians United, 5:30 P.M.

October 12-15 - The First Annual Tucson Lesbian and Gay Film Festival at the Screening Room, 7 - 9 P.M. A reception will take place, October 15 at 7 P.M. after the show.

October 14 - Wingspan Booth at TLGA OUTOctoberFEST, 12 noon - 6 P.M.

October 14-December 10 - Wingspan Silent Auction Fund Raiser, catalogue out soon.

October 15 - Wingspan Team (new purple shirt) at AIDS WALK '95.

October 19 - A discussion on Gay and Lesbian relationship violence will take place at Wingspan as part of a "Week Without Violence" and National Prevent Domestic Violence Month. Local therapists will facilitate.

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ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

The fabulous energy of the Sun in Libra lights up partnerships and encourages you to give your all to the whims of others. This is fine as long as you don't compromise too much of your needs. Come to think of it, proud Rams are hardly the compromisers of the zodiac. Perhaps my advice should be one of diplomacy; let them at least think there have a vote in your democracy. Then benevolently do what you will.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Work and all of it's happy rewards can come your way now that the Sun enters Libra. Concentrate on group projects and defer your need to become queen of the hill. If your mind is such that you are prepared to do things well and join the pink team, you will find that even the most onerous tasks will fall into their proper place. Itchy Bulls would do better to buy foot powder than to upset the team dynamic.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Lucky Gay Twins find the Sun in its happiest astrological placement now. This of course can only mean one thing; get Out there and have a fabulous time. It is a time of relative ease and enjoyment and, with Libra planning the party, you are sure to be the place to be. It's is the time for romance, but not true, deep, everlasting love. Mark your calendar accordingly.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

The Sun in Libra marks a time when you can truly enjoy your home surroundings. Harmony and conviviality can all be yours. One hitch (yes, there is always a hitch, dear); there are some of us who couldn't fully embrace our lifestyles around family members. If you have changed your pattern of behavior to suit others, the Sun now demands that you review and change. You'll be prouder and happier in the long run.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Tell 'em what you think and damn the aftershocks. The glorious Sun in Libra will help you diplomatically roar in someone's ear so tune up the old pipes. Grand, Gay Lions can carry the rainbow banner like no one else. This planetary push practically mandates that you force the issue and communicate our needs to the proper audiences. At the same time, don't forget to listen.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

What is it that you truly value in this life? The Sun in Libra shines a beacon on possessions, money and personal resources. Are you hampered by "things"? Are they cramping your style? Now is the time to reevaluate what is and is not important to your self esteem. You don't need lots of money in the bank to feel affirmed and loved, however, it can't hurt.

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

The Sun in your own sign provides you with the once a year opportunity to review your inner needs and personal goals. Success is at hand if you greet the world with confidence, grace and aptitude. Shine proudly, dear Libra and show your colors. It is time to express yourself. Express away!

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

If your intuition speaks, I suggest that you heed the voice. The Sun in Libra casts a vibratory charge from your secret sources to guide you to new levels of consciousness. Wise Scorps will use this planetary energy to reassess your actions with others' motives. It is also important to give back to our community and volunteer for one or five or our causes.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Friends and social groups will give you incredible affirmation now when the Sun dances into Libra. Proud Archers can reinforce their lifestyle direction through the group dynamic. One word of caution (and, yes, there is always a word of caution), don't become so dependent on the group think that you sublimate what is important to you alone.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

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AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

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PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

The hot, hot Sun roast and toasts you when it enters Libra on the 24th. Sex plays a dominant role in your life now, (some people like it that way...). Gay Fish are one of the most sensitive signs of the zodiac and now your main thrust is physical connectedness and deep feelings. Sounds pretty good to me. It is time, dear Pisces, to test the waters and see how hot you like your cuisine.

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Chicago Commission Issues Ruling Against Boy Scouts

CHICAGO, IL - The American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois announced that a hearing officer for the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations has issued a preliminary decision that the policy of the Chicago Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America prohibiting the employment of homosexuals in professional scouting positions violates the City's Human Rights Ordinance.

In the decision, Hearing Officer Jeffrey Taren rejected the Boy Scouts' claim to be a religious organization exempt from coverage of the ordinance. Taren also stated that the Boy Scout's First Amendment right to expressive association had not been violated because opposition to homosexuality is not an expressive goal of the Chicago Area Council.

"Hopefully this ruling will send a strong message to employers, especially in Chicago, that they cannot discriminate against people because of their sexual orientation," said Harvey Grossman, legal director of the ACLU.

The case, *In the Matter of G. Keith Richardson v. Chicago Area of Boys Scouts of America*, began in May 1992, when Richardson, a Boy Scout volunteer and former Eagle Scout, sought a job as a Professional Scouter with the Chicago Area Council of Boy Scouts of America.

When he asked Council staff whether the Scouts would consider a Gay man for the position, he was told, "No way is the Boy Scouts of America about to give a job to a homosexual." Richardson decided not to apply, believing that to do so would be futile. He then filed a complaint with the Chicago Commission on Human Relations charging that the Scouts had discriminated against him on the basis of his sexual orientation, in violation of the Chicago ordinance.

"I am pleased with the Commission's decision," said G. Keith Richardson. "Lesbians and Gay men around the country are now one small step closer to being treated as full and equal citizens."

The Hearing Officer rejected all of the Boy Scouts' defenses, including the proposition that there was actually an expressive goal which the Boy Scouts have against homosexuality. He noted that numerous witnesses were totally unaware of such a Boy Scout policy, that scouting did not deal with sexual orientation at all, and that the policy against homosexuality was unknown to most Boy Scouts or even to many of the local councils for many years.

Among the evidence cited by the Hearing Officer was the testimony of William McClaughlin, director of personnel administration for the National Council of Boy Scouts of America. When McClaughlin was asked whether someone who said he was proud to lead a Gay and Lesbian parade and was proud of the achievement of many members of the City's Gay and lesbian communities should be affiliated with scouting, he replied, "I do not." Those remarks, were made by Mayor Richard M. Daley in 1989. Daley is on the Board of the Chicago Area Council of the Boy Scouts.

Some of the other findings from the hearing officer included:

There was no common position on the morality of homosexuality among participants in the scouting movement. Different religious organizations sponsoring scout units have differing views.

"The Boy Scouts' discriminatory employment policy is based upon the false myths that professional scouters who are homosexuals will influence young men to change their sexual orientation and will pose a predatory threat to molest young boys."

There is nothing associated with the hiring of an openly Gay man which would require the Scouts to alter anything other than its discriminatory policy. The Scouts would still be entitled to require their employees to communicate policy, restrict expression of personal opinions contrary to policy and fully regulate the terms and conditions of each person's employment.

The Hearing Officer offered a definitive vision of what scouting stands for, and observed that "ideas about the morality and immorality of one's sexual orientation are absent from that vision." Opposition to homosexuality is not an expressive goal of the Boy Scouts, but rather "nothing more than a discriminatory hiring policy based upon ignorance and stereotypes of Gay citizens."

As relief, the Hearing Officer recommended that the Commission issue an injunction barring the Boy Scouts from considering the sexual orientation of applicants for employment, and from publishing on its applications or literature that is distributed in Chicago, any employment criteria which indicate a preference or limitation on the basis of sexual orientation.

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National Coming Out Day Plans Day Of Visibility

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Truly Makes A Difference, is reflected throughout all activities, encouraging Gay men and Lesbians to educate Americans about who they are and the discrimination they face.

"If every person in this country knew that a Gay man or Lesbian was part of their personal or work life, they would have a much clearer understanding about what it means to be Gay," said Elizabeth Birch, HRCF Executive Director. "With the Supreme Court hearing arguments about the constitutionality of Colorado's Amendment Two on October 10, it is more important that ever on this National Coming Out Day to come out and make your voice heard in this country."

"We have to educate people that Gay men and Lesbians are incredibly diverse and unique human beings, worthy of respect, love and full protection under the law," said Butler. "It's simply a matter of having your voice heard," added Gingrich. "Gay, Lesbian or non-Gay, you don't have to be related to someone famous for you to make a difference in educating others about discrimination."

The PSAs are scheduled to air in the top 25 media markets, on cable networks and in over 50 local and national Gay and Lesbian publications. They will join radio public service announcements released in June of this year that feature openly Lesbian rock star Melissa Etheridge saying, "Labels belong on records, not on people."

Other events planned include:

Gay Day at the Texas State Fair, October 8. This first ever celebration at the nation's largest state fair will include a keynote address by Candace Gingrich, as well as speakers and entertainment all day long.

First Annual San Francisco National Coming Out Day Celebration, October 13: This inaugural event will include actor Dan Butler at San Francisco's 177 Townsend.

Denver's Coming Out Week, October 9-15: This week long series of events will include speeches and rallies emphasizing the Supreme Court's hearing of arguments about Colorado's anti-Gay Amendment Two.

University of Minnesota/Minneapolis' Coming Out Celebration, October 8-15: Dee Mosbacher, the award winning film maker and openly Lesbian daughter of Bush administration Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher, and Magic Johnson are the featured speakers at these events that are being held jointly at all three campuses.

Out There in Hollywood, October 11: Comedy Central's third all Gay and Lesbian comedy show which stars Kids in the Hall's Scott Thompson.

Freestyles Television, October: The new Gay and Lesbian info-tainment show appearing on VH-1 and hosted by Amanda Bearse, will feature HRCF executive director Elizabeth Birch, HRCF's National Coming Out Project Director Wes Combs, and HRCF spokespeople Candace Gingrich and Dan Butler.

The National Coming Out Project is the Human Rights Campaign Fund's

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