



Clinton: 'Don't Ask' Out Of Whack

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) — Winchell's murder and Hillary's criticism combine to set off a "don't ask, don't tell" firestorm: the President disses his own policy, the Veep says he's against it, and the Pentagon is assessing the climate it's created.

The so-called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy on U.S. military service by Gays and Lesbians "is out of whack now, and I don't think any serious person can say it's not," President Bill Clinton said in a CBS interview on December 11; he was responding to questions raised after his wife Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke critically of the President's own compromise policy last week in New York, where she is campaigning for a U.S. Senate seat. Last week's court-martial at Fort Campbell, Kentucky that found Private Calvin Glover guilty of premeditated murder for his fatal July baseball bat attack on a sleeping Private First Class Barry Winchell, who was believed by his co-workers to be Gay, has also turned up the heat been on the issue. The Department of Defense at first reacted defensively, but later announced that Secretary William Cohen has ordered an immediate investigation of a sampling of major military installations "to assess the human relations environment with respect to the 'don't ask, don't tell' policy." Positions on the 1994 policy are also becoming distinguishing marks among Presidential hopefuls.

Clinton told CBS radio that, "I don't have any problem with what [Hillary Rodham Clinton] says," calling it the position "that both of us brought to the White

House." He said, "So what I'd like to do is to focus on trying to make the policy we announced back in '93 work the way it was intended to. It's out of whack now, and I don't think any serious person can say it's not. I'm quite sympathetic with what she said. I think one thing that's maybe not clearly understood is the reason that I went for 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' is that it was all I could do, because I had a clear signal from Congress that if I implemented my policy, they would reverse it by an overwhelming majority. I can only hope this last brutal beating death of a Gay soldier will give some sobering impetus to a re-examination about how this policy is implemented and whether we can do a better job of fulfilling its original intent. Let me remind you that the original intent was that people would not be rooted out, that they would not be questioned out, that this would be focused on people's conduct, and if they didn't violate the code of conduct ... that those things would not be suspicion to keep them out of the military or certainly subject to harassment" adding, "I think there's a greater awareness now it's not being implemented as it was announced and as it was intended" and that, "For me, what's important is that the policy as implemented does not work as I announced and as the leaders of our military at the time in 1993 pledged to implement it."

Speaking to the Florida Democratic Convention on December 11, Clinton spoke of both Winchell and Glover. "Both

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Observer Launches New Web Site

TUCSON (ON) — Please pardon our dust at the Observer's new Web site.

That's right, the Weekly Observer, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian newspaper for more than 20 years, has launched a new Web site: <http://www.tucsonobserver.com>.

According to Bob Ellis, Editor and Publisher of the Weekly Observer, "All the people who live and have lived in Tucson, can visit Tucson on the Internet at the new Observer site."

That is the case. Local news, news across the state, country and the world is featured at the new site, just like the print edition, but that's not all.

People surfing the Web can get news about sports, health, HIV/AIDS, financial news at [tucsonobserver.com](http://www.tucsonobserver.com).

"It will be current, accurate and will bring the world to your computer," Max Vosskuhler of Millennium Consulting, the webmaster for the new site. "In time, it will become the center of the Tucson online Gay and Lesbian community."

Keeping the news current is a top priority, according to Ellis. "People scoffed

at a Gay and Lesbian newspaper trying to publish a weekly edition. They stated there was not enough news to fill a newspaper," he said, "The print edition of the Weekly Observer has shown otherwise, as will the new online edition."

So what else does [tucsonobserver.com](http://www.tucsonobserver.com) offer? "More stories and more new pages, such as: Pictures of the Week, The Buzz, Back Page, and Q-News. A comment section, with letters to the editor, oped pieces, perspectives, Observer editorials and a cartoon," said Mark Kerr, Managing Editor of [tucsonobserver.com](http://www.tucsonobserver.com).

A cartoon? Kerr went on, "For how these many years, people have enjoyed or been outraged by 'As I See It,' by Clark in the print edition. Now people surfing the net will now have the opportunity to see how Clark sees it."

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So, when your in front of the computer, surfing the net, take a look at Observer's new Web site, <http://www.tucsonobserver.com>.

Hawaii Supreme Court Rejects Same-Sex Marriage

HONOLULU, HI (NP) — The Hawaii Supreme Court has upheld a ban on marriage licenses for same-gender couples, yet affirmed that the state constitution prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation — and may have left the door open for Gay and Lesbian couples to win every substantial benefit of marriage in the future.

The long-awaited decision marks the last major chapter in the controversial long-running "Baehr" case, which transformed the public discourse on same-gender marriage from a joke to something two-thirds of U.S. citizens believe will someday become law. The only other state where a similar case has reached the level of the state supreme court is Vermont, where a decision is pending.

What the Hawaii Supreme Court has finally unanimously determined is that the passage of the 1998 ballot initiative authorizing the legislature to amend the state constitution to restrict legal marriage to one man and one woman, has served to legitimate the state law to that effect passed in 1994, rendering moot the earlier judgments on marriage licenses for Gay and Lesbian couples. It has therefore reversed Hawaii first District Court Judge Kevin Chang's 1996 ruling ordering the state Department of Health to award marriage licenses to the three plaintiff Gay and Lesbian couples, and the case is being sent back to Circuit Court to enter that reversal. Chang had also awarded the couples court costs from the state, and the high court has rejected that award as well.

But the Hawaii Supreme Court did not reverse its own historic 1993 ruling that the state constitution protects the rights of

same-gender couples, although one justice believed strongly that it should have, nor did it reverse Chang's finding that the state has failed to present a compelling state interest to deny those rights. The current decision is narrowly focused on marriage licenses, and denies them, but the 1993 ruling together with Chang's finding could potentially allow Gay and Lesbian couples to sue successfully for each benefit of marriage. Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund said in a statement that, "The justices also reaffirmed the state constitution's protections against discrimination on the basis of sex and sexual orientation, and indicated that the 'Baehr' precedent could be relied upon in future litigation challenging the denial of individual marriage benefits and protections denied to same-sex couples." The reaffirmation came in a footnote by four of the justices in response to the separate concurring opinion by Associate Justice Mario Ramil.

Dan Foley, counsel for the Gay and Lesbian couples throughout the long case at considerable personal cost, said in a statement, "The [state Supreme] Court held that its hands were tied with regard to marriage licenses but left intact its holding that denial of the protections that come with marriage violates the [Hawaii] constitution. We now look to the legislature to end the Catch-22 that links protections to marriage and then tells same-sex couples they may not marry." Foley told the "Honolulu Star Bulletin" that, "The way I read the opinion is that same-sex couples now are entitled to all the rights and benefits of marriage, and if the Legislature doesn't extend it to them, the state will be litigating into the next millennium." He told the

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Mr. Venture-N 2000 Chosen

TUCSON - A large crowd was on hand at the Venture-N last Saturday, Dec. 11, for the annual Mr. Venture-N and Venture-N Boy Contests.

Held this year in conjunction with V-N's 8th Anniversary, the festive atmosphere heightened the excitement of the contest.

Several contestants vied for each title. Going through the usual changes of uniform and answering questions, it was difficult to see and hear everything that was going on because of the people packed around the stage area. And when the winners were announced, the crowd cheered mightily.

Keith Collins, photo right, was chosen Mr. Venture-N 2000. Louis Castaneda won the title of Mr. Venture-N Boy 2000.

Congratulations to all the contestants and, of course, especially to Keith and Louis.



UPDATE

Poz Cafe Holiday Dinner & Social Gathering For Persons Living With HIV

TUCSON — Persons living with HIV are invited to celebrate the holidays with a special evening edition of Poz Cafe, Sunday, December 19, 6:00 to 8:30 P.M., at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church (corner of Swan and River Roads).

A casual holiday dinner buffet of turkey, honey-baked ham, vegetarian entrees will be featured, along with a variety of fresh vegetable side dishes, breads, desserts and beverages. The December meal is being provided by the compassionate members of St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church and made with lots of love from TIHAN's volunteers. After the meal, participants are welcomed to enjoy the campfire outdoors, stay inside and create holiday ornaments and candles, for your own home or as gift to others, or play card or board games.

All HIV+ adults are welcomed to attend, but advance reservations are required. Each HIV+ guest may bring one friend, partner, or family member. With SAAF's support, transportation can be arranged.

It's all free, courtesy of generous grants from AGRA-Tucson, Casas Adobes Congregational Church, St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church and other caring individuals and congregations of TIHAN.

Come out and be a part of Poz Cafe's first evening edition, and celebrate the holidays with other HIV+ persons! For more information, or to make your reservation, no later than Monday, December 13, call the TIHAN office, (520) 299-6647. Reservations are required.

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TUCSON AZ — Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church of Tucson (MCC) continues in the Celebration of the Christmas season with a special evening of sharing in Christmas Caroling at 6:00 P.M. Sunday, December 19. The evening will be an informal time of sharing Christmas carols. The caroling will include some traditional, and some that are newer in origin.

The church is also completing plans for their gala Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 10:45 P.M. December 24. A special reception will follow the Christmas Eve service at midnight, hosted by the church's Board of Directors.

To appropriately celebrate the Christmas season of giving, the congregation has adopted a large family for Christmas and is providing a full Christmas meal and gifts for the children of the family. The Board of Directors will present the Christmas to the family on December 24.

Water of Life MCC, a member congregation of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UF-MCC), worships each Sunday at 9:15 A.M. and at 11:15 A.M. at 3269 North Mountain Avenue, just north of Fort Lowell Road. For further information, please contact the church office at (520) 292-9151 or E-mail WOLMCC@aol.com.

GLBT Commission Meeting December 21

TUCSON — The next scheduled meeting of the City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Commission will take place Tuesday, December 21, 5:30 P.M., at the EOO Training Room (City Hall Annex), 110 E. Pennington.

The Commission will discuss the reports from the Legal, Education, and Social Services Subcommittees. Nominations from the remaining seats of the Commission will also be taken up.

For more information, please call (520) 791-4593, 791-4639 (TDD).

ACT-UP Marks Anniversary

NEW YORK, NY (WS) — About 30 activists gathered across from St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City Sunday, December 12, to protest the church's opposition to safer-sex education and abortion and to commemorate another protest held there ten years earlier.

On December 10, 1989, 4,500 AIDS and abortion-rights activists demonstrated outside the cathedral and disrupted the mass by throwing condoms, lying in the aisles, and chaining themselves to pews. More than 100 were arrested.

"Millions of people around the world have become infected and died because the church refuses to accept reality," said Ann Northrup, who attended Sunday's protest and was among those arrested in 1989. Last week the Vatican reaffirmed the Roman Catholic Church's opposition to condoms as a way to fight AIDS. "The church will teach what it believes," said Joe Zwilling, a spokesman for Cardinal John O'Connor. "The church will continue to care for persons with AIDS and will continue to reach out with love and respect for all people."

Both protests were sponsored by the AIDS activist group ACT UP and the abortion-rights group Women's Health Action and Mobilization.

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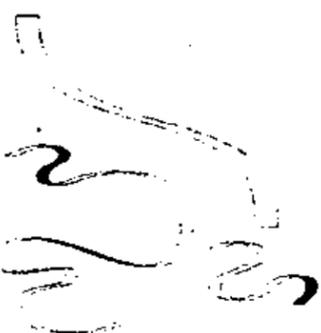
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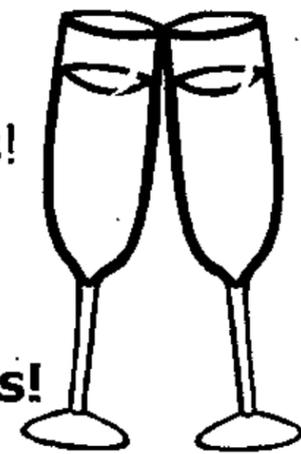
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'Will & Grace' Cast Star In Political Commercial For Same-Sex Marriages

HOLLYWOOD, CA (NP) — The cast of the Gay-themed sitcom will play a starring role in the ad campaign against California's ballot measure to limit marriage rights to heterosexuals.

supported Proposition 22. 41% opposed it and 9% were undecided.

As early as January, Californians will be seeing televised paid political announcements in which the cast of the NBC sitcom "Will & Grace" appear in opposition to the statewide Proposition 22, known as the Knight initiative for its proponent, a ballot measure to prohibit the state from recognizing legal same-gender marriages another state may some day perform. While actors have become increasingly visible on political issues, there seems to be no precedent for a show's entire cast joining together to speak out on one. But the sitcom with U.S. mainstream TV's first openly Gay male title role was co-created and is co-executive-produced by a Gay man, Max Mutchnick, and he wanted to do more than just write a check. So he wrote and produced the PSA at his own expense and the actors readily agreed to contribute their time. NBC had nothing to do with it and disclaims it; it does not purport to represent the views of the network.

Although the campaign for Proposition 22 is far ahead of its opponents in funding — thanks in particular to fund-raising efforts by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) and some Roman Catholic dioceses in California, plus some wealthy religious right contributors — and does plan to air TV ads, the proponents have yet to reveal their media strategy.

First officially proposed as "Definition of Marriage," proponents like to refer to the proposition as the "Marriage Protection" Initiative, but California Attorney General Bill Lockyer renamed it "Limit on Marriage" — a change which a judge is likely to review this week. Most commonly it's been referred to as the Knight initiative for its sponsor, state Senator Pete Knight (R-Palmdale) who failed three times to enact a similar law in the Democratic-dominated state legislature. The initiative seeks to amend the California Family Code to read, "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California." California's own marriage law is already limited to "a man and a woman." One of proponents' talking points is that the initiative does nothing to change the status quo, and they view it as a reaffirmation of traditional marriage.

The 30-second spot can be viewed at the No on Knight website. It shows a tight shot of the show's four principals together. Eric "Will" McCormack says, "Hi. We are the cast of 'Will & Grace.' On March 7, Californians will go to the polls to vote either for or against basic civil rights." Debra "Grace" Messing says, "Proposition 22, known as the Knight Initiative, would legalize discrimination against Gay and Lesbian Americans and their families." Megan "Karen" Mullally says, "You can make a difference. We urge you to say 'no' to discrimination by voting no on Knight." Sean B. Hayes, who plays the irrepressibly Gay "Jack," says, "One more time, please" and all four chorus, "No on Knight!" before he adds, "For more information, please log on to NoOnKnight.org. Thanks."

Opponents charge that the apparent simplicity of the proposition is misleading. They fear that if the referendum succeeds, it will appear to lawmakers to be a mandate to oppose all forms of recognition of Gay and Lesbian couples — and California's same-gender couples only won their first small measure of recognition in state law this year, after years of vetoes by earlier Republican governors. Certainly should the political climate ever change, the initiative's passage would make it harder to institute legal Gay and Lesbian marriages. Opponents also fear that the campaign for the initiative will prove to be divisive and hate-inspiring, like those for initiatives against same-gender marriage in Hawaii and Alaska. They often label the drastic action of an initiative against something that doesn't yet exist — legal same-gender marriage — as "mean-spirited," to which Mutchnick adds "ugly, repugnant, unfair and intrusive." Sponsor Knight's own Gay son, who has a partner, came out against the measure in the harshest terms in an op-ed piece in the "Los Angeles Times" earlier this year.

It's generally agreed that hard-line Proposition 22 supporters are unlikely to be among the 13-million weekly viewers of "Will & Grace," but the measure's opponents hope the ad may achieve two things. First, they hope it will capture the attention of younger voters and help motivate them to go to the polls. Second, they hope it will cause those who are undecided to perhaps give a little more consideration to possible ramifications should the initiative pass. In the latest Field Poll, 50% of respondents



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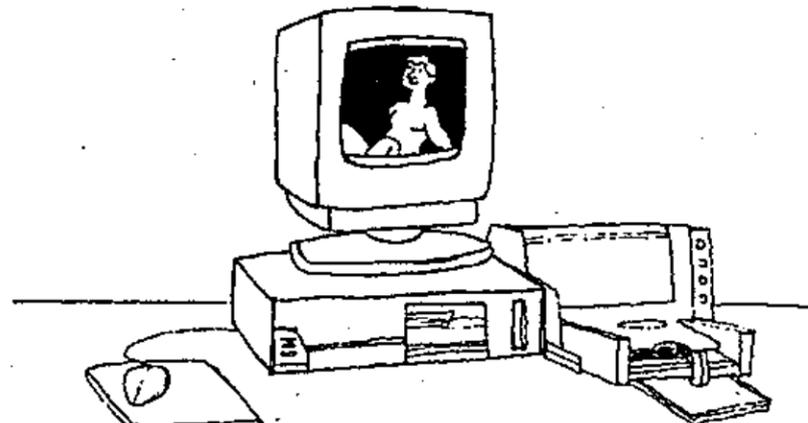
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Clinton spokesperson Barry Toiv said the President was not reopening the military policy in his last 14 months in office, saying, "His view is that this is not a Congress that is likely to do that [improve on the policy]. Perhaps the next Congress or the next President will give it a try." Clinton himself said of the possibility of equal treatment of Gays and Lesbians in the military that, "If there's a sense in the Congress or in the next White House that that ought to be done, then maybe together they'll have enough votes to do it."

Clinton's own National Security advisor Sandy Berger tried to soften the President's implied criticism of military leadership, telling ABC's "This Week" that, "The President is saying nothing different than an internal Defense Department review last year." Berger told "Fox News Sunday" that Defense Secretary William Cohen "has issued new rules and regulations to bring it back in line with its original intent. Let's see how that happens." But according to the watchdog group Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, those updated guidelines announced in August have yet to reach the troops in either the Army or the Air Force.

Department of Defense spokesperson Kenneth Bacon, on the defensive, repeated that new training guidelines would soon be forthcoming, and insisted that, "We are as determined as the President is to see that the policy is implemented fairly." He said, "Secretary Cohen expects the policy to be implemented with fairness for all and no room for harassment." It also fell to Bacon to announce Cohen's order to acting Pentagon Inspector General Donald Mancuso to spot-check bases in all the services to determine "The extent to which disparaging speech or expression with respect to sexual orientation occurs or is tolerated by individuals in the chain of command. ..." The report is to be delivered to Cohen in 90 days. Mancuso will select the installations to be included in the investigation and send out teams who will "interview soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines at these installations as well as their non-commissioned officers and commanders to get as clear an assessment as possible within 90 days of what the climate is [regarding] the 'don't ask, don't tell' policy."

That climate is no mystery to one expert in military personnel matters. "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" co-author Lieutenant Colonel Robert Maginnis (retired), who does not support military service by Gays and Lesbians, told CBS' "60 Minutes" (in a presentation that also included Arizona

state Representative and Army Reservist Steve May, currently embroiled in his own "don't ask, don't tell" investigation, as well as Winchell's mother) that, "People that are Gay that come into the military today have been, I think, hoodwinked in terms of thinking the military is Gay-friendly; it's not. We may have set ourselves up for terrible crimes, such as the one that was committed at Fort Campbell."

On the presidential campaign trail, the controversy has led to a U-turn for Democratic front-runner Vice President Al Gore. Gore said earlier this year that he supported the policy but felt it needed to be enforced with more "compassion," but a December 13 statement proclaims his change of mind. "In light of the Winchell case and other evidence, I believe the 'don't ask, don't tell' policy should be eliminated. ... Gays and Lesbians should be allowed to serve their country without discrimination," he said. He pledged that, "If I am entrusted with the presidency, I will make those changes and propose legislation in Congress to eliminate this unacceptable form of discrimination." On a December 11 Internet audio broadcast by GayBC, Gay Congressman Barney Frank (D) had goaded Gore in strong terms to change his position. Frank said, "I know there's this sense that, 'Oh well, the Vice President is not supposed to disagree with the President.' I think that's wrong. I think as a Presidential candidate, he's fully entitled to give his position which I hope will be that it's a mistaken policy." A Gore aide indicted that loyalty to administration policy had been an issue, but also reminded reporters that the Vice President had been a strong proponent of ending the ban on military service by Lesbians and Gays in 1994, when Clinton resorted to the compromise. The other leading Democratic hopeful, New Jersey's former U.S. Senator and former pro basketball player Bill Bradley, declared his opposition to "don't ask, don't tell" in September.

Leaping to the defense of the military at the expense of the President was U.S. Senator John McCain (R-Arizona), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, a noted Vietnam veteran, and the most Gay-friendly of the Republican Presidential contenders. He blasted the timing of the President's remarks, saying it "undermines the men and women in the military who are trying to implement" the policy. McCain told "Fox News Sunday" that, "Suspensions will arise that he's following on to help his wife's candidacy for the Senate. Otherwise, you would think he would call the Joint Chiefs together over at the White House and say in a formal way, 'Look, I need to review this policy.'"

Front-runner for the 2000 Republican Presidential nomination Texas Governor George W. Bush, like McCain, has been said to support the current policy. The other Republican Presidential hopefuls would prefer the former outright ban on military service by Gays and Lesbians.

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"Honolulu Advertiser" that, "Every time a same-sex couple is denied a right or benefit granted to a married couple, there will be a lawsuit." Foley indicated that he may ask the Hawaii Supreme Court for some further clarification.

But Deputy Attorney General Dorothy Sellers told the "Star Bulletin" that, "It means the issue of same-sex marriage is over in Hawaii."

KNHL-NBC reporter Linda Hosek seemed to agree with Foley, saying, "This

ruling leaves the door open for any rights for same-sex couples. The justices let stand a significant part of their initial 1993 ruling, which was based on the equal protection clause of the state constitution. It means that the state can't discriminate against same-sex couples in any other area [than marriage licenses] without a compelling reason and that sets the stage for domestic partnerships."

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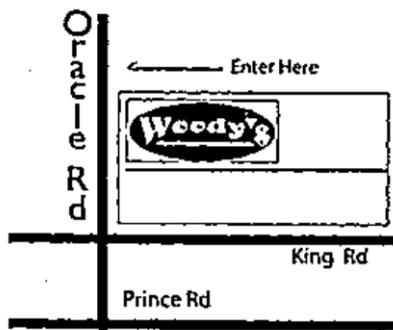
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Mercury changes signs, moving from intense Scorpio to optimistic Sagittarius after a painful retrograde period. Swift of foot and of mind, Mercury is the messenger of the gods. Now, this randy messenger has no hesitation to spur us to grandiose statements and expansive thoughts. Read ahead to see how our communications push the heavens through the end of the year.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Rainbow Rams set their sights on great vistas. Plan a fabulous vacation when Mercury enters Sag. The beauty of this transit is that whatever intellectual pose tickles your fancy, you'll pursue with great success. Mercury focuses your mind on high philosophy or even mysterious and exotic strangers. Anything lofty and foreign will pique your curiosity. Practice safe piquing.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Mercury in jolly Sag sets your thoughts on sex, sex, and more sex. Queer Bulls crave personal merging and connection and it may be time to reevaluate what truly makes you happy and fulfilled. Is it a cheap and tawdry bite or is it a committed relationship between two mature and serious individuals? On second thought, don't answer that now.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Pink Twins often quiver at the thought of a committed relationship, but don't panic. Mercury now enables you to balance the needs of your individual self with those of another. The secret is to express your needs honestly, fully and unequivocally and let the chips fall where they may. I'll bet they fall in just the right arrangement, lover.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Plan out the most detailed and unpleasant projects when Mercury enters Sag. The best thing about this transit is that you can make a difficult job much easier. Put your considerable mental capacity to work. Make everyone at the office work like a well oiled machine. Speaking about well oiled machines, it's also a great time to reevaluate your exercise regiment, Gay Crab.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Dramatic, proud Lions can roar up a storm when Mercury enters Sag. If you harness the immense potential of this planetary transit, you can ask for almost anything, no matter how outrageous, and receive it. Dangerous? You bet! Just be careful of what you request. Queer Leos can become prom queen or cranky despot. Let's see a bit of that benevolence and charisma, dear.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Return to any home based issues that have reached a stalemate. Mercury gives all proud Virgins tremendous powers of concentration and persuasion; Rethink and try again. If all this bog and fog has to do with gaining parental approval before you'll feel truly affirmed, Mercury provides clarity of mind to place your own needs first and foremost. Damn the approval!

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Mercury is traipsing through Sagittarius which means the old fart is happy, comfortable and sending out good communication vibes. It's time to tap into your creative well and write that great Gay novel or get more involved with some fabulous artistic venture. Channel that natural Libra feistiness into fun, romance and beauty rather than war. We'll all be happier for it.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Pink Scorps find their minds focused on personal finances when Mercury waltzes into Sag. It's a good time to reevaluate all that you value and hold near and dear. You may need to "deaccessorize" in order to feel more in control and more secure but first carefully study your financial homework. At very least, Mercury's energy enables you to soak up knowledge for a rainy day.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Mercury enters your own sign this week and you are in your element. It's time to speak Out and let your opinions be known. Perhaps you should use this servicable energy to write an astute and sharp dictum (some folks like it that way) on behalf of one our worthy political causes. Your voice rises above the clutter and takes our case one step further. Show 'em what you can do!

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

If your intuition is more alive and acute, chalk it up to the delightful effect of Mercury in Sag. Queer Caps are unconquerable during this transit. It's time to air out that musty closet; the brutally honest Sag energy won't stand for anything hidden and repressed. In fact, the clarity of your thoughts enables you to divine the evil designs of any hidden enemy. That, of course, is always divinest!

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Social circles swirl to a crescendo when Mercury enters Sag. Aquerians attract and engage almost any social group and that, of course, makes you very happy and content. The only thing you may wish to avoid is the tendency to say what you think others would like to hear rather than what you truly believe. I always feel it is better to be true to yourself and thus acquire true friends.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Clearheaded rainbow Fish can dive into turgid political seas when Mercury glides into Sag. Plan your professional course of action carefully when this fabulous energy simmers. If you have a hankering for a key to the boardroom, you may wish to set the stage for it now. Corporate sharks are no match for committed and directed guppies. Now you pack shark bait and a harpoon.

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Saludandolos como siempre, deseando que ya se encuentre "preparado" para celebrar estas fiestas de Navidad y de fin de Año sobre todo que ya tenga preparadas las compras 'de rigor' que tenemos que hacer en estas fechas...

SEAHEC y su Consejo Directivo efectuó la reunión anual la pasada semana, y sin modestia, todos los reportes presentados fueron aprobados y felicitados por los miembros del Consejo, así es que parece que tendremos buen inicio y con mas responsabilidad dentro de los objetivos de nuestra agencia...

También Salud es Poder, efectuó su reunión navideña, el pasado domingo 12 de diciembre con muy buen ambiente y convivio por parte de los asistentes, y como no recibimos invitación, además de estar comprometidos con otro programa para celebrar a la "Patrona de México", no tenemos mucha información...

Pues así es, mi querido lector, estamos en el mes que más fiestas y posadas se llevan a cabo, las recomendaciones son las mismas, si toma no maneje, y hay que estar seguros que si hay que transportarnos a otro sitio ya empezada la "pachanga" hay que asegurarnos sobre el conductor asignado, recuerde que los oficiales de tránsito estarán más pendientes que nunca sobre los conductores ebrios y dicen que quieren restar números en los accidentes automovilísticos que suelen presentarse en estas épocas... esperamos que así sea...

Estuvo en nuestra ciudad de Tucson la Dra. Nelba Chavez administradora de la oficina de Servicio Administrativo de Abuso de Sustancias y Salud Mental, (SAMHSA por sus siglas en inglés) para presentarnos la Iniciativa Hispano/Latina, "Hablemos en Confianza". La Dra. Chavez comentó: "Es sumamente importante llegar a la comunidad hispana y orientar nuestros servicios a las necesidades de los diferentes grupos étnicos y raciales. Nuestra población y comunidades de costa a costa están cambiando mucho y la necesidad de ofrecer servicios que estén al nivel de sus necesidades culturales no puede seguir siendo ignorada. Y por sus necesidades culturales no me refiero solamente a hablar el idioma; la cultura es mucho más que eso." "En general, las minorías raciales y étnicas en este país, no hacen un buen uso de los servicios de salud mental. O bien los

abandonan después de una visita o dos, o buscan ayuda cuando cuando la crisis ya ha estallado y el tratamiento es más costoso. Mientras los hispanos no hacen el uso que deberían de los servicios comunales, están sobrerrepresentados en las facilidades estatales. Las minorías étnicas y raciales son hospitalizadas tre veces más que los norteamericanos de ascendencia europea. Tenemos que va mal. Por demasiado tiempo, nuestros servicios de salud mental han sido pintados con el color monocromático de una sola cultura. No podemos seguir permitiéndonos el lujo de ignorar el profundo cambio demográfico que está teniendo lugar en nuestro país. En estos momentos, uno de cada cuatro norteamericano, o no es blanco, o es latino. Dentro de siete años, los hispanos se convertirán en el mayor grupo minoritario. Tampoco podemos permitir que la etiqueta de "hispano" oscurezca la enorme diversidad de gente que procede de diferentes raíces y culturas. Cada uno de estos grupos hispanos, está asentado en una experiencia distinta, incluyendo su propia realidad de las enfermedades mentales."

En realidad, fué una celebración con mucho calor latino donde estuvieron presentes autoridades como el congresista Sr. Jim Kolbe, la Dra. Rebecca Montaño, y el Sr. Steve Jewett director de la oficina de la gobernadora en el sureste de Arizona y lo artístico durante este evento fué la maravillosa intervención del mariachi de niños "Las Aguilitas" de la escuela bilingüe Davis. Para mayor información sobre los programas y servicios de SAMHSA, llamar al teléfono: 301-443-8956.

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

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The U.S. Army is preparing to discharge First Lieutenant and Arizona Representative Steve May from the Army Reserves, over testimony he delivered in February during legislative debate.

May, a civilian at the time, was called to active duty with the reserves during the Kosovo crisis. Shortly thereafter, an investigation was instigated to determine whether his comments in the state House constituted violation of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy. That investigation culminated in a 43-page report covering May's Army career and record of public service, and was approved by his Battalion Commander Major Eileen Norton. It concludes that Army rules require his dismissal despite his "outstanding military performance (in which he was rated as an exceptional officer with an unblemished career), his military and civilian education and achievements, and his unlimited potential to be an outstanding asset as a future officer and leader in the Army reserves."

May received the report during training exercises during the weekend of December 3-4. The reviews of his Army career, by his peers and commanding officers were glowing. He was described as a "superb junior officer serving in a difficult military occupational specialty," who "served honorably and admirably in all assigned duty positions." Several reviewers commented on his recent performance, praising him and noting that the good order and morale of his unit, the 348th, was not diminished by the publicity about his sexual orientation. One his commanders wrote, "I believe that the majority of personnel in the unit have knowledge of the article [about the charges against May] however, such knowledge has in no way affected morale in his [platoon] or the other [platoons]. In fact, the [Headquarters] section is function-



May Discharge In Army's Sights

ing better than it has for my past tenure as commander. His enthusiasm and stamina has developed his platoon into a cohesive unit." A fellow officer wrote, "My knowledge of this article and the investigation arising from it have in no way impacted on my ability to confidently perform my duties as an officer. I do not believe that this knowledge has in any way been detrimental to the morale of my troops or to the morale of the troops directly under Lt. May's command."

"I was very pleased to read that my commanders, peers and the soldiers under my command think that I am an effective and respected soldier regardless of my private life and the views I express as a legislator on behalf of my constituents," May said. "All I want is to serve my country with integrity in the Army Reserves as I serve my district in the legislature. I hope Major Norton and my chain of command exercise their discretion that I be allowed to continue my service."

His command did not. In the recommendation section of the report, Major Norton said that, "it appears the immediate commander has not an option but to recommend initiation of a separation action to higher headquarters."

Responding to the report, May's attorney Christopher Wolf sent a letter to Norton, requesting that she terminate the discharge proceedings and meet with the both of them. In the December 9 letter,

Wolf advised Norton that relevant Defense Department regulations permit her to recommend retention of an openly Gay officer when "Separation of the officer would not be in the best interests of the Armed Forces." Wolf said, "Based on Lt. May's stellar record and his great future potential as an officer, we ask that you use your authority under this provision and determine that it is in the best of interest of the Armed Forces to terminate the separation proceedings of Lt. May. You are obviously well placed to judge Lt. May's past performance and his ability to continue to serve his country with distinction."

His commanding general will decide whether to call a separation hearing board of three senior officers. If the board votes to discharge May, the decision would have to be approved by the secretary of the Army. This process could take several months.

May said that if the proceeding continues, he will challenge it court, arguing the Army cannot limit his free speech rights as a civilian or interfere with his ability to represent his constituents as a state legislator.

U.S. Representative Jim Kolbe, R-AZ, the lone openly Gay Republican, said he thinks May will be discharged from the Army Reserves in a couple of months. The key to changing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," he added, was to convince Colin Powell that it needs to be changed.

Speaking at a fund raiser held for him by the Log Cabin Republicans in Phoenix, Tuesday, December 14, Kolbe said, in fifty years, May will be known as the person instrumental in changing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

May was also interviewed about his case for a national television news-magazine. The CBS "60 Minutes" segment in question primarily profiled the brutal murder of Army PFC Barry Winchell, who was thought to be Gay by his co-workers, and the subsequent conviction of Private Calvin Glover. This tragedy spurred the current occupant of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue to state in an interview that "don't ask, don't tell" doesn't work.

In a radio interview, President Clinton, said the policy, enacted in 1993, had gone "out of whack" and that it should be reviewed. Clinton's statement was reiterated during the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" story on "60 Minutes."

But White House spokesman Barry Toiv, said in an interview, that Clinton, who in speeches had laid out the issues he plans to tackle during the last year of his term, doesn't intend to reopen discussion about a new policy on Gays in the military. "His view is that this is not a Congress that is likely to do that. Perhaps the next Congress or the next president will give it a try."

In the same radio interview, the President said he had "no problem" with comments made by his wife Hillary, a candidate for the U.S. Senate from New York.

Hillary Clinton criticized "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" during a press conference

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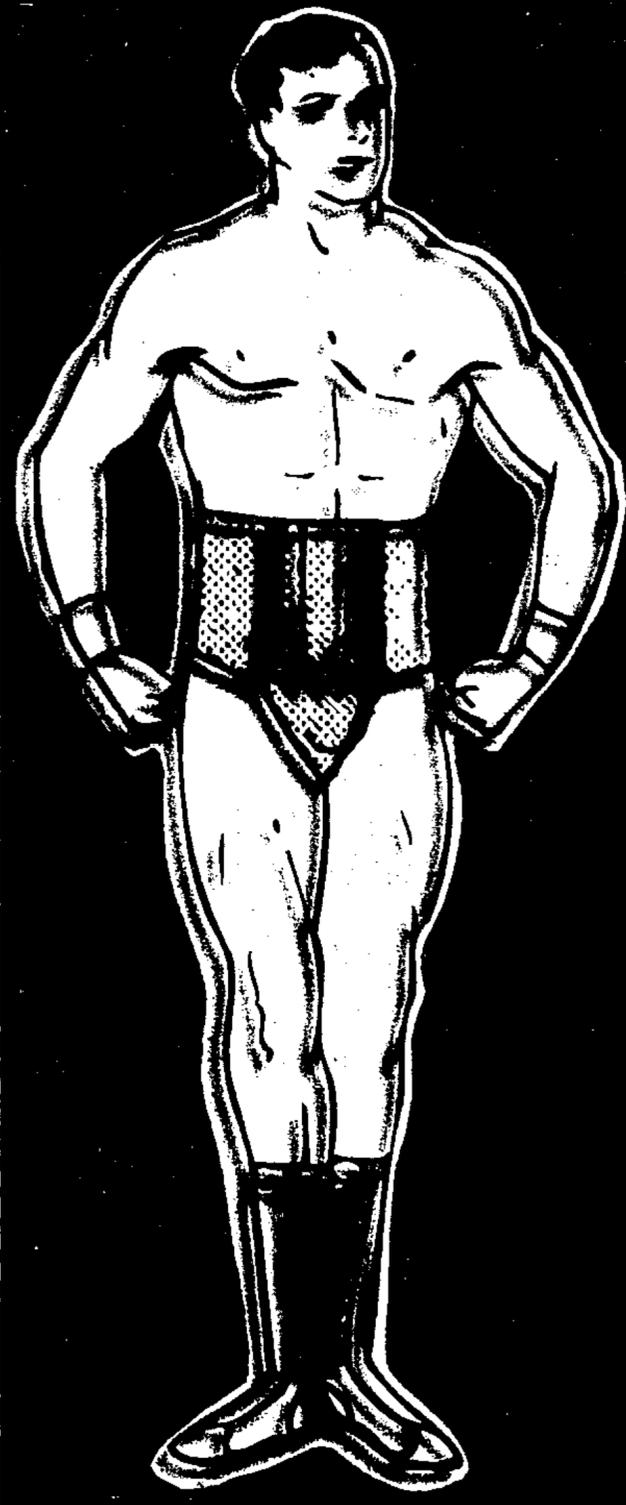
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▼ The Third Annual Christmas Charity Show in conjunction with the Marines Toys for Tots, was held at the Joshua Tree. Marilyn Evans, a Tucson citizen writer learned at the benefit that the Marines would not accept the toys collected at the benefit because they did not want to be associated with homosexuals. She wrote about it the next day. Both Tucson papers featured the story which was picked up by the Associated Press and it spread across the country. In the past the toys collected from the Gay community were placed anonymously in designated barrels at grocery stores. This year, being the 10th anniversary of Stonewall, it was decided to be more up-front, and "the fact that so many people and organizations offered assistance shows that not all of Tucson is bigoted."

▼ Michigan Governor George Romney said the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) attracted "moral perverts" who want to undermine the very family the Mormon Church is striving to enrich.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

▼ Johnny Eckhardt, who was voted best all around Disk Jockey in Los Angeles in 1983, and who was featured at The Probe, will begin a two week stint in Tucson at Tramps.

▼ A full house in the BFR at the Fineline Dec. 13 attested to the success of the benefit for the Observer. Phil Clark headed a stellar cast that pleased the audience with their energy, talents and humor. Clark, as usual, was the fast-paced Bette Midler running the gamut of an endless supply of Midler material. The benefit grossed approximately \$300.

▼ Colette's West celebrates it's First Anniversary by bringing in Hawkins and Delear from St. Louis to entertain.

▼ Joshua Tree sponsors it's Eighth Annual Hayride to view the Christmas lights at Winterhaven, Dec. 20.

TEN YEARS AGO

▼ The Lambda Democratic Caucus of Tucson received a plaque in honor of their outstanding dedication and leadership in Democratic voter registration. Officers of the caucus included Kathy Mayer, Bert Hoop and Mark Kerr.

▼ A holiday benefit concert by the Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus was held at MCC Church at it's South Stone address.

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GO IN GOOD HEALTH.
BY REV. ANDREW BROOKS

This week, I begin my A-Z herbal. Be aware that this is not an exhaustive list, there are literally thousands of herbs used for medicine around the globe, these are just some of the more common ones. These herbs have useful healing properties, and I present them to you in order to provide a basic working knowledge of some botanical medicines that can help you in your self-healing efforts. Some herbs are best to treat specific ailments, such as Red Root or Myrrh, and some are for general well-being, and can be taken daily, like Ginseng and Milk Thistle.

First on my list, is the herb Agrimony. It is useful as a gargle to relieve sore throat. It is also a useful poultice on sores. An agrimony bath is good to help soothe aching muscles and joints. Agrimony ointment is useful to heal bruises. It is also a digestive tonic, and is thought to help regulate liver and gallbladder function.

Aloe is a wonderful healing plant. Gel from the leaves is a wonderful soothing and healing agent. It is often used on burns and cuts, and aloe has been confirmed by scientists to contain an agent that has a regenerative effect on tissues. It is also an anti-bacterial and anesthetic properties. It is used for any kind of burn, skin sore, or poison ivy. Some people take it internally with orange juice in the morning for it's healing effects.

Anise is an herb which is used as a digestive aid. You often find bowls of anise seeds at East India restaurants, which are good to help you digest all that spicy food. The essential oil has an anti-microbial action, and it is also an expectorant, useful in cough syrups. Expectorants make you cough up excess mucus and clear it from your system.

Basil, a common cooking herb, also is a useful digestive aid, and has a slight sedative action. The extract of the seeds has an antibiotic effect. There are many different types of basil, with similar properties.

Bee Balm, also known as Monarda, is useful as an infusion for coughs, sore throat, nausea, and menstrual cramps. The oil contains thymol (also found in thyme) which is antibacterial, antifungal, and a good vermifuge (removes worms!)

Betony, another healing herb, is useful as an astringent, with a slight sedative action. It is good as a gargle for sore throats, or drink as a tea to treat nervous headaches and diarrhea.

Bladderwrack is an herb that helps regulate an underactive thyroid. It is also good to relieve the pain of rheumatism and rheumatic joints.

Bonset is a good healing herb in the winter, since it is useful to relieve the symptoms of influenza, such as aches and pains and fever. It also clears upper respiratory tract congestion. It eases constipation, and offers symptomatic relief for muscular rheumatism.

Borage is good for treating depression. It is also helpful to relieve fevers, bronchitis, and diarrhea. It's an adrenal tonic, anti-inflammatory, and stimulates milk flow in nursing mothers.

More herbs next time. Til next time, Goddess bless. Go in Good health.

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Entertainment Briefs. . . .

Sashe, Cache! RuPaul has signed on to be the spokesmodel for an Internet software company. WebEx, a company that provides computer systems for online meetings, has signed RuPaul for its campaign, which includes the tag line "Meetings are such a drag." WebEx recently received \$25 million in funding, most of which will be devoted to the ad campaign. . . .

Oy Vey! Ally Sheedy, who is appearing off-Broadway as a Trans-

gendered rock star in Hedwig and the Angry Inch, got into a spat with drag queens at a Hanukkah party in a New York City restaurant. Sheedy was upset with some staffers at Lucky Cheng's, a restaurant famous for having a Transgendered staff. Sheedy was about to sing for guests when some waiters began talking. "Can't you bitches be quiet," Sheedy reportedly said. When the waiters allegedly began calling for one of Sheedy's fellow brat packers, she reportedly responded, "You want Molly Ringwald? F**k you!" . . .

Will she be? Speculation abounds over the sexuality of Ellen DeGeneres's character on her proposed new series for CBS. The former sitcom queen is keeping her mouth shut as to whether her new show, a Larry Sanders-esque comedy that will cast her as a talk show host, will include the Gay quotient that made her last effort on the tube such a milestone.

Oh get her! Fashionable Rupert Everett is out of fashion with royal enthusiasts after calling Queen Elizabeth "a stubborn cow" during an interview in the January issue of Playboy. Everett huffed to the nude magazine that the royals are "arrogant" and that Prince Philip is "a thoroughly unpleasant man." . . .

Is Sharon Gless up for a part? Lifetime cable TV is planning to give its lineup a shot in the arm with a police drama about five female detectives fighting crime in San Francisco. Although it would make sense, there's no word yet on whether the series, which is expected to first air next summer, will boast a Lesbian in its cast. . . .

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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

During Advent, our time of preparing for Christmas, our Pastor has been speaking on hope, joy, peace and love. Although each is unique in and of itself, there is one commonality amongst the four. Each one must be sought after or chosen.

Hope, the wanting and expecting of something better, right or just, is a wonderful thing to have. We cannot live without hope. And yet, it does not just appear in our lives. It has to be sought after. It has to be based upon real truth. And we often have to be reminded of why we have hope. My hope is in the Lord. I believe he has my best interest at heart and has a plan for my life. There is great hope for me in knowing that things don't just happen by chance but rather, by plan.

Joy is related to hope in that great joy can be found when we have an abundance of hope. But joy, as I explained last week is in us because of our relationship with Jesus Christ, not because of the circumstances we find ourselves in. Again, it is not automatic and I must choose joy. There's a contemporary Christian song that is entitled "I Choose Joy." Some of the lyrics are as follows: "I choose joy. Don't let nobody get me down. 'Cuz I know the Lord will work things out for my good. I choose joy." I have found myself singing that little song many times when situations I find myself in seem overwhelming. I remind myself that joy is mine to choose or not to choose. So why wouldn't I? After all, I do believe that God is in control of not only my life but the entire world. And with that comes security in knowing I'm not having to endure anything that is a surprise to him or that I cannot handle (with his help of course!).

Peace is a wonderful emotion to experience. We all want peace don't we. Its rather amazing how so many Christmas cards say "Peace On Earth" and yet we rarely do anything to truly live at peace with others. Peace, like joy is internal and not dependent upon external situations. That is why someone with true peace is able to be calm in the midst of tremendous upheaval or a time of great uncertainty. I have that peace inside me because of trusting the Lord to take care of me, situations and to have the final say. I sometimes have to be reminded and then dig deep to find that peace. After all, I get angry, upset, and frightened just like anyone else. So many times I have had that unusual peace that I know comes from God and god alone! Its terrific!

Finally, we have love to consider. Again love comes from deep within and is only really made available to us when we try to live our lives in a manner pleasing of God. In the Bible Jesus speaks of how easy it is to love people we like but true love is demonstrated by loving our "enemies." That's a tall order to fill and something we can only truly do with God's help. But you know one of the great blessings of loving our "enemies"? We can then

be filled with peace, joy and even hope.

Its is really amazing how God has interwoven love, joy, peace, and hope. I am glad our church takes time each year to look at these four things during our time of preparation for Christmas. Being reminded of how I can choose to let love, joy, peace and hope be an integral part of my life each day is truly a blessing from God. I pray you each will seek Jesus so you too can have all the love, joy, peace and hope you need.

Cornerstone Fellowship's Annual Contacta and variety show is scheduled for Saturday, December 18, 6:00 P.M. Everyone is invited! The church is located at: 2902 N. Geronimo. Phone 622-4626 if you have any questions.

POLITICS

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in New York City, stating that she doesn't believe the policy has worked and that "Americans willing to serve their country should be allowed to do so."

Responding to Hillary's comments, the president said in the interview, "After all, that's what I said back in 1993." In 1993, Clinton called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" a "just and honest policy."

Republican presidential hopeful Senator John McCain of Arizona criticized Clinton for backsliding on the policy. "It is an inappropriate comment, especially in the context in which he made it and naturally suspicions will arise that he's following on to help his wife's candidacy for the Senate," said McCain on a cable news network interview. "It seems to me that that kind of statement undermines the men and women in the military who are trying to implement a policy that has been in existence for seven years."

McCain also said he would like to talk with Representative May, "sit down with him and look at the specifics of his case." May welcomed McCain's suggestion. "It's a good idea," he said. "The Senator needs to hear the facts of my case and that of Barry Winchell to reconsider his opinion of 'don't ask, don't tell,' a policy that is absurd and unfair."

Although May has been open about his orientation throughout his political career, his remarks before the Arizona House Government Reform Committee on a bill that would have prohibited the extension of benefits to the unmarried domestic partners of government employees led to the military's charges against him. Bill sponsor state Representative Karen Johnson, R-Mesa, had testified first, making many homophobic remarks that May came forward to refute. ...

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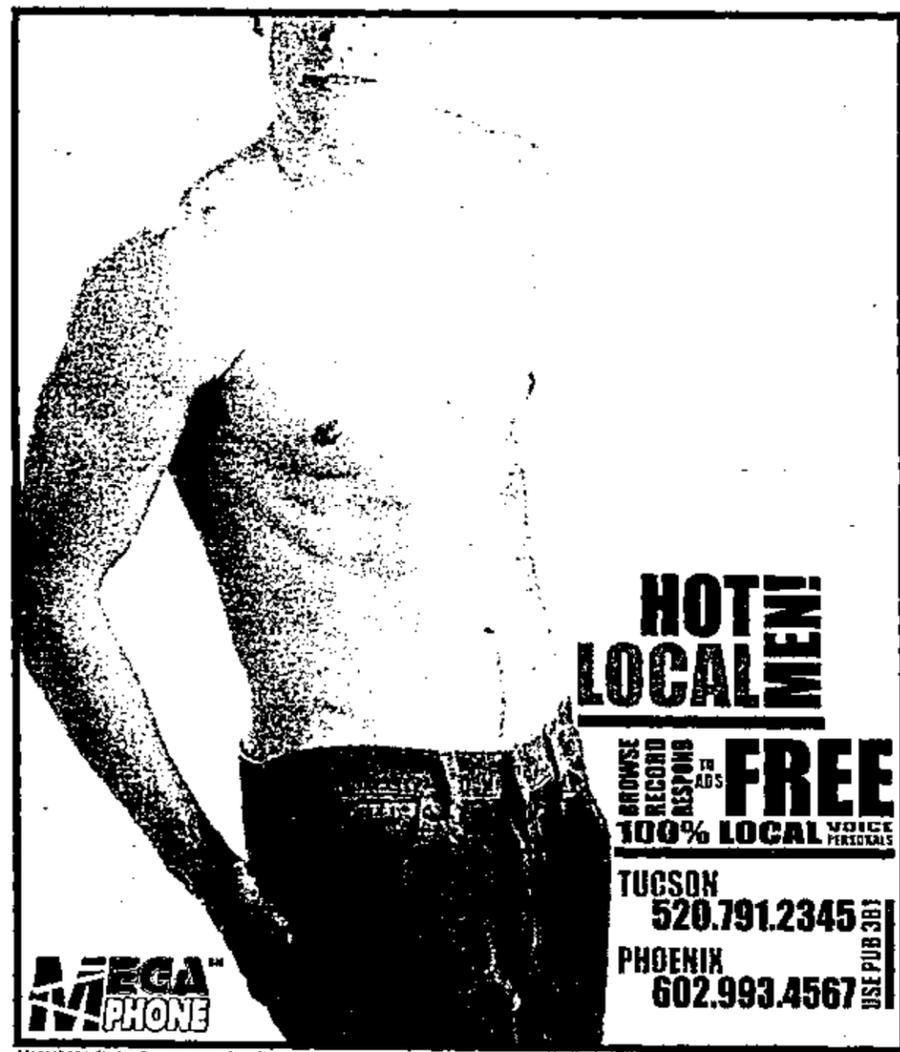


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CDC Issues New Guidelines For Reporting HIV Cases

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) — The federal government's major AIDS agency has issued new guidelines calling on states and local public health departments to report all HIV cases either by name or code in an effort to develop a nationwide AIDS surveillance system.

Reaction was mixed. AIDS advocacy groups, many of whom oppose any national reporting requirement for fear that any system based on names will discourage people from seeking testing. On the other hand, county and state officials said it wasn't a change since Arizona has had the dual system, named reporting and anonymous testing for 10 years.

The new guidelines were issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which wants to track where and how the AIDS virus is spreading. The agency has kept complete records of patients with the diseases defined as AIDS since the epidemic began in 1981.

The CDC said name-based surveillance is the best way to gather information on the spread of HIV infection. It said research has found that the use of names is neither a deterrent to testing nor a threat to confidentiality.

"We have entered an era in which HIV prevention needs are greater than ever before," said Dr. Helene Gayle, director of the CDC's National Center for HIV.

"Accurate data about where new HIV infections are occurring are critical to ensure scarce HIV prevention programs are directed where they can do the most good," Gayle said in a statement.

The CDC said it "advises" state and local officials to use name-based testing, but said health-care providers should continue to offer anonymous HIV tests so as not to discourage people from getting AIDS testing, prevention and treatment.

"Maintaining an anonymous testing option may help ensure that more individuals learn their status, and if infected, seek early treatment and care," the CDC said.

The guidelines, first offered for public comment in December 1998, also support strict confidentiality of HIV data, and call for strong penalties for abuse of the information.

"The guidelines advise state health departments on the best practices to ensure both the confidentiality and quality of HIV data," Gayle said.

"At the same time, CDC's policy allows flexibility for states to choose the method of HIV reporting they deem most appropriate for their needs," she said.

The CDC said it found no statistically significant change in the number of HIV tests given by six health departments that implemented name-based HIV testing.

The health agency said there have been few reported breaches of confidentiality of HIV or AIDS data at the state level.

Earlier this year, the CDC reported that the number of anonymous HIV tests given at about 11,000 federally funded sites around the country declined almost 27 percent between 1995 and 1997.

The CDC said the decline may have been caused by new rules on the confidentiality of test results and a decline in the stigma associated with AIDS.

The government said 17,047 people died of AIDS in 1998, a 20 percent decrease from the previous year. Researchers estimate that 650,000 to 900,000 Americans are infected with HIV.

Although the federal health agency has been trying to create a national HIV reporting system for more than two years, maintaining the system's accuracy is difficult because most states and cities have anonymous HIV testing sites, and home testing kits can be bought anonymously at many pharmacies or even by mail or through the Internet.

In Arizona, a person who tests positive and had the test done at a county health center, will have a code (with some characteristics) reported. If the test is done at a doctor's office or hospital, they will be reported to the state. In AIDS cases — like most other infectious diseases — must be reported by law.

"I see any disincentive to undergo HIV testing as a problem," Daniel Zingale, executive director of AIDS Action, a Washington-based advocacy group, said in an interview. "Anything that's keeping people away from knowing their HIV status is a bad idea, unless there's a compelling reason to do it," he said.

According to Chris Brown of the Arizona Department of Health Services, Disease Control, the state has been doing that for the last ten years. "Other states are struggling with what Arizona did 10 years ago," Brown said. He added that it hasn't been a disincentive since the state has a dual system, with anonymous testing sites.

David Hoover, Manager for the Pima County Health Department HIV/STD Program, said most research shows named-based isn't a deterrent, since the names are not released to insurance companies or other groups and their confidentiality is protected by federal law, but despite that it still is in the Gay community. Hoover added, "That without named-base reporting, it would be difficult to get the information needed to fight the disease."

Even in Arizona, with the dual system, there is disagreement between AIDS advocates and care givers.

Anne Malcy, executive director of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation said "for some it is a deterrent."

"I understand the need for accurate reporting, especially with the disease still spreading," Malcy said. "But until there is no longer a stigma attached to AIDS, and people with AIDS are assured quality health care, there will be a need for anonymous testing."

Thirty-three other states have developed HIV surveillance methods using the names of those who test positive for the virus, although the names are legally kept confidential and are not forwarded to the CDC. Four other states use some sort of code for their HIV reporting systems.



Hawaii Court Rejects

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search Council's senior director of legal studies Jan LaRue said in a statement that, "Homosexual activists contended the state's support of traditional marriage amounted to gender discrimination. But the law applies equally to men and women as well as homosexuals and heterosexuals. Just as two heterosexual men cannot marry, so two homosexual men cannot marry."

LaRue's argument is rather different from that of Hawaii Supreme Court Associate Justice Mario Ramil, who in his separate concurring opinion also took issue with the majority reading of heterosexual-only marriage as gender discrimination. In a footnote, he wrote, "In my view, the trait ... which ... distinguishes applicants for marriage is not gender, but rather sexual orientation. For example, if a male plaintiff in this case somehow changed his gender to become a woman, but remained homosexual (i.e., Lesbian), she would still be disadvantaged by the prohibition on same-sex marriage inasmuch as she would not be permitted to marry another woman. However, if that same male plaintiff somehow changed his homosexual orientation, he would not be disadvantaged ... inasmuch as he would be able to marry a female. In short [the law] disadvantages homosexuals, whether male or female, on account of their desire to enter into a marriage relationship with a person of the same sex."

Steve Sanders, who writes and teaches about Gay and Lesbian politics at Indiana University, wrote that, "The Hawaii Supreme Court chose this week to write a cautious, timid, anticlimactic closing chapter to Hawaii's nine-year struggle with the issue of legalized same-sex marriage. The court retroactively validated what it had at one time labeled unconstitutional behavior by the state when the state denied marriage licenses to same-sex couples." He also noted that the state legislature has not yet in fact followed through with enacting the amendment to the state constitution as the ballot initiative authorized, and wrote that, "this week the Hawaii Supreme Court said, in essence, 'No matter what the legislature does or does not do in the future, the people have spoken, and last year's referendum prevents us from considering the fundamental, underlying issues of whether Gay people deserve to be treated equally under the law. The court could have taken the bolder, more principled stance of saying, 'The legislature may indeed use the authority the referendum gave them ... but until that time, we stand by our previous ruling and order the state to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.' ... The cautious, narrow path the court chose to take may be in line with the 'spirit' of what the voters did when they passed the referendum, but it's not the letter of what the referendum required. The court chose to tie its own hands rather than letting the state legislature do it for them."



WAITING: PART OF CHRISTMAS PREPARATION

The lines in the stores get longer. The traffic is heavier. The list of things to do seems not to end. It's as if every step of our pace is interrupted. Time seems wasted as we wait.

There's no escaping it. We look for the shortest line at the store. We think through our route before driving it. We check of any opportunity to get ahead. There are so many things to do. Time still seems to be wasted as we wait.

The Christmas season is filled with so many good things. We give gifts to our loved ones, showing them we care. We gather with friends to celebrate, tell stories, laugh and share. We send greetings to those in distant places, including letters about the changes in our lives over this past year. We decorate our homes, offices, and

yes, even our cars, to help celebrate the season with joy. Yet, we are often frustrated, even angered, that in the midst of all our special holiday preparations, when we are forced to stop and wait.

Waiting. It's such a basic human experience. Yet, in our fast paced society, many of us find waiting a horrible experience. We want things fast: fast food, high speed Internet connections, real time communication, and instant service. We reward those most able to "multi-task" in their jobs and expect that we should all be proficient at handling many things at once. Waiting disturbs us. It doesn't fit our values, our priorities, and our expectations.

In truth, waiting is an essential human experience. It is an experience of anticipation, desire, and longing for that which satisfies us.

Think of waiting in a restaurant for a loved one to arrive. The minutes pass slowly. Time almost stands still. We wonder, tensely, about the beloved's delay. All that fades in an instant when the beloved arrives. There's a sense of relief, fulfillment, relaxation, and happiness at the

arrival of the beloved. Time is experienced in a new way.

The rhythm of waiting and fulfillment is an essential human experience. A mother waits nine months for the birth of her child; the farmer waits through the growing season for the crop to mature; we wait, hope, anticipate so many of life experiences, yet rarely learn to accept of the rhythm between waiting and fulfillment that is part of the fabric of life.

In these last days before Christmas, when you find yourself frustrated by waiting, remember that there is a lesson in the wait: the fulfillment we each seek in life isn't just about us; it is a matter of finding ourselves in the context of others. Waiting suspends our own agenda and gives us the opportunity to include others in the expectation of our own fulfillment.

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Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 a.m. Join Jim & Ed for an informational gathering about a trip to the Greek Islands in 2000. For details, please call Jim at 577-1602.

12:30 p.m., Tucson Prime Timers Luncheon at Shooters Steakhouse and Saloon, 3115 E. Prince Road (Just east of Country Club) Call 584-0280 for details.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Party held at Jerry & Les' home. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, December 16 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner/Meeting 5:00 p.m. at Doubletree Hotel - Cactus Rose Restaurant, 445 S. Alvernon Way. Call 584-0280 for details.

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4th Sunday of Advent celebrated at Water of Life MC with Christmas Caroling at 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Terry at 577-3545.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

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

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of "Go"-a movie set at Christmas time about a drug deal that goes wrong and affects many lives. This black comedy features a Gay couple who meet an amusing fate. For reservations & directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain. 10:45 pm. All are invited. Reception following the Service.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

11:00 a.m. Christmas Caroling and at Noon a Potluck Lunch at Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. There's no reason to spend the holiday alone-join your Gay family for a potluck Christmas Dinner. A traditional dinner with turkeys, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, and much more is just waiting for you. It's a fun day to spend with family and new friends. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:00 p.m. The Christmas festivities continue with our first ever Marython-six episodes of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show". For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

3. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les as they host Pinochle Night. If you're a fan of the game, this is the place to go. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll help you out. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 p.m. Worship Kickoff for the New Millennium at Water of Life MCC at 3269 N. Mountain.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Les & Jerry as they ring in the New Year by hosting Game Night. It's a safe, fun alternative. Whether it's card games or board games, you'll be able to find someone willing to have fun. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

NOTICE: Stars has closed as a Gay Establishment.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

IBT's - 9:00 p.m., Lipsync Contest and Girls Show. \$50 first place (best lipsync). Show features Lucinda Holiday, Tori Steele and Mr. Kenneth Blake.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Adrian's Country/Western Hoedown. 9:00 to close.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Latin Dance Party 9:00 to closing. Fuerza Latina 2000 Travesti Show 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

IBT's - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust to benefit IBT's Arizona Angels Softball Team. Karaoke on the Patio with Billy Dee 4:30-7:30 p.m. Then it's return of 'Male Box Nite'. Meet new friends and party too. Prizes and surprises.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Kristin's Cosmo Revue 10:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

STONEWALL/EAGLE - "Goddess" starring Mr. Kenneth Blake. 10:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - New Years celebration here begins at 8:00 p.m. Cover includes Hors d'oeuvres, First Drink, Champagne at Midnight. Party favors. DJ all night. Bring in the new Millennium at the Biz!

IBT's - Get your ticket now for IBT's Huge Millennium Party and Celebration. Reservations Required. Limited number of tickets available \$25.00 per person. Down home steak and chicken Texas Bar-B-Que served from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Hors D'Oeuvres from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Live vocals of Peter Lara and Greg Stickroth at 6:00 p.m. Direct from Palm Springs, comedian Mark Peters and Madame at 9:00 and also Go Go Dancers begin at 9:00 p.m. Party favors, champagne and a commemorative etched champagne flute to ticket holders. Get your tickets now. Limited number available.

VALENTINA'S - Celebrate here with a 'Millennium Blast'. No cover, complimentary food, champagne and favors. Toast the Millennium.

VENTURE-N - New Year's Even Fetish Ball. Bring in the Millennium with a Bang! Balloon Buster's Ball 2000. Get here early

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ HIL 9-1. Shot specials all night.
IBT's - Open 11am-1am. Happy Hour 11-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.
STONEWALL LTD. - Open Noon. Special drink prices Noon til 7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm til close.
VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. \$1.25 Tomato Juice Cocktails, Boleto-makers. Beer Bust. BBQ and Drink Specials. Football on big screen.
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Boss Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. Check in with bartender.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. \$1.50 Well & mid-night.
IBT's - Open 10am. Martini Monday all day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well and domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm to closing. \$1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Karaoke Billy Dee 7:00-9:30pm Retro 60's dance 9:30pm to closing. All drink specials not available during special events.
STONEWALL LTD. - Open Noon. Happy Hour Prices til 7pm.
VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Football on big screen. Food & Drink Specials.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Blue Monday! \$2 Well and Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Sky's shot \$2 (w/ice \$2.25). Dart Tournament 8pm
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close following Football. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1 longnecks for pool players. Funky disco w/DJ Starskoo & DJ Butta Fly 9-1.
IBT's - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. 9 pm to close \$1.75 well. Wear an IBT's T-shirt get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. House Hi-Nergy Dance 9pm to closing.
STONEWALL LTD. - Open Noon. Happy Hour Prices til 7pm.
VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$2 Well drinks and longnecks 6am-12:30pm; Makers Mark \$2 shot. 1st Tuesday TKO Spaghetti Feed
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Sky's the limit \$2.25

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Free Pool 2-4. \$1.50 Longnecks 8-midnight. Dance with DJ Stephanie 9-close.
IBT's - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am to 4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. \$1.75 Bud Products 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.
STONEWALL LTD. - Open Noon. Special drink prices noon til 7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm til close.
VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7pm: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Free Pool 9pm-12:45am. Dance Mix.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Salsa Morning! \$2 Well & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm. Cueno Gold \$2 and Cueno 1800 \$2.25 Open to close. Western Nite Drink specials if in Cowboy attire.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Melissa 9pm to close. W/creamy cowgirls & \$2.50 Tequila Rose.
IBT's - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 Well & domestic 4-9. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 well and \$1.75 domestic beer to those in their underwear (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.
STONEWALL LTD. - Open Noon. Happy Hour Prices til 7pm.
VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Free Pool 9pm-12:45am. Dance Mix.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am \$2 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Patio Bar open 8pm. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. \$3 entry. Hides Leather shop opens at 8pm
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/DJ HIL Drink specials every 1/2 hour
IBT's - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Tracey 5:30-8:30pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.
STONEWALL LTD. - Open Noon. Happy Hour Prices til 7pm.
VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Variety Dance Mix.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$2 Well & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm Snacks served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 8pm. Hides Leather Store opens 8pm.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm Martini Party - Well Martinis \$2. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 5:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. Dance music w/DJ HIL 9-close. Drink specials every half hour.
IBT's - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Patio bar 9-1. Dance 9-1. All drink specials not available during special events.
STONEWALL LTD. - Open Noon. Happy Hour Prices til 7pm.
VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic. Drag Shows. Dance.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ drafts, \$1.50 pitchers. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm. Cricket Dart Tournament 9pm
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

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SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere.

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LESBIAN SOCIAL DISCUSSION GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7 to 9:30 pm. Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Come Chat!

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX. For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 327-5655. Leave message.

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

ATTENTION ALL NUOISTS - 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.

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month.

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

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Effic 581-8250 or Room 968-2384.

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

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

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8018 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Desert Girls (MTF) 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 624-1779 for more info. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.soi.com/sagasmail

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

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

GAY MORMON, EX-MORMON. New support and discussion group. For information call 529-4580

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

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-8768.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9458 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adriana at 889-7298.

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

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Army Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-8882.

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NOTICES

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.

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

GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL VETERANS meet at Wingspan every fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more info call Miguel Guzman, 889-4078 or pager 446-5123.

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6624.

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - FORMING CHAPTER FOR GAY/LESBIAN LUTHERANS. White LC, 7014 E. Gold Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS: Confidential individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual or Trans men who are victims/survivors of domestic violence. For more information call 824-0348 (24-hour line)

GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDERED Young Adults Support Group for people ages 20 to 30 meets for sharing, support and information. Meetings are every Saturday from 11am to 12:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779.

GAY SUICIDE PREVENTION. P.O. Box 64665, Tucson, AZ 85718-9998. Tele 520-577-3760, 1-888-774-9200, Fax 520-577-7443

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us! Call 881-1369 to audition. 817-3100 for more info.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucsonwide Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #385, 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 890-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact. Mary 770-9970 or Burtie 318-3415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6647.

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet every Sunday morning and some weeknights for fun runs. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555 or e-mail mandmtuaz@worldnet.att.net

P.F.L.A.B. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 38264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY? GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for chatting, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

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

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

NOTICES

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

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

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

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 628-7223.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

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

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

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

TITHAN, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contact: 325-6878 or 327-4293.

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

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

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9920, Ext. 448 or Edmett 322-8057 (eveben@ix.netcom.com)

PERSONALS

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ATTENTION - ATTENTION Si eres hombre que tiene sexo con otros hombres y quieres ayudarnos a extender y apoyar los programas para Los Latinos, llama para una entrevista estrictamente confidencial al 628-7223, ext. 248 y pregunta por Ernesto. 805

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