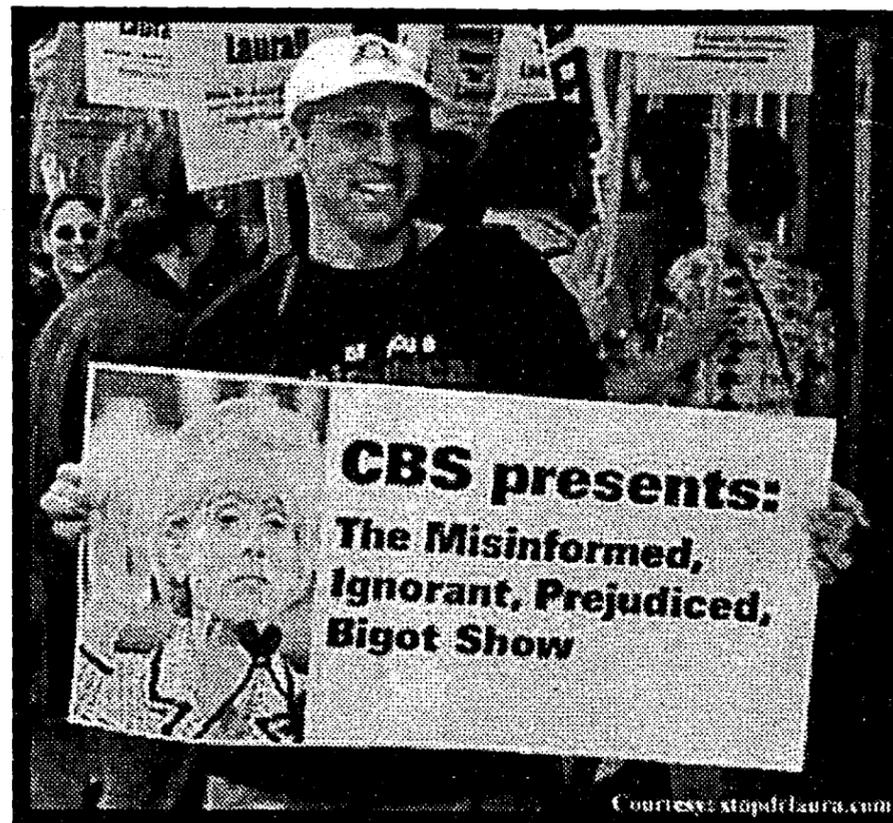




## Stop 'Dr.' Laura Protests Continue



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CHICAGO, IL - Gay and Lesbian protesters march in front of Chicago television station WBBM. The station has picked up the Paramount television show, starring the homophobic Dr. Laura Schlessinger for their schedule this fall. See related story below.

LOS ANGELES, CA - An anonymous audience member who attended an early taping of Laura Schlessinger's new television program shared his insights with online activist John Aravosis.

In an article published by TomPaine.com, the same group that ran newspaper ads calling on Paramount to revoke its TV syndication deal with Schlessinger, a series of blistering observations were made about Schlessinger's ability to engage an audience and win them over to her point of view.

"I don't think there were any good parts," the source told Aravosis. "I don't

know what they're going to cut. She wasn't even being controversial - just negative, boring, ignorant."

One of the taped segments on Schlessinger's show concerned unwed mothers. Schlessinger asked her studio audience whether any of them would attend a baby shower thrown for a young unwed mother. Most present said that they would. The witness said Schlessinger castigated the audience for encouraging teens to give birth outside of wedlock and that they should be shaming the new mother, not praising and rewarding her.

Aravosis reports that when another  
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## Governor Hull Signs Domestic Violence Bill

By Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (ON) - It took a little procedural magic to get the legislature to protect same-gender couples from domestic violence, but the governor thinks it's a "fine" bill.

A measure to protect same-gender couples under Arizona's domestic violence laws, once believed to be dead, has been resurrected to become law. Governor Jane Hull on April 24 signed SB 1173, a bill that extends protection against the use of domestic violence as the sole basis for denial, cancellation or refusal to renew property and liability insurance. The measure also included an amendment by state Representative Kathleen Dunbar (R-Tucson) that expands the law to cover same-gender couples. With Hull's signature affixed, SB 1173 will go into effect July 18.

Hull press secretary Francie Noyes said the governor thought "it was a good bill. ... There was an obvious need to provide assistance to people in domestic violence situations. Governor Hull thought it was a fine proposal."

It was far more than that to Gay state Representative Steve May (R-Phoenix), who found it "an incredible victory for Arizona's Gay and Lesbian community and for domestic violence victims." May was most relieved that, "Arizona's law enforcement agencies are now empowered to protect all citizens equally regardless of their gender or sexual orientation."

State Senate Elaine Richardson (D-Tucson) called it one of the biggest moments of her career in the Arizona Legislature. Though it looked like it wouldn't happen at all a couple of weeks ago when a state House/Senate conference committee took up SB 1173. The Senate had approved the proposal without any amendments, but on March 23 the House approved SB 1173 with an amendment which would remove the language under the state's domestic violence statute limiting it to opposite sex couples by a 47 - 8 vote.

Arizona was only one of eight states with domestic violence laws applying exclusively to heterosexual pairs. The state legislature had changed the domestic violence laws to cover just opposite sex couples with a 1997 proposal by then Republican state Senator John Kaites.

Senator Scott Bundgaard (R-Glendale), a member of the conference committee and a sponsor of the original bill, refused to concur with the amendment, stating it "would have Arizona recognizing Gay and Lesbian marriage."

Representative Dunbar said that she had been working with Bundgaard for over a month, updating him regularly on the amendment. It is the protocol in the Arizona Legislature for a representative to go to a bill's sponsor to inform them of their intention to attach an amendment to the bill. When reached for comment, Bundgaard said he had agreed to the amendment, but "it was only conditional and the

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## Vermont House Gives Final Approval To Civil Union Bill

MONTPELIER, VT - By a vote of 79 to 68, the Vermont House of Representatives gave final approval to a "civil union bill" which extends all the rights and benefits of state law to same-sex couples.

"This is history. This is thrilling. This is the dawn of a new era of support and protection for the families of Lesbian and Gay couples and their children," said Gary Buseck, Executive Director of Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD), the legal organization which co-counseled the landmark case that prompted the legislative action.

Governor Howard Dean has stated he will enthusiastically sign the bill. Most of the new law will become effective July 1, except for provisions relating to insurance and taxes which become effective in 2001.

"This is a breathtaking step forward in providing basic legal protections to same-sex families. It will make an enormous difference to real people and real families on a day-to-day basis," said Mary

Bonauto, a GLAD attorney who litigated the Baker v. State case along with co-counsel Beth Robinson and Susan Murray of Langrock, Sperry & Wool. "We applaud the courage and conviction of the Vermont legislature in standing up for the families of Gay and Lesbian Vermonters," she added.

"We GLBT people in the United States are living an important piece of our history today. The Vermont legislature's passage of civil union legislation to provide same-sex couples with the same civil rights and responsibilities associated with civil marriages (numbering in the hundreds!) is a major milestone in our civil rights struggle," Amelia Craig Cramer, a Tucson attorney, former executive director of GLAD, and one of the lawyers who drafted the original suit said. "Our life partnerships, our unions - which heretofore have been recognized by our synagogues and churches, by our extended families, by our friends, and by our employers - are finally, at long last being recognized by the state!

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# UPDATE

## Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza May 7

TUCSON - The Thirteenth Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza returns Sunday, May 7, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Road.

Proceeds from this event, (organizers have set a goal \$17,000, matching last year's total), will go to the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), to help provide services for people living with and affected by HIV and AIDS.

The event features community members who have raised pledges to go head to head to slip and slide in a pit full of Jell-O. While the Jell-O wrestling draws the crowd, the largest fund raising component of the event is a live auction and raffle. Nearly 50 items donated from local community merchants will be raffled or auctioned off.

One-dollar raffle tickets are available for the chance to win a San Diego vacation get-away package for two, which includes plane tickets, hotel accommodations at the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina, and \$200 in American Express Travelers Checks. Raffle tickets can also be purchased at Woody's, IBT's, Valentina's, the SAAF Offices, 375 S. Euclid Avenue or Antigone Books on Fourth Avenue.

The Mistresses of Ceremonies, Auctioneers and Fund Raisers extraordinaires are once again, Gilda Fatale and the "Queen of Comedy," Lucinda Holliday.

## Position Open At St. Francis

TUCSON - St. Francis in the Foothills, a Reconciling Congregation, is seeking a qualified individual for the following position:

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For more information, call (520) 299-9063.

## Not All Methodist Churches Are Equal

TUCSON - While the General Conference of the United Methodist Church prepares to deal with its number one issue - homosexuality within the church, St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church in Tucson, Arizona gets ready to celebrate 12 years of being in full ministry to Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual people.

On April 30, all three Celebrations, 7:45, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. will be presented by the Reconciling Congregation Program, the official committee of the church on ministry to homosexuals. Saint Francis was the 32<sup>nd</sup> in the nation to declare

themselves a "Reconciling Congregation." Now 12 years later there are 160 Reconciling congregations, 25 Reconciling campuses, and 6 Reconciling conferences.

For more information, please call (520) 299-9063.

## Take V To Perform In Las Vegas And Long Beach Festivals

TUCSON - Take V, the premiere vocal ensemble from the Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, have been invited to perform for Pride Festivals in Nevada and in California this coming May.

As a result of hearing the ensemble perform in Tucson, committee members/organizers of the Las Vegas Lesbian & Gay Festival and the Long Beach, CA, Lesbian & Gay Festival invited Take V to perform for both their festivals.

"It's a great honor to be asked by the organizers of these great festivals to be a part of their entertainment," says Director/Bass soloist Jim Gäll. "We've always taken pride in the many performances we've done in and around Tucson, and in the mission of tolerance, acceptance and openness that our message is about. To be recognized for that and the excellence in performance for which we strive is very affirming for us."

The Las Vegas L&G Pride Festival is Saturday, May 20, and Take V will be performing at 2:00 p.m.. The Long Beach L&G Pride Festival is Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21. Take V will be performing on Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Any Tucsonans who happen to be at either of these festivals are encouraged to stop by and listen to Take V perform.

## AGRA Announces Poster Contest

PHOENIX - AGRA is sponsoring a poster contest for the 2001 Road Runner Regional Rodeo, which will take place January 19-21, 2001.

The theme of the rodeo is: "2001: A Rodeo Odyssey." Judging for the contest will be by vote of the members present at the monthly AGRA meeting, June 10. All entries must be received by 5:00 P.M. that day. Entries may be delivered in person or by mail to: "RRRR Poster Contest" c/o Charlie's Phoenix, 727 W. Camelback Road, Phoenix, AZ 85013, by the deadline.

Entries must be 17" x 22" finished size with the only lettering being "2001 Road Runner Regional Rodeo." Exception to the size requirement will be made for will be made for computer generated artwork, with the original art being on a Macintosh compatible CD or Zip disk. Sufficient space must be left within the design or, in a border included in the finished size, for dates, hotel information and sponsor logos.

Entries must be received with the artist's name and phone number in the upper right-hand corner of the back of the

design. Entries received with the artist's name on the front will be disqualified. The winning design and artwork become the property of AGRA. All entries will be destroyed, unless arrangements are made to have them returned at the artist's expense.

The artist of the winning entry will be awarded a \$200 prize. For further information, contact Brian Helander, public relations director for AGRA, (602) 266-5726.

## Wingspan Public Forum With Tucson's GLBT Commission

TUCSON - Wingspan is inviting Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) community to share their views on local GLBT issues with the city's GLBT Commission, Thursday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.

This free forum is the latest in a series being planned by Wingspan to highlight issues important to Tucson's GLBT residents.

Wingspan is located at 300 East Sixth Street, across from the International Arts Center at the corner of Sixth Street and Fifth Avenue. For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

## Lesbian Health Fair April 29

TUCSON - The Lesbian Cancer and Health Project presents the third, not-so annual, Lesbian Health Fair, April 29, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831, E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

The theme for this years event is "Well-being through our lives." Many workshops will be offered during the fair, covering such topics as: skills to minimize bone loss; how to prevent stds; how to's on pregnancy and parenting; menopausal health concerns; creative responses to aging; developing the exercise habit; dealing with health care providers as an ally and much more.

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## A Call To Action

PHOENIX - Call to Action Arizona is sponsoring a special conference on Church Renewal and Religious Freedom, Saturday, April 29, in Phoenix and Sunday April 30 in Tucson. Sr. Jeannine Gramick is the featured speaker at both locations.

Sr Jeannine will speak on "Church Renewal and Religious Freedom" from her experience as the primary example of how the official church can abuse its authority, not provide for due process, violate its own canonical rules, and use the law to suppress dialogue and dissenting or critical views of current church teaching. In her statement after the CDF action Sr. Jeannine wrote: "I strongly believe in the need for authority and I respect those entrusted with exercising it. At the same time, my experience in this investigation was that justice was not served because of a lack of fair and open procedures. The People of God deserve impartial hearings and trials for any accused."

On July 14, 1999 the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith permanently banned Sr. Jeannine Gramick, SSND, and Fr. Robert Nugent, SDS, from engaging in pastoral ministry to Gays and Lesbians. This ruling came after an investigation by the Vatican which spanned almost 20 years. Most progressives viewed this action as oppressive and demeaning to Sr. Jeannine and Fr. Nugent as well as our Gay and Lesbian brothers and sisters.

Many viewed this as another action by the Vatican trying to silence progressive ministry and thinking in the Church. Call to Action's national office released a statement last summer supporting Sr. Jeannine and Fr. Nugent. "The CDF punished Gramick and Nugent for refusing to sign a statement that church teaching in this area is "definitive and unchanging." The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith seems to continue to enlarge the body of doctrines seen as "definitive" - yet there is so much evidence of the Church being wrong in the past.

Jeannine Gramick has been a member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame since 1960. She is vitally interested in promoting the recognition of women's ministries. She holds a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Pennsylvania and an M.S. in Mathematics from the University of Notre Dame.

## Millennium March On Washington Making Our Own History

WASHINGTON, DC - The MMOW (Millennium March on Washington for Equality), scheduled for April 30, will be the fourth national march for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender civil rights, and promises to be one of the largest and most powerful civil rights demonstrations in recent history.

The purpose of the Millennium March on Washington for Equality is to energize and galvanize the GLBT and supportive communities to work for equality at all levels, strengthen the overall movement for equal rights and empower and inspire voters for the 2000 elections.

March and Rally: The Millennium March on Washington for Equality will take place Sunday, April 30, at the National Mall, drawing hundreds of thousands of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) individuals and organizations and our allies.

The March will step off at 10:00

Sister Gramick was an Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Education at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, the University of Maryland and the University of California at Los Angeles. She is listed in the World's Who's Who of Women in Education.

Sister Gramick served on the national boards of the National Assembly of Women Religious, the Religious Network of Equality for Women, Women-Church Convergence, the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the Women's Ordination Conference. Since 1995, she has co-chaired the board of the National Coalition of American Nuns. She is strongly committed to a justice agenda.

In 1971, while engaged in graduate studies, Jeannine Gramick became involved in a pastoral outreach to the Lesbian/Gay community. In 1972-73, she co-founded the Baltimore and Washington, DC chapters of Dignity, a national organization for Catholic Lesbian and Gay people. In 1977 she co-founded New Ways Ministry, a social justice center working for the reconciliation of Lesbian/Gay people and the church.

She has written and edited numerous articles and books, including Building Bridges: Gay and Lesbian Reality and the Catholic Church and Voices of Hope: A Collection of Positive Catholic Writings on Lesbian/Gay Issues, which were the subject of a Vatican investigation.

In July 1999, the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith permanently prohibited her from any pastoral work with Lesbian or Gay persons and stated that she was ineligible, for an undetermined period, for any office in her religious institute, the School Sisters of Notre Dame. She has asked the Catholic community to help her find creative, collaborative ways to reverse the Vatican decision.

The April 29 Phoenix conference begins 9:00 a.m. and goes until 2:00 p.m. The conference will be at Asbury United Methodist Church. Cost is \$15 per person, includes simple soup lunch. The Sunday, April 30, Tucson conference will be from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. at St. Francis of the Foothills UMC, 4625 E. River Road, Cost \$5 (does not include meal). To register for either call CTA at (480) 970 4288.

a.m., and the Rally will begin at noon and continue until 6:00 p.m. In addition to the March and Rally, the weekend will feature a two-day street festival, several GLBT conferences and hundreds of affiliated events, including the Millennium March's national dinner.

Legacy of the March: To ensure that the Millennium March on Washington is beneficial long after the actual day of the March, organizers have made commitments to ensure that the Millennium March supports state and local organizations, people of color organizations and Gay and Lesbian centers across the country. Recognizing the increasing importance of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender vote, organizers of the Millennium March on Washington for Equality have also created GLBT Vote 2000, a campaign designed to increase voter registration, education and empowerment among the GLBT community.

In addition to the scheduled March  
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También recibimos la invitación a la reunión para celebrar el tercer aniversario de Conley Burns y Paul Tuzonowski con una gran fiesta donde se brindó por los felices días que han compartido durante estos tres años... Felicidades!

Estamos "con el pié en el estribo" para salir a la ciudad del sol, (Hermosillo, Sonora) para participar en la 58a. Conferencia Anual de la Asociación Fronteriza Mexico/estadounidense de Salud (AFMES) del 2 al 5 de mayo, donde se ha programado unas conferencias magistrales de mucha calidad asi como las mesas de trabajo, y sobre todo con gran exhibición de carteles alusivos a los diferentes trabajos que se han desarrollado por las numerosas agencias y grupos de personas interesadas en la salud fronteriza; ya les traeré los "por menores" y demás detalles...

También nuestra agencia hermana WAHEC ya está en "la recta final" para celebrar la tercera Conferencia Anual de Promotores que se llevará a cabo en Albuquerque New Mexico del 23 al 26 de mayo donde se espera cerca de 400 promotores de todo el país, como de algunas ciudades de México que siempre han participado desde que la mencionada conferencia era estatal, porque ha decir verdad, esta será la 3era. Nacional pero el si la 8va. Conferencia para promotores ya que desde el inicio de estas conferencias han participado colegas de Chicago, Los Angeles, CA. Etc. Si necesita información por favor comunicarse con Tuly Medina, Coordinador de Programas al (520)726-0306 o e-mail [hetc@altavista.com](mailto:hetc@altavista.com)

Otros eventos no menos importantes son las reuniones mensuales que el Consorcio de Ryan White del Condado de Cochise ha estado realizando, bajo la dirección de nuestra colega Sharon Schinstock coordinadora del programa educativo sobre VIH/SIDA en el Condado de Cochise con la asistencia de Susie Peru y de Gloria Pizano entre otras personas, y dentro de las actividades se estan haciendo llegar invitaciones para el siguiente reunion para el día martes 9 de mayo en la sala de conferencia del Departamento de Policía de Douglas Arizona, donde es esa ocasión se tendrá como invitado especial al Dr. Skip Rosenthal, encargado del proyecto Internacional de empoderamiento sobre SIDA, de El Paso TX. Si necesita información al respecto, por favor comunicarse con Gloria Pizano al (520) 432-9872.

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

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**Hull Signs Bill**  
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conditions were violated."

With Bundgaard's refusal, it looked as if SB 1173 would die. Arizona's daily newspapers, the national press, amendment supporters and even some Gay and Lesbian media outlets reported the demise of the bill.

But thanks to a procedural motion by state Senator Elaine Richardson (D-Tucson) on the floor of the Senate, the bill rebounded the next day. Richardson moved to dissolve the conference committee and concur with the House version of the bill, including the amendment. Richardson's motion was approved by a 17 - 10 vote. The following day, SB 1173 was approved by the full Senate in its final reading by a 24 - 4 vote and sent to Hull's desk.

"Arizona's Gay and Lesbian community owe a big debt of gratitude to State Representatives Steve May, Kathleen Dunbar, [Gay] Ken Chevront and state Senator Elaine Richardson on this," Kathie Gummerie, co- chair of the Arizona Human Rights Fund said. "It's a wonderful result of the work that was done by supportive legislators and the building of a coalition of several groups to get this approved."

"I am pleased that Governor Hull heeded the will of the legislative majority to provide equal justice under law to victims of domestic violence whose perpetrators are of the same sex," Amelia Craig Cramer, member of the City of Tucson, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Commission said. "This much-needed legislation will protect Lesbians and Gay men who suffer abuse by their partners to the same extent that the law protects heterosexuals who suffer such abuse. The law change is long overdue, but very welcome."

Claudia Reynoso, executive director of the Wingspan Domestic Violence Project said she was "really pleased" with the action by the state legislature and by Governor Hull. "The Governor and Legislature recognized that all people deserve to have their civil rights protected and especially that same-sex victims of domestic violence now have considerable resources under Arizona law."

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# Supreme Court Set To Hear Gay Scout Case



WASHINGTON, DC - Pictured from left to right, former Boy Scout James Dale and his attorney from the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Evan Wolfson.

WASHINGTON, DC - It took James Dale 11 years to rise through the ranks of the Boy Scouts. It took the Boy Scouts only 11 days to kick him out after learning he was Gay.

Dale was a Cub Scout at 8, a Boy Scout at 11, a member of the Order of the Arrow at 13, an Eagle Scout at 17. His mom was a den mother. His dad was a scouting commissioner. At 18, Dale became an assistant scoutmaster.

But the Boy Scouts of America expelled him in 1990 after discovering he was co-president of Rutgers University's Gay and Lesbian organization.

James Anderson, faculty adviser to the group and Dale's friend said the expulsion was a real setback for Dale.

"(Scouting) was really so central to his life, to his growing up, to becoming a man," Anderson said. "They slapped him for such a core aspect of his being."

Dale struck back with a 1992 lawsuit accusing the Boy Scouts of discrimination. The U.S. Supreme Court hears arguments in the case Wednesday, April 26, the Associated Press Reported.

The Boy Scouts of America says homosexuality contradicts its oath requiring scouts to be "morally straight." That policy has withstood numerous court challenges, said Gregg Shields, national spokesman for the organization.

"We've always taught traditional family values," Shields said. "That goes back to our founding in 1910. An avowed homosexual would not be a role model for those values."

But Evan Wolfson, who will argue Dale's case before the Supreme Court, said an organization that claims to be open to all boys and works in partnership with public schools "cannot discriminate against any young boy or young man because of his identity as Gay."

Dale, now 29, lives in New York City and is advertising director for a magazine for people who are HIV-positive. In public comments over the years, Dale has spoken highly of his scouting experience, saying it instilled in him the self-confidence and fortitude he now needs in his legal battle. But he has nothing good to say about the organization's treatment of homosexuals.

In a 1998 interview with *The Advocate*, a national Gay and Lesbian news magazine, Dale said the Boy Scouts spend valuable resources defending their anti-Gay policy.

"There are often these drives for kids to go to camp who can't afford it," Dale said. "If they stopped suing people for being Gay, they could afford to send a lot more people to camp."

Dale - who changed his name before the dispute with the scouts - is the younger of two sons of Gerald Dick, a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve, and his wife Doris.

As a student at a military high school in New Jersey, "I remember hoping to God that I wouldn't be Gay," Dale told *The New York Times* in 1992. "It wasn't part of my big picture."

Rutgers offered Dale a new vista. His friendship with a Gay man the summer between his freshman and sophomore years helped him accept his homosexuality. He joined the campus Gay and Lesbian organization, becoming co-president after three months.

It was in that capacity that Dale attended a daylong conference in 1990 on the struggles of Lesbian and Gay adolescents. A story on the conference in the July 8, 1990, *Newark Star-Ledger* quoted Dale describing his difficult path toward accepting his homosexuality.

The story was not well received at the Monmouth Council of the Boy Scouts, which 16 months earlier had made Dale an assistant scoutmaster of Troop 73 in Matawan, N.J. In a letter dated July 19, council executive James W. Kay notified Dale that his registration was revoked.

Dale demanded an explanation. Kay responded with a second letter citing "the standards for leadership established by the Boy Scouts of America, which specifically forbid membership to homosexuals."

"James and I were enormously shocked and distraught," Gerald Dick wrote in an affidavit filed in the case.

Dale sued the scouts under a 1992 New Jersey law protecting the civil rights of Gay people. He lost round one in 1995, but last year the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled unanimously in Dale's favor. The

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**POLITICS 2000**  
by Mark R. Kerr

**"An Incredible Victory"**

Gay state Representative Steve May (R-Phoenix) stated when hearing that Arizona Governor Jane Hull had signed SB 1173 into law.

SB 1173 was a bill that extends protection against the use of domestic violence, as the sole basis for denial, cancellation or refusal to renew property and liability insurance. This measure also included an amendment that expands the state's domestic violence laws to cover same-gender couples.

Before Governor Hull affixed her signature to SB 1173, Arizona was one of only eight states with domestic violence laws applying exclusively to heterosexual pairs.

The state legislature had changed the domestic violence to cover just opposite sex couples in 1997, thanks to the homophobic Republican state Senator, John Kaites. That though will end on July 18, when this legislation will go into effect.

Governor Hull and the Arizona Legislature, especially Representatives Steve May, Ken Chevront (D-Phoenix), Kathleen Dunbar (R-Tucson), and state Senator Elaine Richardson (D-Tucson) have provided equal justice under the law to victims of domestic violence whose perpetrators are of the same sex. Arizona's Gay and Lesbian community are grateful for this long overdue, but welcome change in the law.

Gay state Representative, Ken Chevront said in an interview that "we've come along way, but we have a long way to go." Governor Hull's signing of SB 1173 shows that the GLBT community can make some progress, even in the Arizona House and Senate.

With this session of the Arizona Legislature ended, the 90 legislators have scurried to points across the state to get ready for the upcoming campaign and what they've accomplished for all their constituents.

So what did they accomplish for their GLBT and HIV/AIDS constituents?

Arizona's archaic laws are still on the books, thanks to three Democratic state Senators, Peter Rios, Gus Arzberger and Victor Soltero, who voted against legislation that would have repeal the "blue laws."

Arzberger and Soltero had cosponsored legislation earlier in the session which would have stricken these laws off the books. Rios even voted for the legislation when it was before the Senate Judiciary committee.

Efforts to overturn domestic partner ordinances in Tucson, Pima County and now, Tempe, was thwarted thanks to state Senator Elaine Richardson, who led the fight to kill legislation sponsored by the radical right, this year by state Senator David Peterson (R-Mesa), really state Representative Karen Johnson (R-Mesa) disguised as a Senator.

During the session, Johnson was uncharacteristically quiet, as well as state Representative Barbara Blewster, (R-Dewey), to the surprise of many and the disappointment of the press corps.

Efforts by the radical-right to control the curriculum and activities of Arizona's public schools mostly failed, with the exception of Governor Hull's signature on legislation that mandate the teaching of "morals" classes in Arizona's public schools.

The radical-right's views will be force-fed on students, but not AIDS education, which is still being heavily censored by the Arizona Legislature.

Cities and towns' rights to make laws were hampered by the action of the Legislature, who passed legislation overturning cities and towns abilities to regulate billboards and restrict the carrying of handguns in city parks, despite the Arizona constitution which states that cities and towns who have charters can enact their own laws. ...

So it goes for now kids!

**'Dr.' Laura**

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member of the studio audience member rose to say, that in spite of all that, she would still attend, the audience applauded.

"The thing is, she doesn't know how to work on TV," said the witness. "She would just stare into the camera and just go on with monologues." There was no attempt to establish emotional rapport with her guests or her audience. Schlessinger, Aravosis was told, came off as "hostile...cold and distant and angry."

An article published in the New York Post claimed that Schlessinger's "unique" approach to the talk show medium was worrying studio executives. A studio source present at the early run through told the newspaper, "She doesn't care how many marketing studies they've done on what daytime viewers want to see, she says it's her show, and it's going to be done her way."

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# HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

The Sun glides into sensual Taurus this week after a month in energetic, domineering Aries. What a break! Let's us this sultry time to redefine who we are, what we want out of life and who we want to out it with.

almost guarantees that you will get the lover of your wet dreams. But don't sit home and phone it in, pal. For best results, you have to shop in person. Squeeze, smell and pluck the best of the bunch.

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Sun enters robust Taurus and Gay Rams begin to reassess their personal values vis a vis their financial status. "All that glitters is not gold", cousin. Use the next four weeks to chart your monetary course in the framework of your deeply personal needs. If that means splurging on a hot little import, so be it. If it means socking it into an already bulging endowment, who am I to protest?

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

You are in your glory when the sun enters your own sign. Queer Taureans can make their dreams come true as all eyes turn their way. Give it the best shot you've got, compadre. This is the time of year to begin new things, meet new folks and harness new energies. It's also time for a spring sprucing up. Polish those horns, Bull, you want to make the best possible first impression.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Pink Twins are glorified when the sun transits Taurus. Your mind is open and clear and you feel almost intuitive and spiritually cleansed. Rub that crystal ball and see what you can divine, or, even better, rub a friend's. This is also an excellent time to reduce stress through yoga or meditation. Posing naked in the window maximizes feng shui... or something like that!

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Friends come out of the woodwork when the magnificent Sun enters jolly Taurus. You become the center of the convivial circle and will have to learn to parcel out your time judiciously to keep up with demand. Lucky thing! Queer Crabs mustn't waste time holing up in their shell alone. Hole up with a bevy of pals and make it a year to remember. Heck, make it a decade.

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Sun in steady Taurus gives all proud Leos the tenacity to go the distance in their careers. Good thing too; You may have begun to feel like it was time for a something new. Changes and moves are possible now, but great advances can also be garnered right where you are. Pick and choose, my choosy friend. You deserve the best, even if you don't always work hard enough for it.

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

It doesn't take a genius to know that the Sun in Taurus is a perfect time for Gay Virgins to expand their knowledge and improve their brainpower through coursework and travel. Surround yourself with new stimuli and learn a thing or two, compadre. (No names please!) Any legal entanglements should untangle now. Show your briefs and rest your case.

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Hot pink Libras get even hotter when steamy Sun enters sensual Taurus. Venus, the planet of love, is ruled by both Libra and Taurus so this remarkable energy surge

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Relationships are highlighted when the glorious Sun steps into Taurus. Queer Scorps have a tendency to get caught up in their work and personal vendettas, ignoring those around them who help make life easier. Don't take partners for granted; this is the time to show them that you care. For single scorpions, the opportunity to meet someone special is at hand. Use it.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Life takes some twists and turns at work when the Sun transits Taurus. Gay Archers may find themselves eating at their desk, slowly putting on the pounds and working longer and longer hours in their drudgery. Boo hoo! Time for a change, compadre; use the affirming solar surge to get your desk cleared and your body buffed. I know you can do it, you sexy svelte thing, you.

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Let the music and festivities begin when the Sun joins Mars, Jupiter and Saturn in Taurus. It's time to party hearty, proud Cap, and show your inhibitions and restrictions the exit door. Even the most conservative Goats can't help but kick about now. This can also be a time of unparalleled creativity and artistic output. Do I smell a masterpiece? or perhaps stale beer?

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Forget about putting off your spring cleaning any longer Aquarian; you have just run out of excuses. Sun in Taurus overwhelmingly urges you to spruce up your surroundings and make it in tune with the true lavender you. Everything from furniture to family will have to fall into place... or else. Hip hooray, honey! You've nothing to lose but your chains and that awful old sofa.

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Inspirational ideas run rampant and so should you when the expansive Sun shines in Taurus. Rainbow Fish see the landscape clearly and seem to know exactly what to say now to get events rolling in the right direction. Roll on, cousin; we are coming into a major professional life cycle for you and this is the time to advance your cause. While your at it, think "election year".

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## GO IN GOOD HEALTH... BY REV. ANDREW BROOKS

This information is for the benefit of those with a compromised immune system. A variety of illnesses can manifest from a compromised immune system, not just AIDS.

As I write this article, I just heard the song "Tarzan Boy", by Baltimora on the radio, one of those "one hit wonder" eighties groups, and the man who wrote that song, Jimmy McShane, died of AIDS. Every time I hear it, it reminds me to keep fighting in the war against AIDS, so I dedicate this article to his memory, and to all who suffer from immune disorders, including AIDS. My prayers and healing thoughts are with you, now and always!

I remember reading a response to a letter to one of the columns that used to appear in this paper some time ago (Doctor X) where someone was concerned because he was sick a lot, and his friends thought he had AIDS, which, fortunately, he tested negative for. The Doctor wrote back that maybe he just "had a crummy immune system." Unfortunately, a lot of people have compromised immunity, and often, it is not due to AIDS! AIDS has gotten so much coverage in the news and we hear about it everywhere, that whenever someone mentions compromised immune system, everyone thinks "AIDS" right away. But there are in reality many conditions that weaken our immune systems.

All the environmental toxins and pollution in our environment are helping to break down our immunity as well. (That's something to think about for those who still don't want to recycle! A compromised environment can lead to compromised health!)

A yeast infection is a sign of a compromised immune system (and men get them too, not just women!), and those with "chronic fatigue syndrome" are suffering from an "overregulated" immune system, which can lead to immune burnout. They often suffer from chronic candida problems also.

I share this information with all who need it, so that they can help themselves to heal. The natural healing effect of herbs and other vital natural supplements is not intended to replace compassionate, competent medical care. I sincerely hope that those suffering with AIDS or HIV will consider using these supplements. It is important to manage your healing with wisdom, and remember to face this illness (or any other serious health crisis) with hope, not despair! We can make remarkable progress in healing ourselves!

Homeopathic medicine is another valid approach to self-healing, and is based on the principle of "curing you with the hair of the dog that bit you", or so the saying goes.

Homeopaths use minute doses of substances, that, if taken in higher doses, would make you sick, but in small amounts, stimulate your immune system to fight back, and to ward off the sickness. There are many ailments, like hemorrhoids (which, though the subject of many jokes, can be a problem for many, especially Gay men, since they can make sex unpleasant), and arthritis, insomnia, and other ills that can be treated homeopathically.

Homeopathy was widely respected in America until the 1930's, when the modern medical industry pushed them aside. As the homeopathic medicines begin to work, they may temporarily worsen symptoms (a sign of bodily response) then relief is obtained. This is due to the body's own immunity rising to fight the illness. I suggest you do more reading and ask a knowledgeable person at a health food store about homeopathic medicine. All illnesses are due to something getting around our immunity, so keeping our immune systems strong is vital. AIDS has definitely shown that.

More information on this subject next time. Goddess bless. Til next time, Go in Good Health.

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### Gay Scout Case

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court called the Boy Scouts a public accommodation to which anti-discrimination laws apply.

The case has fueled other disputes around the country.

Threatened with litigation by a Gay 16-year-old Eagle Scout, the Narragansett Council of the Scouts in Rhode Island declared a Scout can be Gay, so long as he does not advertise it.

Steven Cozza, an Eagle Scout in Petaluma, Calif., is leading a group called "Scouting for All" that advocates the elimination of the prohibition on Gays scouts.

Dale calls Cozza "my hero."

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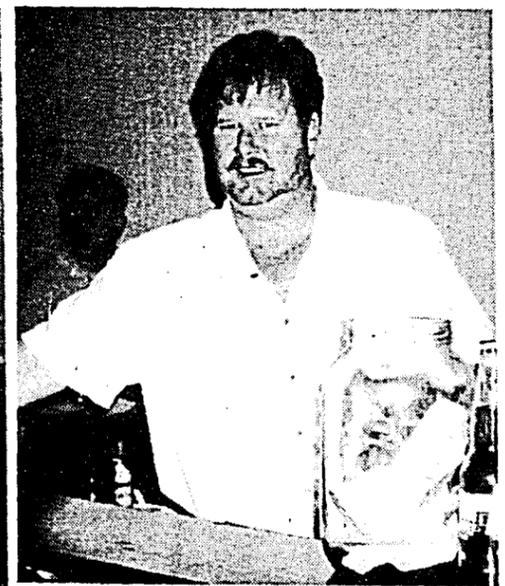
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and Rally on Sunday, the weekend will also feature hundreds of other affiliated political and social events and activities, including a two-day street festival, conferences, meetings, demonstrations and protests, dances, dinners, concerts, and the GLBT Vote 2000 voter registration drive.

Millennium March affiliated events and activities that are currently planned include the Millennium Festival, "PFLAG: Family Voices for Equality" the national conference of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), the Millennium March's national dinner, "The Wedding: Now More Than Ever," and "Equality Rocks."

[Observer reporter Max Vosskuhler will be present for the march and other events during the historic weekend. See next week's issue for details and pictures from MMOW. For more information, visit [www.mmow.org](http://www.mmow.org).]

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Today that state is Vermont (assuming the Governor follows through on promises to sign the Bill into law). Tomorrow it will be Arizona. Someday, the federal government will follow."

As of July, same-sex couples will be able to enter into a legal institution intended to be parallel to marriage. To get a civil union, parties must be at least 18 years old and not closely related by blood. They will be able to obtain from any town clerk a civil union license, which may then be "certified" by a justice of the peace or willing member of the clergy. Couples will receive a civil union certificate rather than a marriage certificate.

As a practical matter, the civil union status confers on parties to a civil union the identical state law protections and responsibilities as are available to spouses in a marriage. The legal status of Gay and Lesbian families will be transformed from "legal strangers" to legal "next of kin." This includes preferences for guardianship of and medical decision-making for an incapacitated partner; automatic inheritance rights; the right to leave work to care for an ill spouse; hospital visitation rights; control of a partner's body upon death; the right to be treated as an economic unit for tax purposes under state law, including the ability to transfer property to each other during life without tax consequences; greater access to family health insurance policies; the ability to obtain joint policies of insurance and joint credit; parentage rights; and the right to divorce (called a "dissolution") and to an ordered method for ascertaining property division as well as child custody and support. The law applies to private parties as well, and discrimination against parties to a civil union is considered both marital status and sexual orientation discrimination.

While people from other states may go to Vermont for civil unions, just as they do for marriages, those same-sex families from outside Vermont still need take the limited measures they can in their own states to protect their families, for example, by having wills and powers of attorney for financial and medical decision-making.

"While we will continue to work for equality in civil marriage, the message of common humanity and equality for Gay and Lesbian families coming from Vermont is a message which can be taken home to any state. By changing the focus away from the word 'marriage' and looking instead to the legal protections and responsibilities provided by to married families, people in other states should be able to forge a fair common ground with lawmaker who seek to support all families," said Bonauto.

Cramer agreed, adding "My partner, Amy, and I already are registered domestic partners in Cambridge, Massachusetts and have a wedding certificate signed by the rabbi who performed the ceremony. In July, we will be obtaining a civil union in Vermont. Someday, I am confident, we will obtain a marriage license. The question is not whether, but when."

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## Hillary Supports Civil Union Bill - But Does Rudy?

NEW YORK, NY - Candidates vying for the vacated U.S. Senate seat from New York, Hillary Rodham Clinton and New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, both expressed support for extending legal recognition for same-sex relationships.

While both stopped short of endorsing Gay marriage, Mrs. Clinton inched ahead of Mayor Giuliani on the issue of Gay rights by giving her unqualified endorsement of the Vermont Senate's vote backing civil union.

Giuliani declined comment. A spokeswoman later issued an explanation saying that since Gay marriage rights and legal recognition of same-sex relationships were important issues for Gay voters in

New York, he thought it best he examine the Vermont decision more carefully. An aide said the mayor "had not seen" the measure.

While not giving his opinion on the Vermont decision, Giuliani touted his successful 1998 push for expanded domestic partnership rights in New York City. "I was in favor of and signed the bill providing for domestic partnership," he said in a statement. "I think the institution of marriage should remain defined as a man and a woman."

For her part, Mrs. Clinton told reporters she had long "supported the kind of rights and responsibilities that are being extended to Gay couples in Vermont."

## Tipper Gore To Address PFLAG Conference

WASHINGTON, DC - Kirsten Kingdon, Executive Director of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) announced that Tipper Gore would address the group's 17th Conference, entitled "PFLAG: Family Voices for Equality."

"Mrs. Gore has been a friend to our Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered loved-ones," said Kingdon. "She shares PFLAG's desire to build strong families and to empower our youth. We are honored that she has chosen to speak to our members and our community."

The mother of a Gay son, Kingdon pointed out that when Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people suffer from discrimination or violence, their families and communities suffer. "Mrs. Gore is a strong ally in our struggle to create a safer

world for all people," she said.

Tipper Gore is a well-known advocate for families, women and children and an active proponent of healthy living and healthy lives. Her work has focused on issues such as mental health, children's health, education, homelessness and physical fitness. Her health focus has encompassed a variety of issues, including mental illness and AIDS. She has worked to prevent teen suicide and has spoken out about the need to destigmatize mental and physical disabilities.

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## Colorado Senate Committee Kills Hate Crimes Bill

DENVER, CO (NP) - Colorado's House approved the addition of sexual orientation, age and disability to the protected categories, but a Senate committee didn't get it.

An attempt to add sexual orientation and other categories to Colorado's ethnic intimidation law failed for the sixth consecutive year with a Senate panel's party-line vote on April 20. Hopes for success had been raised last week when the full state House approved HB 1168 (Tate) by 37 - 27, but the conservative Senate State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee dashed them with a vote of 5 - 4 against.

All of the testimony the committee heard was in support of the move to add sexual orientation, age and disability to those bias motivations which allow courts to enhance criminal sentences. The current law covers race and religion. Law enforcement and criminal justice groups joined Gays and Lesbians in calling for enactment. So did witnesses representing Colorado's three Roman Catholic archbishops, the Rocky Mountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Jewish community.

Committee members themselves presented the opposing views. Senator Doug Lamborn (R-Colorado Springs) said, "To me all crimes are horrible. To say some are worse than others, I don't get it." Indeed the Committee's Republican members had a very different perspective from the bill's supporters. Senator Marilyn Musgrave (R-Fort Morgan) said, "When we start saying one individual is more deserv-

ing of justice than another, we're on the wrong track." Senator Mark Hillman (R-Burlington) also said that all crimes should be treated equally. Senator Mary-Anne Tebedo (R-Colorado Springs) said, "All crime of any kind is done because of hate -- it isn't done out of love."

Supporters, including lead sponsors Representative Penfield Tate (D-Denver) and Senator Dorothy Rupert (D-Boulder) talked about giving law enforcement a tool to combat hate crimes and about sending a message those crimes will not be tolerated. As Equality Colorado executive director Lori Girvan told reporters, particularly given the legislature's move this session against recognition of same-gender marriages another state may someday perform, "Failing to add these kinds of hate crimes to the existing law sends a message that violence is acceptable if the person targeted is old or disabled or Gay. It shocks me that these elected representatives continue to say that some of Colorado's citizens are not worthy of equal rights and protections."

Meanwhile the Alabama legislature is also grappling with a bill to add sexual orientation to the state hate crime law's protected categories. Early in April HB 85 was passed by the state House and is now pending action in the Senate Judiciary Committee. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Alabama are calling on Alabama residents to contact their own state Senators as well as the members of the committee to urge passage of the measure, which is scheduled for a vote this week.

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## Woman Ordered To Leave Partner's Home

ATLANTA, GA - The American Civil Liberties Union filed an appeal this week before the Georgia Supreme Court on behalf of a mother being held in "willful contempt" by a Walton County Judge. The lawyers contend the bench action is based solely on the woman's sexual orientation and her live-in relationship with another woman.

Jean Ann Vawter and her husband were divorced in 1994 and Ms. Vawter was granted sole custody of their children. Her ex-husband, Douglas Alan Vawter, knew of his ex-wife's relationship with her partner and that the two had shared a religious commitment ceremony in 1996.

In a fit of pique, Douglas Vawter filed suit against his ex-wife, asking a local court to place her in the Walton County jail for violating their divorce agreement and for exposing their children to a lewd and "meretricious" relationship. Ms. Vawter says her ex-husband's suit was filed in response to her attempt to collect unpaid child support.

While Ms. Vawter was not thrown in jail, he ruled her living situation "unwholesome" and ordered that she and her children leave her partner's home they have shared for more than four years. If she does not leave the residence, the judge said, Ms. Vawter would be found in contempt of court.

Jean Vawter was stunned. "The children are happy, well-adjusted kids who are doing well in school and sports and have active social lives -- just what we all want for our children," she said. But the ruling issued by the Superior Court of Walton County is "very frightening to them

and threatens their security. It is unfathomable to all of us that our home could be devastated in this way."

The ACLU in Georgia has moved swiftly in the family's defense. "The judge's order tears asunder the secure, nurturing family unit Ms. Vawter has created with her partner and children," said Robert Tsai, staff attorney at the ACLU of Georgia. "We are confident that the appeals court will agree that Ms. Vawter in no way waived her fundamental rights to define the contours of her home life, to raise and educate her children in the manner she sees fit, and to engage in a loving, committed relationship with her partner."

Gerry Weber, Legal Director of the ACLU of Georgia, put the mission of the group in this case in the same passionate terms. "We are asking the appellate courts to remove a wedge driven deeply into the heart of a loving, happy family," he said.

The Application for Review filed by the ACLU asserts that Ms. Vawter's relationship is not "meretricious" and that the contempt order requiring her and her children to leave their home is a violation of her constitutional rights.

"Nationwide, more Lesbians and Gay men are starting families, and courts are increasingly grappling with subsequent custody issues. But this case is beyond the pale," said Jennifer Middleton another ACLU attorney assisting in the Vawter case. "By finding this mother in contempt of court, this judge has shown his own contempt for love, honesty and the true meaning of family. We are confident that this injustice will be rectified."

## Florida's G/L Adoption Ban Challenged By ACLU

KEY WEST, FL - A U.S. District Court judge has ruled a challenge filed by the American Civil Liberties Union against a Florida law banning Lesbian and Gay adoption can proceed, turning aside the state's request to summarily dismiss the suit.

The decision cleared the way for what is likely to be a very contentious court battle over an issue that is gaining a conservative foothold in many parts of the country. The Mississippi state Senate voted last week to ban Lesbian and Gay couples from adopting and Utah passed a ban on adoption by all unmarried couples earlier this year.

"We are especially pleased with today's ruling because as this case progresses, the nation will have an opportunity to see that banning Lesbian and Gay adoption is not just bad policy -- it's unconstitutional," said Michael Adams, Associate Director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

The class action lawsuit challenges the adoption ban on behalf of children who are being denied loving adoptive homes and on behalf of the Gay men and Lesbians who wish to adopt them. Children First Project, a Florida advocacy organization, is representing the children in the case, and the ACLU is representing the adults.

The groups charge that the law ignores the best interests of children by precluding an entire class of qualified adults from adopting, rather than making adoption decisions on a case-by-case basis. Further, the lawsuit claims that the discriminatory adoption policy violates both the children's and adults' constitutional rights to equal protection, privacy, intimate association and family integrity.

In court arguments to dismiss the case last month, the state contended that the plaintiffs had not actually applied to adopt, and therefore could not show that they were impacted by the adoption ban. The state also defended the adoption ban on "moral" grounds and claimed that the Gay families in the case were not entitled to legal protection.

U.S. District Judge James Lawrence King did not address the state's morality claim, focusing only on which plaintiffs had formally submitted adoption applications. Although the ACLU took the position that the adoption ban made the applications futile, the court said it wanted the applications submitted nonetheless and allowed 30 days for this to happen.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

Openly Gay and now openly HIV+ pro figure skater Rudy Galindo appeared in a featured interview with Jane Pauley on NBC's Dateline on April 21. The 1996 U.S. men's singles champion (previously a champ in doubles partnered with Kristi Yamaguchi) made public his HIV status on April 5 and received more than 15,000 e-mails in the two weeks following. Last week he even got a phone call from Tipper Gore, the Vice President's wife; Galindo told the Detroit Free Press they spoke for more than an hour and that Gore said she "and Al would move heaven and earth to help me out."

There's been an outpouring of support from his fellow skaters and his fans. Poignantly, on the ice he's been reprising his popular Send in the Clowns routine, saying, "My fans have supported me through all this, and I want to give them back something they like." ...

Lesbian tennis pro Amelie

Mauresmo will be back in action on May 1 in Croatia. She's been out with a back strain since last month's Women's Tennis Association (WTA) tournament in Indian Wells, California. Her fellow French nationals were hoping she'd be ready to play in the first round of the Fed Cup in Moscow next week, but the French Tennis Federation announced April 17 that Mauresmo needed more time to heal.

After winning the first tournament in Sydney, it's been another uneven season for Mauresmo, but even with the long layoff for the injury she's still ranked #16 by the WTA and is #18 among its money-winners.

Short reliever John Rocker returned to the Atlanta Braves on April 18, ending a two-week suspension for offending just about everyone with remarks he made in an interview with Sports Illustrated. In venting his spleen against New York City and its baseball fans, he expressed his distaste for most identifiable groups living there, including Gays and people with AIDS. But while the minorities he insulted were probably still boycotting Turner Field (and some may even have been cruising rockersucks.com), the 35,000 at the stadium included a lot of Rocker fans, many wearing jerseys with his number, 49. They gave him a big standing ovation when he was sent in to pitch the ninth inning, and when he left the game after retiring the side (one strikeout, one walk, no hits, no runs), many of the fans left too, without waiting to see how the 3 - 3 tie was resolved (the Braves took it from the Philadelphia Phillies 4 - 3 in twelve innings). One fan even held up a sign saying, "Rocker for President."

As for his teammates, even the ones who'd been angriest were happy to have their closer back in a bullpen that's racked up a sad 5.14 earned run average in his absence. However, Major League Baseball is very concerned for Rocker's safety when he goes on the road, particularly to New York. Meanwhile, Atlanta's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People decided not to picket the stadium for Rocker's return, but a demonstration when Atlanta hosts the All-Star Game in July is under consideration. ...

When word got out that a group of Gay men were planning to attend the oil wrestling championships in Edirne, Turkey, the wrestlers did not exactly rejoice at the news. The big men who don leather pants and olive oil to get down and grapple are traditionalists, after all, and the July event the Gays thought it would be nice to see together is the 649th Kirkpinar championships. Traditional Sports Federation chair Alper Yazoglu said, "It's immoral. We are trying every way to have this stopped. ... We shall pass this matter on to the interior, foreign and other ministries to ask for this disgusting business to be stopped."

It won't be easy to stop the onslaught of Gay men, however, since like many other "Gay days" it's simply an unofficial date they'll be turning up for individually. And since it was a "bears" group that came up with the idea, it won't necessarily be that easy to distinguish them from the wrestlers themselves.

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4. AM'T NOBODY'S BIZ - 2940 E. Broadway 318-4838
5. CLUB CONGRESS - 311 E. Congress 628-8848
6. STONEWALL LTD. - 2921 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. 624-8865
7. WOODY'S - 3718 N. Oracle Road, 292-4762
8. A. METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH 3269 N. Mountain - 292-9151
9. B. CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP 2902 N. Geranimo - 622-4626
10. C. DESERT PRIDE - Gifts, Videos, etc. 300. 6<sup>th</sup> St. - 388-9829
11. D. WINGSPAN - 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. - 624-1779
12. E. S.A.A.F. - 375 S. Euclid Ave. - 628-7223
13. F. RAINBOW PLANET COFFEE HOUSE 606 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. - 620-1770
14. G. SOMETHING 4-U - Gifts, Crystals, etc. 250 W. Grant Rd. - 620-6485
15. H. TUCSON TRUNK - Gifts, Cards, etc. 5605 E. River Road. - 529-8309

**CHECK THE BAR CALENDAR FOR DAILY SPECIALS**

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# Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

Community Forum HIV Update from 6:00 - 7:45 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital, 1601 W. St. Mary's Road in the Century Room (across from the chapel). "Treatment in the New Millennium" is the subject of the meeting which includes speakers Dr. Neil Ampel, MD; Dr. Kevin Carmichael, MD; Dr. Deborah Goldsmith, MD; and Dr. Kelly Vollmer, MC. These doctors will review the current state of HIV management and give an update on any new advances in treatment. Sponsored by SAAF and Abbott Labs.

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 "Flirting With Disaster", a comedy about a man searching for his birth parents. The film stars Ben Stiller, Tea Leoni, George Segal, and Mary Tyler Moore. For reservations & directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 29

The Lesbian Cancer and Health Project presents the Lesbian Health Fair. "Well Being Through Our Lives" from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson, 4831 E. 22nd Street (1 block East of Swan). Cost is sliding scale \$1.00 to \$20 includes lunch and beverages. The lunch panel discussion: "Physical Fitness Through The Ages". Call Wingspan for more information 624-1779 or contact www.wingspanaz.org for info and applications to give a workshop.

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 "How to find Happiness". What brings you happiness, and what do you do to bring happiness to others? Come share your thoughts. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 30

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 318-1650.10:00 a.m.

## SATURDAY, MAY 6

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Potluck & Social Gathering as we sit down to eat with some of the nicest gay guys in town (like you!). It's a nice, safe place to meet 80 guys all at once! The Potluck is held at the Casas Adobe Congregational Church at 6801 N. Oracle. Please call Jerry at 690-9565 for directions and any questions you may have.

## SUNDAY, MAY 7

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 318-1650.10:00 a.m.

## MONDAY, MAY 8

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 Michael at 326-3555.

## TUESDAY, MAY 9

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 11:30 a.m. Join Jerry & Les for a Lunch Out at the Casino of the Sun. After lunch, we'll spread out in the casino and try our hand at winning a few dollars. For details, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

## THURSDAY, MAY 11

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for Dinner Out as we go to Cory's Cafe. Please phone in your reservation to Bill as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant of the number of men attending. For directions and reservations, please contact Bill at 546-7539.

## SATURDAY, MAY 13

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 a.m. MSN members hold a One In Ten Carpet Sale at 1740 E. Hedrick Drive (one block south of Ft. Lowell, and one block west of Campbell). For more info, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

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

## SUNDAY, MAY 14

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.

## THURSDAY, MAY 18

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Join Steve and other MSN guys as we take a moonlight hike up through Sabino Canyon. For details, please call Steve at 318-9162.

# Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Back by popular demand "Drag King Show" at the Biz. \$1.50 pitchers all night. No cover. Show starts at 9:00 p.m. Dance music follows with DJ Sarafina.

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "The Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Ajia Simone, Tori Steele and Faith Michaels.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 27

IBT'S - Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP) Male Box Night. Meet new friends and play Post Office.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 28

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Latino Night. Drink and shot specials all night. 75¢ watermelons and \$2.00 kamikazes all night. No Cover. DJ Hill spins the hottest Latin house, cumbia, corridas and much, much more.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 29

VALENTINA'S - A Silent Auction to benefit S.A.A.F. will take place here from Noon until 5:00 p.m. Plus a Bar-B-Q from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Plus a Yard Sale from Noon until 6:00 p.m. All proceeds to benefit Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. Donations to the yard sale to be dropped off between noon and 6:00 p.m. For more information call Joe at 318-1346.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 30

IBT'S - Party Day! Jeff's Bloody Mary Bar 11 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Karaoke on the patio with Billy Dee 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Benefit Bar-B-Q & 16oz Beer Bust for GLSEN (Gay-Lesbian-Straight Educators Network). Then at 9:00 p.m. its a fundraiser show for Bunny FuFu who is a candidate for Miss Gay Arizona-America. Show features Mr. Kenneth Blake, Adrienne Alexander and special guests.

VALENTINA'S - A Bar-B-Q from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Plus a Yard Sale from Noon until 6:00 p.m. with all proceeds to benefit Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. For more information call Joe at 318-1346.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "The Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday featuring Miss Gay Metropolis Chané Jordan. Miss Gay Phoenix, Celebrity Starr and Miss Gay Tucson, Bunny FuFu.

## THURSDAY, MAY 4

STONEWALL - Cinco de Mayo Fiesta begins and continues through May 7. Stay tuned for complete details.

## FRIDAY, MAY 5

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Celebrate Cinco de Mayo here with \$1.50 tequila shots, \$2.00 Coronas and other drink specials from 9:00 p.m. to closing. Latin Music from 8:00 to closing. It's gonna be a hot Latino Friday!

## SUNDAY, MAY 7

WOODY'S - Reno Gannon Jello Wrestling Benefit for SAAF 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Watch for details coming up!

## FRIDAY, MAY 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Party held at Jerry & Les' home. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, May 18 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

## SATURDAY, MAY 20

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bill hosts the MSN Premiere of "I Think I Do", a very funny film about a gay college student in love with his roomie, and their meeting again several years later. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

## SUNDAY, MAY 21

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Robert hosts a hike to Tanque Verde Falls for some nude sunbathing. For details, please call Robert at 408-7114.

2. 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.

3. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:30 p.m. Steve hosts an evening devoted to Mah Jong. If you don't know how to play, they gladly teach you. For reservations, details, and directions, please call Steve at 388-4849.

## MONDAY, MAY 22

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Michael at 326-3555.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

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.

# Daily Bar Calendar

## Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9-1. Shot specials all night.

IBT'S - Open 11am-1am. Happy Hour 11-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Free Sunday Buffet Served at 5pm. Bar open Noon. All well drinks \$1.50 until 7pm. Smirnoff Sunday make your own Bloody Marys. Dance Club opens at 9pm with Joshua Tree Nite! Flash from the Past, music by Mix Master David Z. New Digital Karaoke surround sound system (in the bar) 9pm to close. Popcorn, Steaming Buns and Weenies... Free.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour to 7pm. \$1.50 well & domestics. BBQ Beer Bust 4-9pm; Pool Tourney to benefit SAAF 7:30pm \$3 entry (pot matched). 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.

WOODY'S - 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, 25¢ cups of draft 8 to closing.

IBT'S - Open 10am. Martini Monday all day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well \$1.75 well & 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. All well drinks \$1.50 until 7pm. All cocktails 2-4-1 from 7pm til 1am. Dance Club opens 9pm with David Z spinning retro. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies...free

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7 \$1.50 well & domestics: BBQ Beer Bust 6-9pm.) All request DJ 9pm -1am. Extended Happy Hour 9pm-1am 50¢ drafts plus free pool.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Dart Tourney 8pm, pot matched. Patio opens 5pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

## Tuesday

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

IBT'S - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. 9 pm to close \$1.75 well. Wear an IBT's T-shirt get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. House Hi-Nergy Dance 9pm to closing.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.50 until 7pm. Dance Club opens 9pm. DJ Eduardo featuring international music. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies free.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. 11am-7pm, \$1.50 well & domestics. 2-4-1 from 5to7pm well & domestics. BBQ Beer Bust 6-9; 80s nite with DJ Marquis 9pm-1am, 80¢ drink specials 9pm-1am.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. 1st Tuesday TKO Spaghetti Feed

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Skyy's the limit \$2.25

## Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Free Pool 2-4. \$1.50 pitchers 9-close. 80s Retro DJ Sarafina. No cover.

IBT'S - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am to 4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. \$1.75 Bud Products 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.50 til 7. New Digital Karaoke surround sound 9pm til close in the bar. Dance Club opens at 9pm with DJ Eduardo. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies... Free.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7pm, \$1.50 well & domestics. Pool tourney 7:30pm \$3 entry (pot matched). Disco Inferno 9pm-1am with DJ Marquis. 25¢ "You Call It" drink specials 9pm-1am.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Cuervo Gold \$2 and Cuervo 1800 \$2.25 Open to close. Patio opens at 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball on demand 7 days a week. See bartender.

## Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Liz 9pm to close. \$1.50 Tequila & 75 Watermelons.

IBT'S - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well \$1.75 well & domestic 4-9. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 well and \$1.75 domestic beer to those in their underwear (part check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.50 til 7pm. Dance club opens at 9pm. Dance with DJ Eduardo. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies... free.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well & Domestics. 2-4-1 4-7pm well & domestics. 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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes.. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

## Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hill. Drink specials every 1/2 hour

IBT'S - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Tracey 5:30-8:30pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.50 til 7pm. Dance Club open 9pm. Dance with DJ David Z. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies... free.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7 \$1.50 well & domestics. Line dance lessons 7-8pm; Country Music extravaganza 7pm to close. All Bud Products \$2.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens 8pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm Martini Party - Well Martinis \$2. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

## Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched, \$2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every half hour...

IBT'S - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Patio bar 9-1. Dance 9-1. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.50 til 7pm. Dance Club opens at 9pm with DJ David Z. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies... free.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7 \$1.50 well & domestics.. A variety of shows hosted by Crystal Abrams. 9pm. All donations go to charity. Dance Mix 10:30pm to 1am.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ drafts, \$1.50 pitchers. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm. Cricket Dart Tournament 9pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.



**NOTICES**

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

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

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

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

**T-SQUARES** Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 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 325-9468 or Ray at 749-5247.

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

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

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

**DESERT VOICES**, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9682.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT**. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

**AA Meeting** with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

**MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK**: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

**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.saaaf.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 575-8860 or write P.O. Box 36284, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

**ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN** and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Wingspan at 624-1779 about a new Al-Anon group being organized in Tucson.

**YOUNG AND GAY?**

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

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

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

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

**GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN** in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

**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.

**DESERT DUNGEON - TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational, Safe Space** for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. Call us at (602)325-0131, or <http://www.azds.net/dd>

**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.

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**NOTICES**

**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](http://AAPSP.org) or e-mail: [AAPSP@aol.com](mailto:AAPSP@aol.com) or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6219 (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 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-8624.

**SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous)** meets every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Wingspan at 300 E. Sixth Street. 624-1779

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

**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 882-4728 for information.

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

**GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMGER OF COMMERCE (GPGCC)** P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: [webmaster@gpgcc.org](mailto:webmaster@gpgcc.org) or call (602)225-8444.

**SOURCES UNLIMITED**, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message.

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

**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. 578-9020

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

**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 299-8647.

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS** and updates on Gay Games 2002, contact TEAM ARIZONA at their website: [teamarizona.org](http://teamarizona.org)

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

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

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

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

**NOTICES**

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

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

**LUTHERANS CONCERNED** - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For more information write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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

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

**TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN)**, a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-8647.

**LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**. Saturdays 1 to 2m new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Contacts 325-6676 or 327-4293.

**ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING** is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7876.

**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 ([evetten@ix.netcom.com](mailto:evetten@ix.netcom.com))

**AZdykes** is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail [tyan@theriver.com](mailto:tyan@theriver.com) and request guidelines.

**OUTLOUD!** Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio 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).

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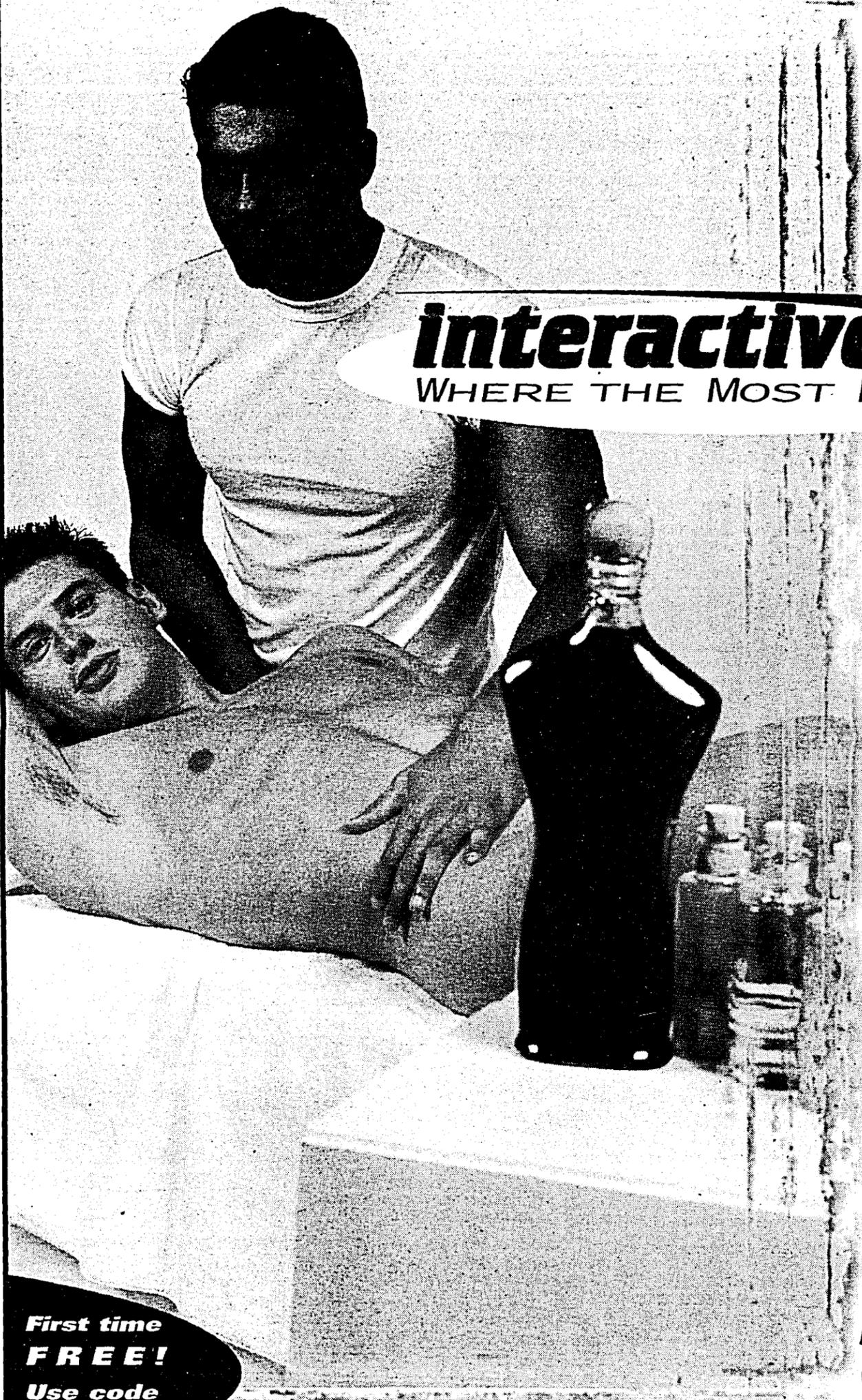
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