



**PERSPECTIVE**

**Mind Your Manners!**

By Craig Wilson and Maria Puente  
USA TODAY

Remember the guy who used to wave in his rear-view mirror when you let him edge his car in line in front of you? Whatever happened to him?

Remember the blushing bride who used to send thank-you notes for every gift she received? What aisle is she walking down these days? And what about the guy who used to stand up on the bus to give the pregnant woman his seat?

Did he leave the country for kinder, gentler climes? One wonders.

Just the other day, in the Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C., what would have been unthinkable a few years ago happened. A man was laying on his horn to clear traffic out of his way. The traffic was a funeral procession.

Meanwhile, the Amtrak Metroliner between New York and Washington has turned into nothing more than a phone booth on tracks, with cellphone abusers holding the other passengers hostage to their conversations.

And don't even get us going on people who talk during movies, or carry everything they own onto planes.

Good manners, it appears, have gone the way of white gloves, top hats and Sir Walter Raleigh. Like men in capes, they have become a thing of the past. Spend any afternoon at the mall watching teenagers trample slow-moving senior citizens, and you have to ask: What happened to the gracious days of "please" and "thank you"?

"Like a lot of people, I've been stunned by the collapse of civility," says Alex Packer, author of *How Rude! The Teenagers' Guide to Good Manners, Proper Behavior and Not Grossing People Out*. "I lay the blame at the feet of the adults. Manners are taught".

Packer believes the decline began three decades ago when people started "doing their own thing."

"Our obsession with individualism began back then, and you add to that mix changes in demographics, like more divorce, more latchkey kids, diminishing parental involvement, and you pretty much have the collapse of a lot of institutions in America, good manners among them."

A recent *U.S. News & World Report* study shows 89% of Americans feel civility has hit a new low and that we're ready for a change.

The subject is a lightning rod. When USA TODAY ran a column asking

what happened to manners earlier this year the newspaper received 2,500 responses in two days. Bad manners have gotten under the skin of more than a few Southern legislators, too. Lawmakers in Alabama, South Carolina and Georgia are considering legislation that requires elementary school pupils to address their teachers "yes, sir" and "no, ma'am." Such legislation is already in place in Louisiana. (Assessments of the Louisiana law's effectiveness vary. Some teachers say they weren't aware of it, and others say it provided modest benefits.)

Mississippi Gov. Ronnie Musgrove thought the situation had gotten so bad in the Magnolia State that he, too, supported a similar bill this session. It failed, mainly because legislators weren't sure how such a law would be enforced.

The state capital, Jackson, however, came out on top when USA TODAY dispatched reporters to four cities to put local manners to the test. We evaluated each city on several criteria - for example, how quickly residents hit their horns when stuck in slow traffic. Minneapolis came in second, Philadelphia third, and San Francisco a distant fourth.

**EXHIBIT 'A' IN THE COURT OF BAD MANNERS: CELLPHONES**

The manners issue that has most San Franciscans in a snit these days is cellphones.

Radio talk-show hosts and newspaper columnists regularly rail against them, *The San Francisco Chronicle* has run two editorials urging people to be more considerate, and Mayor Brown chews out his staffers whenever cellphones go off around him. He's calling on the state to increase penalties against motorists involved in accidents while talking on cellphones.

When news leaked that the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), which runs the San Francisco subway system, planned to install antennas in its stations and tunnels so phone fanatics could use them underground, outraged calls, letters and e-mail messages poured in. Now there's a growing commuter movement to ban cellphones from public transit in the city.

As a result of all this, Ed Moose is a local hero, acclaimed as a champion against ill-mannered cellphone use. A former saloonkeeper, he is now the owner of Moose's, a North Beach restaurant where cellphones have been banned since last fall. On every table, there are little cards with the restaurant's logo - a line drawing of a goofy-looking moose - and the warning: "No cellular phones, please."

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**Initial Meeting Set For Local Protest And Boycott Of 'Dr.' Laura**

**More Businesses Join in Advertising Boycott**

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - Protests over the proposed television talk show, hosted by "Dr." Laura Schlessinger, the anti Gay radio personality, airing this fall have taken place across the country. Soon Tucson could be next, with an initial meeting to organize a protest scheduled for Friday, June 9, 7:00 p.m., at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street.

Schlessinger's more famous remarks have included calling homosexuality a "biological error," claiming that large numbers of Gay men are pedophiles, and supporting therapies purporting to change sexual orientation; she has variously justified her remarks as based on her Jewish religious beliefs, her training in biology, and the same pseudo-scientific studies commonly cited by the religious right.

Recent remarks aside, Schlessinger, who has a doctorate in physiology, uses her radio show to denigrate Gays and Lesbians.

Regarding the University of Wyoming student, Matthew Shepard, who was brutally murdered solely because of sexuality. Schlessinger stated that Shepard "had asked for it." She has also called Gays and Lesbians "deviants," numerous times on her program.

On the heels of Procter & Gamble's (P&G) decision not to advertise on the upcoming talker starring Dr. Laura Schlessinger, sources indicate that AT&T and Amex plan to instruct their media buyers not to purchase ad time on the show.

P&G, AT&T's and Amex's decisions are said to be due to the controversy surrounding the show. Other companies not advertising with Schlessinger include: Xerox, United, ToysRUS, More.com, Box-Lot and Amica Insurance.

For more information, call (520) 624-1779 or E-mail: [stopdrlauratucson@yahoo.com](mailto:stopdrlauratucson@yahoo.com).

**California Governor Vetoes Domestic Partner Family Leave**

SACRAMENTO, CA (NP) - The first attempt to put meat on the bones of California's domestic partners registry is too inclusive for the Democratic governor (and the Chamber of Commerce).

California Governor Gray Davis late on May 23 vetoed a bill to add domestic partners and others to the state's family medical leave law, the first bill to make it to his desk of a group of proposals to give substance to the statewide domestic partners registry he signed into law last year. Although his veto message was a gentle one indicating his general willingness to work on a similar measure in the future, it's not clear why he would wait until the veto stage to express his objections, a hesitancy he has not demonstrated regarding a number of other bills introduced by fellow Democrats. Press perception of the veto ranged from "Davis put his centrist philosophy into action" (San Diego's Union-Tribune) to "bowing to business group opposition" (San Francisco Chronicle).

Senator Tom Hayden's (D-Los Angeles) SB 118 would have expanded the categories of relationships for which larger employers are required to allow qualified employees to take up to twelve weeks of family leave to care for in event of "a serious health condition." Currently the law recognizes workers' spouses, minor children and parents for this purpose. Hayden's

bill would have added domestic partners; those adult children, siblings and grandparents who reside with and depend on the worker; and "an individual who depends on the employee for immediate care and support, who shares a common residence with the employee." It seems to have been the last group in particular that was disturbing to Davis.

The Governor's Message - Davis wrote:

I am returning SB 118 without my signature.

Last year, I was pleased to sign AB 109 (Knox), which permits an employee to use sick leave to attend to an illness of a child, parent or spouse of the employee.

The Family Medical Leave Act is designed to allow employees to take time off and to care for close relatives and be able to return to their place of employment without jeopardy. This measure, while well intentioned, extends that right far beyond what any other state has permitted to a relationship outside the family - specifically, to individuals who live together to share expenses if one of those individuals subsequently becomes seriously ill.

There are, however, portions of  
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# UPDATE

## TLGA Relocates OUToberFEST 2000

TUCSON - After a successful and productive meeting with the Tucson Parks and Recreations Department, the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) announced that OUToberFEST 2000 will be held at the DeMeester Performance Center at Reid Park.

Due to the rate of growth OUToberFEST has experienced in the past five years, the DeMeester Center presents itself as the ideal location for Tucson's and southern Arizona's Pride Event.

"There is a tremendous amount of facilities located around the DeMeester Center that will benefit TLGA and the growth of OUToberFEST. The board is very excited," said Chad Froeschke, President of TLGA.

TLGA will be using the performance center as the main stage for this year's musical entertainment. The board will also be providing a community stage west of the center along with the new Community Business Association's "village" touting Tucson's LGBT owned businesses. Included also is the high energy dance venue, a larger playground for the children and a shuttle service from Hi Corbett Field's parking lot to help reduce congestion in the three parking lots that flank the performance center.

The Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance is the producer of Tucson's pride festival, OUToberFEST 2000, "One Vision One World," to be held Saturday, October 14, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Southwest corner of Reid Park.

To volunteer for OUToberFEST 2000 and Gay Pride Week, call the TLGA OUTline, (520) 622-3200.

## Summer Volleyball League Forming

TUCSON - A four-person, coed volleyball league is forming at Woody's for those who feel it's "never too hot to play."

Skill is not important to organizers, who said beginners are most welcome and encouraged. The league will start play June 4, 6:00 p.m.

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## RGMC Concert June 10 & 11

TUCSON - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus (RGMC) has been touching hearts and changing lives for five years now. To help the 45 singers of Reveille celebrate their fifth anniversary, you are cordially invited to come to a special concert, June 10-11, at Pima Community College's Center for the Arts, 2202 West Anklam Road.

The title of the concert is "Yes! We Know the way to San Jose!" Reveille is not only celebrating an anniversary, but preparing to make their debut at the GALA Festival 2000 in San Jose, CA, July 22-30. Reveille will be one of 124 Gay and Lesbian choruses performing in eight days of concerts, organized by the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA). The festivals are held every four years in different cities across the country and promises to be the largest in history.

This concert will include songs the chorus will be performing in San Jose, plus other songs requested. On Saturday, June 10, the concert will begin at 8:00 p.m., with a matinee performance for Sunday, June 11, with the curtain raising at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10/advance, \$12/door, \$8.50/seniors and children. You can get tickets from chorus members, Antigone Books, Tucson Trunk, the PCC Center Box office, or calling Reveille, (520) 617-3100.

## AZAPA Meeting June 14

PHOENIX - The Annual Meeting of the Arizona AIDS Policy (AZAPA) will be held Wednesday, June 14, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the American Red Cross, 6135 N. Black Canyon Highway in Phoenix. Lunch is included.

The agenda will include a presentation by AZAPA lobbyist Joe Abate, confirmation of priorities for the next session of the Arizona Legislature, and awards to individuals and organizations for their outstanding service to the HIV/AIDS communities in Arizona.

All friends and members are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Beth Carey, Administrator, at the new AZAPA office, 6601 E. Grant, Suite 111, Tucson, AZ 85715, or call (520) 722-1707, ext. 102, or E-mail: azapa@cfsoaz.org.

## Desert Voices In Concert June 16-17

TUCSON - Putting a wrap on their 11<sup>th</sup> performing season, Desert Voices announces their upcoming summer concert production, "World Without Borders," exploring humanity in an entertaining, thought provoking way, sharing music with a message.

The Chorus will also premiere the award winning work from its second annual Young Women's Composer Contest. Complimenting their effort will be The Arizona Dance, Inc., Tejano Rare Band, and Tariq Rasool & The Songhai Drummers. The Desert Voices chorus will be led by their new principal accompanist, Chris Tackett.

Two shows are scheduled for June 16-17. Both performances will take place at the Proscenium Theater at Pima Community College, with the curtain rising at 8:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12/advance, \$15/day of performance, \$10/Senior & Student tickets in advance.

## Entertainment Briefs

The hour-long season finale of Will & Grace earned the popular Gay-themed sitcom its highest numbers in the 18- to 49-year-old viewer demographic since its season premiere last September. The show, which becomes part of NBC's Thursday night "must-see TV" lineup in the fall, pulled an 8.7 rating/22 share between 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. (8-9 p.m. Tucson time) ...

The Penis Responds, 12 comic short plays written and directed by Academy Award winner Ernest Thompson (On Golden Pond), opened May 25 and runs through June 10 at the Blue Heron Arts Center, 123 E. 24th Street in New York. A comic response to the popular Vagina Monologues, The Penis Responds probes the ins, outs, ups, and downs of the world's most overused yet misunderstood piece of anatomy. The show stars Thompson and Richard Gilliland (Designing Women); to order tickets, call (212) 279-4200. ...

Playwright Noël Coward and 007 creator Ian Fleming were neighbors in Jamaica, and now several Broadway producers are showing interest in a never-produced Coward play that's a thinly veiled story about Fleming's love life. That Coward's play, Volcano—which features a leading man who is clearly modeled on Fleming and deals with wife swapping and Bisexuality—was never published or presented on stage because several of Fleming's surviving conquests would have sued. ...

In celebration of June being Gay Pride Month, Sundance Channel is offering "Out Loud," a month-long festival of uncensored feature films, documentaries and shorts of interest to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community. Several of the airings will be television premieres - Chutney Popcorn, a comedy about an Indian Lesbian relating with her traditional family; Edge of Seventeen, a coming-of-age story set in 1980s Ohio; and East Palace, West Palace, a two-man drama set in China.

## 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.

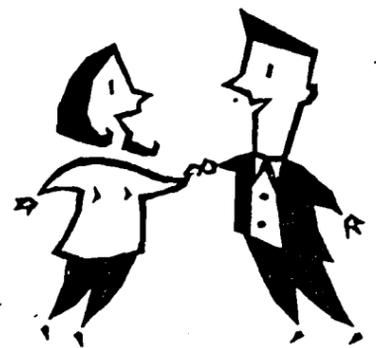
Entries must be 17" x 22" finished size with the only lettering being "2001 Road Runner Regional Rodeo." Exception to the size requirement will be made for work will be made for computer generated artwork, with the original art being on a Macintosh compatible CD or Zip disk. Sufficient space must be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

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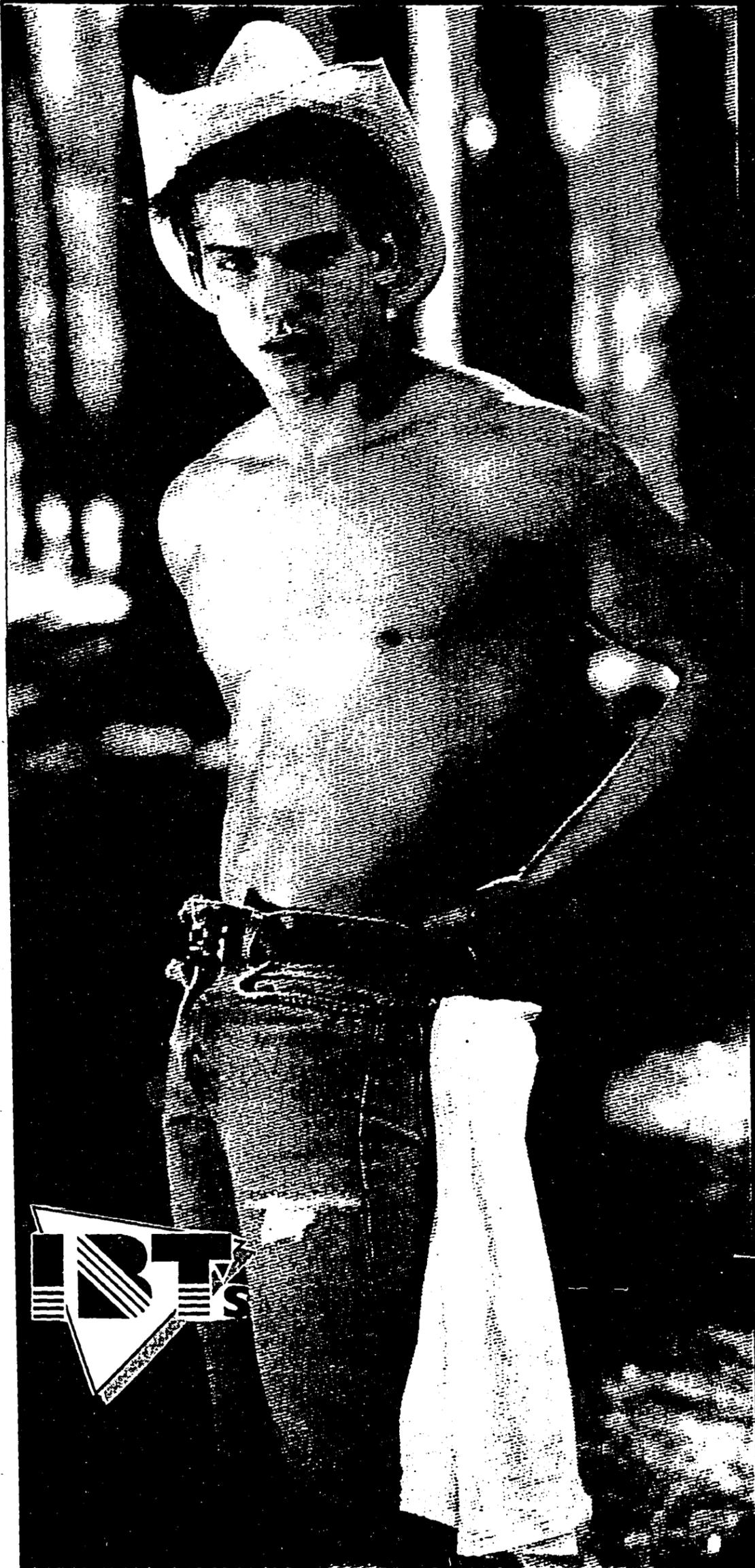
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# 'Dr.' Laura: On The Radio, In Bookstores, And Soon On Network TV, 'Dr' Laura Berates, Lectures and Insults. . . . .

By Dave Ferman

FORT WORTH, TX - So Dr. Laura Schlessinger is cutting someone else off in mid-sentence, berating her caller, and it makes you think -- people actually listen to this?

Every day?

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In less than an hour on one recent afternoon, the acid-tongued and holier-than-thou California-based radio personality/pseudo shrink:

Suggests that a woman pretend she is adopted as a way to deal with a family problem.

Tells a woman not to marry a boyfriend because her son doesn't like the guy -- without asking how long the two have been dating or if they're already engaged.

Browbeats a woman for "whining and complaining" about her father's role in her life as her wedding approaches.

Turns an innocuous question about explaining sex to a child into a shrill, rambling diatribe against the feminist movement, abortion and bad parents, which she says are legion. The feminist movement, to paraphrase Dr. Laura, has made women unpaid prostitutes and men bums.

Interrupts everyone who calls in. Often.

And this is mild compared to what Schlessinger says about homosexuals: She has called them "deviants" and "biological errors," thus incurring the wrath of Gay-rights groups around the country -- as well as a group of Canadian broadcasters who want her banned from the airwaves. Schlessinger later issued an apology for her comments [for which she then recanted two days late] so her critics are unforgiving.

Dr. Laura makes Rush Limbaugh sound good natured and open minded. And this will likely get worse before it gets better. With two new books in publication and a talk show debuting next fall on CBS, she's going to be grating on our ears more than ever.

Here are some things you should know right off about Dr. Laura: She did not earn a Ph.D. in psychology or psychiatry; she got her doctorate in physiology, which is the study of the functions of the body. She does have a license as a counselor from the University of Southern California in 1980. She also was an adjunct professor at Pepperdine University. But, overall, she has fewer credentials than television's Dr. Frasier Crane.

Schlessinger, 53, is in fact, a talk-show shock jock, in love with the sound of her own opinions, delivered in a self-righteous screeching tone that makes a New York City subway train sound soothing. But don't say any of that to her face -- she has a black belt in karate.

OK, on occasion she makes some good points (see the list below). But she spews them in an abrupt, unpleasant manner, with an air of unbridled disgust and dislike for the world around her -- the real world, where people get divorced, where both spouses in many families have to work

to make ends meet, and where stuff happens.

Her tone is summed up by the tag line repeated before her commercials: "I'm Dr. Laura Schlessinger -- now go do the right thing!" delivered in an authoritative clean-your-room-this-instant tone. Compassion is not one of her strong suits.

She is somewhat hypocritical as well. She rails against the feminist movement, which sowed the seeds that enabled women like her to become successful. She cautions against two-income families raising children while being part of one herself. She is married and has a son, Deryk. Her husband, Lewis Bishop, is a former biology teacher who manages her career.

And there is her bedside manner -- or lack of one. Chiding and intimidating callers hardly sounds like the best way of helping people with their problems, which she says is her objective.

Still, the louder and more objectionable she gets, the more successful she becomes. So it's time we take a closer look at this one-woman wrecking crew.

### DR. LAURA DOES DALLAS

In Big D, they still talk about Schlessinger's behavior at a 1997 Jewish Federation of Dallas fund-raiser. According to several sources, Schlessinger behaved horribly from beginning to end.

First, she refused three suites at the Grand Kempinski (she finally deigned to stay at The Mansion on Turtle Creek), and then refused to ride in a car with the three women who arrived to take her to the event because they wore perfume.

At the event, Schlessinger (despite being paid \$30,000) mingled with guests for only five minutes. She then, according to columnist Maryln Schwartz of The Dallas Morning News, "berated everyone and said that anyone who was not as Orthodox as she is wasn't a Jew." Guests were astounded, and several hundred walked out. "She was just very nasty and insulting. She also got up and walked out without taking several gifts given to her," Schwartz says.

### DR. LAURA DOES TV

Dr. Laura, her one-hour TV talk show, debuts Sept. 11 on CBS on 175 stations (95 percent of the country), despite numerous protests by Gay rights groups.

In Fort Worth-Dallas, the show will be on KTVT Channel 11, despite protests from about 100 people on April 15 at the station's Dallas studio.

"We're contractually obligated to carry the show, as are CBS stations around the country," says station vice president and general manager Brian Jones. Jones says Dr. Laura is tentatively scheduled to air from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"It will have a studio audience and five guests and phone-in elements," he says. "The show will feature a balanced perspective of a variety of issues and that's what we know. It doesn't exist yet."

Jones says he met with the leaders of several organizations at the protest. "It's the beginning of an ongoing dialogue," he

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# Lesbian News . . . From Around The World

By NewsPlanet

Judy Lightwater and Cynthia Callahan of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada on May 26 applied for a marriage license, fully expecting to be rejected, the CBC reported. Lightwater, 49, said, "This law will be revealed for the human rights discrimination it is. This is a civil right. It's not a privilege. We want to be legally married and we don't want to wait much longer."

Callahan, 36, and Lightwater may be joining a lawsuit being organized with a number of couples across Canada who are seeking legal marriage; they are all applying for licenses so they'll have standing to sue when they're rejected. Activist couple Michael Leshner and Michael Stark were astonished last week to have their application in Toronto put on hold rather than rejected, while the city seeks the advice of an Ontario court in light of recent legal decisions. . . .

Royal Military College Professor Laura Robinson on May 25 presented to the Congress of Social Sciences and Humanities meeting at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, her paper entitled "Bosom Friends: Lesbian Desire in L.M. Montgomery's 'Anne' Books," detailing the homoerotic and even sadomasochistic elements and undertones in the 1908 *Anne of Green Gables* and its successors, Tom Spears wrote in the *Ottawa Citizen*. Robinson writes that, "Anne repeatedly expresses lesbian desires," and notes the various attractions, infatuations, repulsions, jealousies, and passionate — even "outrageous" — language the women characters in the beloved Canadian classic use.

Although the women all follow the rules of the day, marrying men and letting their relationships with each other fade out, Robinson writes that, "Montgomery's texts subtly challenge compulsory heterosexuality by drawing attention to the unfulfilled and unacceptable nature of women's love for women. Because Anne's various expressions of lesbian desires emerge but are not engaged, they draw attention to what is excluded, what cannot be said to be, in Anne's world. . . . Even though Anne's lesbian desires are not fulfilled in any overtly textual way, their inclusion disrupts the patriarchal; heterosexual status quo by always gesturing to possibilities beyond the norm."

But the *Citizen's* Spears went on to find out that Anne author Lucy Maud Montgomery herself would not have taken kindly to Robinson's contemporary views. It seems that in the early 1930's, Montgomery was the subject of a passionate crush by a young schoolteacher named Isobel. Confused, Montgomery went to the library for enlightenment, and returned home to write in her journal, "Faugh! I am not a lesbian. I understand her [quoting Isobel] 'special need of me' only too well — much better than she understands it herself. It is the horrible craving of the lesbian . . . a curse."

Several scholars he spoke with were also less than impressed by Robinson's analysis, many protesting that the characters were pre-adolescent girls in a culture where exaggerated declarations of passion and touching were more common among female friends.

But above all, don't look for the film or TV version of a lesbian Anne anytime soon. Even though the copyright to the works died with Montgomery in 1942, her heirs have struggled mightily to maintain some control and a piece of the action

for everything since. They're currently involved in a continuing legal struggle with the producer of an animated two-parter that was broadcast in Canada in March but that the producer would like to take outside the country. In fact, Anne of Prince Edward Island is most popular today far away in Japan. . . .

In a landmark decision, Israel's Supreme Court recognized the right of a lesbian spouse to be registered as the second parent of her partner's biological son.

An ultra-Orthodox lawmaker accused the judges of imposing the norms of the biblical city of Sodom.

The court ordered the Interior Ministry to register American-born Nicole Berner-Kadish as the mother of 4-year-old Matan Berner-Kadish, biological son of Ruti Berner-Kadish.

Nicole Berner-Kadish hailed the Supreme Court ruling and said there are dozens of lesbian and homosexual couples in Israel in the same situation. "Matan is the only one with the security of having two parents by law," she said.

Israeli-born Ruti Berner-Kadish, 36, was impregnated by means of artificial insemination and Matan was born in the United States. Nicole Berner-Kadish adopted Matan in the United States, but was informed by Israeli consular officials that in Israel, she would not be recognized as a parent of the boy.

Lawyers for the state told Israel's Supreme Court that a child cannot have two mothers. However, the court ruled 2-1 in favor of the couple.

Rabbi Avraham Ravitz, a legislator from the ultra-Orthodox United Torah Judaism party, submitted a motion in parliament, expressing outrage over the Supreme Court ruling.

"I know of a state which had laws like this. It was called Sodom," he said. "The judges are intelligent but they are cut off from their Jewish roots and from the true feelings of society."

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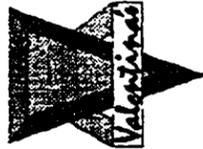
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Following the refusal of the state Republican Party to allow a booth at the state convention for the Log Cabin Club of Texas, Log Cabin said that the state GOP is not reaching out to Gay voters. "Our group's message is simple—one can be a Republican and oppose discrimination," Log Cabin chapter president Steve Labinski said in an interview. The Log Cabin Republicans are a national organization of Gay and Lesbian Republicans.

Log Cabin says it requested a booth for the June 15-17 convention, but the state party failed to respond to the request. The GOP contends that it never received a request, despite their state leader telling a Houston paper in January that the group would be barred from setting up a booth at the convention. The group said it will set up a booth outside the Houston convention center, where the party meeting is to be held. So would Governor George Bush welcome them, as he said he would of Gay and Lesbians who support his ideas? ...

It was reported recently that the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Congress did not have the authority to pass legislation to enable victims of crimes motivated by gender-based hate to sue their attackers in civil court. This a significant blow against legislation aimed at abating other hate-motivated crimes, including those



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based on animosity based on race, creed, national origin or sexual orientation.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist wrote the opinion for the majority, (Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia, Anthony Kennedy and Clarence Thomas), in a 5-4 decision that upheld a ruling from the 4th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.

The case before the court began six years ago when two male football players at Virginia Tech allegedly raped a female student. She took her allegation to a university judicial committee, and it found one of the players, guilty and the other player not guilty. The judicial committee suspended the other player for two semesters but another university official, a woman, "set aside" the suspension as too harsh. After Virginia Tech failed to enforce any punitive action against the football players, the female victim filed a lawsuit under the federal Violence Against Women Law.

The Violence Against Women Act, approved by Congress in 1994, provided

funds to institutions such as domestic violence shelters, but it also included a section that read much like a hate crimes law. This section called for increased penalties for persons convicted of federal crimes motivated by gender animus. Its stated purpose is to "protect the civil rights of victims of gender-motivated violence." And, noting that rape and other assaults against women are often not prosecuted because of the difficulties in securing convictions, the law created an option for victims of attacks to seek recourse through a civil lawsuit against their attackers.

Both ruled that the case should be dismissed because of a technical problem with the law: Nowhere in the Constitution, they said, did Congress have the authority to create a law that enabled crime victims to file civil lawsuits against their attackers. In its ruling, the majority of the U.S. Supreme Court agreed.

"Every law enacted by Congress must be based on one or more of its powers enumerated in the Constitution," wrote

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Rehnquist. Congress said it was acting under Article I, which allows it to regulate "commerce" and the 14th Amendment, which allows it to "enforce" equal protection under the laws.

What does violence against women have to do with commerce? Under Congress' creative rationalization, violence against women prevented women from seeking jobs across state borders for fear of being attacked. According to court observers, it was the type of rationalization that the Supreme Court has allowed in the past, with other laws, such as laws prohibiting discrimination based on race. Since 1990 though, the Supreme Court has begun to express a need to put some limits on that creative rationalization. Without some limits, it said, in a case striking down a federal law creating "Gun-Free School Zones," congressional power to legislate in various arenas might expand without limit and "the boundaries between the spheres of federal and state authority would blur."

"Gender-motivated crimes of violence are not, in any sense of the phrase, economic activity," concluded Rehnquist in the majority decision. To accept this reasoning here, he said, would enable Congress to use similar reasoning "to family law and other areas of traditional state regulation since the aggregate effect of marriage, divorce and child rearing on the national economy is undoubtedly significant."

The 14th Amendment says Congress may enforce laws to ensure that no state "deprive any person of 'life, liberty or property, without due process of law,' nor deny any person 'equal protection of the laws.'" Here, Congress noted that there is considerable evidence showing that law enforcement agencies and prosecutors do not pursue cases of rape and violence against women as often as they do attacks against men because such cases are much harder to win a conviction on. The Violence Against Women Act's provision allowing for a civil lawsuit, it reasoned, was an attempt to ensure that women had equal protection under the law.

Again, the majority of the Supreme Court expressed its sense that, while this authority is "broad," it is not "unlimited." The majority noted that Congress had provided a "voluminous" record of the "pervasive bias in various state justice systems against victims of gender-motivated violence."

"Specifically, Congress received evidence that many participants in state justice systems are perpetuating an array of erroneous stereotypes and assumptions," wrote Rehnquist. And, he added, "Congress concluded that these discriminatory stereotypes often result in insufficient investigation and prosecution of gender-motivated crime, inappropriate focus on the behavior and credibility of the victims of that crime, and unacceptably lenient punishments for those who are actually convicted of gender-motivated violence."

But the 14th Amendment, reasoned the majority for the court, was not intended to enable the federal government to go after "merely private conduct, however discriminatory or wrongful." It was to enable the federal government to ensure that states were providing equal protection of the law. And while prosecutors in the state may not be providing equal protection to female victims of violence, the Violence Against Women Act, said Rehnquist, "is not aimed at proscribing discrimination by officials which the 14th Amendment might not itself proscribe...but at individuals who have committed criminal acts motivated by gender bias."

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Moose says he got ted up with cellphones when he found guys phoning each other from opposite ends of the bar. Also, he says, the chef worried that people weren't paying enough attention to his food. "The phone rings, people leave their food and start talking - it's impolite, it's distracting and it's not right," Moose says.

Moose says he's surprised by the overwhelmingly positive response. He doesn't even have to argue with people; usually, other diners enforce the ban. "I think it's a generational thing," says Moose, 70. "I don't see too many middle-aged people with phones. It's really just the kids who grew up with them."

Now other restaurants in town are following Moose's lead, but not all. At Napa Valley's French Laundry, one of the best - and therefore hardest to get into - restaurants in the country, diners were startled recently when a cellphone rang, attracting attention in the intimate setting. There was real annoyance when a woman answered it and began talking loudly - cell yell, it's called - about a real estate deal.

"People were turning around and glaring," says Elizabeth Charles, a San Francisco therapist who was at a nearby table. "You wait months to get into this restaurant, the food is incredible, but then something like this happens. It was so rude."

Almost as rude as being late for a luncheon date. Motivational speaker and syndicated columnist Harvey Mackay says he wants to start a campaign to return good manners to business. "Wouldn't it be great if all your meetings and appointments started on time because nobody was late?" he asks. "Punctuality is just good manners."

But those in the workplace have grown accustomed to bad manners.

"I was at Apple (Computer) for 11 years and saw a lot of things that were disturbing," says Sue Fox, now head of Etiquette Survival Inc., a business consulting firm, and author of *Etiquette for Dummies*. "I'm doing now what our parents did 40 years ago."

One of her clients, for instance, insists on interviewing candidates for executive jobs over a meal, just to see how good their table manners are.

"Manners are about self-respect and respecting others and making people feel comfortable," Fox says. "But somewhere along the way, we got too busy and too self-absorbed, and it's certainly showing now in our children."

And adults. She tells the story of a man in New York who recently knocked her over to get to the door of a deli first.

"I wasn't even shocked," she says, "and that's what's sad about all this." A more disconcerting thing happened in downtown Minneapolis earlier this month, when an elderly woman fell on the sidewalk in front of Zelo, a trendy bistro on Nicollet Mall. A group of middle-age men gathered to stare, but only after more than 30 seconds did a young woman, dressed in Gothic garb, step forward to help.

**'CIVILITY IS THE WD-40 OF LIFE - IT LUBRICATES EVERYTHING'**

Steven Michael Selzer, author of *By George! Mr. Washington's Guide to Civility Today*, thinks the "enemy of civility is self-absorption."

## Perspective. . . Mind Your Manners!

He thinks the bad-manners epidemic might be worse in America than elsewhere around the world, although he agrees youth might not always be the worst perpetrators. "My wife and I were riding the underground in London not long ago, and the train was filled with kids with green hair and purple hair and pierces everywhere. And yet, when an older person would get on, they all got up and yielded their seat," he says. "I was guilty of judging a book by the cover."

"You know, when you're civil to other people, it comes back to you," Seizer says. "Civility is the WD-40 of life - it lubricates everything."

If true, Philadelphia needs gallons of the stuff. The "City of Brotherly love" has become a victim of its sports fans, whose unruly even criminal, behavior has stained the city's reputation. Some fans have been known to boo Santa Claus at sporting events.

The most boorish behavior is at Veterans Stadium, where the Philadelphia Eagles play football. Fans fight in the stands, get drunk and throw things at one another and on the field. Once, someone sent a flare soaring across the stadium. In 1999, fans cheered lustily when it appeared

an opposing player, the Dallas Cowboys' Michael Irvin, had been paralyzed.

"Unspeakable, even for us," screamed a headline in *The Philadelphia Daily News* after that incident. "This, in terms of bad taste, was as bad as it gets," said an embarrassed Ed Rendell, who was mayor at the time. *The Morning Call* in Allentown, Pa., called Philly "the City of Brotherly Thugs."

Nancy Tuckerman, who with Nancy Dunnan recently updated *The Amy Vanderbilt Complete Book of Etiquette*, says good manners begin early on and children learn by observing adult behavior. Such as wearing a baseball cap inside while eating. It's not done, and she says so on Page 544.

Nor are you supposed to change the name cards at a dinner party so you can sit next to your friend.

"Oh, the stories I could tell," Tuckerman says.

Is she discouraged by this kind of rude behavior? Not really.

"The pendulum always swings, and things go back to the way they were," she says. "I think when people realize you can

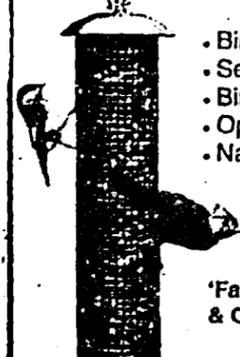
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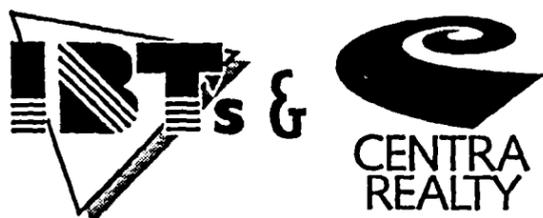
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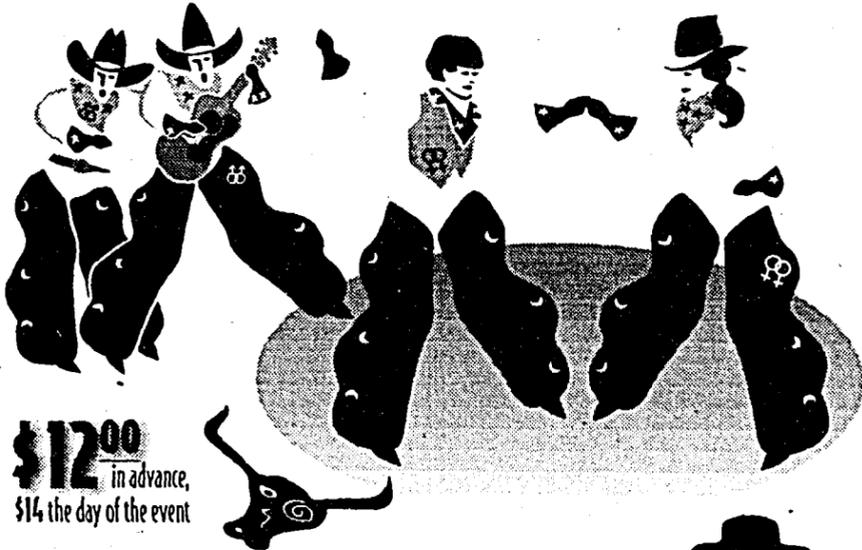
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## 'Dr.' Laura: On The Radio, In Bookstores, And Soon On Network TV, 'Dr' Laura Berates, Lectures and Insults. . . . .

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says. "We all now have open channels. I anticipate more feedback and conversations."

Count on it, says Steve Atkinson, activism chair of the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

"I fully expect there will be more protests if the show airs," Atkinson says. "We want the show not to air and that's what we're going to keep working toward. I don't think anybody could tell us with a straight face that if she put forth negative stereotypes about any other group of people — Jews or blacks or Hispanics — she would be given a TV show."

"She's feeding into fear and hatred, and I firmly believe we have to hold people accountable when they contribute to a climate of hatred."

We don't hate everything Dr. Laura says — heck no. Here are 10 points she's made that most people would agree with:

It's good to donate stuff you don't want anymore to the less fortunate. Children should not demand presents and throw fits in stores. Narcissism can kick your behind. Men and women do dumb things that mess up their lives. Think before you have children. And then think again. You can't have everything you want. It's good for families to spend time together. It's better to take control of your life than whine about being a victim. Children are not commodities. Having a conscience and using it are important.

### SCHLESSINGER ON THE SHELVES

Dr. Laura has published six books; the two most recent ones are:

"Parenthood by Proxy" (Cliff Street Books; \$24 hardcover) and "But I Waaannt It!" (Cliff Street Books; \$15.95 hardcover).

The first is a pro-family/pro-stay-at-home-mom tome in which Schlessinger lashes out against mother working outside the home, calls day care "a symptom of feminist paranoia," takes women to task for "prioritizing" career over kids, and warns all parents about wanting to be their kids' friends instead of disciplining them and setting boundaries.

Parenthood also rails against the "movement" for same-sex marriages, saying said the movement is "to satisfy adult desires, and to hell with the children, if there are any."

But I Waaannt It! is Dr. Laura's second children's book — one that takes children to task for whining and not appreciating what they have. Sammy and his mom go to the toy store to buy presents for cousin Rachel. But Sammy demands toys, throwing an in-store kicking-and-screaming fit until he gets his way. He can't sleep, though, and soon realizes that it's his beat-up old toy, Mr. Cat, that makes him happy. The new toys he no longer wants are donated to a children's home.

### DR. LAURA — AND OTHERS — ON DR. LAURA:

"The Jewish perspective is, God created the world and it is our job to help

perfect it. Just like God created the Earth and the wheat, but we are the ones that take the wheat and make bread. We each have the obligation and the responsibility to live our lives in a way that helps perfect the world. I take that very seriously."

Dr. Laura, when asked about her mission, in Broadcasting & Cable, "I'm the lone voice out there standing up for Judeo-Christian principles."

Dr. Laura on her March 7 show. "I hope all her kids turn out Gay."

Elton John in "US Weekly": "You probably know who Dr. Laura Schlessinger is. That doesn't mean you necessarily listen to her: really, who enjoys listening to some know it all tell hapless people across the country that they're all whiners who just need to get a backbone and a copy of the Old Testament, stop having sex and talk to their mothers?"

From the 10 Things You Can Do to Mess With Stupid Dr. Laura Web site:

"Dr. Laura has no patience with self-described victims [she's likely to call them cowards or door mats], psychobabble of any stripe, or ladies who want to dwell excessively on their feelings. She is, in short, the complete antidote to modern pop culture." — syndicated columnist Mona Charen

"We're a pretty gentle people. So it'll probably be something more creative, like putting her in a bad dress or something." — Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, when asked if Dr. Laura would be burned in effigy at Equality Rocks, a pro-Gay-rights concert, in "Entertainment Weekly."

"To use such brutal language as she does about such an essential characteristic flies in the face of Canadian provisions relating to human rights." — the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council on Schlessinger's anti-Gay remarks.

"She just can't get the hang of being a TV host. She's having a hard time walking with the microphone and talking at the same time, and just looks awkward on camera. The worst part is, she won't listen to anybody's advice." — an anonymous insider commenting on rehearsals for Dr. Laura's upcoming talk show, as quoted in "The New York Post."

"Mom, why does she always scream at people?" — a young boy passing a display of Dr. Laura's new kids' book, "But I Waaannt It!," at a local Borders Books & Music store.

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This week, I am continuing my discussion on Arthritis. It is an inflammation and/or pain in a joint or joints. The pain can be sharp, burning, or grinding, can appear suddenly, or come on gradually.

There are various forms of arthritis, and it affects over fifteen million Americans. Here are some more natural remedies you can use to help alleviate the pain of arthritis.

One that is helpful is calcium plus magnesium take two thousand milligrams daily. Coenzyme Q10 (which can be bought at Trader Joe's locally at a reasonable price), increase tissue oxygenation, and is a good immune builder. Garlic tablets (kyolic) inhibits the formation of free radicals. This variety of garlic is supposed to be odorless, for those who object to the strong aroma of garlic.

Also, use Vitamin B and Vitamin C, and niacin can help. Niacin, by the way, can cause a flushed feeling, as it increases blood flow by dilating small arteries. Germanium, a natural remedy, is a powerful antioxidant that is said to help relieve pain. (I have not tried it yet, but intend to as soon as I can. I, too, have a form of arthritis.) Vitamin E helps mobilize the joints.

The herbs feverfew, valerian root (which aids sleep), yucca extract and alfalfa leaves (don't use alfalfa if allergic to it), all help and can be of benefit. I must give credit to the excellent book, "Prescription for Nutritional Healing" for much of this information which I share with you.

When it comes to diet, the nightshade family of vegetables, which include green peppers, eggplant, tomatoes, and white potatoes, contain a toxin called solanine that some people, especially arthritis sufferers, are very sensitive to. Solanine can cause pain and discomfort.

According to the book I mentioned, Iron is suspected to be involved in pain, swelling, and joint destruction. They suggest that you not take iron tablets, and avoid multivitamins with added iron. Unfortunately, some women tend to be anemic, or iron-poor, due to their menstrual cycle, so this is something to think about. They still need the iron supplementation.

Of course, if you love the foods listed, including milk (since Vitamin D, which milk is rich in, can cause sore joints) you may not wish to give them up, so the choice, as always, is yours to make. Sometimes, some people react very poorly to pain, and it can make them stressed out and irritable. Others try to remain cheerful, and learn to ignore pain as much as possible, not letting it change their disposition. I know that it is hard to deal with chronic pain, and it can wear you out. Stress, especially emotional stress, is often associated with the onset of rheumatoid arthritis.

So my advice to you is to take it easy, take care of yourself, and try not to push your body too hard. Get rest, and tend to your diet. If you like to walk a lot, dance, what have you, then be sure to wear proper shoes to help your feet. B-Vitamins, which I have discussed a lot in the past, help your body to cope with stress. Laughter is the best medicine, so try watching funny movies, and associating with fun, happy people. That may sound silly, but if you are always around negative, hostile people, the energy isn't that great for your own attitude!

As you know, making love is a great way to relieve stress, and I don't mean constantly cruising around for the perfect trick! Of course, do so safely, and making love is always better than just sex. (but that is a whole subject unto itself!) And if you are about to say, but I'm single, I have no one around, let me be blunt. There is always masturbation, and it is a great way to relieve stress. Didn't Cyndi Lauper try to tell us that in her funny song "She Bop"? Maybe we should listen. Orgasms release endorphins, which can act as natural painkillers, so making love, and also masturbation, can make you feel better! Also, for older men, it can help to ward off prostatitis. Be good to yourself, you deserve it!

As always, I wish you the best, and remember to take care of yourself. Treat your body with the love it deserves, the rewards are definitely worth it. Goddess bless. Til next time, Go in Good Health.

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## California Governor Vetoes Domestic Partner Family Leave

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this bill that I could sign into law. I would be pleased to work with the legislature during the next Legislative session to fashion an appropriate bill.

Davis' spokesperson Michael Bustamente was more blunt in assessing the bill. He told the Sacramento Bee that, "Whether we're talking Gay, straight or otherwise, this is simply a bad bill, and he's not going to sign bad bills. It's so bad you could drive a truck through it." He told the Union-Tribune that, "It's one thing to talk about family members. It's another thing to talk about roommates. It's ridiculous to believe that family leave should be granted to roommates." But Bustamente would not elaborate as to which "portions of the bill" the governor indicated he "could sign into law," nor was he willing to comment when specifically asked if the governor supported extending leave benefits to Gays and Lesbians.

The Sponsor's Retort: Hayden and his staff were angered. The Senator told the Chronicle that, "I think it's pretty cruel news for working people with loved ones who are dying at home." It was watching one of his own staff members, a Gay man whose partner was dying, that moved Hayden to introduce the bill. He said, "I saw very clearly he had to choose between his job and taking care of a loved one. I could see what he was going through and how his morale on the job was very strained. We worked it out. But not every employee can get that kind of arrangement."

Hayden's chief of staff Rocky Rushing emphatically rejected Davis' and Bustamente's assessment of the quality of the bill, telling the Union-Tribune that, "We're not talking about two fraternity brothers who go on a bender and one has to take care of the other because he's hung over." He said the bill was "clearly intended to cover two people in a long-term, caring relationship," one in which the employee is a primary caregiver who cares for, supports and lives with the person with a "serious health condition."

Hayden charged that, "The governor's position is that any bill affecting business has to be signed off by business. By that point of view, family leave never would have become law in California or the United States." Rushing echoed that sentiment to the Bee, saying of the governor, "The domestic partnership bills he's signed involved government employees. When it's domestic partners against the Chamber of Commerce, guess who loses?"

The Bill's Opponents: Hayden's bill had been actively opposed by the California Manufacturing and Technology Association, a statewide lobby group representing business interests, which called it an "administrative nightmare"; the California Chamber of Commerce also took a strong stand against it. Chamber president Allan Zaremberg told the Union-Tribune that the bill "would have added another layer of confusion to already complex family leave law. ... Mistakenly ignoring or misreading complex family leave laws and regulations can put an employer in court or possibly out of business."

Also opposing the bill was the Committee on Moral Concerns, a conservative religious group, which said in a statement, "Employers should not be forced into the expense and inconvenience of accommodating employee's non-legal relationships of convenience. The historical family relationship works best for society."

Gay Activists' Reactions: Eric Astacian of CAPE, the statewide advocacy group California Alliance for Pride and Equality, told the Union-Tribune that his group is "extremely disappointed," but would continue to work for equal treatment of Gay and Lesbian couples by working towards passage of four other domestic partnership bills now in progress in the Assembly. He told the Bee that, "We're willing to work with [Davis] on his message that he agrees with 'portions of the bill.' What he means, we don't know."

Jeff Sheehy, director of San Francisco's Equal Benefits Advocates, told the Chronicle that, "I'm outraged. [Davis] is saying our partners aren't as important as his wife."

Boyce Hinman of the Lambda Letters Project, which encourages its constituents to write to their legislators regarding bills affecting Lesbians, Gays, bisexuals, and transgenders, issued a press release headlined "The Governor Has No Clothes" that said Davis "claims to be a Democrat, but he keeps killing Democratic-sponsored legislation." Hinman urged that, "It is time that Democratic legislators start using their powers to bring their renegade Governor into line."

The LGBT community made a heavy investment of time and money in Davis' election, eager for a Democratic governor to break the sixteen-year logjam of Republican governors who had repeatedly vetoed Gay-friendly legislation, particularly domestic partnership bills. As a freshman governor last year, Davis made it clear that he would sign only a limited number of bills relating to Gay and Lesbian civil rights, not the entire backlog. He specifically dictated the terms of the domestic partnership bill he was willing to sign — one with no mandates for the private sector, offering little of substance except for government workers, and restricted to same-gender couples (except for heterosexuals at least 62 years old) — and rejected others. Bills this year are likely to test just how much further he's now willing to go in recognizing Gay and Lesbian relationships — or how much he may have been influenced by the landslide March victory of Proposition 22, a constitutional amendment to deny legal recognition to same-gender marriages another state may someday perform.



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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

It's June, dear friends, which can only mean one thing - Pride Month. The planets go all Out for us as the optimistic Sun, Mars (energy) and Venus (love) surprising Uranus and romantic Neptune. The planets deliver a case of sparkling love and bubbling celebration! Drink heartily! Be proud, be wise, be smart but don't misbehave.

**ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)**  
Live and learn, dear queer Ram. Sometimes a little sweet talk has a way of moving mountains or causing earthquakes. This Pride Month provides you with an extra bonus in the gab department courtesy of the Sun, Mars and Venus so rather than blow hot air or even kisses, blast Out a manifesto in any form possible. Don't forget to say pretty please with sugar on top.

**TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)**  
Gay Bulls love to spend, spend, spend and Pride month is no exception. The planets reward you with cash to splash before the 17th, courtesy of a possible unexpected lump sum payment at work. Who said that you weren't well endowed?! But be discreet, cousin; crass displays will not go over well with new acquaintances. And you DO want to meet and greet now.

**GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)**  
Zesty Gay Twins surprise themselves this Pride Month when their careful, calculated actions produce far reaching, impactful results. This is the time to polish your act and join a road company. Who know what delightful surprises await you in far corners of the globe? Take it to the limit, cousin; you have until the 22nd to set things queer. After that it's money, money, honey. Sigh!

**CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)**  
Lusty daydreams can come true for any proud Crab who lets their imagination run wilde. Dig deep and dirty into the murky psychological depths to discover the true lavender you. Just don't wear your 'expressive' hot pink chaps to work; professional statements are best exposed in a something a little less drafty. Unless, of course, some bosses like it that way...

**LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)**  
It may be a choice between friends or partners. Can this prideful month satisfy two equally demanding sides? Proud Leos will probably gravitate to compadres in early June, hoping that partners will go along for the ride. But you soon realize, as the planets move into Cancer after the 17th, that your heart lies elsewhere. I predict that in late June, you'll be one happy house cub.

**VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)**  
Gay Virgos have to admit that this Pride Month brings a jackpot bounty for all past

hard work. Surprising advances are made from unusual projects. Make it all pay off early in the month before a bevy of planets inch into Cancer and turn your thoughts on party-mode. Oh, what the heck! Grab a few pals and take it to the streets. Don't forget to hoist your pride flag!

**LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)**  
I can't help but think of Libras as the leaders of the pride parade. This June is no exception, unless of course they get sidetracked at the nearest party or bar. Proud Libras turn on the charm and attract a bevy of fans and followers. My crystal ball sees an exotic foreigner in a delicious outfit, ready to be eaten. You are who you eat... or something like that....

**SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)**  
Queer Scorps find that lovers provide them the impetus and incentive to open up and Out to family members. This Pride Month, resolve to never let anyone rain on your Gay parade. I always say that life is far too short to compromise and defer to others values. Dramatic transformations are possible if you are willing to take up the banner. You will not carry it alone.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DECEMBER 22)**  
Relationships become the be all and end all for all Gay Archers this Pride Month. Partners have a way of transforming how you appear to others either by suggesting some much needed style changes or providing you with that confident spring in your step that can beat down the world. Make your mark, but share the glory. They say two heads are better than one and I must agree.

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JANUARY 20)**  
Serious Gay Capricorns have their work cut out for them. Be prepared to be the power behind the throne this Pride Month as what needs to get done winds up landing on your plate. Get involved in one of our charitable causes; the task may seem daunting but will eventually transform you. Take heart, dear friend, even a proud tribe needs an administrative arm

**AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)**  
Aqueerians are not the dreamiest or creamiest of the signs, but they sure know how to pour on the charm when they are inspired. Do I smell inspiration in the air?? Make sure that this Pride Month comes in hot, heavy and lusty. There are almost too many planets spicing up your sexuality. Well, I guess there can never be too much of a good thing...

**PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)**  
It's hard to imagine a more creative individual than rainbow Fish this Pride Month. Is it all those planets heating up your best partying instincts mid-month or is



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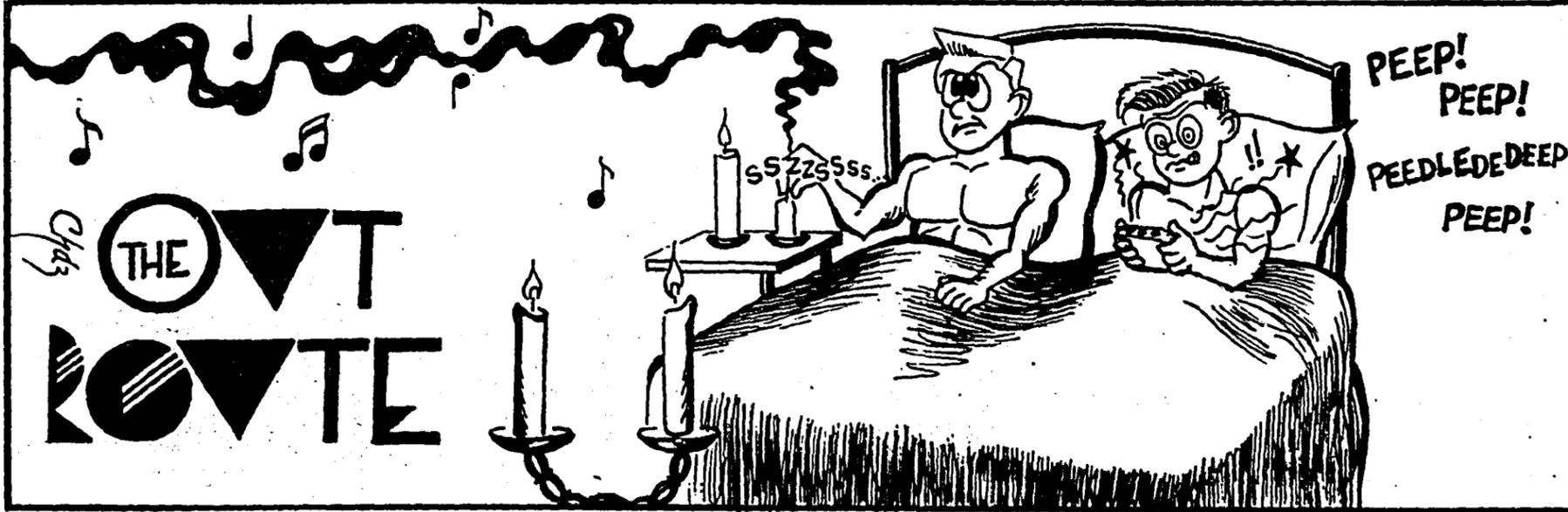


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it Neptune and Jupiter blasting open your closet? If underwear comes flying out and off or if most nights you've tested the limits of your consumption, chalk it up to being out loud proud and leave it at that!

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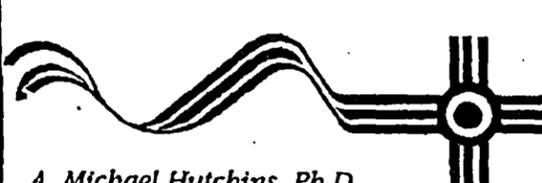
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"Patience is a virtue," or so the saying goes. Patience really is a great gift to have been blessed with. I often see people around me who have a low patience threshold struggle time and again as life throws them a curve. I generally have lots of patience...I am able to wait in long lines at the grocery store, I don't mind rush-hour traffic, I leave birthday and Christmas gifts alone until the proper time to open them, and so on.

But even those of us with a large capacity to be patient have our moments. In fact, I'm having one right now. Its taken six months for the fuel of this fire to build but now its begun to ignite. You see, my house was flooded on January 1st (good way to remember the year 2000) and since then the repairs have been taking place a little at a time. But instead of all the repairs and repairmen being coordinated, they have happened somewhat haphazardly despite having one construction company in control of the entire project. (This may sound familiar to many of you as I seem to hear this type of story from all sorts of people who have ventured into the world of construction or remodeling). Anyhow, the situation has climaxed these past two weeks as there has been a number of repairmen in and out of my home continuously. I have felt as though I've had to keep an eye on them to be certain they complete each task appropriately. This has been the wearing away of my polished patience coating. With each mistake, or miscommunication I have felt my patience waning. In fact, this morning I even had that feeling of "enough already!"

But this story does not have a bleak ending. Oh no, quite the contrary. This story has a great ending. That is because I haven't had to go through all this alone. No. I've had Jesus by my side the whole way. And through prayer I have been able to ask for and receive a re-filling of my patience as needed, and even today when its seems to have worn so thin, I am finding my refuge in him. I am now committing today's workers and projects to the Lord and I'm letting Him deal with it. Sound crazy to you? That's O.K. I don't expect you to understand or even believe until you have been in the same situation. Until you ask Jesus into your life, you will always "go it alone". Until you can trust him enough to care about even trivial matters you'll carry the weight all by yourself. And eventually, or perhaps regularly, you will loose all patience and say and do things which are really counter productive to what you want...peace in you life.

Sure, I still have more repairs ahead and I can already imagine some of the problems that are inevitable. But I have the reassurance that Jesus is on my side, wants to help me, and most importantly, will give me peace through the end of all the remodeling. With that, my patience storage has begun to refill and soon I will be able to face those workmen and whatever problem there may be in a way that will bring glory to my God and...help us all have a more pleasant day.

May God bless you all as you read this and help you with your struggles.

## Politics

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In his dissent, Justice David Souter pointed out that the "business of the courts is to review the congressional assessment, not for soundness but simply for the rationality of concluding that a jurisdictional basis exists" for creating a law. Congress had demonstrated a rational basis existed for the Violence Against Women Law through "the mountain of data; showing the effects of violence against women on interstate commerce."

Noting that the Supreme Court had found Congress' rationalization adequate and not too stretched before, in cases involving race discrimination, Souter said in dissent that "it is clear that some congressional conclusions about obviously substantial, cumulative effects (of discrimination) on commerce are being assigned lesser values."

Joining Souter in dissent were Justices John Paul Stevens, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer.

Gay and Lesbian activists called

the majority's decision a "definite and unfortunate...pulling back on Congress's power" by indicating that laws such as the Violence Against Women Act, and other similar hate crimes legislation, must have a demonstrably economic element.

This decision affects the proposed "Hate Crimes Prevention Act," that if enacted into law, would combat crimes motivated by hatred based on such categories as creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, currently before Congress. It would also affect the proposed "Religious Liberties Protection Act," a bill which would undermine local Gay and Lesbian civil rights laws, including Tucson's, by requiring that it too address an economic activity.

Can a federal "Hate Crimes Prevention Act," be enacted into law and survive a court challenge? If the lawyers find "creative options" around the majority's opinion in this case. Can this decision be eventually overturned? When the next president appoints justices to the Supreme Court. The winner of the 2000 election could be appointing anywhere from three to five justices. Want another reason to vote in the presidential election in November? ...

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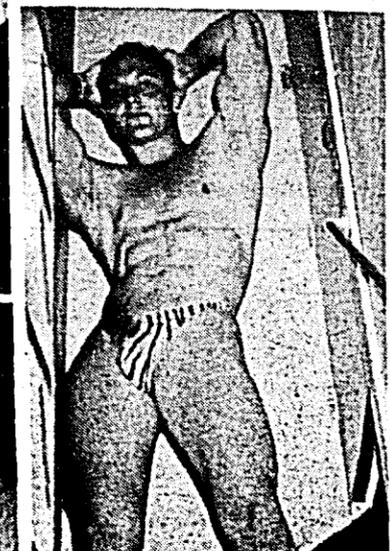
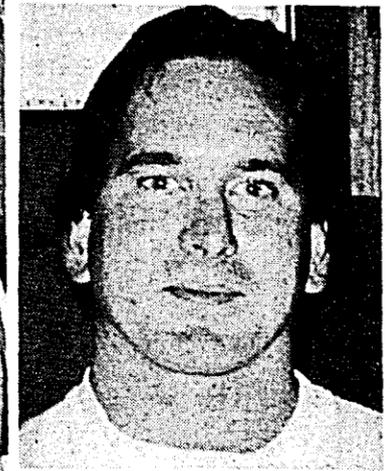
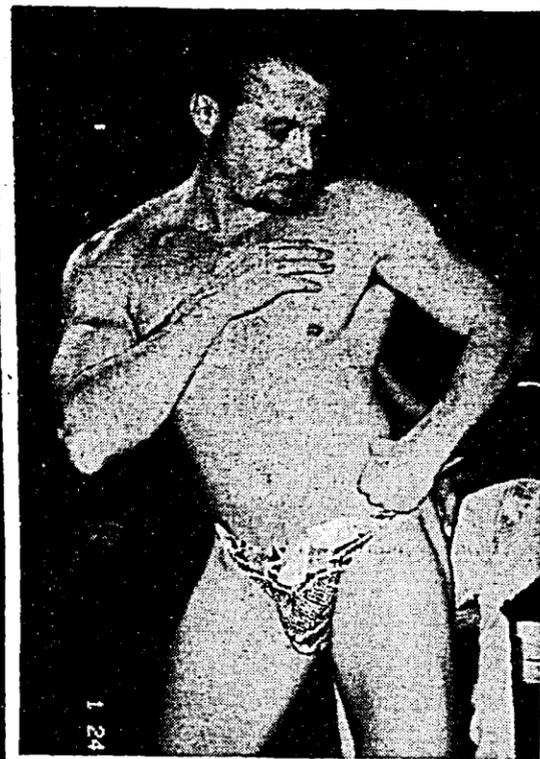
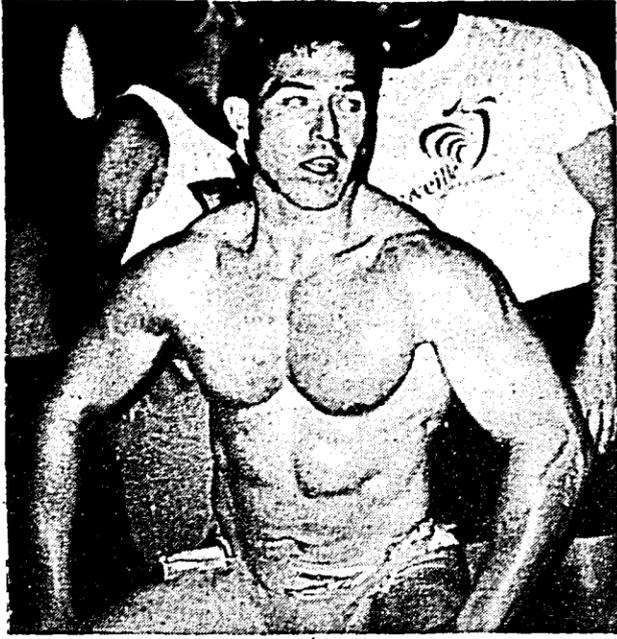
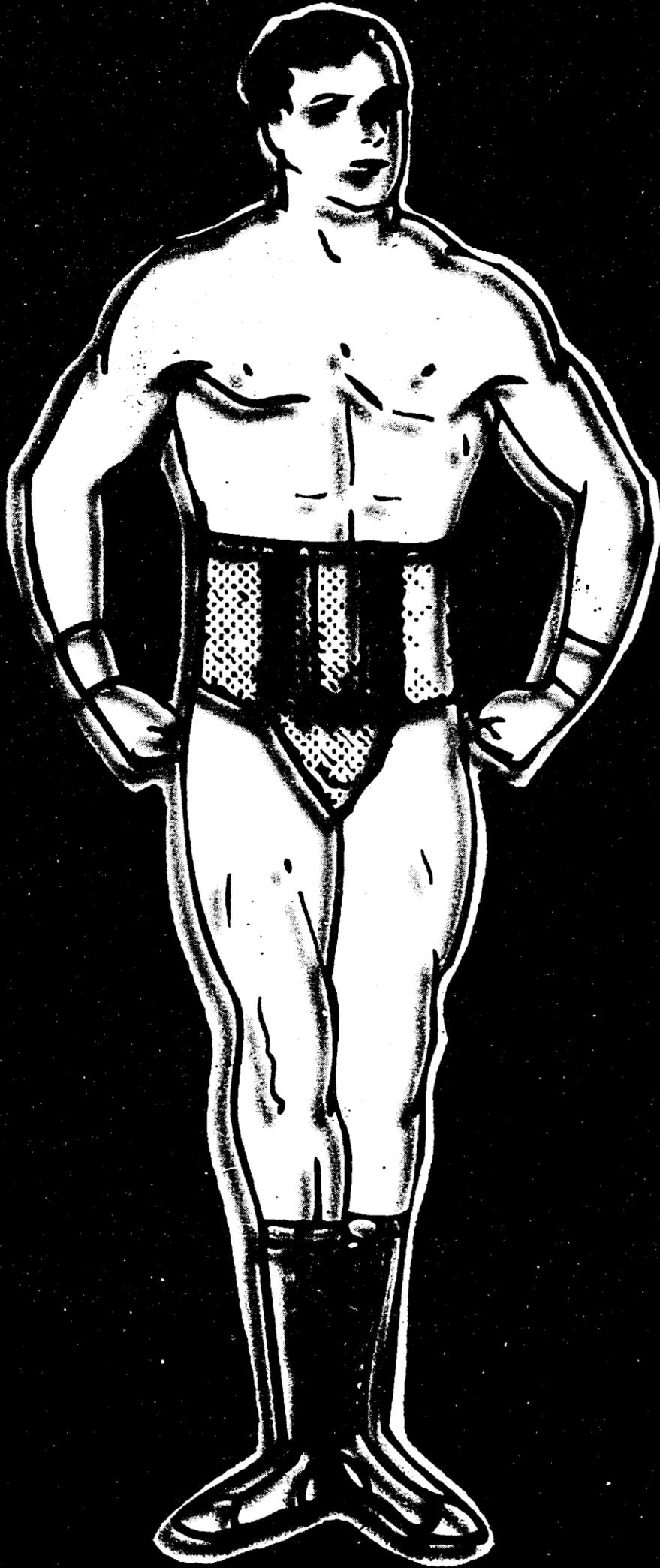
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1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 9:00 a.m. Todd, a 5th degree blackbelt teaches a One in Ten Self Defense class which is designed to help you protect yourself. For more information and reservations, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

2. 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 June have.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 4

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30-6:30 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.10:00 a.m.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 5:00 p.m. Bill hosts an Open Meeting to talk about MSN and give you a chance to have input in what the group does. For directions and reservation, please call Bill at 546-7539.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 6

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry & Les for a showing of "The Sixth Sense"-last year's biggest thriller. We'll also show some out takes and a featurette with special tips on watching the movie. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 8

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 Jersey Joe's-for some of the best Italian food in all of Tucson. 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, JUNE 10

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus celebrate their fifth anniversary with a concert at Pima Community College's Center for the Arts, 2202 W. Anklam Road. In addition, this will be a fund raising event as the chorus will be going to San Jose, California to perform in the Gay And Lesbian Association of Choruses July 22-30. Reveille's 45-man chorus will be performing songs they will be singing in San Jose. The concert tonight will begin at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door and \$8.50 seniors and children. Tickets are available from Antigone Books, Tucson Trunk, PCC Center Box Office or call Reveille (520)617-3100.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 5:30 p.m. Join Bill as he hosts Pinochle Night at a special time to celebrate its first anniversary. 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.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join the MSN family as we make a night of it to go hear Reveille perform their latest concert. For more information, please call Bill at 577-0645.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus celebrate their fifth anniversary with a concert at Pima Community College's Center for the Arts, 2202 W. Anklam Road. In addition, this will be a fund raising event as the chorus will be going to San Jose, California to perform with the Gay And Lesbian Association of Choruses July 22-30. Reveille's 45-man chorus will be performing songs they will be singing in San Jose. The concert today will begin at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door and \$8.50 seniors and children. Tickets are available from Antigone Books, Tucson Trunk, PCC Center Box Office or call Reveille (520)617-3100.

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, call Tom 318-1650.

## MONDAY, JUNE 12

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 Jim at 709-8735.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 16

Desert Voices in concert "World Without Borders" at the Pima Community College's Proscenium Theatre. 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. \$10 Senior and student tickets in advance.

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, June 15 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).

# Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. the 'Girlie Show' hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Tori Steele and Bunny FuFu.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 2

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Hip Hop and R&B tonight with DJ Hill starting at 9:00 p.m. Drink specials all night. No Cover.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 3

VALENTINA'S - Goddess Revue at 9:30 p.m. hosed by Mr. Kenneth Blake with Lucinda Holiday, Bunny FuFu, and Faith Michaels.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 4

IBT'S - Party line-up at IBT's - 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Jeff's Bloody Mary Bar, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Karaoke on the Patio with Billy Dee; 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Benefit Bar-B-Que / 16oz Beer Bust to benefit PFLAG. 9:00 p.m. a Special Benefit Show for Deora Le Blanc, candidate for Miss Gay Arizona featuring Bunny FuFu, Stella Virgin and Faith Michaels.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

IBT'S - 'The Girlie Show' hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Phaedra, Mr. Kenneth Blake and Faith Michaels. 9:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

IBT'S Miss Arizona Pre-Pageant Show.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 16

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Hip Hop and R&B tonight with DJ Hill starting at 9:00 p.m. Drink specials all night. No Cover.

VALENTINA'S - Miss Gay Arizona-America Pre-Judging. 5:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 18

IBT'S - Miss Gay Arizona Pre-Pageant Talent Show. More Later.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 23

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Hip Hop and R&B tonight with DJ Hill starting at 9:00 p.m. Drink specials all night. No Cover.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 24

OLD TUCSON - Gay West! Celebrate Gay Pride! Enjoy a country and western dance under the stars, Salsa dancing with Rare Breed and rock with a Hot Dance Mix. Lucinda Holiday's "Lipstick & Lashes" variety show returns plus Reveille, Desert Voices, other surprises and all the fun, games, rides, food and excitement of Old Tucson Studios. Tickets \$12 in advance or \$14 at the gate. Tickets are available at all usual outlets including all Dillard's locations statewide, on-line at www.oldtucson.com or contact your favorite GLBT non-profit for details.

## TUESDAY, JULY 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY

VENTURE-N - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Blowout hosted by Tucson Knight Owls and Empire Leather/Levi Club of Tucson. Bloody Mary & Screwdrivers 1:50 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Pool Party Noon to 3:00 ... Beer Bust 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Patio Bar plus Bar-B-Que'd Chicken Dinner on the Patio.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Desert Voices in concert "World Without Borders" at the Pima Community College's Proscenium Theatre. 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. \$10 Senior and student tickets in advance

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

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Davey hosts an MSN event to go hear Desert Voices perform their newest concert. For more info, please call Davey at 886-1208.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 18

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

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 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, JUNE 19 - SUNDAY, JUNE 25

GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE WEEK IN TUCSON HOSTED BY TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE. PLANS ARE UNDERWAY AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK. SHOW YOUR PRIDE DURING PRIDE MONTH!

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

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 "Hollow Reed", about a gay man thinking about trying to get custody of his son. For reservations & directions, please call Les or 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 - 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 Nile! Flash from the Past, music by Mr. 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). Retro Dance Party w/DJ Marquis 8pm - close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Boss Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.

WOODYS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court Open every day. 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 and domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm to closing, \$1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Karaoke Billy Dee 7:00-9:30pm Retro 80's dance 9:30pm & closing. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Bar opens noon. All well drinks \$1.50 until 7pm. Free Pool all day and all night. 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 \$1.50 Pitchers (32oz) and free pool.

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

WOODYS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close Volleyball Court Open Daily. See bartender. Special drink prices 8pm to close for American Airlines - American Express - AOL employees.

## Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Long Islands all night. 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 5:07pm well & domestics. BBQ Beer Bust 6-9; Karaoke 9pm-1am, 80¢ drink specials 9pm-1am.

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

WOODYS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Sky's the limit \$2.25. Vol lrybal court open daily.

## Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - 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 Can't" drink specials 9pm-1am.

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

WOODYS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court Open 7 days a week. See bartender.

## Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - 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 (pant 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 crispX to Circuit Noize. 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-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. \$3 entry. Hides Leather shop opens at 8pm

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

## Friday

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

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.

WOODYS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Martini Party - Well Martinis \$2.50 all day. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Vol lrybal Court is Open. See bartender.

## Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - 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 Mr. Kenneth Blake. 9:30pm. 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

WOODYS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.



NOTICES

**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 882-4726 for information.

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

**GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGLCC)** P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpplcc.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

**COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS.** P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (602)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

**BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO** - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1820 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.

**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 1st & 3rd 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 575-8880 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

**ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN** and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call 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.

**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 BI-SEXUAL 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.

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE \$25 PER WORD \$5.00 MINIMUM



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NOTICES

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

**LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS.** Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6878 or 327-4293.

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

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

**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 8:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCL. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

**THEATER / DINNER / ETC!** Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

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

**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 988-2384.

**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 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 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.

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

**DESERT VOICES,** Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at 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.

**BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP** for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1778.

**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.

NOTICES

**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, 8523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

**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 (520)325-0131, or <http://www.aazds.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.

**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 - RIZONA 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. 6th 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 Addics Anonymous)** meets every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Wingspan at 300 E. Sixth Street. Call the info line at (520) 327-1504

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

**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 8 weeks. 684-7083.

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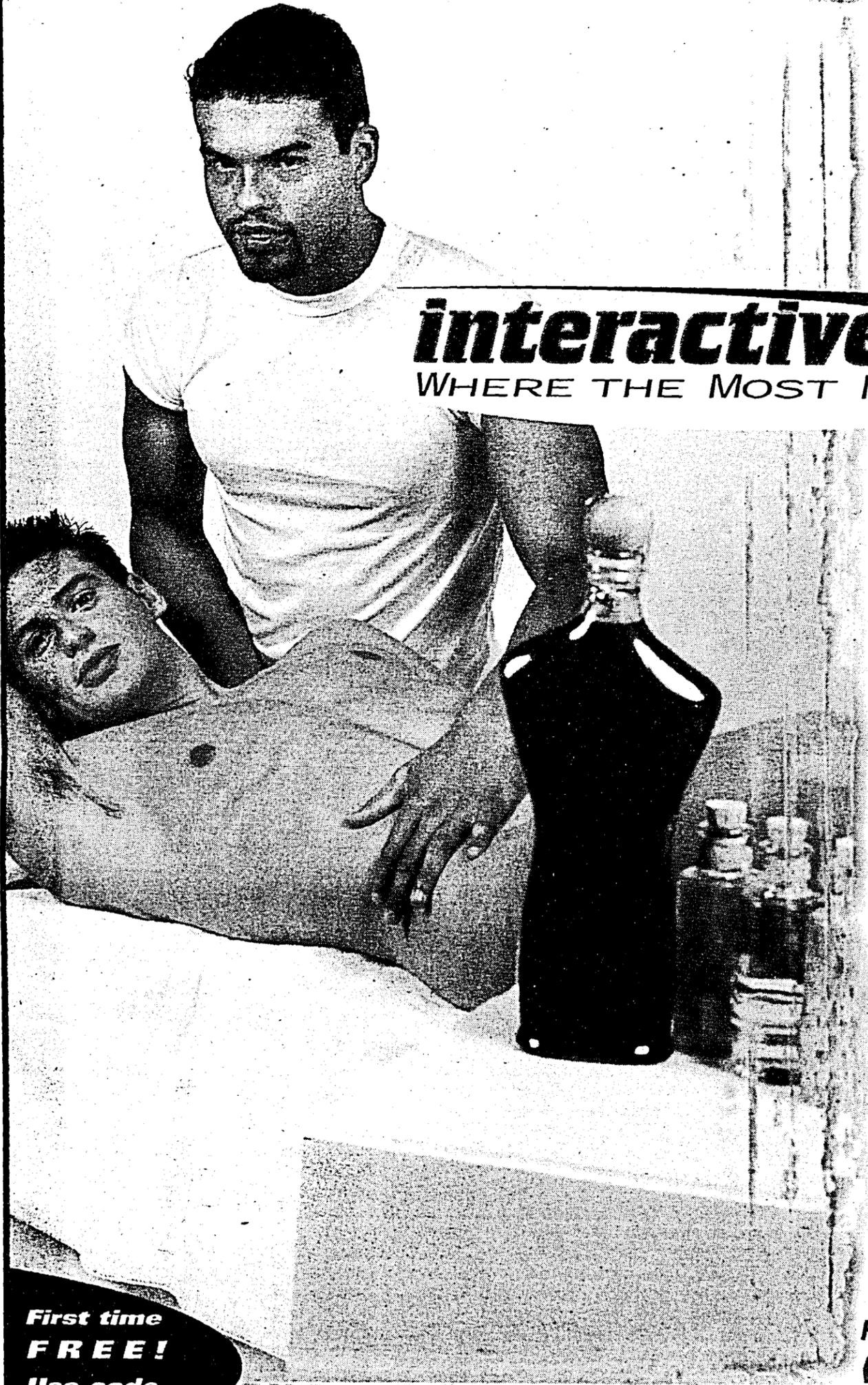
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