

## Vermont House Approves Civil Union Bill

MONTPELIER, VT (NP) - Without a single vote to spare, the Vermont House of Representatives on March 16 approved a bill to extend all the benefits and responsibilities of marriage within the state's power to Gay and Lesbian couples.

There's believed to be majority support in the 30-member state Senate that will next take up the bill, and Governor Howard Dean (D) has promised to sign it. Vermont will then have made a quantum leap beyond any other state in the union in recognizing same-gender couples, although more than 1,000 federal benefits will still be out of reach. The legislature is acting in response to a December ruling by the Vermont Supreme Court that denying the benefits of marriage to Gay and Lesbian couples violates the state constitution's Equal Benefits clause.

There are 150 members in the Vermont House, and the final vote was 76 - 69, the minimum number of "yeas" for passage. The preliminary vote taken after a marathon debate on March 15 had been 79 - 68 (with two absences). When debate began that morning, only a dozen Representatives were undecided and both the supporters and the opponents of civil unions believed they had a good chance of prevailing. In the preliminary vote, 59 Democrats, 15 Republicans, 4 Progressives and one Independent voted yes, while 16 Democrats, 51 Republicans, no Progressives and one Independent voted no.

On both days, the chamber was filled to overflowing with spectators who signaled their positions with badges: pink for civil unions, white against them. The Vermont Freedom to Marry Coalition maintained a vigil of more than 100 people outside, singing, and cheering when the votes were announced.

The House Judiciary Committee charged with drafting a bill in response to the high court ruling provides for three kinds of relationships. One is marriage, reserved for heterosexual couples by state law; the preamble to the bill repeated that restriction, and one amendment that passed on March 15 added its restatement to the body text as well. The second is "civil unions" for same-gender couples, which are equivalent to marriage in every way the state can provide; that means changing some 400 statutory references to "marriage" and "spouse" to add "or partner in a civil union," in order to offer some 300 benefits and responsibilities. From buying a license to divorcing in family court, civil unions are like marriage. The third category is "reciprocal beneficiaries," providing some very limited benefits to other kinds of couples who live together but cannot legally marry, such as blood relatives.

No substantive amendments were reported to have been adopted on March 15;

detailed reports for March 16 were not available at press time. One amendment proposed by Representatives Dean Corren (Progressive-Burlington) and David Deen (D-Westminster) would have extended the marriage law to include Gays and Lesbians; it was defeated 125 - 22. Another failed proposal would have amended the civil unions bill to include a prohibition against legal recognition of same-gender marriages another state may someday perform. An amendment to extend civil unions to "domestic units" including all pairs who cannot legally marry was defeated 118 - 29. A proposal to put questions before voters on the November ballot failed 91 - 56; another to hold a constitutional convention on the issue was defeated 103 - 45.

One of the great highlights of the debate was Gay Representative William Lippert's (D-Hinesburg) impassioned effort on March 15 to "put a face" on the issue by describing the rewards of his own relationship and the way he'd seen other men care for their partners through the AIDS epidemic. "I've had the privilege of developing a deep, devoted, loving, caring relationship with another man," he began. "Gay and Lesbian people, Gay and Lesbian couples, deserve not only rights, they deserve to be celebrated. Our lives, in the midst of historical prejudice and discrimination, are, in my view, in some way miracles. ... The goodness of Gay and Lesbian people, Gay and Lesbian couples, is a triumph against discrimination and prejudice. We deserve to be welcomed because, in fact, we are your neighbors, your friends, indeed, we are your family." He closed saying, "Don't tell me about what a committed relationship is and isn't. I've watched my Gay brothers care for each other. There is no love and no commitment greater than what I've seen and what I've known."

When Lippert had finished, conservative Representative Robert Kinsey (R-Craftsbury) instantly rose to call it "the greatest speech I've heard in my 30 years," and to add, "That's why I'm glad to be a friend of the member from Hinesburg and that's why I'm glad to be on his side."

Another personal note was struck by Representative Mary Mazzariello (D-Rutland City), who explained that her two daughters "did not choose to be different. Their pain and their inability to fit the mold has been our pain as well. ... Please help to remove the stigma. Make Vermont a leader in the preservation of family life."

Many Representatives struggled with conflicts between the wishes of their constituencies, their oath to uphold the state constitution, and their deeply held personal beliefs. Representative Dianne Carmolli (D-Rutland City), a supporter of civil unions, grew teary at opposing the position of the state leader of her Roman Catholic

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## Gay Community Joins In Tucson Celebration Of St. Patrick's Day



TUCSON - On Friday, March 17, Tucson celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a large parade through the downtown area. The Gay and Lesbian community was invited to participate in the festivities and was well represented to the thousands of onlookers by the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) as well as the Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), both entrants are shown above. The parade ended at Armory Park for a Festival that included music, dancing and other Irish-oriented entertainment.

## 'Dr.' Laura Recants; Protest Held

LOS ANGELES, CA (NP) - Several hundred demonstrators let the television studio know that the real "error" would be spreading disinformation about Gays and Lesbians.

The movement protesting Paramount Television Group's plans for a syndicated television show by top-rated radio talk show host "Dr. Laura" Schlessinger demonstrated a physical presence - beyond its myriad e-mails, faxes, phone calls, Web site, and print ads - outside Paramount's Hollywood studios on March 21. Their numbers were variously reported at 200, 400 and 500, while counterdemonstrators across the street were said to number "about two dozen" by some sources and as many as 75 by others. Schlessinger believes homosexual acts are immoral and "deviant," that same-gender attractions are the result of a "biological error," that so-called "reparative therapies" are effective in changing homosexual orientation, and that many Gay men are predatory pedophiles.

Demonstrators chanted, "No show, no show" and carried placards including "I am not a biological error" and "Hate is a Paramount concern." The protest was organized by StopDrLaura.com, HateWatch.org and the Horizons Foundation. The StopDrLaura.com Web site has received more than seven million "hits" in its less than three weeks of existence, and its current offerings include a "virtual vigil" for those who would like to have been part of the Paramount Protest but were unable to attend.

Paramount issued a statement essentially repeating its March 10 communique, that, "we are committed to presenting society's moral and ethical issues without creating or contributing to an environment of hurt, hate or intolerance."

Some of the protesters were Paramount employees, including the demonstration's lead-off speaker David Lee, co-crea-

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# UPDATE

## G/L Film Festival Calls For New Members

TUCSON - The first meeting of the 2000 Wingspan Lesbian and Gay Film Festival committee will be at noon, Saturday, April 1, at Wingspan, 300 E. Sixth Street.

This meeting will be welcoming new members to the committee as well as outline some new directions and discuss ideas for the upcoming festival which will take place in late October.

Last year's "Homovision" festival, included the first time ever sold out attendance at "The Loft" of the film, "Better Than Chocolate," in addition to the Arizona premiere of "Beefcake." This year's the festival is co-chaired by Michael J. Shoel and Karen Shields, both committee members on previous festivals.

The committee is looking for help with: film submission/selection, venue search, hospitality, grant information and application, promotion/PR, and other general assistance. Both the co-chairs stated that having been volunteers in previous years, they were amazed at all the positive feedback we received from individuals in the community regarding the festival. According to both, this is a great opportunity to have a lot of fun and give back to the community at the same time.

People who are interested in working on the film festival in any capacity are encouraged to contact Karen, (520) 322-6742 or Michael, (520) 743-1925.

## Tucson IRS Has Answers To Your Problems March 23

PHOENIX - If you've got questions about payment plans, an IRS letter you've received or an unresolved tax issue, the IRS is here to help! The Tucson IRS office, located at 300 West Congress, invites you to "Problem Solving Day!"

The Tucson IRS office will host this community service event on Thursday, March 23, 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. IRS specialists will help you resolve your tax concerns. They can cut through the red tape and fix tax problems, such as payments posted to the wrong account or finding a missing refund check. The office will be fully staff-

ed to meet taxpayers' needs, including bilingual help.

"Problem Solving Day is a great opportunity for our customers. We provide personal service to help you resolve your tax concerns. Customers meet face-to-face with our employees, who are empowered to expedite resolution," said District Director James J. Walsh.

Appointments are recommended, but aren't necessary. By scheduling an appointment, IRS personnel can research your account and compile all available information. By appointment time, your tax problem is already on its way to resolution. Don't miss this opportunity! Simply make an appointment by calling (520) 670-4675, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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## IN MEMORIAM

CHUCK ENNETT  
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Friends of Chuck will be sorry to hear of his passing this past Monday of cancer. He and Ray Lavallee were partners for over 31 years.

Chuck was a native Arizonan having been born in Bisbee and moved to Tucson where he graduated from Catalina High School.

Both Chuck and Ray worked as volunteers at the Veterans Hospital. Ray recalls the numerous times that Chuck worked many extra hours caring for others ignoring his own ailments. One time he took a veterans wife into his home after her husband was admitted to the hospital and she had no place to go. His concern and empathy for others was his passion.

No memorial service as been planned as of this date.

"I love you, Ray"

## 'Lush Life' March 25-26

TUCSON - Desert Voices presents Lush Life: The Music of Billy Strayhorn on Saturday, March 25 at 8:00 p.m. at Sunday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m.. This Broadway-style musical revue features singers, dancers, a band, and an actor and will take place at Pima West's Proscenium Theatre.

This first-ever choral tribute to Strayhorn is timely, given the recent no-smoking ad campaign on television and print, and an upcoming Hollywood movie being made of his life. Though Strayhorn died in 1967, his musical legacy grows larger with each passing year. Thanks, in part, goes to David Hajdu, who wrote an incredible biography of him in 1996.

The chorus will present several of Strayhorn's tunes, including Take The "A" Train, Something to Live For and Lush Life. The chorus will also present lesser known tunes like Maybe, written for his dearest friend Lena Horne, and My Little Brown Book, taken from a musical he wrote in high school.

"We've had a great time putting together this show," says Artistic Director Keith A. Koster. "The music is incredible! And the arrangements that were created for us have been fun to learn." Singer Marylee Pangman stated, "I never realized that he wrote such beautiful music. This is a concert you won't want to miss!" Los Angeles arranger Glenn Carlos was hired to create the original arrangements. Desert Voices Principal Accompanist Chris Tackett has arranged the band charts.

The chorus will be accompanied by an eight-piece band. Small groups Alegria, Una Voz, and Four Brothers will also appear. Local actor Walter Belcher will appear as Strayhorn, and share moments of his life taken from the biography. The chorus will also pay tribute to two other Gay African-American men, Langston Hughes and Marlon Riggs.

Tickets are going fast! Reserve yours by calling the chorus hotline at (520) 791-9662 or pick them up at Antigone Books, Tucson Trunk and our newest ticket outlet, Circa, at 3258 E. Grant Road. Tickets are \$10/12 in advance, and \$15 at the door. Group ticket packages are also available.

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# Lush Life

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tor and executive producer of the NBC hit sitcom "Frasier." He said, "I'm here because something I've worked for during the past 15 years has betrayed me." He charged that Paramount executives were "behaving ... irresponsibly by giving a platform to a woman who is hurting the Gay community, literally." Lee said that he had joined the protest movement only after his efforts to talk with Paramount executives failed. He declared that, "It is outrageous that Paramount chooses to be in business with a woman who is literally dangerous to the Gay community. She may not have a club in her hand but she encourages an atmosphere where those who do wield weapons feel free to use them."

of Boston-based Hatewatch.org, a civil rights group monitoring hate groups, said of Schlessinger, "We are in no way trying to prevent her from exercising her freedoms, but we believe that people should know what she is saying and respond accordingly."

Even GLAAD, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, left the suites for the streets on this one, with its executive director Joan Garry — herself a former TV executive — in the lineup of rally speakers. When Paramount's plans were announced last month, GLAAD entered into negotiations with studio executives, hoping to achieve some "balance" in the TV show, so that Schlessinger's opinions and the suspect right-wing research she's cited to buttress them would not be the only information offered about Gays and Lesbians.

Peter Tengue, executive director of the San Francisco-based Horizons Foundation, said, "It is now up to Paramount to mitigate the damage Dr. Laura causes and refuses to acknowledge by shelving the ill-conceived concept of a 'Dr. Laura' TV program."

What turned GLAAD from this patient approach which has so often been successful for the group was Schlessinger's apparent recantation of her March 10 "clarification," which many described as an apology. A column by conservative Don Feder in the March 15 "Boston Herald" said, "On Friday, Schlessinger issued a statement regretting 'words I've used' that have 'hurt some people.' This is a clarification, she told me, not an apology. She will continue to recommend reparative therapy (for homosexuals who want to change), to oppose same-sex marriage and adoption, and champion Judeo-Christian sexual ethics." At that point, GLAAD executive director Joan Garry issued a statement that, "This disavowal of her own words demonstrates that Schlessinger cannot be held accountable for what she says publicly. Because she has breached the integrity of her own statement, GLAAD now has no assurance that Schlessinger will not publicly defame Lesbians and Gay men in her radio or upcoming television broadcasts. GLAAD now calls upon Paramount to... [abandon] its plans to produce and distribute any program featuring Laura Schlessinger."

West Hollywood City Councilmember Steve Martin read his Council's March 20 resolution saying, "Let it be resolved that the City of West Hollywood condemns Paramount Studios for its part in spreading Dr. Schlessinger's message of hate by giving her a wider forum from which she can shamelessly attack a minority community."

Another speaker was high-profile attorney and Los Angeles radio talk show host Gloria Allred, who told CBS News, "If this minority can be humiliated and scapegoated and subjected to stereotypes and false statements about them, can any minority feel safe?"

Similarly, Lesbian event producer and StopDrLaura.com co-founder Robin Tyler told the crowd, "Paramount would never give a TV show to a host that called any other minority 'biological errors.'" Noting that two years before the sitcom "The Secret Diary of Desmond Pfeiffer" had been cancelled in the face of protests of its portrayals of African-Americans, Tyler said, "We demand equal respect, not a double standard!" She said, "Although we believe in freedom of speech, we do not believe there is a constitutional right entitling people to a syndicated television show." Should Paramount proceed with its plans, she promised, "We intend to go after sponsors. We intend to go after local affiliates carrying this show."

Other rally speakers included Rabbi Denise Eger of the Gay-affirming Congregation Kol Ami; African-American sexologist Dr. Sylvia Rhue; Reverend Troy Perry, moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches; and representatives of the national Human Rights Campaign, the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center, the statewide lobby group California Alliance for Pride and Equality (CAPE), and the Los Angeles chapter of Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG).

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Newsweek makes Gays the special of the day: The March 20 issue of Newsweek features a 15-page special report, "Gay Today," that looks at current concerns of the Lesbian and Gay community other than AIDS. Concentrating on the topics of politics, family, schools, the military and the church, Newsweek calls the issues "S these intimate battles, the home fires, that have become the fires."

After the opening article covers the general climate for Lesbians and Gay men, "Gay Today: The Family" profiles Teresa Williams, Jo Deutsch and their two children. The article rightly portrays the women's family as not so different from any other. "Gay Today: The Schools" looks at the growth of Gay-Straight Alliances in high schools and the opposition that goes hand-in-hand with these attempts to provide Lesbian and Gay students with a support group. "Gay Today: The Military" presents the story of "Reggie" and "Billy," two Airmen whose careers ended when their relationship was revealed; and Arizona state Rep. Steve May, currently under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" investigation. "Gay Today: The Church" focuses on a Lesbian couple finding acceptance at Fellowship United Methodist and Rev. Dr. Leanne M. Tigert, who runs a counseling

center to support Gay Christians. Sidebars include the ongoing controversy about Laura Schlessinger's upcoming television show, James Dale's discrimination lawsuit against the Boy Scouts of America and Megan Smith, CEO of PlanetOut.com

The value of this type of positive placement in a general-audience magazine such as Newsweek cannot be underestimated. Political analysts say the way to equal rights for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community is through people who take a middle-ground position on social issues. Because this type of pro-LGBT coverage always prompts those opposed to the community to write angry and negative letters to publications, be sure to send Newsweek a letter of thanks for providing the "moveable middle" with more information to understand our community and ultimately support it.

Contact: Ann McDaniel, Managing Editor, Newsweek, 251 West 57th Street, New York, N.Y. 10019; fax: 212-445-5068; e-mail: letters@newsweek.com.

[The GLAAD Bulletin is the activation tool of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.]

## Editorial Boards Weigh In On Vermont Vote

NEW YORK, NY (WS) - The Vermont House's endorsement of civil union was splashed across the front pages and talked about in the editorial pages of every major newspaper in the country.

Though there were predictable slams against the idea of same-sex civil union from conservative publications like the Washington Times, most mainstream newspapers voiced solid support for Vermont's decision.

"The question of Gay unions," says the Washington Post, "is first and foremost one of tolerance and basic rights. At present, Gay partners may share love and life for years but suffer officially imposed indignities that heterosexual couples would find intolerable..."

"We are still in the early stages of a long debate, as society gradually comes to terms with an open acceptance of Gays, and history may judge Thursday's vote in the Vermont House to have been a relatively small step," say the Post's editors. "But it will be judged, we think, to have been a healthy one."

The editorial board of the Arizona Daily Star called the decision "a reasonable and fair compromise," saying that the fact that it is called something else besides "marriage" should please opponents.

"This is the probably the best solution possible to an emotional, important debate that strains the bounds of Ameri-

cans, tolerance and respect for each other," said the Daily Star's editors. "It is a civil solution that should be embraced alike by proponents and opponents of Gay marriages."

The Minneapolis Star Tribune said unequivocally that the core issue was equal rights for all citizens. "Not special rights for people who are fundamentally different from everyone else, not special rights for people who choose an "alternative lifestyle," but equal civil rights for beloved brothers, kind neighbors and devoted aunts who learned at some point in life that they were different from the majority in one aspect of life."

Referring to the recent endorsement of California's Proposition 22, the editors of the San Francisco Chronicle said state residents don't have to agree on the merits of same-sex marriage for lawmakers in California to do the right thing. "If Gay unions are recognized by law, religious groups would decide whether to let their ministers perform the ceremony. Individuals would decide whether to throw rice or scorn. People who think same-sex love is immoral could go right on thinking that."

"The question is whether the state of California should enforce intolerance by denying committed Gay couples the civil rights and responsibilities given to committed heterosexual couples," the Chronicle said.

The New York Times editorial board, called the Vermont decision an imperfect but crucial step forward. "It sensibly promotes the security and stability of Gay families. In time, Vermont's example will show the rest of the country that same sex unions are not a threat to traditional marriage and deserve the name of marriage as well as the law's full protection."

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### United Airlines Tries To Win Back G/L Customers

CHICAGO, IL (WS) - Relations between United Airlines and the Gay and Lesbian community have been sorely strained since the airline filed suit against San Francisco in an attempt to exempt itself from the city's landmark domestic partnership law.

The lawsuit prompted a community boycott that lasted the better part of two years. When the presiding judge in the case gave a split decision in the case (both sides claimed victory) United surprised everyone by adopting sweeping new benefits policies for its Gay and Lesbian employees.

Since the end of that dispute, the airline has made a concerted effort to win back the support of its Gay customers. Indeed, United was trying to position itself as the "official airline" for the community. "Without a doubt, that's definitely the goal," said Mario Baldessari, co-director of United's marketing effort to reach Gays.

For several years, American Airlines has sought to exploit United's weaknesses with Gay people and position itself as the community alternative. American was so successful in this effort, it came under heavy attack from Southern Baptists and other religious conservatives.

Industry sources say that airlines and other travel-related industries are willing to take the self-righteous wrath of conservatives because the Gay travel market is so lucrative. A study conducted by San Francisco-based Community Marketing found that 85 percent of Gays and Lesbians surveyed took a vacation in 1999, compared with the national average of 64 percent. And 45 percent of those surveyed made

overseas trips, compared with 9 percent overall.

Though United is sure to make headway in its efforts to reestablish good relations with its Gay customers, it has a ways to go before unseating American, says activist Jeff Sheehy, who assumed a leadership role in the United boycott. Though he has flown twice with United since the end of the boycott, he thinks American still has greater pull.

American Airlines "took more heat from the religious right for supporting the community," he said, referring to calls that American end its sponsorship of Gay events. "So even though United was the first to give the benefits, American really has been there for us."

American has had a division aimed at marketing to the Gay community - called the Rainbow TeAAm - for six years, winning business from such heavy-hitting Gay organizations as the Human Rights Campaign. United established its Gay and Lesbian marketing team the same year the boycott started and has its own growing list of "official airline" sponsorships, backing the AIDS Project Los Angeles and the Gay Games in Chicago in 2006.

Aware of United's efforts to win favor, American officials said they hope Gay travelers will remember their record with the community. Tim Kincaid, an American spokesman said, "As we say here in Texas, we hope they remember to 'dance with the one who bring 'em.'"

### Anti-G/L Adoption Bill Dies In Mississippi

JACKSON, MS (WS) - In what opponents of the bill call an enormous victory for children in Mississippi and across the country, a sweeping anti-Gay adoption bill died in the Mississippi State House. Civil rights advocates said there is no way the bill can be revived this year.

The bill would have banned Gay and Lesbian couples from adopting children, and - in an unusually sweeping provision - also would have forbidden the state of Mississippi from recognizing Lesbian and Gay adoptions granted by courts in other states.

"This bill was unconstitutional, through and through," said David Ingebretsen, Executive Director of the ACLU of Mississippi. "Had it passed, it would have been struck down in federal court. But it also would have sent a dangerous message, which is why we're particularly pleased with this victory."

Beginning one week ago, the Mississippi American Civil Liberties Union pulled together members and volunteers of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and other groups - along with Lesbian and Gay community centers and other local organizations nationwide - to launch the "Phone Home for Families" campaign.

The action urged former Mississippi residents to call Mississippi State House members who represented their former districts. Current residents also called representatives, telling them that a vote for the anti-adoption bill would be a vote against children.

"The response to this campaign was amazing," said Matt Coles, Director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "Coalition groups came on board, people nationwide spread the word to their

friends and families, the online Gay community mobilized and the result is clear - fairness prevailed in Mississippi today."

Former Mississippi residents in Washington state, Texas, Massachusetts, Kentucky, California and elsewhere contacted Mississippi House members.

Faculty and students at local universities organized against the bill, mobilizing people in every area of Mississippi to call their representatives, said rights advocates running the Phone Home campaign.

"We are grateful beyond measure for the support and strength we have received from around this state - and throughout America," Ingebretsen said. "This is a good day for the children of Mississippi, and for Lesbians and Gay men nationwide."

### Civil Union Bill

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Church, and commented, "I say this with a heavy heart. I feel this is the first time the Church has turned its back on families - on children and families."

Representative Nancy Sheltra (R-Derby), a leader in opposing civil unions, was just as sincere in saying, "I truly feel sorry for the state of Vermont. We're really putting ourselves in a dangerous position of judgment from the Almighty God."

Governor Dean, who was lobbying heavily for civil unions throughout the proceedings, told people that the bill would have no impact at all on 97% of Vermonters. But Representative George Allard (D-St. Albans Town) said, "If this passes it will mark the beginning of the end of life in Vermont as I have known it for 56 years."

Time will tell which was correct.

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# AHRF Tucson Event A Success Rep. Herschella Horton Honored

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laws to include same-sex couples.

TUCSON (ON) - More than 70 people braved the loss of the University of Arizona men's basketball team to attend the annual Arizona Human Right's Fund (AHRF), Tucson chapter event, held at the DeConcini/McDonald law office, Saturday, March 18.

Present were several elected officials, including: U.S. Representative Jim Kolbe, R-CD 5, State Representative Andy Nichols, D-District 13, and Tucson City Councilmember, Fred Ronstadt, R-Ward 6.

Several candidates attended the event too, including: Deputy Pima County Attorney, Mary Judge Ryan, running for the Democratic nomination to challenge the Jim Kolbe for the CD 5 seat, Howard Shore, running for the state House (District 13), and Jesse George, the openly Gay chair of the Pima County Democratic Party and seeking the Pima County Treasurer's post.

For the Tucson chapter of the state's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) rights group, it was more than just a get-together.

She has been a constant supporter of legislation to repeal Arizona's archaic, blue laws, including the cohabitation and sodomy statutes.

In 1999, Herschella helped to lead the battle against Representative, Karen Johnson, R-Mesa, efforts to kill the City of Tucson's, and Pima County government's extension of benefits, to the domestic partners of their employees.

In addition to her legislative work, Horton has been a constant supporter of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), and the AIDS Service Organization's prior to the formation of SAAF. Not with lip service, by participating in events and raising money. Always there to participate in the annual AIDS Walk.

She has participated and spoke at Tucson's vigils, marches, rallies, and benefits. Horton always attends Tucson's Pride events, both in June and October, and not just for the votes, but to meet with people, from her district and from outside, since she doesn't take the "fiefdom" attitude, every Arizonan is a constituent to her.

Colette Barajas, openly Lesbian candidate for the Democratic nomination for the state House of Representatives (District 13), presented the award to Horton. Barajas said she "watched and admired Horton over the ten years she has served in the House and hopes to follow in her footsteps in serving her constituents as Horton continues to do."

After a thunderous ovation, an overjoyed Horton thanked the crowd and stated the award meant a lot to her. "People are people, black, white, male, female," she said about her core beliefs. "If we are all one, how can I hate you."

In addition to honoring Horton, Amelia Craig Cramer, Tucson attorney and board member, also talked about the group's efforts lobbying the Arizona legislature to repeal the archaic laws, expanding the protection of same-sex couples under the domestic violence provisions, repeal language restricting what can be taught in schools about HIV/AIDS, and prevent the repeal of Arizona cities and counties' ability to extend medical benefits to the domestic partners of their employees.

Afterward, Cramer said she was very pleased with the turnout and the increase in new members to the group. She added that she was very moved by Herschella Horton's address accepted AHRF's award.

If individuals wish to join AHRF, they need to send a check, made out to the Arizona Human Rights Fund, (minimum \$15), to AHRF, P.O. Box 25044, Phoenix, AZ 85002-5044.



Rep. Herschella Horton

State Representative Herschella Horton, D-Tucson was honored with an award for her service to the GLBT community. During the nearly ten years she has been in office:

Herschella introduced and cosponsored legislation to: create an HIV pilot education program, to teach the state's future about HIV/AIDS, and ending limitations what can be said about the disease in public schools.

Horton fought against the efforts, to strip away the rights of those living with HIV/AIDS, or wanting to be tested for the disease. She helped to protect the tenants of the Omnibus AIDS Act, passed in 1990. She took charge of the floor fight in 1998 against a bill that would have required the reporting in a patient's medical record of getting an HIV test and ending the pretest counseling.

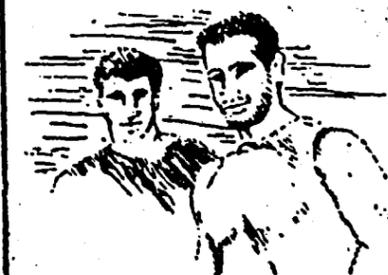
The Tucson representative helped to kill a measure that would have required medical records being turned over to a third party, if the third party had been bled on, or had fluids from a victim get on their personage.

She fought for Governor Hull's proposal of \$1.7-million, for the state's AIDS Drug Assistance Program, in the 1999-2000 budget.

In 1997, Herschella helped to get the state's Hate Crimes Act passed in the House, during a late-night battle on the House floor.

Horton has tried to amend the language in Arizona's domestic violence

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## Columna Abierta by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

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todo, el derecho de un trato digno. Llega a tanto esto que incluso a los trabajadores de la salud que atienden estos pacientes con SIDA también se les llega a discriminar, la gente opina que; "algo anda mal, donde le gusta atender a estos pacientes."

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

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### LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS

EDITOR: A big heartfelt thanks to Stella Virgin for thinking of Gay Men's Health Project and Condom Brigade as part of her Ms. Carousel title.

Stella Virgin, Faith Michael's, Jance' Starr, Kitty McCain and Lissett put on a fabulous show at Valentina's Sunday night and raised \$110 toward Condom Brigade. Condom Brigade puts condoms and lube in all the Gay bars in Tucson and exists through grassroots volunteerism and fund raising from the community.

Since January 1, 2000, Condom Brigade has distributed 6,455 condom packets in Tucson. Each packet contains two condoms and one tube of lube. The money raised at this show helps GMHP keep up with the demand. Thanks again to Stella and the other performers for taking the time to help. It was greatly appreciated!

Scott A. Davey  
GMHP Coordinator

### ATTENTION ARIZONA G/L GAS CONSUMERS:

This letter was sent to me via E-mail and I'm passing it on to you:

Gas Out #2. Last year on April 30, 1999, a gas out was staged across America to bring the price of gas down, and it worked. It's time to do something about it again.

Only this time, let's make it for three days instead of just one.

The so-called oil cartel decided to slow production to drive up gasoline prices. Let's see how many American people we can get to band together for a three-day period in April, not to buy gasoline. Let's have a gas out!

Do not buy gasoline from April 7-9, 2000. Buy what you need before the dates listed above, or after, but try not to buy any during the gas out. We brought the prices down once before, and we can do it again. Come on America, let's stand together and make a difference!

Thank you for your help,  
Larry Moore  
a.k.a. Lucinda Holliday

Y entrando ya en el tema que quiero compartir con usted apreciable lector el artículo que me ha puesto a pensar bastante, ya que es una realidad que ya había comentado hace algunos años, creo que cerca de cinco años para ser exacto; y hasta el pasado viernes 3 de marzo el semanario "El Clarín" de Agua Prieta, de aquella población fronteriza lo ha hecho a ocho columnas: Detectan 20 casos de SIDA, lo cual fué advertido por el médico coordinador de los servicios médicos de la Secretaría de Salud de la mencionada comunidad fronteriza. EIDr. Gámez menciona: "Hay un grave problema de prostitución que se ejerce sin ningún control en todos los centros nocturnos de Agua Prieta, creando un peligro eminente de contagio cada vez que se tienen relaciones sexuales sin protección, fuera del matrimonio y sin tomar las precauciones debidas..." "Actualmente están registrados 20 casos de SIDA, de los cuales siete son seropositivos o asintomáticos"... "También hay riesgos de adquirir otros padecimientos severos como la tuberculosis, lepra y otras enfermedades de transmisión sexual..."

Mi comentario al respecto es: La región fronteriza México-Estados Unidos se caracteriza por su desarrollo paradójico. Ha habido un gran crecimiento en la región fronteriza en cuanto a población y producción económica. Este crecimiento está directamente relacionado con la deterioración del medio ambiente y la sobre población. En un día común y corriente aproximadamente 2 millones de personas hacen filas en 24 estaciones aduanales para cruzar la frontera México Estados Unidos en ambas direcciones. El crecimiento de la población se ha incrementado dramáticamente en los últimos años, sobre todo en la región fronteriza se calcula un incremento de 3.2 millones a 4.6 millones; en el lado de los Estados Unidos el cambio ha sido menos dramático pero aún significativo. Por lo tanto han surgido problemas a medida que la gente se congrega en áreas que no están preparadas con una infraestructura ambiental y de salud pública suficiente. El resultado ha sido la creación de condiciones de vida inaceptables para gran número de gente que vive en ambos lados de la frontera. La infección por el virus de la inmunodeficiencia humana (VIH) ha sido un grave problema de salud pública en la última década en todo el mundo; en el área de la frontera de México y los Estados Unidos el SIDA presenta características peculiares porque su frecuencia es particularmente elevada; situación influenciada por el intenso movimiento migratorio y otros factores

La posición del SIDA como causa de muerte, enfermedad, orfandad y gastos médicos es cada vez más notable y los recursos para su prevención así como para la atención de los afectados es notoriamente insuficientes; cabe mencionar la violación a los derechos humanos que constantemente son violados por temor o por ignorancia. Desgraciadamente seguimos siendo informados sobre la actitud de rechazo hacia los enfermos de SIDA que atenta contra los derechos humanos de las personas. De cómo frecuentemente, se viola la confidencialidad, el derecho a la información que tiene el enfermo y sobre

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Twas another night at West Washington, and throughout the "house," not a creature was stirring, not even a louse, or Speaker Jeff Groscost.

With the race to end the session on March 31, the Arizona Legislature is going full speed ahead and damn the local ordinances - especially Tucson's billboard and gun control laws.

It's been quiet during this session of the Arizona Legislature. It hasn't been the case though in other parts of the country. Just being Gay in the U.S.A. depends what state legislature you're dealing with:

With the success of California's Knight Initiative and the campaign in Nevada to ban recognition of same-sex marriages via the ballot box. Colorado's Republican-dominated legislature is trying to join the fun - Gay and Lesbian bashing for fun, profit and votes!

The Colorado Senate State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee passed a bill to deny legal recognition to same-gender marriages another state may someday perform, with a 5 - 4 vote along party lines (Republicans for and Democrats against). Colorado marriages are already restricted to heterosexual couples. The so-called "Bill to Strengthen the Marriage Relationship" will next move to the full Senate, which already passed a similar measure earlier this month.

In the land of cheese, "Laverne & Shirley," and bigots like Reggie White, Wisconsin, the first of the United States to prohibit sexual orientation discrimination, a bill to deny legal recognition to same-gender marriages another state may someday perform was the subject of hearings by a state Assembly Committee.

A similar measure failed in 1997, and this measure is clearly an election year ploy designed to pander to those who feel they still have a right to discriminate and need a target. Wisconsin marriages are already restricted by law to heterosexual couples. Sound familiar?

The author of this proposal, State Representative Mark Gundrum, posed the question as, "Does marriage mean something to our society or not?" Some witnesses cited heterosexual marriage as what God intended. A witness Patrick Flaherty, co-chair of the Domestic Partnership Task Force that recently won a long-sought domestic partners registry in Milwaukee, told the Committee that, "I'm proud to have grown up in Wisconsin because our state is much better than others at avoiding the intrusion of government into polarizing social issues, like the private, committed relationships of its citizens." Flaherty warned that passage could mean lawsuits for governments and businesses extending benefits to unmarried domestic partners.

More than 100 people spoke or registered their agreement with Flaherty at the hearing, including the Dane County clerk and a number of Gay-friendly clergy, many of whom described Gundrum's bill as "mean spirited"; only half that many spoke or registered opinions in favor of the measure.

Meanwhile, in Newt Gingrich's home state, Georgia, the land of "Designing Women," is poised to adopt its first-ever hate crimes legislation following the state House of Representatives' vote of 116 - 49. The bill has already narrowly won approval by the state Senate and the governor supports it.

Though while the bill made history as the first Gay-friendly legislation ever to

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by Mark R. Kerr

**Just Being Gay In The U.S.A.**

pass in either Georgia chamber, the House eliminated the bill's listing of protected categories - gender, national origin, race, religion, and sexual orientation - for a generic reference to crimes committed "because of bias or prejudice." Just how that will play in the Senate remains to be seen, and other states' experience indicates that it will tend to make the law unenforceable.

Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon signed into law a bill to collect data on hate crimes, including homophobic bias crimes and a blanket category believed to include crimes against Transgendered people.

In California, the "Golden State," and the land of "Knight," legislation to create a statewide registry of hate crimes offenders similar to that for sex offenders, was passed unanimously by the Assembly Public Safety Committee. The bill is supported by the California State Sheriffs' Association but is opposed by the California Public Defenders Association and by the

American Civil Liberties Union. ...

The Pentagon has completed its report on its "don't ask, don't tell" policy for Gays in the military, but the report won't be released until Defense secretary William Cohen reviews it. The Pentagon's inspector general delivered the report, which was the result of a three-month study of the policy, to Cohen this week.

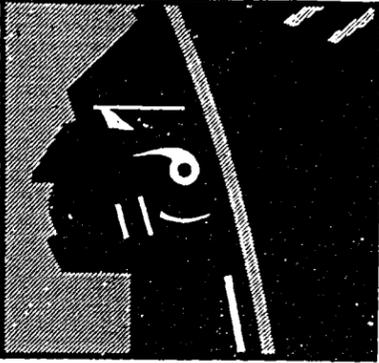
Cohen had ordered a review of the policy after President Clinton said in December that "don't ask, don't tell" was "out of whack." Discharges of Gay service members have risen since the policy was instituted in 1994.

So will this help Lt. Steve May? The Phoenix Representative has been left "hanging in the wind" since December 1999, when the Army Reserve announced that, despite the glowing reports and recommendations from his superiors, they plan to discharge him for violating the "don't ask, don't tell" policy. No action has taken place since the first week in December. ...

On April 27, 7:00 p.m., the City of Tucson GLBT Commission will be holding a community forum, with Wingspan at 300 East Sixth Street. For more information, call Wingspan (520) 624-1779. ...

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**ARIES****MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

The Sun in your own sign gives you confidence and great stage presence. Gay Rams can use this affirming time to meet scads of new people as well as set their personal agenda for the next few months. Mount your marketing campaign and take it on the road, *compadre*. And while you're at it, be the diva of the day and fully enjoy your birthday celebration. Let 'em eat cake?

**TAURUS****APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Queer Bulls feel in the pink spiritually when the Sun traipses through Aries. A bright light shines in even the most hidden corners of your life. Breathe free, cousin, and empty out that rancid closet of yours. Aries takes no prisoners and neither should you. Remember that you have more to fear from the hidden, unknown and repressed than from what is freely Out and proud.

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

**GEMINI****MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

The Arien Sun encourages all pink Twins to seek and strengthen friendships and the social ties that bind. You can feel your oats in any social endeavor (and with any luck, you'll feel someone elses too...). Gather the forces and launch a get together. But the Aries energy can be a bit selfish and proprietary. Don't let me hear "What's mine is mine and what's yours is mine".

**CANCER****JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

The brilliant Sun moves into Aries and heightens and brightens your professional prospects. Although proud Crabs are usually content to play second fiddle to the big base, the planets now encourage you to grab the baton and conduct the entire orchestra yourself. However you take control, I know that you will be a benevolent impresario when you get on top... Very impressive!

**LEO****JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Rainbow Lions get itchy paws when the Sun traverses pioneering Aries. If you have an opportunity to travel in the next few weeks, do so; you will find it mentally invigorating. Open yourself up to all exotic stimuli; it will provide a new perspective on life. Have you considered going back to school and learning a thing or two or three? Well, maybe just take one class.

**VIRGO****AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Sun in Aries turns up the sexual soup to full boil and what proud Virgin can resist the aroma? It's time to try on that delicious outfit and see who feasts. Ah there is a method to this passionate madness; this solar energy also helps you examine what makes you tick. So, after you tire of looking deeply into someone else, turn that raw interest inward and gain a new personal insight.

**LIBRA****SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

You can strut and fret your hour upon the stage dear, queer Libra, but it's a helluva bore doing it without an appreciative audience. Thankfully, the Sun in Aries sheds a warm light on partnerships so you can at least expect an enthusiastic crowd of at least one to applaud your little scenes. Share the love and forge a commitment now. Don't they say "I owe it all to my partner?" If not, they should!

**SCORPIO****OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Proud Scorps are in their element; Sun in Aries highlights work and any health related enterprises. The job will go much easier now and you can accomplish a great deal in a relatively short amount of time. Even more important however are the beneficial effects of a revamped diet or exercise regime. Get those potentially beautiful buns to a trainer. It's always g string season, buddy!

**SAGITTARIUS****NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

As the festive Sun travels through Aries, queer Archers are encouraged to kick up their hooves and have a rollicking good time. You know how to make merry, but don't waste this valuable creative energy on silly nonsense, tempting as it may be. Try to rev up your artistic Gay muse and create something beautiful, wonderful and fun. OK it can be the party of the year.

**CAPRICORN****DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Rainbow Caps should use the illuminating Sun in Aries to explore their genealogical roots and branches. Talk to your parents and see what you can discover about your background; you may be pleasantly surprised. While you're at it, give your family insight into the true lavender you. Venture Out, cousin; The robust Aries energy won't tolerate compromise or retreat. Why should you?

**AQUARIUS****JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

If the words don't come, take a deep breath try again after the optimistic Sun enters rambunctious Aries. Aquerians have great oratory prowess as the sun unleashes their eloquence and makes communication go much smoother. Who knows; One of your manifestoes could launch the next lavender revolution. Not a moment too soon! Speak loud, proud and queer or forever hold your piece (sic!).

**PISCES****FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Invest your pennies when the Sun ventures into Aries, Guppie. It's time to review the bottom line and begin to plan a cogent fiscal and retirement strategy. You have a particularly clear vision of what will and will not work for you financially, but the real secret to success is to not become too greedy and reckless. Bulls and bears make money but little piggies can lose their shirts.

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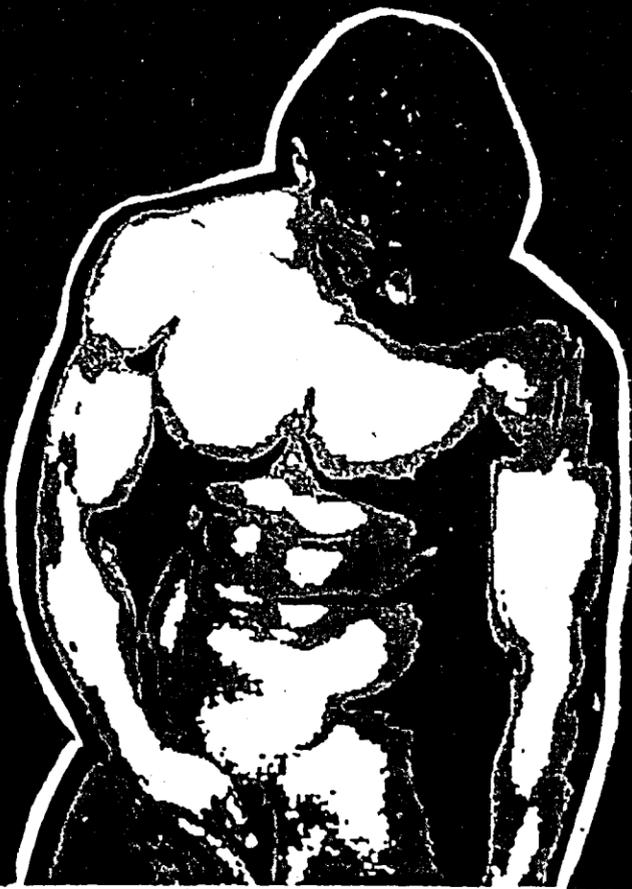
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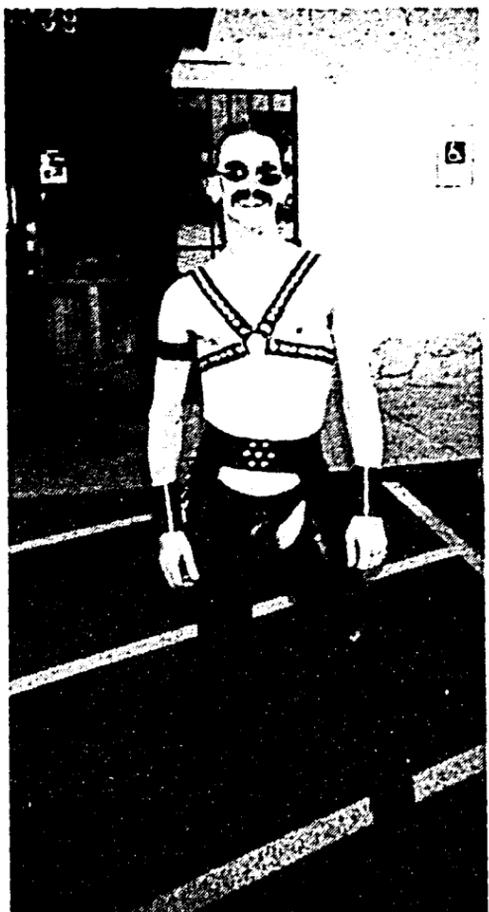
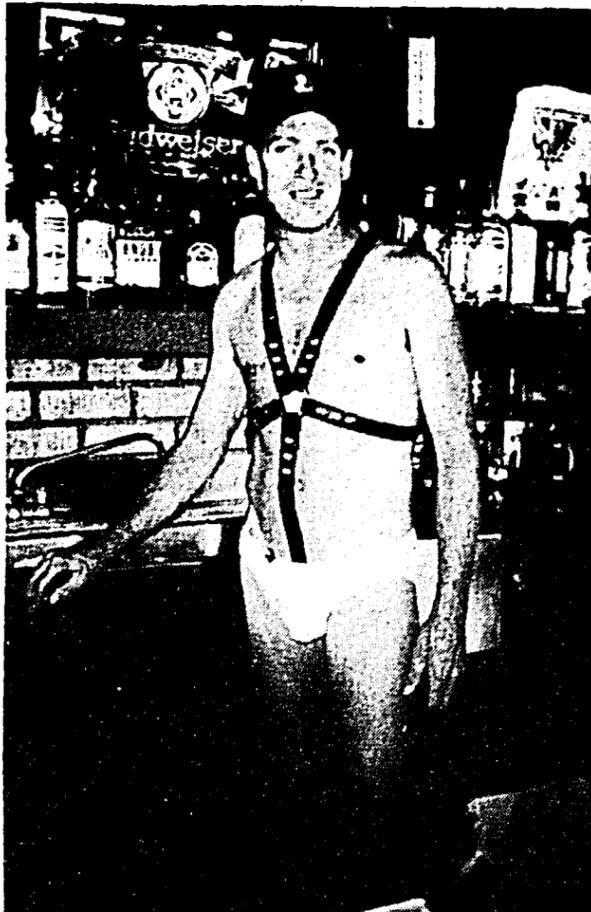
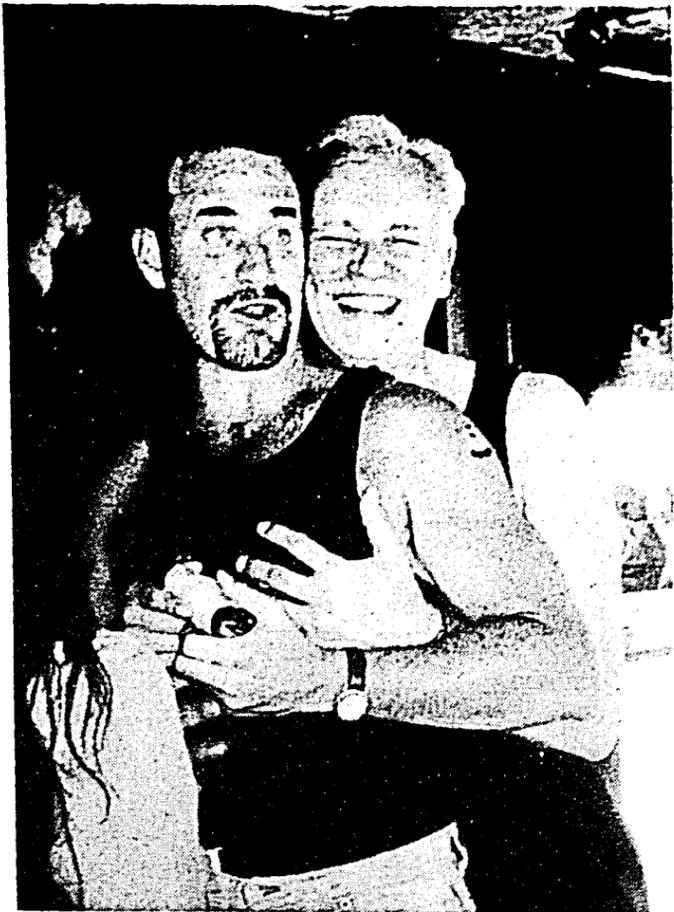
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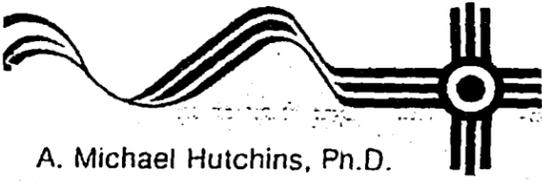
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Now, how do I know these statements to be true? First off I know these descriptors of God to be true from studying the Bible. Chapter after chapter, in both the Old Testament as well as the New Testament we encounter people in need. Some are very much like you or me. Each one has a need or several needs as is often the case, and each one is looking to God for relief. Time and time again we can read about these people having their needs met not in part, but fully, by God.

Joshua needed more time to fight a battle, so God caused the sun to stand still. King Hezekiah wanted to regain his strength and live longer. God gave him fifteen more years. A grieving widow who had just lost her son and would consequently have no way of taking care of herself, witnessed the raising of her son from the casket that held his body. Jesus gave her son back to her. The woman who had bled for over thirteen years without ceasing knew that if she just touched Jesus' coat she would be healed. And yes, Jesus healed her.

There are so many examples I could go on for a very long time. But perhaps your scepticism says, "Yes, but those were people of Biblical times. Things have changed and so has God. I don't see him

working in my life let alone working any miracles for me!"

In answer to the sceptics I can only say that aside from believing Scripture that God is faithful, I have learned first hand that he is. I have put him to the test so to say, and he has always come through for me. Of course when I seek him to ask for something it has to be something I need not just something I want. The Mercedes Benz still has not shown up on my doorstep but guess what has? Comfort when I am grieving, joy when I would rather pout, health when I have been ill, money when I have wondered how I would manage, and the list goes on.

Of course if you are really skeptical that God is faithful to those who love him you probably won't study the Bible to see what he's done for others...his track record...nor will you believe me just because I wrote it. But, if you want a relationship with God, if you want him to meet your needs, if you desire to live a more fulfilling life with purpose and directions, then turn to Jesus Christ. Ask Jesus to come into your heart, to make himself real to you. Read God's word, The Bible, ask other Christians about their experiences with God and how he has been faithful to them. And then, step out on faith and accept all of this as truth. Your life will change. You won't be disappointed. And God will be faithful to you as long as you live.

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This week, I want to discuss some holistic approaches to helping the disease of diabetes, which is very prevalent in America. As everyone knows, diabetes is caused because the person's pancreas no longer produces insulin, which leads to all kinds of problems.

None of this information is intended to replace competent medical care from a trained professional! The lovely herb Dandelion is a good all around healer, since it helps the pancreas, the liver, and the kidneys. Diabetics often have kidney trouble, and Dandelion can help to strengthen the kidneys as well as the other organs. It is often combined with Milk Thistle, a wonderful herb that helps the liver. It can't hurt to assist the liver in functioning better, also.

The lovely herb Blueberry, often found as an extract, helps stabilize the blood sugar. This herb will help to normalize the blood sugar levels, something that diabetics often have a problem with. I have found the extract at Wild Oats market.

People with low blood sugar, hypoglycemia, can benefit from Blueberry extract also, it helps with both ends of the sugar instability problem!!

Diabetics often have eye trouble also, and the herb Bilberry, which is related to Blueberry, can help with eye problems also. Bilberry has been shown to help night vision and to help improve circulation to the eyes. It can't hurt to aid your eyesight with a little help from Bilberry.

One herb that Diabetics should avoid altogether, however, is the her Devil's Claw, a medicinal herb, which can interfere with their insulin levels. Herbs are potent medicines, and sometimes, some herbs are not right for some conditions. This is one example.

Another thing that is important for Diabetics to remember is to avoid a high sugar diet. Too many diabetic people I know still indulge in alcohol, which is pure sugar, and definitely not good for them. If you are suffering from diabetes and are still drinking alcohol, you should consider the consequences. It is not something to be taken lightly. The damage it can do can be quite serious.

Anyone with a serious medical condition, diabetes or anything else, for that matter, should eat a healthy, sensible diet, and take care of themselves. Stress always makes a condition worse, and unhealthy living leads to an unhealthy body. It is always wise to take good care of yourself. That's all for now. It's something to think about. Goddess bless. Til next time, Go in Good Health.

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**Gay World In Brief. . . . .**

**ACROSS THE GLOBE**

A Gay couple who have attracted national attention in England through their successful attempt to have a child through a surrogate mother are ordering the mother to stay away from the two infants she carried for the men. The Scottish Daily Record reports that Barrie Drewitt and Tony Barlow, who now live in California, have told Rosalind Bellamy that she cannot have contact with the twin girls to whom she gave birth last year. The paper reports that Bellamy, who was paid for her role as a surrogate, had expected to have some contact with the children but that Drewitt and Barlow have decided against it. The men communicated their request to Bellamy via an E-mail message, which read, "We do not want to get E-mails, telephone calls, letters, or cards from you. Nor do we want you to contact any of our extended families." Drewitt and Barlow were named parents on the children's birth certificates by ruling of a California court; the children were born in California. At the time of the court hearing Drewitt and Barlow said they wanted Bellamy to be part of the family and to help raise the girls, named Aspen and Saffron.

Liberal Democratic Member of the Scottish Parliament Nora Radcliffe last week asked for consideration of legal unions for same-gender couples, but on March 16 a spokesperson for the Labour-dominated Scottish Executive announced, "The Executive has no plans to introduce same-sex marriages," Glasgow's Daily Record reported. Radcliffe's timing could not have been worse, with the country just coming off weeks of uproar over the Executive's move to repeal Section 28, the Thatcher-era prohibition against "promotion of homosexuality" and of teaching same-gender relationships "as a pretend family."

Radcliffe, who serves as sexual orientation reporter for the Scottish Parliament's Equal Opportunities Committee, was smacked down by the Committee's convener Kate MacLean, who called her request "nonsense" because nothing like it had come from the Gay and Lesbian community. Church and conservative groups were outraged at the very idea. But it seemed logical to Radcliffe, since the Committee has already been discussing recognizing Gays and Lesbians as next-of-kin and primary caregivers when their partners become disabled. . . .

Long-time German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and his conservative Christian Democratic Union (CDU) for years blocked any advance on recognition of same-gender couples, but now it appears that the next chair of the CDU actually supports them. Kohl was finally ousted in 1998 by the so-called "Red-Green Coalition" of Social Democrats and the Green Party, and more recently the CDU has been shaken up by major money scandals. Kohl's former

minister for women and youth and minister for the environment East German Angela Merkel, who is proud to be the first former Kohl ally to split from him when the scandal broke, was selected by the party's executive at a meeting March 20; she'll still need to be confirmed by the party's convention next month.

Merkel has been described as having "a progressive stance on Gay rights and non-traditional families" and supporting "legal rights for Gay couples." Merkel, who holds a doctorate in physics, told a newspaper March 15 that, "I think the old left-right thinking is no longer contemporary." At a press conference on March 20, she said she would "preserve what's worth preserving" and reform what "needs to be reformed," and said, "I believe a party like the CDU lives from its diversity, from different currents united in its center."

Meanwhile, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and the ruling "Red-Green Coalition" have rather disappointed Gays and Lesbians so far with their quite limited proposals for recognizing couples, but the Ministry of Foreign Affairs last week made one advance: it was announced that German diplomats' same-gender partners will receive the same treatment as their legally married counterparts. . . .

Zimbabwe president Robert Mugabe has launched another attack on Gays and the British government, claiming that British prime minister Tony Blair is spreading Gay values around the world, the London Sunday Times reports. "The British government is seeking to promote homosexuality," Mugabe told a meeting of tribal chiefs last week. "We as chiefs should fight against such Western practices and respect our culture. British homosexuals are worse than dogs and pigs because [they] do not differentiate between males and females." Mugabe, whose tenure in Zimbabwe is increasingly embattled, has long been a vociferous opponent of homosexuality. Last year he was embarrassed during a visit to London when a group of Gay activists, led by OutRage! head Peter Tatchell, breached Mugabe's security to perform a citizen's arrest on the president. Mugabe later said that Blair had employed "Gay gangsters" against him.

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Two Gay icons are coming to TV with their own series. Bette Midler has a half-hour comedy in development with CBS called *Bette*, in which she will play a singer-actor who "looks remarkably like Bette Midler," reports *Daily Variety*. The show's producers hope to have it on the air by the fall but may have to wait for midseason. And former *Designing Women* costar Delta Burke has signed on for the NBC pilot *D.A.G. Burke*, who has recently been seen as *Cherry Cherry*, the oil baroness mother of *Mary Cherry* on the WB's *Popular*, will star as the first lady on *D.A.G.*, about a bumbling Secret Service agent played by *In Living Color*'s David Alan Grier. ...

Tribune Broadcasting's 22 stations have bought the off-network rights to the hit NBC sitcom *Will & Grace* in a major syndication deal, *The Hollywood Reporter* says. The deal, which has been in the works since January but wasn't confirmed until Wednesday, will have the show airing in syndication in fall 2002. The sale is valued at approximately \$100 million over the life of the deal, which includes terms dependent on how long the show plays in prime time. On the heels of Tribune Broadcasting's syndication deal to begin showing the hit NBC sitcom *Will & Grace* beginning in 2002, the cable channel Lifetime announced that it will begin airing the show in 2005, reports *Daily Variety*. The publication says that intense bidding took place for the cable rights to the show, now in its second season, with Lifetime triumphing over the USA and TBS stations. ...

Actor and Gay rights supporter

Susan Sarandon has added her voice to the campaign to keep radio talk-show host Dr. Laura Schlessinger off TV. Sarandon posted this message on the *StopDr.Laura.com* Web site: "I'm totally against wasting the airwaves giving visibility to a person who is clearly in dire need of compassion, education, and a good shrink herself!" ...

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## THURSDAY, MARCH 23

Performance artists Marga Gomez and Holly Hughes will be at Antigone Books for a meet the artists session at 1:00 p.m. Join them for an informal discussion of their work and work in progress. Bring down bag lunches if you wish. This may be the only chance to see and speak with these amazing artists since their performances at Centennial Hall are sold out! Gomez is described as a "splendid mimic, a keen-eyed sociologist and captivating storyteller" by the New York Times and Holly Hughes "one of the most insightful, funny and entertaining story tellers around" by the Chicago Tribune.

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 "Common Ground", the recent Showtime movie about growing up Gay in the 50s, 70s, and today. This trilogy is thoughtful and well done with a nice comedic episode at the end. For reservations & directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our Topic of Discussion as we look at the future of MSN. What would you like to see from the group in the coming year? Come give us your input. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 25

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Join Bill for his annual shopping expedition to the Casa Grande outlet stores. We'll carpool up, and after shopping, we'll go to his very Gay-friendly parents' home for dessert. For details, please call Bill at 546-7539.

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

Desert Voices will be in concert at Pima Community College Proscenium Theatre in a tribute to Billy Strayhorn, best known as Duke Ellington's collaborator. Strayhorn was a master composer of swing music, beautiful ballads and openly Gay. The concert, "Lush Life" begins at 8:00 p.m. For more information and tickets call (520)791-9652. There is another performance tomorrow at 2:00 p.m.

3. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. The MSN family gathers to listen to our Gay brothers & sister sing at the Desert Voices Concert: "Lush Life". For more information about this, please call Davey at 836-1208.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 26

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1. 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.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. Join Les & Jerry at the annual Oscar Party. Don't sit home alone and watch, not when you can be with a bunch of Gay guys who really know how to watch the Oscars! For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

## MONDAY, MARCH 27

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.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 28

If you want to learn to square dance, here's your chance. T-Squares, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian Square Dance Club hold open lessons at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Lessons are taught by nationally known caller Rick Gittleman. For more information call Ray 749-5247 or Liz 325-9466 leave message. Weekly lessons continue on Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m.ish. Join Richard for "Midtown Madness" as you explore the midtown area with a Happy Hour, a light dinner, and some form of entertainment. For details, please call Les at 690-9565.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join Steve as he hosts a Lunch Out at Poca Cosa. For some of the best and most innovative Mexican food, this is the place to be. For details, please call Steve at 318-9162.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. it's The Girlie Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Ajia Simone, Kenneth Blake and Patsy La Croix.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 23

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Bud Promo Nite starts at 10:00 p.m. with \$1.50 long necks of Bud and Bud Light during promo plus games and give aways. No Cover. Karaoke 9:00 to close.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 24

IBTS - This is home base for the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Spring Street Fair. Cruise the Avenue then cool off here listening to live jazz with Susan and Tracy 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 25

IBTS - This is home base for the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Spring Street Fair. Desert Diva Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and Ajia Simone and featuring Kenneth Blake, Adrienne Alexander, Bunny FuFu, Veronica Lake, and from Phoenix, Virginia Sacrifice, Phaedra and Devina., Showtime 3:00 p.m. \$1.00 Cover during the show.

VALENTINA'S - The First Annual Miss Valentina Pageant will be held here tonight at 9:00 p.m. Show hosted by Veronica Lake and Crystal Abrams.. For more information call (520)557-1189.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 26

IBTS - This is home base for the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Spring Street Fair. Desert Diva Shows hosted by Lucinda Holiday and Ajia Simone and featuring Kenneth Blake, Adrienne Alexander, Bunny FuFu, Veronica Lake, and from Phoenix, Virginia Sacrifice, Phaedra and Devina., Showtime 3:00 p.m. (\$1.00 Cover) and an additional show for the community at 9:30 p.m. (No Cover). NOTE: Because of the Street Fair there will be no Bar-B-Que or Beer Bust or Karaoke today.

## MONDAY, MARCH 27

WOODYS - This Monday and every Monday, it's "All American Monday" with happy hour prices and \$2.50 call for employees of American Airlines, American Express and America On Line! (Bring your I.D. Badge).

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. "The Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Ajia Simone, Barbifra Seville and Miss Kristen.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 30

IBTS - Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP) Male Box Nite! Play Post Office and meet new friends.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 2

IBTS - Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP) Gender Bender Show.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 9

IBTS - Night at the Cotton Club. Watch their ad for more details.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 22

IBTS - MPS Easter Benefit Show. More later.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 23

IBTS - Easter Egg Hunt and Party. Mark your calendars.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 30

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Richard & Doug host a Lunch Out at Yamato. Have the sushi, or go for more traditional Japanese fare. Join them and other MSN family members for a fun afternoon. For details, please call Les at 690-9565.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 31

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Les & Jerry as they host Hearts Night. This fun and vicious card game is most enjoyable, and if you don't know how to play, but want to learn, here's the place to do it! For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Michael White in concert at La Cocina Restaurant in the Old Town Artisans complex at 201 N. Court Avenue. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. and Show at 8:00 p.m. You've heard him perform with Reveille Gay Men's Chorus and at Karaoke, but if you have never heard him 'Live' in concert you haven't really heard him. Two starfilled evenings of dinner and music. Tickets \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Limited seating. Advance ticket sale only. No tickets sold at the door. Ticket orderline: 390-3620.

## Two-Step

Beginner classes for members of the GLEB community  
(and their friends)

**4 week Course**  
**Wednesday nights**  
**April 12-May 3**  
**6-7 p.m.**  
International Arts Center  
518 N. 5th Ave.

**\$30.00 per person.**  
To register and for more information call  
Artie "The Dance Master" at 795-3902

Singles & Couples welcome

Cowboys & Cowgirls any combination

## Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9-1. Shot specials all night.  
IBTS - Open 11am-1am. Happy Hour 11-4pm. \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Benefa 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 - Bar open Noon. Sizznoff Sundays /make your own Bloody Marys Dance Club opens at 9pm with DJ David Z. New Digital Karaoke sound system in the bar 9pm to close. Free popcorn and Hot Dogs.  
VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour 11am to 7pm. Bloody Mary & Boaler maker specials. BBQ (\$2.50 & \$5.00) from 4-9pm. All request DJ 9pm to close.  
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.  
WOODYS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. Check in with bartender. Karaoke with Billy Dee now on Sundays 9pm to close.

## Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight.  
IBTS - Open 10am. Martini Monday all day at cal martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well and domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm to closing. \$1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Karaoke Billy Dee 7:00-9:30pm Retro 80's dance 9:30pm to closing. All drink specials not available during special events.  
STONEWALL - Bar opens noon. Dance Club opens 9pm. Hot dance mix with DJ David Z. Free Popcorn and Hot Dogs.  
VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: BBQ (\$1.50) 6-9pm. Big screen sporting events. Dart Tournament \$3 (pot matched) All request DJ 9pm to closing.  
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Dart Tourney 8pm, pot matched. Patio opens 5pm  
WOODYS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

## Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1 longnecks for pool players. Funky disco w/DJ Starskee & DJ Butta Fly 9-1.  
IBTS - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm to close \$1.75 well. Wear an IBT's T-shirt get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. House Hi-Nergy Dance 9pm to closing.  
STONEWALL - Open Noon. Happy Hour prices until 7pm. Dance Club opens 9pm. DJ Eduardo. Free Popcorn and Hot Dogs.  
VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Extended Happy Hour til 9pm: BBQ (\$1.50) 4-7pm Oh So Scary-oake (Karaoke) 9pm - 12:45am.  
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. 1st Tuesday TKO Spaghetti Feed  
WOODYS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Party 8pm-cbse. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Sky's the limit \$2.25

## Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Free Pool 2-4. \$1.50 Longnecks 8-midnight. Dance with DJ Stephanie 9-cbse.  
IBTS - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am to 4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. \$1.75 Bud Products 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.  
STONEWALL - Open Noon. Happy Hour prices til 7. Dan a Club opens at 9pm with DJ Eduardo. New Digital Karaoke Sound System 9pm til close in the bar. Free Popcorn and Hot Dogs.  
VALENTINA'S - Open 11am, Happy Hour til 9pm. Pool tourney \$3- 7:30pm (pot matched). Lounge Lizards Paradise: 50¢ shot sampler/bartenders choice. All request DJ 9pm  
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Cuervo Gold \$2 and Cuervo 1800 \$2.25 Open to close. Patio opens at 5pm.  
WOODYS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball on demand 7 days a week. See bartender.

## Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm. 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Melissa 9pm to close. W/creamy cowgirls & \$2.50 Tequila Rose.  
IBTS - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 Well & domestic 4-9. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 well and \$1.75 domestic beer to those in their underwear (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-cbse. All drink specials not available during special events.  
STONEWALL - Open Noon. Happy Hour prices until 7pm. Dance club opens at 9pm. Dance with DJ Eduardo. Free Hot Dogs and Popcorn.  
VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic 9-11pm. Oh So Scary Karaoke 9pm-12:45am.  
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. \$3 entry. Hides Leather shop opens at 8pm  
WOODYS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-cbse. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes.. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

## Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/DJ Hill. Drink specials every 1/2 hour  
IBTS - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Tracey 5:30-8:30pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.  
STONEWALL - Open Noon. Dance Club open 9pm. Dance with DJ David Z. Free Popcorn and Hot Dogs.  
VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7. Gi Iz will be Boyz drink specials posted above the bar. All request DJ 9pm to close.  
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens 8pm.  
WOODYS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm Martini Party - Well Martini's \$2. Cal Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

## Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 5:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-cbse. Drink specials every half hour..  
IBTS - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Patio bar 9-1. Dance 9-1. All drink specials not available during special events.  
STONEWALL - Open Noon. Dance Club opens at 9pm. Dance with DJ David Z. Free Hot Dogs and Popcorn.  
VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7. A variety of shows hosted by Crystal Abrams. 9pm. All donations go to charity. All request DJ 10pm to close.  
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  
WOODYS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

## Cory's

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**NOTICES**

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

**LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**. Saturdays 1 to 2m new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Contacts 325-6678 or 327-4293.

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

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

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

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

**OUTLOUD!** Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16<sup>th</sup> year! (2<sup>nd</sup> in Tucson).

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA)**. Meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7pm. Desert Girlz (MTF) Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7pm. Desert Boyz meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagaemail

**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. 14<sup>th</sup> St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 802-279-4805.

**TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL**, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. Call us at (520)817-4881, or http://www.geocities.com/VestHollywood/Heights/5086

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

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

**AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS** - a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (802)534-8219 (Phoenix)

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

**TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY**. Currently meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**WOMENS 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30pm at Wingspan at 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. 624-1779. Call Wendy Bailey at 235-1893 after 5pm for more information.

**LUTHERANS CONCERNED** - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 8809 S. Cardinal Ave. For more information write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

**ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS: Confidential individual or group support** for Gay, Bisexual or Trans men who are victims/survivors of domestic violence. For more information call 624-0348 (24-hour line)

**REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS** rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history experience singing? Join us! Call 681-1369 to audition. 617-3100 for more info.

**HIKE & BIKE DYKES**. Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7239 for info.

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**NOTICES**

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF)**, 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.sAAF.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

**RELATIONSHIP SURVIVORS**. For Lesbians whose relationship has just broken up. Designed to support each other. Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 9am to 10am. For info call Dorian Easty, group facilitator. 882-7723

**P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays** - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

**ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN** and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call 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 sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

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

**TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**. For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call information and Referral 681-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

**AIDS HOTLINE - 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 psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

**WINGSPAN** - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals** meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Room 43. Call the church at Davey at 888-1208 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

**LESBIAN SOCIAL DISCUSSION GROUP**. Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 pm. Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> 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. 322-5655. Leave message.

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

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

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

**COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS**. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (802)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

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

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP** - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 693, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

**CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP**. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6768.

**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 325-9406 or Ray at 749-5247.

**LIGHTNING LIGHTING** will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7208.

**NOTICES**

**SOFTBALL** - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary 770-9979 or Bertie 318-3415.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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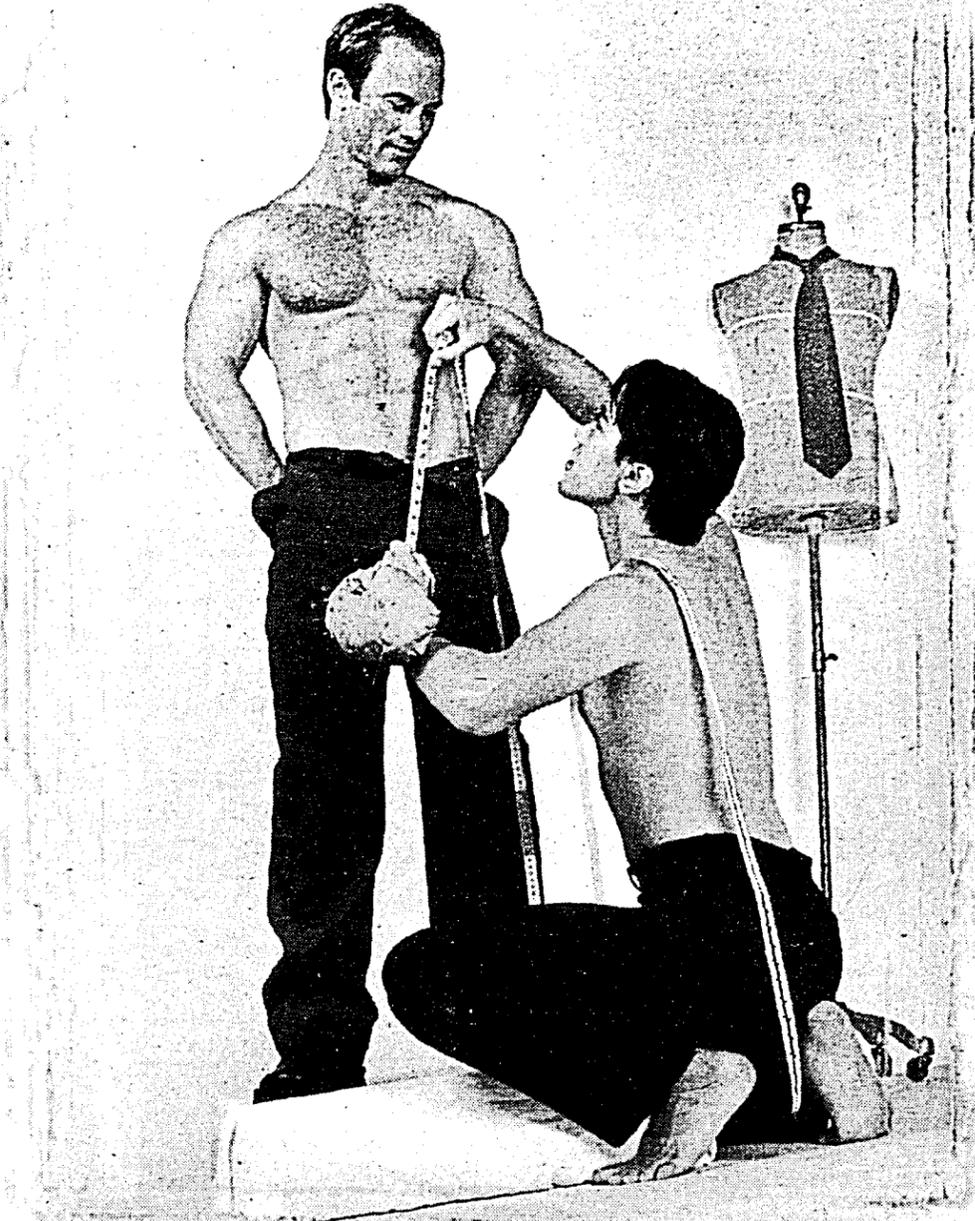
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