

## Army Panel Recommends Discharge For Steve May; Vows Fight For Reinstatement

By Mark R. Kerr

LOS ALAMITOS, CA (ON) - A U.S. Army panel of three colonels ruled September 17 that Gay Arizona state Representative and Army Lieutenant Steve May should be honorably discharged from the service for violating the seven-year-old "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) policy.

Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Herin of the Judge Advocate General's Office said the hearing officers had no legal option but to conclude that May must be discharged based on his out-of-the-closet political career, particularly some remarks he made during one debate in the state House. May is vowing that he will not quietly join the ranks of the more than 4,400 individuals who have been booted out of the U.S. armed forces since the implementation of DADT, President Bill Clinton's compromise on service by Lesbians and Gays codified into law by Congress in 1993.

The military panel's recommendation will now be forwarded to Major General John Scott of the Army 63rd Regional Support Command which oversees the 348th Transportation Company in which May serves with as a nuclear, biological and chemical officer, training soldiers in chemical defense. Scott will review the evidence and deliver his recommendation to the secretary of the Army. May said he will appeal up the military chain of command to the president, and then pursue a federal lawsuit if necessary. "I'm still in," he said. "I'll continue to serve until the appeals process is exhausted." Until the review is completed, May will continue to serve two days a month in the reserves.

The two-day involuntary separation hearing was held in Los Alamitos, California, headquarters of the 63rd. May's civilian attorney, Christopher Wolf of Proskauer Rose LLP, had been the legal counsel for Master Chief Petty Officer Timothy McVeigh, winner of the only federal lawsuit in which a branch of the service has been found to have violated the DADT policy. Wolf said he made the argument that May should not be discharged for three reasons:

1) The DADT policy didn't apply to May because the Phoenix Republican was a civilian when he had testified before the Arizona House Government Reform Committee in February 1999 regarding proposed legislation prohibiting government agencies from extending benefits to the domestic partners of their employees. He had received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army in 1995; during the Kosovo crisis in April 1999, May was called back into active duty in the Army Reserve.

2) The Investigation and Separation

Proceedings violated federal law, Army policy, and the U.S. and Arizona Constitutions, especially the letter and spirit of the First Amendment and the Speech and Debate provisions of both Constitutions. It was after his testimony and a subsequent article in the Phoenix New Times in April 1999 that the Army Reserve began investigating May about possible DADT violations based on an anonymous complaint.

3) There is a provision within Defense Department policy that allows the military to retain an individual if it is in the best interest of the services to keep the most qualified personnel.

Stacey Sobel of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), the national group assisting individuals in the armed services being investigated under DADT, said May's case was most unique, since the remarks made were in a public context as an elected official while most investigations under the policy are over remarks made in a private context. Wolf argued that the statements May made in the legislature should be protected by the speech and debate clause of the U.S. Constitution. That position was supported by a September 1999 petition to President Clinton penned by U.S. Representatives Barney Frank (D-Mass.), one of three openly Gay or Lesbian members of the House, and Tom Campbell (R-Calif.); it was signed by 124 members of both Houses of Congress.

U.S. Representative John Shaddegg (R-Ariz.) in a letter to military officials, concurred that lawmakers, both local and federal, cannot be prosecuted for things they say during debate or even for comments made outside the legislature about that debate. Army attorneys' contend that the DADT policy rules extend until a soldier is completely discharged and that reservists are not exempt even if listed inactive. However the Army still recalled May to the active reserves despite his status as a well-known Gay public official.

The Army didn't make the separation hearing easy for May by any means. Wolf said the Army refused to pay for the travel costs of May and his witnesses. "It's ridiculous," May said. "All the government witnesses are on paid status and were flown out and given quarters. They denied all travel for my witnesses and no quarters, saying it was the end of the fiscal year and they had no money ..." Soldiers in May's unit testified via video conferencing; all stated that May's removal would hurt his unit's cohesion and morale.

On the other hand Army prosecutors tried to prejudice the panel, according

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## Bell Gets 13 More Years For Killing Gay Tucsonan

By M. Scot Skinner

TUCSON - Richard Bell will serve 13 more years in prison for stabbing a Gay man to death seven years ago.

"You butchered the victim," Superior Court Judge Richard Nichols said before imposing the maximum sentence of 20 years. The former football star at Desert View High School already has served seven years.

A jury found Bell guilty of second-degree murder in his second trial last month. Bell was convicted of first-degree murder in December 1993, but he was granted a new trial after arguing that his original lawyer was ineffective.

Bell admitted stabbing Candido Sanavria two dozen times until the knife bent. After attempting to strangle the aspiring nurse with a telephone cord, Bell said he went into his kitchen, got a bigger knife and plunged it into Sanavria's heart.

Bell claimed that Sanavria, whose nickname was "Cuquito," tried to rape him after a night of partying in Bell's South Side apartment. He called a friend to help him get rid of the body, saying he had just killed "a faggot." The friend, who was Sanavria's cousin, called police after seeing the bloody remains.

A juror in Bell's second trial wrote a letter to the victim's mother explaining what happened during deliberations. Russell F. Martin said the vote was 10 to 2 in favor of first-degree murder.

One of the jurors could have been talked into a first-degree murder verdict, Martin said, but another juror was adamant that Bell was innocent of first-degree murder.

"He basically felt that this Gay guy got what he deserved," Martin said. "He said that if anyone tried to do that to him, he'd do the same thing."

According to Martin, the unyielding juror forced the rest of the jury to consider the lesser charge of second-degree murder.

Deputy County Attorney Louis Spivack said that Bell must know that he was "very lucky."

"Twenty-two out of 24 jurors (in two trials) thought Bell was guilty of first-degree murder," Spivack said. "He should be looking at 25 to life."

"Cuquito was butchered," Spivack said. "There's no nice way to say what the

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## U.S. House Votes On Hate Crimes Measure

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) - Representatives finally got the chance to deal with the proposed federal hate crimes bill, but despite strong support there probably won't be a law passed this year.

For the first time, after three years of intense lobbying, the U.S. House of Representatives on September 13 held a floor debate and vote on the Hate Crimes Prevention Act (HCPA), which among other provisions would make "sexual orientation" a protected category under federal hate crimes law -- but the vote is a non-binding one, and chances are the law will not be enacted this year.

House Republican leaders have long kept the measure off the floor, but as proponents had long predicted, once brought to a vote the measure found strong support, 232 - 192, including 41 Republicans voting yea. The House vote called on Congressmembers sitting on a House-Senate conference committee to accept the language of the HCPA which was added as an amendment to a major defense appropriations bill by the Senate in June. The Senate had approved that amendment 57 - 42 with bipartisan support. Should the conference committee agree to the amendment, the full

spending bill will require a final vote from the House before the legislative session ends next month. But Congressional leaders have made it quite clear that HCPA is not going pass as part of the defense bill, although the dead of the conference committee says no decision has been made. Last year the Senate approved a similar amendment to another spending bill, only to see it dropped in conference committee.

HCPA (currently labeled the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2000) would make protected categories of gender and disability as well as sexual orientation; current federal law recognizes as hate crimes only those acts in which the victim is selected based on color, national origin, race or religion. HCPA would also greatly expand federal authorities' ability to investigate and prosecute bias-motivated assaults, usually in support of local authorities but also when they are unable or unwilling to act. The measure has widespread support from law enforcement and criminal justice groups. The administration has already set up Hate Crime Working Groups around the country to coordinate federal, state and local efforts.

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# UPDATE

## UA Stabbing Update: Suspect Sent To State Hospital

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - At a recent hearing, Pima County Superior Court Judge Michael Alfred ruled that Gary Grayson wasn't presently competent to stand trial.

Gary Grayson had been arrested and indicted on a charge of attempted murder in the February 6 stabbing of a Gay UA student. He also faces two counts of aggravated assault in the same incident. If convicted, Grayson could receive a longer sentence under provisions of Arizona's hate-crimes law.

The 20-year-old student, who asked not to be identified, was stabbed in the back at Rainbow Planet Cafe, 606 N. Fourth Ave. According to witnesses, the attacker yelled anti-Gay slurs during and after the attack, which police called a hate crime.

Susan Eazer, one of the two prosecutors handling the case, said Alfred made his ruling after the second psychiatric evaluation had been completed on Grayson. She said Grayson was moved to the Arizona State Hospital to be "restored to competency." Grayson has said, according to the evaluations, he had stopped taking his psychiatric medication.

The next hearing in this case is scheduled for January 22, 2001.

## Forum To Focus On Aging In The GLBT Community

TUCSON - A free public forum focusing on aging in the Gay community will be held Thursday, September 21, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street.

Titled "I'm beautiful Dammit! Aging in the Gay Community," the event is being sponsored jointly by Wingspan and the Gay Men's Health Project.

Videos and a panel discussion will be part of the evening's activities. For more information, call (520) 624-1779 or 628-7223.

## SAAF Update

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation's (SAAF) Volunteer Orientation and AIDS 101 Training take place Thursday, September 21, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at SAAF's offices, 375 S. Euclid.

There are lots of opportunities to volunteer, including the upcoming AIDS-WALK and Festival for Life events. Training is free; call Kathie at (520) 628-7223 to register.

SAAF is looking for a qualified individual for the following: Maintenance Technician - 20 hrs./wk., to perform repairs and maintenance of our housing units. Requires relevant experience, preferably in non-profit setting, own tools, on-call availability for evening/weekend emergencies. Up to \$12.00/hr., on-call bonus, limited benefits. To apply, pick up job description and application instructions, Mon-Fri, 8:00-5:00 p.m., at 375 S. Euclid Ave., or call (520)628-7223 to have them faxed, or see [www.saaaf.org](http://www.saaaf.org), AA/EOE

## It's Turnabout Time

TUCSON - Yes, that's right, it's Turnabout time again. This year the Turnabout show titled "Twisted Sisters," will be held on September 24, at the Ramada Inn University, 1601 N. Oracle, with a light buffet starting at 5:00 p.m. and the show starting at 7:00 p.m.

It is going to be bigger and better than ever! Due to the huge response in years past, and space limitations in any of our bars, the producers of the show decided to take the show to the new location. Another new twist this year is that the cast members are not bar staff from just one bar. This year's cast will include staff from Woody's, IBT's, Venture 'N, Ain't Nobody's Bizness, and Stonewall, a community turnabout brought to you by some of your favorite bar employees. Hold on to you wigs and false teeth everyone, because the cast will be donning wigs and falsies to give you a night of entertainment you won't soon forget.

Turnabout for TIHAN started four years ago in an effort by some bar employees to raise money for a great local cause. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network, or TIHAN, is a local Aids Service Organization that receives no federal or state funding. The money in their operating budget comes from donations and fund raisers, such as Turnabout. This year the organizers are hoping to reach their goal off \$10,000. Last year, the event raised more than \$6,000.

Tickets are being sold at all five of the local Gay bars and also at the TIHAN office. Advanced ticket prices are \$7.50, which will include a reserved seat at a table and a light buffet. Tickets at the door for a reserved seat at a table and the buffet will be \$10.00. For those who only want to see the show, the price will be \$5. TIHAN volunteers are presenting the buffet along with La Cocina Restaurant. For more information, or to purchase tickets, you may also call the TIHAN office at (520) 299-6647.

## TLGA Needs Volunteers

TUCSON - This is a Call to Our Community.

TLGA needs an incredible amount of volunteer support to produce Tucson's Pride festival on October 14th, 2000. TLGA hopes you will volunteer a small amount of your time while having fun and feeling full of Pride at OUToberFEST!

The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance is facing a volunteer shortage for this year's Outoberfest. Without your help, it is possible that the event could be cancelled. TLGA needs over 185 volunteers to make OUToberFEST happen October 14, 2000.

A volunteer shift is only 2 to 2.5 hours the day of the event (more if you can do it). For that time worked, TLGA will donate \$10 an hour per volunteer to your favorite non-profit organization. (This replaces TLGA's annual post-OUToberFEST donations given to Tucson's non-profit organizations.)

All you will need to do is: Sign up as a volunteer with TLGA, Sign-In and Sign-Out on the day of the event (and of course do your work!), and attend one training session before the event.

To "Volunteer for Charity," please call Tamer Shelby at (520) 295-0038 today!

## Desert Voices Update

TUCSON - Desert Voices third annual silent auction and cabaret concert takes place on Saturday, October 21 at Nations Hall at the International Arts Center.

This event kicks off Desert Voices' twelfth annual season. "The concert allows singers within the group to do their own thing," says chorister Anne Levy, "It's a lot of fun!" The event features soloists and small groups from within the chorus and friends. The auction will feature dinner certificates, gift baskets, music, travel, jewelry, art, celebrity items and more! Over one hundred items in all will be auctioned off during the evening. "This is a great time to begin your holiday shopping," states Managing Artistic Director Keith A. Koster. "You may just find something for yourself, as well!" Due to last year's successful sold-out event, the chorus has moved the event to the larger Nations Hall. "We've received so much support from the community for this event. It's an opportunity to dress up - to see and be seen. An opportunity to party." Koster continues. Food from Tucson's finest eateries will be served, as well as a cash bar. Patrons are encouraged to wear masks and costumes, with prizes going to the most creative mask of the evening.

The Silent Auction will begin at 6:30 p.m., with Concert to follow at 8:00 p.m. Tickets for the event, and season tickets, are currently available through the chorus hotline, (520) 791-9662.

## Water of Life MCC Offering Classes

TUCSON - Spiritual Growth classes resume this Thursday, September 21. Come learn, grow and share with others as we explore the Book of John!

Keep your calendars open at the end of October! Water of Life MCC is hosting our third annual Halloween Dance on Saturday, 28 October and Pumpkin Carving on Sunday, September 17 after the 11:15 a.m. service. Come and join the fun!

The church meets at 3269 N. Mountain Ave. (just north of Fort Lowell Roas). Worship services are each Sunday at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. For further information, please contact church office at (520) 292-9151 or email [WOLMCC@aol.com](mailto:WOLMCC@aol.com). All activities are open to the public.

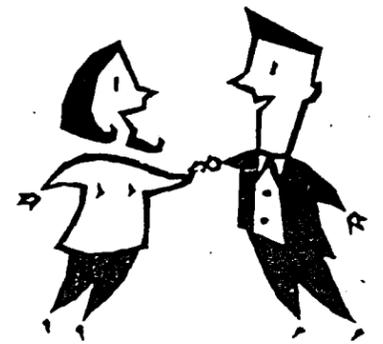
## Bisbee Pride Gallery Manager Named

BISBEE - The Pride Family of Cochise County, Inc. (PFCC) announced that a Manager for the new Arizona Pride Gallery has been hired. Mary Dewhurst has accepted the position as Manager. Arizona Pride Gallery is a fine art gallery located in "World Famous Brewery Gulch". The exact location is 43 Brewery Avenue, the first floor of the historic Silver King Hotel.

Arizona Pride Gallery (AZPG) will fund the activities of a local non-profit, Pride Family of Cochise County, Inc. The Pride Family's mission is to support diversity, educate the public and support human rights issues. It will also serve as a resource and information center. The project is supported by a grant from the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered and Straight Alliance Fund. "The gallery is first and foremost a business and seeks to promote Bisbee as an art destination" said Dan Fahy, who is the financial consultant for the new Pride Family Corporation. "It will feature artists from around Arizona, some of whom will be Gay and Lesbian."

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## 'Dr.' Laura Lays Rating Egg As Advertisers Flee

LOS ANGELES, CA - Dashing the inflated hopes of its host and producers, the premiere of "Dr. Laura," the syndicated television talk show hosted by controversial radio personality Laura Schlessinger, did far worse than industry executives predicted, the Los Angeles Times reports.

Nielsen Media Research says "Dr. Laura" attracted just 2 percent of homes in the 46 largest U.S. media markets. The rating is not only below the average for programs preceding the show, it is well under what the same stations averaged in the time slot last year.

"The Oprah Winfrey Show," by contrast won a 5.6 percent slice of the ratings, a 27 percent increase compared to its season premiere last year. "The Rosie O'Donnell Show" grabbed 3.1 percent of homes, a slight drop versus the corresponding period in 1999.

The L.A. Times says that in her home town of Los Angeles, "Dr. Laura" ranked sixth among eight local stations as measured by Nielsen, drawing only 1.6 percent of homes in the metropolitan area. Winfrey attracted 6.7 percent and O'Donnell reached 2.7 percent in the same hour.

Meanwhile, the walkout by advertisers from the "Dr. Laura" TV show became a full parade as 12 more companies announced they would no longer be associated with the program. Meanwhile, an annual ranking of the most powerful executives of the information age has cited the "Dr. Laura" TV show as a negative mark against the heads of the companies that offer the program.

For one advertiser, Schlessinger's anti-Gay rhetoric hit close to home. When ads for the Los Angeles law firm Jacoby & Meyers appeared during the "Dr. Laura" show, the firm's vice president took quick action. "My daughter is Gay," the firm's vice president, Mindy Gandin, told Variety. "I'm just as upset as anyone that our ads ran during 'Dr. Laura'."

Long John Silver's informed StopDrLaura.com that "this program was identified by our company in planning as a show to avoid." Stonestreet Capital told its ad agency to "stop all advertising on the Dr. Laura program." Luxor in Las Vegas said the hotel would "stop our ads from running in that particular show in the future," and added that the hotel "does not condone in any way discrimination on any basis."

Conair, Brink's, GEICO, International House of Pancakes, Ontel, Volvo of Brentwood, CA and Closet World in Los Angeles also pulled their advertising.

The release of a much-anticipated ranking of the most powerful media executives said that "Dr. Laura" was a negative mark against the chiefs at Paramount and Viacom.

"The New Establishment 2000," Vanity Fair magazine's annual ranking of the top fifty leaders of the information age, directly cited "Dr. Laura" as a "Big Loss" in its ranking of Sherry Lansing, Chairman of Paramount and Jonathan L. Dolgen, Chairman of Viacom Entertainment Group.

Lansing and Dolgen share Vanity Fair's 41st spot among the top 50, up three spots from last year -- but not without a warning about "Dr. Laura." "In terms of enduring P.R. unpleasantness, Paramount took its biggest hit courtesy of Dr. Laura Schlessinger, the popular radio talk-show windbag who has described Gays as 'deviant'," Vanity Fair wrote. "...the most recent talk show produced by Paramount Television; if Dr. Laura is the model, let's hope it's the last." "The New Establishment 2000" appears in Vanity Fair's October edition.

Executives at both Paramount and Viacom have been largely silent in the face of the ongoing controversy over Schlessinger's anti-Gay comments. The "Dr. Laura" TV show debuted to poor reviews, light advertising and low ratings.

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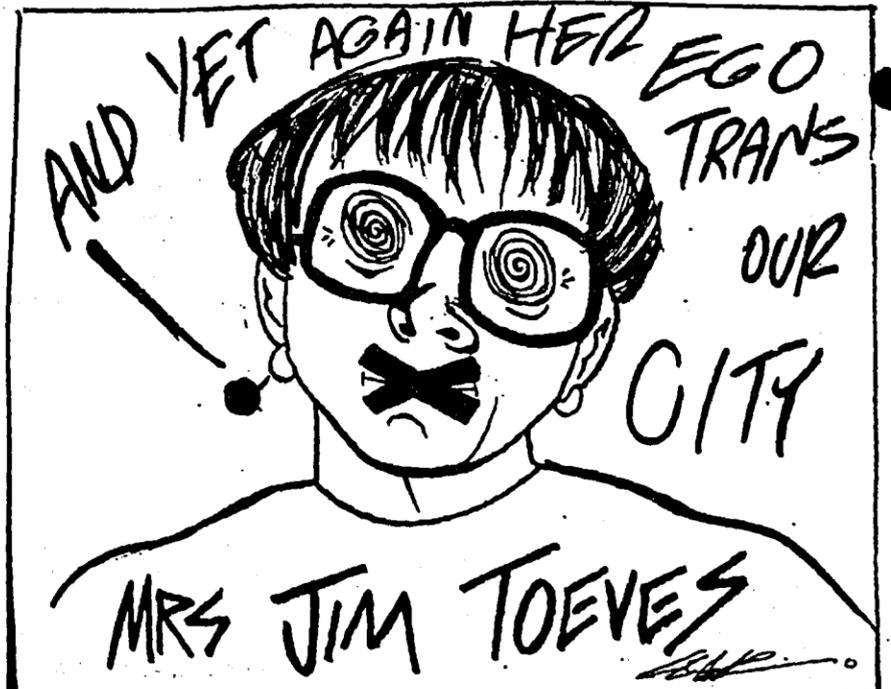
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**POLITICS 2000**  
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**Ballots Are Still Being Counted**

Arizona's primary is still going on, as of press time, due to several tight races, including the Republican primary for the Arizona House of Representatives, for District 1, involving incumbent state Representative, Barbara Blewster, who compared homosexuality to "bestiality and cannibalism," and was only ahead by more than 100 votes in her race, with early voting and questioned ballots still being counted.

Jim Kolbe soundly defeated perennial opponent Joseph Sweeney of Tucson. Kolbe last month became the first openly Gay speaker ever to address the Republican National Convention. To oppose him, Democratic voters selected state Senator George Cunningham, who has never lost in five primaries, two state House and two state Senate campaigns.

Arizona's two openly Gay state Representatives, Ken Chevront (D-Phoenix) and Steve May (R-Phoenix), were both unopposed. Full results, hopefully by next week, if the ballots are finally counted.

Still on the subject of Steve May, he appeared Monday, September 18, on CNN's Larry King Live to debate radio talk-show host, and former Marine, Oliver North, about the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, for which an Army panel ruled this past weekend that May should "be honorably discharged" from the Army Reserve for allegedly violating the policy, by making statements as a civilian, serving in the Arizona Legislature. In one of the best moments of television, in this reporter's opinion, the Phoenix Republican stopped Oliver North and the host, Larry King, dead in their proverbial tracks, with the following:

**NORTH:** Steve, here's the problem. And I say -- I want to go back to the laws of biology. The reality of it is the reason we give separate bunk spaces to women on Navy ships, the reason we have separate and segregated showers and heads, is so that temptation, the laws of biology, does not become overwhelming and we create even bigger problems than we already have today, given that this administration wants to use the military like a bunch of lab rats in a radical social experiment.

**MAY:** Sir, are you saying that if you and I shared a bedroom in the barracks that you would succumb to some strange laws of biology?

**NORTH:** No, I would strangle you Steve before you could get away with it. I'm saying...

**MAY:** What makes you think...

**KING:** No, let me get a break here. We'll come right back with Army Reserve Lt. Steve May and Oliver North.

Meanwhile, in another section of the nation's capital, in a move Democrats charged was electioneering, House Republican leaders made way for a floor debate and vote on Representative Lynn Woolsey's (D-Calif.) bill to revoke the ceremonial Congressional charter the Boy Scouts of America have held since 1916 because of the group's policy of excluding Gays. The proposal was crushed on September 13 by a vote of 362 to 12 (including one Republican, and it wasn't openly Gay Republican, Jim Kolbe, who voted against the bill), 51 Representatives were present but abstained, including Arizona's only U.S. House Democrat, Ed Pastor.

About 100 charitable, educational and patriotic groups hold Congressional charters. Woolsey said in an interview, "Revoking the charter is a symbolic measure but it clears up any misconception that the Boy Scouts' policy of intolerance has a Congressional seal of approval." On the floor of the House she said, "Repealing the Boy Scouts' federal charter is a sensible and reasonable way for this Congress to take a stand against intolerance and not have it look as if our nation supported intolerance. We are not saying that Boy Scouts are bad; we are saying that intolerance is bad. ... Intolerance in any form is un-American." She had named her HR 4892 the "Scouting for All Act" in honor of the organization founded by her non-Gay constituent Eagle Scout Stephen Cozza when he was only 12 to petition the Boy Scouts of America to end its discriminatory policy.

No one but Woolsey spoke in support of the bill in the debate that began September 12, and opponents saw it very differently, as a chance to change the subject, especially since the House would finally take up the issue of hate crimes:

"It is this bill, not the Boy Scouts, that promotes intolerance," said Representative Steve Buyer (R-Ind.). Rep. J.D. Hayworth (R-Ariz.) viewed it as a free speech issue, noting that the chartered Jewish War Veterans had never been asked to admit those of other religions. (However, as Woolsey noted when introducing her bill in July, the mission of the Scouts as stated in its charter is that it will educate "all boys," not just non-Gay ones.) Representative John Hostettler (R-Ind.) went even farther, projecting the move as the first step towards a future in which the Bible could not be quoted without the speaker being punished for hate speech, and declared, "The minute we forsake the Boy Scouts will be the beginning of the demise of this great country." Representative Robin Hayes (R-N.C.) said, "This ridiculous legislation is meant to shame an organization just because it does not conform to the extreme left wing's view of the world." Representative Chris Cannon (R-Utah) called it "an attack on the fundamental values of America... [led by] a small group of extremists on the minority side." As a long line of Republicans rose to denounce the bill, they almost invariably described it as "Democratic" legislation.

Woolsey was only told on the evening of September 11 that the bill would be going to the floor, and it came as a complete surprise to her since no committee hearings or votes had been held and the measure had only eight co-sponsors. House Majority Leader Dick Armey (R-TX) told reporters September 12 that, "I scheduled this bill to demonstrate the lack of support for those who have declared open season on the Boy Scouts," describing the measure as "an unjustified, despicable attack" that is "part of a campaign by radical extremists to intimidate the Boy Scouts."

Representative John Conyers (D-TX) called scheduling the floor vote a "political stunt" intended to embarrass Democrats during election campaigning.

Before this GOP stunt, the House of Representatives voted 232-192 in support of the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act, a bill that would add sexual

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## Boy Scouts Losing Nationwide Support

NEW HAVEN, CT - Confirming trends reported on this Web site and in local newspapers all over the country, the New York Times on Tuesday says the Boy Scouts of America have suffered a marked loss of support in winning the right to discriminate against Gay troop leaders and scouts.

The Times says that in addition to the loss of private donations from groups such as Chase Manhattan Bank and Textron, millions of dollars in annual support has been cut from "dozens" of local United Way organizations nationwide.

The Times notes the state of Connecticut banned charitable contributions to the Scouts by state employees through a state-operated payroll savings plan and that the state is also considering whether to block the Scouts from using public schools, campgrounds and other public spaces operated with taxpayer support.

It's a watershed issue," C. Joan Parker, assistant counsel to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, told The Times. The Commission must issue a ruling by Nov. 8 on whether the Scouts exclusion of Gay people violates state anti-bias laws. "We have to decide, Are we aiding and abetting someone that discriminates? Clearly, any public entity needs to have clean hands."

Gregg Shields, a Scouts spokesman and passionate defender of the Gay ban, said the BSA will sue any state or local government that seeks to ban the Scouts from access to public facilities.

A divided Supreme Court ruled in June that the organization had a constitutional right to exclude Gays because opposition to homosexuality was presented to the justices as part of the organization's "expressive message."

But the court majority avoided addressing the merits of the ban (a standard traditionally applied to other civil rights cases) and ruled only whether the Boy Scouts is a private group entitled to set its own membership rules.

The Times says the withholding of contributions poses less a short term problem for the Scouts and the \$125 million the organization raises each year than does the idea of being refused access to public lands and facilities by state, city or county laws that prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The focus of BSA's legal strategy, therefore, is to attack the applicability of these laws as they apply to Scouting - a many-fronted battle. The American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit against the city of San Diego this past Monday requesting a federal court revoke a 50-year-old agreement that lets the Scouts lease 18 acres of parkland for \$1 a year. Similar suits are popping up all over the country.

Another issue confronting the Scouts is resistance to the ruling, not only from parents and other scouts, but from local Scouting chapters who oppose the national leadership's direction on the issue.

Many funding agencies, such as the Southeastern New England United Way in Providence, has said it will withhold more than \$200,000 in annual funding unless the Boy Scouts' Narragansett Council pledges not to enforce the anti-Gay rule.

Shields and others in the national leadership say they will expel local councils that deviate from the national charter. But any such moves risk further angering parents, many of whom already express anger that the organization has been so politicized.

Gale Alexander, a Connecticut parent told The Times, "The idea that all the rank and file is just fine with this is just a bunch of malarkey," he said. "It's time now for parents to speak up and say, I don't agree with it. It's time for people to start fighting from within."

## New Soulforce Protest

WASHINGTON, DC - On November 12-14, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) individuals, and their families, friends and allies will join together in to protest the exclusionary practices by the Catholic Church, and support the full inclusion of GLBT individuals in all aspects of Church life.

The weekend of vigils, protest, trainings, and civil disobedience is being organized by Soulforce, an interfaith network of individuals committed to applying the principles of nonviolent resistance as taught by Gandhi and King to the liberation of sexual and gender minorities. Soulforce volunteers from a myriad of faith traditions will be gathering together to accuse the Catholic Church of acts of spiritual violence against God's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender children.

On November 13, Soulforce plans to be a visible and persistent presence outside of Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, the meeting place of the National Council of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) during the day. Starting at 5:30 p.m. on November 13 in front of the National Basilica at 400 Michigan Avenue, NW, Soulforce supporters will standing in a silent candlelight vigil during a worship service for the NCCB. The vigil is a symbolic act to work to change the hearts and minds of the bishops and request them to take a stand to end spiritual violence against God's LGBT children.

The Non-violent Civil Disobedience is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, November 14, starting at 11:45 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency.

According to Mel White, co-founder of Soulforce, while acknowledging and thanking the American Bishops for their statement "Always Your Children," Soulforce will demand the National Council of Catholic Bishops to "Stop Spiritual Violence against sexual and gender minorities and end policies that destroy children's lives, divide families, and lead to discrimination, suffering, and even death."

To participate in the direct action, individuals must take part in the Soulforce non-violence training and rally being held on Monday night, November 13 (location to be announced) or in a brief training on site prior to the action and press conference at the Hyatt. All participants are required to sign, wear, and uphold the Soulforce "pledge to nonviolence" used by Dr. Martin Luther King and his marchers in 1963. For more information, visit their Web site, [www.soulforce.org](http://www.soulforce.org).

## 'When Pigs Fly' Opens At Invisible Theatre Sept. 19

TUCSON - The Invisible Theatre (IT) kicks off its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season, A Season of Renewal, with Howard Crabtree's irreverent musical extravaganza, "When Pigs Fly." This hilarious, razor sharp satire proves that you can go over the top without going off the deep end. Winner of the Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle awards for Best Off-Broadway Musical Revue, "When Pigs Fly" opens at IT, 1400 North First Avenue, Tuesday, September 19 and runs through Sunday, October 8.

Howard Crabtree, the play's author and costume designer, was a singer, dance, all-around and theatrical designer extraordinaire. His costumes propel performers across boundaries of age, gender, body shape and even species. Amid the tricks and gimmicks, the whirlwind quick changes and extravagant visuals, "When Pigs Fly" still has a powerful message - have the courage to be yourself.

Mark Waldrop's sophisticated and silly-at-the-same-time lyrics are complemented by Dick Gallagher's catchy, upbeat music. Musical numbers in "When Pigs Fly" include: Light in the Loafers, Not All Man, Bigger is Better, and of course, When Pigs Fly.

Crabtree, Waldrop and Gallagher began their collaboration in the late 1980's. When Pigs Fly marks their last work together. Howard Crabtree died of complications due to AIDS on June 28, 1996 at age 41, just days after completing his work on Howard Crabtree's "When Pigs Fly." The following spring his costumes received virtually every design award the theater offers: The Drama Desk Award, the Outer Critics' Circle Award, the OBIE, the Theater Wing Award, and the Lucille Lortel Award. "When Pigs Fly," is a tribute to his genius.

Invisible Theatre's production of "When Pigs Fly" is directed and produced by IT's Managing Artistic Director, Susan Claasen, with Musical Direction by Khris

Dodge and Choreography by Mickey Nugent. The cast features Ryan White, Todd Wachsman, Larry Moore, Kevin Johnson and Kelby Thwalts.



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Larry Moore "aka Lucinda Holliday, is one of the stars of the Invisible Theater's production of "When Pigs Fly".

Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$22, with discounts available for students, seniors and groups of 20 or more. Call the Invisible Theatre, (520) 882-9721, Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for reservations and ticket information. One preview performance will take place Monday, September 18, 7:30 p.m., with tickets for the preview costing \$14 each.

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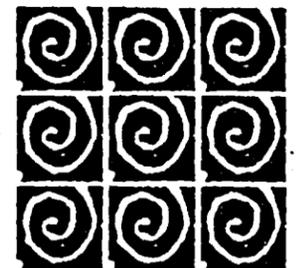
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GLAAD Continues Focus on "Dr. Laura" at Local Level: As the Sept. 11 premiere date for Dr. Laura, a Paramount Domestic Television daytime program featuring radio talk-show host Laura Schlessinger, approaches, GLAAD is continuing its work to prevent defamation of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community on the show.

"We have begun two new initiatives aimed at making sure our community is presented accurately and fairly," said Cathy Renna, GLAAD director of regional media and community relations. Through its Web page, GLAAD is offering "Local Laura Activism Version 2.0: Monitor & Response," a thorough strategy and tool kit that makes it easy for people to take action to combat Schlessinger's defamatory comments. Topics found at [www.glaad.org](http://www.glaad.org) include "Finding Out Where and When Dr. Laura Airs In Your Community," "Join GLAAD's Local Laura Monitoring Team," "How to Educate Potential Local Dr. Laura Sponsors" and "Questions & Answers Regarding Laura Schlessinger." Also available is a downloadable version of GLAAD's Media Essentials: How to Get Your Message Out In the Media. Renna said, "Version 2.0' will facilitate concerned people taking action and letting their local station know that we will be watching."

The second initiative is part two of

an ad campaign directed at media buyers considering purchasing time on Dr. Laura. Part one targeted national advertisers. For part two, GLAAD and community groups from across the country joined resources and placed full-page ads in four major regional business publications alerting advertisers what they would be buying with Schlessinger. "The Boston Business Journal, the Dallas Business Journal, the Atlanta Business Chronicle and the Washington Business Journal were selected to build regional momentum," said Renna. "We have seen how many national advertisers are deciding that they do not want to associate their brands with Schlessinger's defamatory attacks. Our intent is to persuade local advertisers to follow their example." Contact Renna at 202-986-1360 or access [www.glaad.org](http://www.glaad.org) for more information.



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# G/L Inclusion In Debate On MTV Channel

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - There really isn't any argument. MTV is easily the most inclusive television network of Lesbians and Gays. Yet, as with President Clinton, things are not exactly ideal either.

Last week, MTV began airing its third promotional spot that includes Gay people - its most daring yet, the first to have same-sex kissing.

The new campaign, called "Do You Speak MTV?" has a series of situations in which people speak lines that sound like words from a song (sometimes they actually are), then a current tune kicks in and their behavior changes. In the one called "Language of Love," there are three couples in a field: two men, two women, and a man and woman. The women say to the men, "Sorry, I can't be tied down - I have needs. Stop being such a player-hater!"

The two young guys are a picture of geek chic. With similar, amusingly stilted comments, one says to the other, "I love you. I hate you . . . I love you. I hate you." To which the other replies, "You are too inflamed with the fire of our desire. That is not good."

Moving to the two women, one of them says, "I love you, but I'm not in love with you." The other, in black leather pants, says, "What does that mean?" And she repeats more slowly, "I love you, but I'm not in love with you."

Then the words "Press Play" appear on screen, the Creed song "With Arms Wide Open" begins playing, and each of the couples grab each other in a passionate embrace. The heterosexual couple falls to the ground, the Lesbians are a blur of hair and the guys make out madly.

"Pro-social stuff is so important," says Christina Norman, VP of on-air promotions. "We don't do it in response to something. That mission is just the right thing to do. Not everybody gets to live in New York City and be exposed to everything. We can show straight kids in this country that (Gay people are) out there and Gay kids can say, 'There I am!'"

Other examples in the campaign include a punk white girl and a nerdy black guy who seem to be speaking each other's lines, with a rap song playing from Dr. Dre. In another, an Asian father and son are together as the father tries to get into the music - the Eminem tune "The Way I Am" - but then proclaims in shame, "I am so uncool."

It is with some irony that Eminem's music is a part of the campaign, as the rapper is the latest cause for media watchdog group the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. The group organized a protest outside New York's Radio City Music Hall on Sept. 7, at the Video Music Awards to draw attention to the superstars' homophobic lyrics.

According to GLAAD, Eminem uses the word "fag" or "faggot" 13 times in 18 songs. In the song "Criminal" he says, "My words are like a dagger with a jagged edge/That'll stab you in the head/Whether you're a fag or a lez/Or the homsex, hermaph or trans-a-vest/Pants or dress - hate fags? The answer's 'yes.'"

For its part, MTV only plays cleaned up versions of Eminem's songs, removing anti-Gay lyrics, and has tried to balance GLAAD's concerns with the popularity of a star it has substantially helped make. The network's president, Judy McGrath, issued this statement on the day of the awards:

"From time to time, certain controversial artists have stirred debate in the culture. We believe Eminem has a right to express his opinions. That said, on our air, we've applied our strict standards to both his videos and appearances on MTV. His homophobic and misogynistic lyrics have never appeared on MTV. While many people find his lyrics offensive or irresponsible, including many of us at MTV, he's obviously struck a chord with our audience. We think the most honest and effective thing to do is offer a forum for all these viewpoints on our network. We have offered GLAAD an opportunity to be a part of our pre-show and are happy that they have accepted. Moreover, we recently engaged our audience on the subject of hateful lyrics with an MTV News special, 'When Lyrics Attack,' challenging our audience to think about the impact lyrics can have. We take our responsibility to our audience very seriously and we will continue to have an ongoing dialogue with them about this and other artists, music and issues."

To its credit, MTV's inclusion of Lesbians and Gays has been exemplary for years, in popular programs such as reality series "The Real World," former dating game "Singed Out" and the late-night teen soap "Undressed." In 1996, the network it aired its first promotional spot about two surfers who end up running down the beach together, hand-in-hand. Another promotional ad featuring a lovesick Gay teen hit last year won the GLAADMedia Award in the advertising category. (I served as co-chair on the nominations committee but cannot vote on winners.) This year, a briefly-aired ad for MTV Watches & Accessories included a close-up shot of two men holding hands.

Steve Spurgeon, a spokesman for GLAAD, thinks MTV is a bit schizophrenic. "They say all the right things and they've done some wonderful things," he says. "But when it comes down to it, there's a buck to be made and they're displaying faux naivete. They say, 'We're just responding to our fans,' but MTV conveniently rationalizes this situation. They created Eminem - it wasn't his record label, Interscope."

GLAAD wanted MTV not to include Eminem as a feature performance at the awards and to stop promoting him. MTV didn't but did agree to run an existing anti-violence spot from the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network, or GLSEN, about slain Wyoming student Matthew Shepard in the awards program, and also aired the "When Lyrics Attack" program a while back. Spurgeon notes, "It's always tougher when they know and want to do the right thing."

For now, there's no clear answer for the trouble with Eminem's impact on young listeners. But MTV already has had a lasting, positive impact on youth, and the network is going to last a lot longer than any star of the moment.

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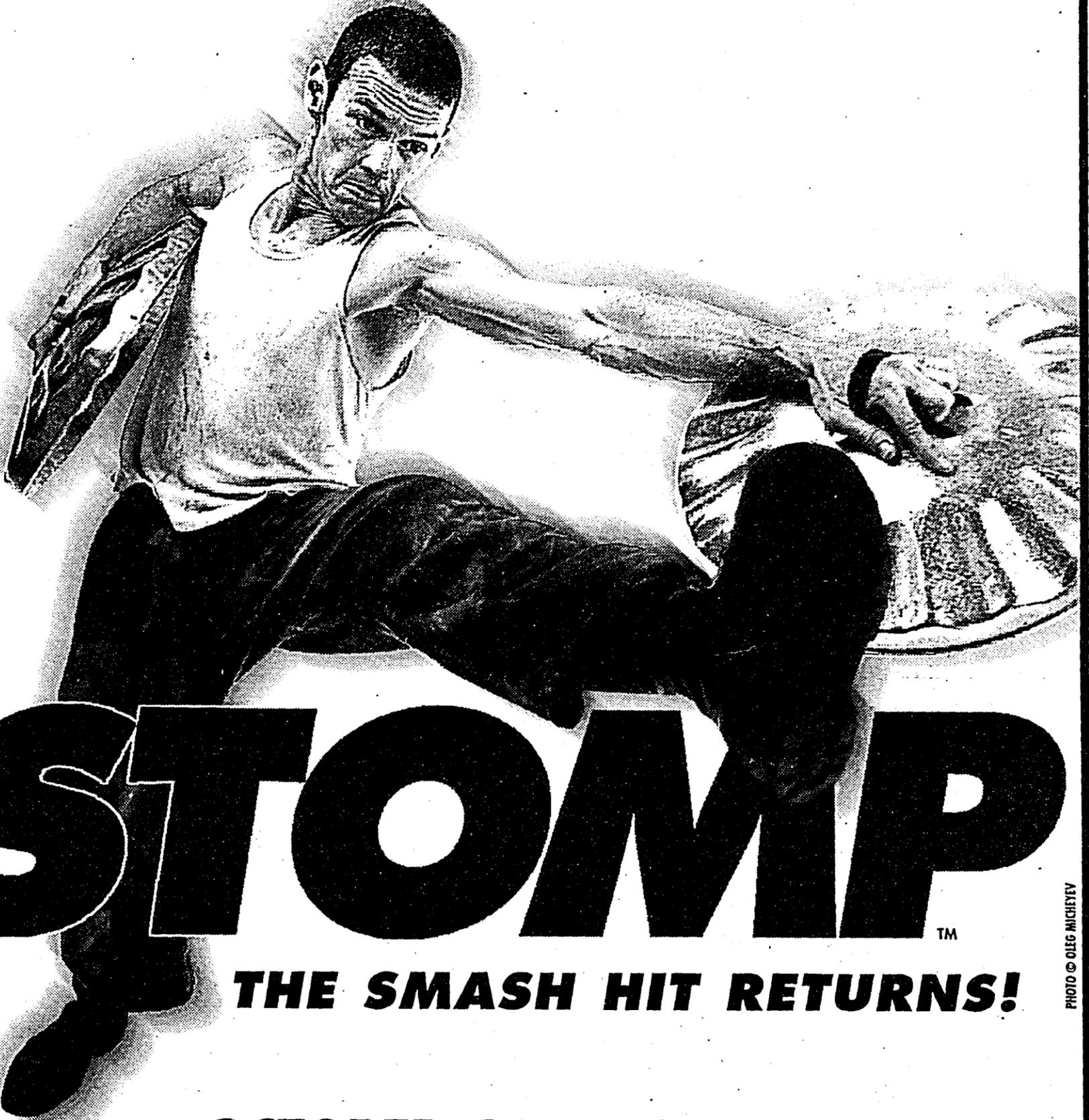
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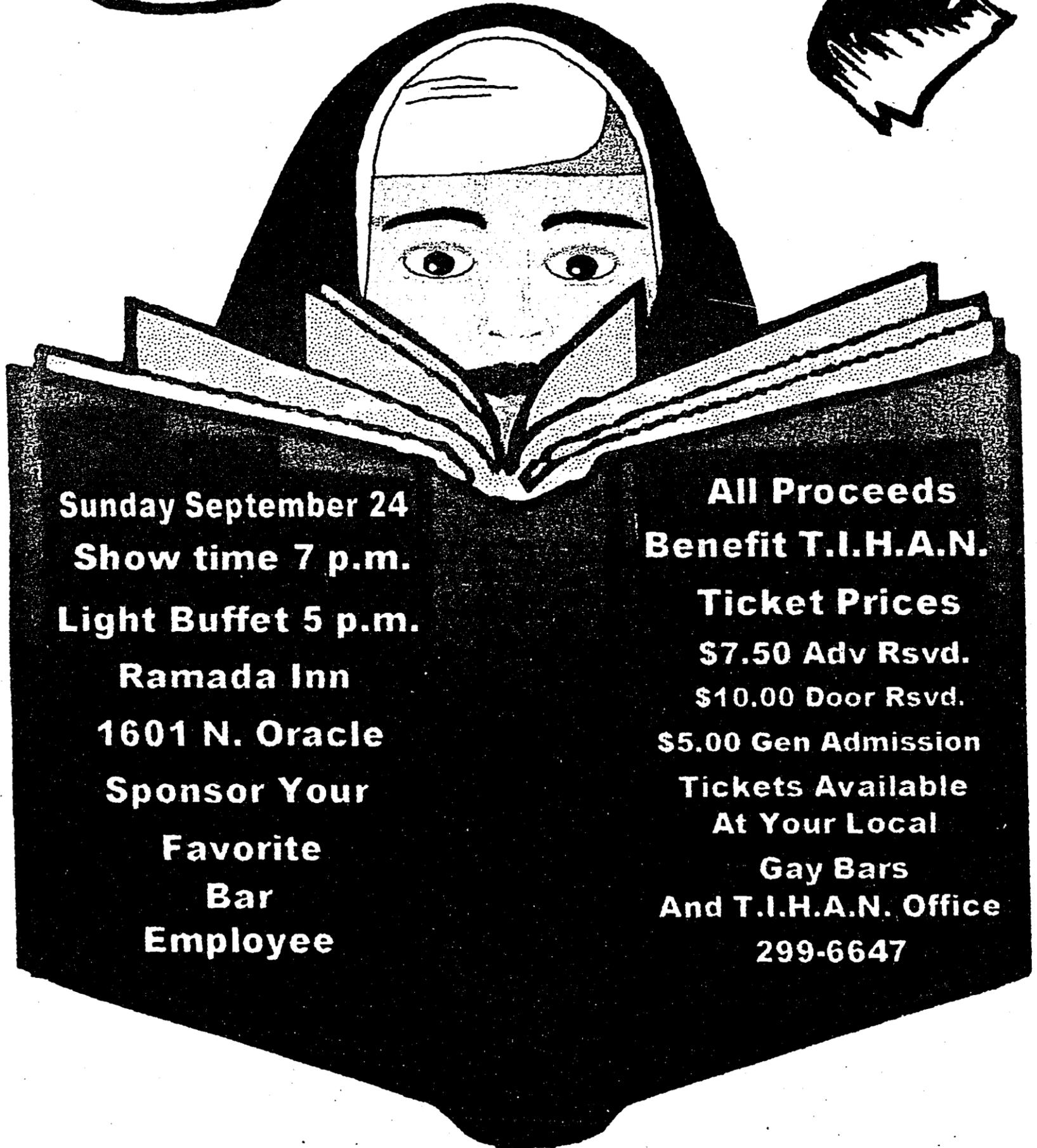
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**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

The Uranus, Jupiter and Mercury trine is hot and heavy for sizzly pink Crabs. Your cables are jumped and you are ready for the surge. It may mean that a spontaneous affair can wind up as something more permanent or that you can expand your tasting menu by getting more involved in charitable endeavors. Hmmm, I knew that volunteerism was good for something!

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

There are good times aplenty for all proud Lions who know how to harness the Uranus, Jupiter and Mercury trine. Surprising gusts in any one to one relationship can refresh and rejuvenate a stale air. For single cubs, it can mean that your soulmate is right around the corner and not across the globe. Check your social circle and friendly neighbors. Lucky Leos get all the breaks!

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Life may seem a little harsher and more frustrating than usual with Pluto kicking you squarely in the patoot. But the Uranus, Jupiter and Mercury trine temporarily eases the stress. Queer Virgos should take their troubles to the health club and work out those old bones. You never know who will be waiting for you in the sauna for your next workout. Talk about easing stress...

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Can sassy queer Scales have too much of a good thing? Evidently not during the Mercury, Jupiter, Uranus trine. Sometimes there is a life lesson to be learned with every exotic stranger at an after hours club, sometimes it's at the theater or opera and sometimes it's at an art gallery. Try 'em and taste 'em all; you never know which potion is number nine or number nein or number sixty-nine.

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

You feel invincible when Uranus, Jupiter, Mercury trine. Who knows; volatile Uranus may detonate a needed fallout between you and the family. It's time they accept you for who you are. Take your pride to the next step; Maybe this is the year to launch that AIDS awareness campaign at your nearest GOP headquarters ....well maybe not but you can certainly attain more realistic goals.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Speak Out dear, queer Archer; Tell partners and compadres what's on your mind. Sag "foot in mouth" disease may be just what's needed during the Uranus, Jupiter, Mercury trine. Communication has a surprising way of catapulting you into the center stage of a three ring circus. Tell a dirty joke if it can heat a scene. Expect big things from little people. Surprise, surprise!

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

They say money talks but now during the Jupiter, Uranus, Mercury trine, it screams loud, proud and queer. Smear it around and see wonderful things happen. Proud Caps can transform a moribund career into a powerful push to success. Even dreary, boring tasks glide to completion with a little financial oil. You have your values in place so dress and press for success.

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

How you appear to others takes a surprising turn with the Uranus, Jupiter, Mercury trine. Dye your hair lavender and shout it Out. Aqueerians ache to lead the rainbow cause with pomp, circumstance and pride. Now you can effectively gather the masses from all corners of the globe and lead them to victory. Go team go! I'll see you under the bleachers later. Bring the tight end and full back.

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

If your closet blasts open thank Uranus, Jupiter and Mercury for making this liberation possible. Pisces should have been reevaluating all that they hold near and dear to prepare them for this inevitable planetary catharsis. This also favorably impacts your home and sex life. We can't succeed in life unless we're able to be who we are. Swim proudly, dear queer Fish - the ocean is waiting.

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# UPDATE

## 'Cabaret' At Centennial Hall Sept. 19-24

TUCSON - Broadway's most famous and successful musicals will be hitting U of A Centennial Hall as Cabaret opens. For those of you familiar with the name of the show but not specifically the plot, it's the story of an English woman's romance with an American writer in Germany at the beginning of the Third Reich's rise to power.

This version is British director and Academy Award-winner Sam Mendes' (American Beauty) with staging that "recaptures the shock earlier versions had for theatergoers of the day. It is darker, raunchier, and more disturbing than its predecessors."

Kate Shindle, Miss America 1998, will be playing Sally Bowles, a nightclub singer at the Kit Kat Klub. The show has been getting rave reviews, and continues to be sold out in New York, where the production is being performed at Studio 54.

Cabaret will be performing September 19-24. For more information, call the U of A Centennial Hall box office, (520) 621-3341.

## Tucson's Sixth Annual LGBT Film Festival October 25-29

TUCSON - Tucson's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community will come together to celebrate ourselves in film, looking back at where we've been and focusing on where we, as a community, are going, with the sixth annual film festival, October 25-29.

Join the Film Festival committee opening night, October 25, at the Rialto Theater for "A Laugh At Ourselves," a riotous collection of shorts sure, from the age-old sperm donor question in Rick and Steve, the Happiest Gay Couple in America to Baking with Butch, to produce a giggle in even the most serious movie buff.

The film festival has added several new features including a little touch of Halloween for opening night festivities with a Masquerade Party. Dress as your favorite GLBT person from history and enjoy the movies and continue the party into the night.

Other movies to be shown at this year's festival include: "Walking the Dead," by John Killacty; "The Pill Ritual," by Mitch Goddard; Roberta Luna's "Desert Hat," "Paragraph 175" by Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman.

For more information call (520) 322-6742 or 622-2400 or go to their Web site, <http://www.wingspanaz.org>.

## Latino Performance Artist Luis Alfaro In Tucson Sept. 30

TUCSON - Borderlands Theater will be presenting, "Chicanismos," by Luis Alfaro, September 30, 7:30 p.m., at the Pima Community College Center for the Arts, Proscenium Theatre, 2202 W. Anklam Road.

Gay Latino performance artist Luis Alfaro brings his unique brand of humor and politics, in a raucous, and poetic one-night performance, an evening of hilarious barrio tales of a young Gay Latino coming

of age on a bumper car ride through adolescence and young adulthood. "Chicanismos" exposes in a humorous and thought provoking performance, the quintessential American dilemma of trying to figure out who we really are amidst all sorts of contradictions, such as heritage against birthplace and loyalty to family against individual desires and needs.

Tickets can be purchased at Antigone Books, 411 North Fourth Avenue, Borderlands Administrative Office, 373 South Meyer, and PCC Box Office, 2202 W. Anklam Road. To arrange accommodations for individuals with disabilities, call (520) 882-8607.

## Closet Project: Outing The Violence October 7

TUCSON - The Closet Project: Outing the Violence, sponsored by the Wingspan Domestic Violence Project, will take place Saturday, October 7, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at Wingspan Community Center, 300 East Sixth Street.

Perhaps a friend, family member, your partners or you have been affected by rape, a hate crime, abuse, incest, an assault, domestic violence or murder. For too long: society has shunned, blamed and silenced Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) people about the violence we've experienced and have been asked to stay quiet about the terror we've faced; GLBT society has been complicit in the unspoken wishes of our community - only to talk about what "they do to use," and not "what we do to each other. It's time to end the silence and celebrate our collective strength as survivors through the Closet Project.

The Wingspan Domestic Violence Project encourages all GLBT survivors of the abovementioned and any other forms of abuse, friends and GLBT family members of GLBT people who've been murdered to participate and make a shirt. White T-shirts and art supplies will be available at no charge. You are also welcome to bring a shirt you decorated at home and contribute it. You can decorate your shirt with pictures, slogans, quotes, or artwork you want. The Domestic Violence Project recognizes that making and viewing the shirts can be an emotional experience, advocates and peer counselors will be available to listen if you need to talk.

While the Wingspan Domestic Violence Project believes strongly in community accountability of perpetrators, for legal reasons, they ask that if you wish to name the person who violated you, please list their first name or initials. The shirts will hang at the Wingspan Community Center for one week, and will then be displayed at OUToberFEST, Saturday, October 14. Volunteers and donations, (white T-shirts, art supplies and metal coat hangers), will be greatly accepted. For more information, call (520) 624-0348.

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UA Presents Kate Shindle and Jon Peterson in "Cabaret" 1998 winner of four Tony Awards, including Best Musical revival. Sept. 19-24 at UA Centennial Hall. 621-3341 'In Here, Life Is Beautiful!'

**NOW PLAYING THROUGH OCTOBER 8**  
Invisible Theatre opens the fall season with Howard Crabtree's "When Pigs Fly". The theater is located at 1400 N. First Ave. This side-splitting, outrageously camp, very gay and witty, topical musical revue/play was conceived by Howard Crabtree and Mark Waldrop, directed by Susan Claassen with musical direction by Khris Dodge, Choreography by Mickey Nugent and costume design by Maryann Tombino, won both the Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle awards for Best Off-Broadway Musical Revue. It tells the story of Howard, the mad genius costume designer, and his quest to overcome adversity by doing the show he has always dreamed of doing. Though the spirit is gay, in both senses of the word, "When Pigs Fly" is totally accessible to everyone who dares to follow their dreams into a "hog heaven" of fabulous divine inspiration! 882-9721.

**SEPTEMBER 20 - 7:00 P.M.**  
The Arizona Opera Company's "Say Hello To Opera" season will present a preview of Rossini's "Barber of Seville" at Borders Books & Music at 5870 E. Broadway. This the second of 10 free opera evenings, each featuring a summary of the opera and featured arias. Call 297-1492 for more info.

**SEPTEMBER 23 - 3:00 P.M.**  
Arizona Friends of Chamber Music present a piano concert by the noted Chinese musician Lang Lang. Leo Rich Theater at the Tucson Convention Center. General Admission \$10, Students \$4. Born in Shen, China, Lang Lang began his piano studies at age three. In 1997 he was accepted by the prestigious Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. At age 17, Lang Lang has already shown himself to be an artist of maturity and depth well beyond his years. Call 577-3769 for more info.

**SEPTEMBER 30**  
Borderlands Theater presents "Chicanismos: An Evening With Luis Alfaro", one night only, at the PCC CFA Proscenium Theater. Luis Alfaro, critically acclaimed writer/performer and recipient of a MacArthur "genius" prize, brings to Tucson his unique brand of humor and politics. Enjoy an evening of poetry and hilarious barrio performance including his Emmy nominated short film "Chicanismo". "Out of the Closet and going where no Chicano has gone before!". 882-7406

**OCTOBER 6-7-8**  
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**OCTOBER 7**  
Jazz trumpet virtuoso Nicholas Payton salutes the life and legacy of Louis Armstrong in concert at UA Centennial Hall. Payton, who turns 27 this year, has frequently been compared to the young Louis Armstrong, whose 100<sup>th</sup> birthday is being celebrated in 2000. A free "Arts Encounter" discussion of Luis Armstrong's life and music will be offered 45 minutes before the performance in Room 102 of the Center for English Language (CESL) at 1100 E. North Campus Drive, just north of Centennial Hall. 621-3341.

**OCTOBER 12**  
Cellist Yo-Yo Ma is not only one of the greatest classical musicians of our time, he is also one of its most adventurous ambassadors. Performing at UA Centennial Hall, at 7:30, Yo-Yo Ma will be featuring the music of his first and most lasting musical influence, the genius of Johann Sebastian Bach. "The Music Of Bach" includes three of the composer's sublime Suites for Unaccompanied Cello, which have fascinated Ma since he first discovered them as a child. 621-3364.

**OCTOBER 13-14-15**  
'Evita' the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition will play at TCC Music Hall. This musical won Best Musical and was the winner of 7 Tony Awards. 321-1000.

**OCTOBER 27-28-29**  
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**Gays In Navy Made Fewer Waves At Sea**

MANCHESTER, England - Allowing Gay people to serve in the Royal Navy has caused fewer problems than sending women to sea for the first time 10 years ago, a senior officer said.

Rear-Admiral James Burnell-Nugent, assistant chief of navy staff and a former captain of HMS Invincible, said the ruling raised issues over accommodation aboard ships, but otherwise had not raised serious problems.

The armed forces were forced to drop their ban on Gay people after a ruling by the European court of human rights last year.

Allowing Wrens to serve alongside men at sea had proved a success and had improved the atmosphere aboard Britain's warships, according to Admiral Burnell-Nugent.

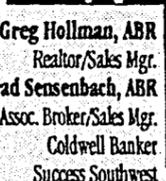
"Although some did not welcome the change of policy [on Gay people] it has not caused any great degree of difficulty," he said in an interview with the Plymouth-based Western Morning News. "I think it has caused less of a ruffle than the issue of women at sea."

"If we want to be in an armed force that preserves democracy at home and promotes it around the world, then part of that is to be signed up to democratic principles ourselves," he added.

Sebastian Sands of the Gay rights group Stonewall, welcomed the comments. "We are delighted that the admiral has realized that what we have argued right from the start has worked out in practice.

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## SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

High Average - Dick B., 213; Heather H., 189; Mama's Family, 509.

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High Game Handicap - Jim N., 263; Jen K., 232; Gutter Snipes, 708.

## OLYMPICS CENSORS LESBIAN ATHLETE'S BIO

SYDNEY, Australia (WS) - The Olympics News Service has censored a biographical sketch of Danish handball player Camilla Andersen in which Andersen notes that she married her Norwegian female partner, whom she faced in a match this past weekend, under Danish law.

Danish team officials requested that the information be stricken from Andersen's bio, along with personal information about another player, Camilla Martin, who once posed for a men's magazine.

Regional organizing officials refused to make the change, so team officials went to the International Olympics Committee, which agreed to make the change. Andersen's partner is Mia Hundvin, who plays for the Norwegian team, the current world champion.

## ACLU TO REPRESENT TRANSGENDERED CANOE PADDLER

HONOLULU, HI (WS) - The American Civil Liberties Union has agreed to take on the case of Tammy Wronski, a Transgendered canoe paddler in Hawaii, asked to take a genetic test to qualify for a race.

"This is an important issue," said Brent White, legal director of the ACLU of Hawaii. "It raises the question of whether transsexual females are entitled to the same protection under state law as other individuals." Wronski is undergoing treatment to transition from male to female. Race officials for the competition asked Wronski to take a genetic test, but Wronski refused. She had previously been able to compete in races as a woman. She did not qualify for this year's race, in part because of refusing the test, but hopes to compete next year.

Wronski has filed a complaint with the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission over the test. Members of Wronski's former club say they are upset by the way they have been characterized since Wronski went public with her complaints. "Our club is pretty much getting slandered over this whole deal," said teammate Hannah Otholt. "They think we're being mean to her because of what she is or the fact that she has AIDS. But our team is like a family. We're very close."

# SAAF UPDATE

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION

By Anne Maley

The excitement is building at SAAF for our fall events. We have wonderful volunteers and temporary staff assisting Lindsey Jones with preparation for AIDS-WALK. This year's event includes many great changes to enhance the experience for walkers. The ceremonies have moved to the grassy area inside the track, where there will be numerous booths, music, and food after the Walk. Our walker packets are ready, so call 791-WALK (9255) for your packet. And this year will include more teams, so call if you'd like to form a team at your workplace. We look forward to seeing you October 22 at Rillito Downs for the Walk.

Festival for Life preparations are also coming along well. The Festival committee has done a fabulous job of securing beautiful art, decorated trees and wreaths, gift certificates, celebrity memorabilia, and much more. This year's event is November 19 at the Marriott University Park. Rodney Shanks will serve as auctioneer. Lisa Winton at SAAF is coordinating the event. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer for AIDS WALK or Festival. Call Kathie at 628-7223 to become involved.

We've also been doing some exciting things in Client Services. Our SAAF Havens support group, which meets weekly,

has been going on outings every couple of months for the past year. They've had a day at Mt. Lemmon, a picnic, and a trip to the Desert Museum. This past week they took a two-day trip to San Diego, where they have been able to play at the beach and see the sites. These outings are part of our response to the expressed needs of our clients for opportunities to socialize together and enjoy some fun experiences - experiences many of them have never had the opportunity to enjoy. We are delighted to be able to provide this level of support to people living with HIV/AIDS.

In June, SAAF's Board of Directors approved the operating budget for this fiscal year. Total budget is \$2,894,909. If you would like a copy of the budget, please stop by SAAF and ask the receptionist for one. And please call me if you have any questions about the budget or anything going on at SAAF.

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# U.S. House Votes On Hate Crimes Measure

Continued from Page One

HCPA has been a top priority for the Clinton administration, as well as for Gay and Lesbian activists. The President made another call for enactment shortly before the vote, joined at the White House by one of the police investigators into the 1998 bashing death of Gay University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard, among others. Shepard's mother Judy had spoken out in support of HCPA the day before at a news conference on Capitol Hill, as she has many times all over the country. Clinton said, "We may not ever fully conquer the disease that seems to afflict human hearts everywhere -- the compelling need to define ourselves up by defining someone else down. But at least we can do more to make sure that no one in our country is violated simply because of who they are." He said, "Only Congress can do what really should be done here."

Clinton also presented an academic study commissioned by the government indicating that many hate crimes are never reported to police, and that when they are, the information is often not supplied to the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation), which is charged with collecting the data. Law enforcement agencies' participation in data collection under the decade-old Hate Crimes Statistics Act is voluntary, and it has been erratic and inconsistent. Clinton publicly issued a memo to the Attorney-General to have the Department of Justice develop a plan by mid-December to ensure more complete reporting of hate crimes. Following the House action the President called it a "courageous bipartisan vote [that] sends a strong message that everyone deserves equal treatment under law."

Clinton was making his appeal despite getting word in a meeting September 12 that, as Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle (SD) put it, "They [House Republican leaders] gave us an absolute iron-clad commitment that it [HCPA enactment] would not happen on the defense bill. They said that there was no way, they said it was resolved, that hate crimes, at least in that context, was dead for the year." House Majority Leader Dick Armey told reporters September 13 that the conference committee would drop the amendment, although an unnamed source told the Associated Press that Armey had indicated to Clinton that they might talk about a different approach to HCPA enactment.

The "motion to instruct" the conference committee was first filed by Gay Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) but came to the floor via Rep. John Conyers (D-Ga.).

House Minority Leader Representative Richard Gephardt made the Democrats' case for the bill in his floor speech. He said, "This bill is absolutely critical, in so many ways. It gives law enforcement officers at all levels of government the tools they need to deal with horrible acts of hate-based violence. It sends a message to the world that crimes committed against people because of who they are -- that these crimes are particularly evil, particularly offensive. It says that these crimes are committed not just against individuals -- not just against a single person -- but against society, against America. These crimes strike fear into the hearts of others, because they are meant to intimidate, to harass, to menace." He insisted it was not a partisan issue but one that "transcends politics."

Opponents' objections included possible infringement of state's rights by expanding federal authority to intervene in law enforcement and criminal justice, and that they believed state authorities could handle hate crimes better than federal ones; and the view shared by Republican

Presidential nominee Texas Governor George W. Bush that "all crimes are hate crimes." Some also questioned if there are as many hate crimes as the government believes, although the new study presented by Clinton indicates they may currently be grossly undercounted.

The Human Rights Campaign, which has long made HCPA a priority and worked closely with the Clinton administration for its passage, remains hopeful. Executive director Elizabeth Birch said, "This monumental vote represents enormous progress and has brought a comprehensive hate crime law within our grasp. We are so close to being able to protect hate crime victims and their families, but we will not rest until the President signs this bill."

Similarly, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force applauded the "historic vote." Executive director Elizabeth Toledo said, "We have waited a long time for this victory, but our work is not complete. We must now turn up the heat on the House conferees. We must remind them that they work for all of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people who have suffered hate violence. We must remind them that they work for the women, the disabled, the people of color and the people of different nationalities, ethnicities and religious beliefs who have been victims of hate violence. We must remind them that they work for us."

## Bell Gets 13 More Years

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defendant did to him. He was butchered and then stuffed into a closet. How ironic for a Gay man."

Bell apologized to the victim's relatives in his first communication with them since the murder.

"I want to speak to you," he said. "It's been on my heart. I never wanted to be the one responsible for breaking your hearts. Please believe me. . . I'm sorry I didn't know how to handle the situation better."

The victim's only sibling, Marysol Galvez, spoke to the court and described her brother as "loving, gentle and kind."

"Cuquito was Gay, and he was beautiful," she said, prompting tears from her mother, grandmother and other relatives in the sixth-floor courtroom. "I know his body didn't have the strength to fight Bell off."

Addressing Bell directly, she said: "You knew Cuquito was Gay. Everyone in the neighborhood knew it. You killed him because you didn't want anyone to know that you had sex with a Gay man."

Eric Silva, a friend of Sanavria's since middle school, described the victim as a good person who always wanted the best for those around him.

"Why did you have to kill him?" he asked Bell during his emotional statement to the court. "You had the strength to beat him. That 'faggot' you killed was like my brother."

[M. Scot Skinner is a reporter for the Arizona Daily Star, from which this article is reprinted.]



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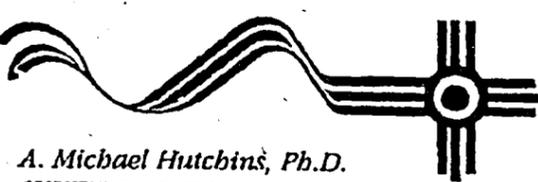
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# Army Panel Recommends Discharge For Steve May

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to Wolf, by establishing what both sides already agree upon: May is Gay. With what May called a "vendetta," and what Wolf declared were "McCarthy-like tactics," prosecutors brought in statements of an unnamed witness and wrongly suggested to board members that May had used his uniform for political gain and his own self-interest. They further charged that he had lied in telling people he was recalled to active status in anticipation of going to Kosovo -- an accusation they urged not only warranted his dismissal but a less-than-honorable general discharge moreover. May's legal team introduced evidence, including a tape of the CNN's Larry King Live, to prove that May said only that he was placed on active reserve at the time of the Kosovo crisis.

After the hearing, May said the attack on his integrity and character was "humiliating." Major Mark Johnson, one of the two prosecutors, said his job wasn't simply to dispassionately present the facts of the case but to "zealously represent the government and make sure all the evidence is presented. May's defense team went to the Judge Advocate General's office and registered a formal complaint, stating the prosecution was "very cruel and went way out of line."

On August 8, 1999 -- during his monthly reserve duty -- May was formally charged and notified of the investigation. The Army then remained silent for so long that the Phoenix representative thought they had dropped their investigation. But a November 4 memorandum from lead investigator Major Patricia A. Maddox said that, "Based on evidence from multi media sources, coupled with your open admissions, I have determined that you have made statements that you are homosexual," and in line with military procedures required him to present evidence to rebut the presumption that he is likely to "engage in, attempt to engage in, or have propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts." When Wolf raised concerns that May was being asked to defend himself against unspecified allegations by providing information regarding his private sex life, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate Captain Richard A. Weis responded that in fact no evidence was required from May at that time. "It looks like the right hand doesn't know what the left one is doing," commented C. Dixon Osburn of SLDN.

During training exercises held December 3 - 4, May received the 43-page report covering his Army career and record of public service. It concluded that the Army rules require his dismissal despite his "outstanding military performance [in which he was rated an exceptional officer with an unblemished career], his military and civilian education and achievements, and his unlimited potential to be an outstanding asset as a future officer and leader in the Army reserves."

"All I want is to serve my country with integrity as I serve my district in the legislature. I hope [Battalion Commander] Major [Eileen] Norton and my chain of command exercise their discretion that I be allowed to continue my service," May said when the report was delivered. His command did not. In the recommendation section of the report, Major Norton, said that, "it appears that the immediate commander has not an option but to recommend initiation of a separation action to higher headquarters."

On March 9 May received a letter from Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel Colonel Harry B. Pearl saying "that involuntary separation action has been

initiated against you ... specifically because of homosexuality," and the hearing was scheduled.

"Steve May is exactly the kind of soldier the Army should want to fight for our country," SLDN's C. Dixon Osburn said. "It's ironic that the citizen's of Arizona have voted him into office as an openly Gay man and the Army is punishing him for it. The American people are far ahead of the Pentagon on this basic issue of integrity."

May's legal defense trust fund had been exhausted, and the Arizona Representative is appealing to the community for help. Checks can be made out to: "Steve May Legal Defense Trust" and sent to 2303 N. 44th Street, #14-15148, Phoenix, AZ 85-008.

## Politics

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orientation to the list of protected categories already included under a 1968 federal law and would allow federal prosecutors to file hate-crimes charges in cases where local authorities refuse to pursue a case.

The vote came in the form of a nonbinding resolution, which does not carry any obligations to ensure that the resolution is carried out. Under the resolution, House conferees are asked to retain the bill as part of a Department of Defense authorization measure. Members of Congress regularly hold conferences with select members from the House and Senate to reconcile differences between versions of bills--differences that come up as a result of amendments and other changes in one chamber or the other. In this case the conferees have to meet to iron out differences in a Defense Department spending authorization bill. The Senate voted 57-42 in June in favor of the hate-crimes measure. Activists hailed the House vote for being the first bill about sexual orientation to pass in the House.

However, Democratic leaders say the hate-crime bill's prospects in conference are dim because Republican leaders in the House have told them the legislation is effectively dead for this session. Meanwhile, at a press conference, Clinton urged Congress to send him the bill. "Only Congress can do what really should be done here," Clinton said at an event at which he released a new Justice Department report on hate crimes. The report concludes that victims often do not report the crimes and that law enforcement authorities sometimes do not know how to handle them. ...

So it goes.

## Bisbee Pride Gallery

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The gallery will be open on September 30 with a grand opening the weekend of the other art festivals in town, November 10 through 12. A preference will be shown to Arizona artists but the gallery is more interested in fine, tasteful art in a variety of media. Artists may submit slides, discs or pictures of their work for consideration to: Arizona Pride Gallery, Post Office Box 54, Bisbee, AZ 85603. Interested persons can also call (520) 432-6727. The number also serves as the information line for the Pride Family of Cochise County.



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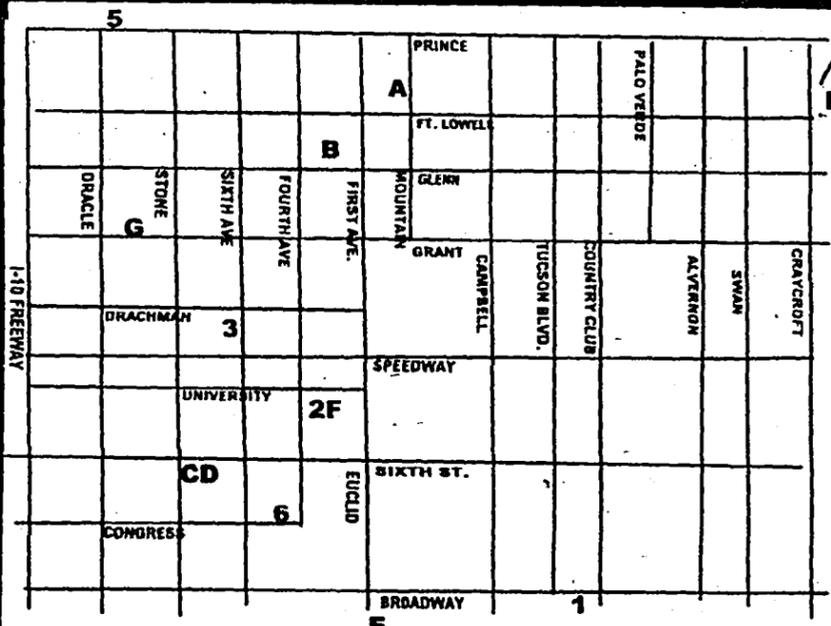
**HPV FACTS:**

- ▶ HPV is a virus that causes genital warts and may cause some types of anal and rectal cancers in men.
- ▶ HPV is a viral infection that is contracted by skin-to-skin contact with an infected person.
- ▶ Condoms do not protect against HPV infection but they reduce the risk of HPV infection.
- ▶ Up to 1 in 10 Americans has a genital HPV.
- ▶ The incubation period for genital warts is from 2-3 months to several years.

**HEPATITIS A/B FACTS**

- ▶ Both have vaccines that can prevent you from becoming ill.
- ▶ Hepatitis A is one shot, Hepatitis B is a series of three shots.
- ▶ There is no medical treatment for either virus.
- ▶ Hepatitis B is 100 times more infectious than HIV.
- ▶ Hepatitis A & B has no cure.
- ▶ Symptoms of both include general fatigue, nausea, dark colored urine and jaundice (yellowing of skin or whites of eyes).
- ▶ Hepatitis A is transmitted by using utensils, plates or glasses that have been handled by an infected person as well as by infected feces that get in the mouth through rimming, fingers or the penis.
- ▶ Engaging in unprotected vaginal, oral or anal sex with an infected partner transmits Hepatitis B. You can also become infected by using items like razors or toothbrushes or by sharing needles such as tattooing, steroid shots or piercing.
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# Domestic Partner Benefits May Trigger Federal Tax Hit

NEW YORK, NY - Employees have asked their companies to offer health benefits to their domestic partners, and many companies have agreed. But while approximately 3,500 U.S.-based companies now offer benefits to cohabitating domestic partners, employees should be aware that those extra benefits might be considered taxable income, thestreet.com reported.

Company-paid health benefits for the employee and the employee's spouse and dependents are not taxable income. But because the federal government does not consider a domestic partner to be a spouse, the difference between what the employer pays for a partner's benefits and what comes out of the employee's paycheck on the partner's behalf is taxable income, says Bill Massey, an editor at RIA, an information provider to tax professionals.

That could be a big chunk of money. To keep things simple, let's say that taxable amount is \$300 a month. That gives you another \$3,600 of income, thereby bumping up your federal tax bill by around \$1,000 if you're in the 28% tax bracket. State taxes could make the number uglier.

The Gay community has pushed for years to get health benefits for a partner in a committed relationship. And with the number of committed, unmarried heterosexual couples growing as well, this has become a very hot issue for employers in today's ultracompetitive job market.

Companies can elect to offer domestic partner health benefits only to same-sex partners or to same-sex and opposite-sex partners. For instance, Detroit's Big

Three automakers (General Motors, Ford and DaimlerChrysler's Chrysler division), offer only same-sex benefits, but Morgan Stanley Dean Witter and Merrill Lynch offer benefits to same-sex and opposite-sex partners.

Dow Jones, the publisher of The Wall Street Journal, recently announced plans to extend health care and other benefits to domestic partners in 2001. Today, about 19% of workers have the option of getting health benefits for their domestic partner, according to a survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation and the Health Research and Educational Trust. For a listing of companies that offer these benefits, check out this section of the Human Rights Campaign's Web site.

Your employer will report that extra income for your partner's benefits on your Form W-2 -- Wage and Tax Statement, notes Betsy Billard, of Billard Kash, a division of American Express Financial Advisors in New York. Because that extra money comes through on your W-2, not only will you owe federal and possibly state taxes on that money, but FICA tax also will be withheld. That's the 7.65% of your total wages that's set aside for Social Security and Medicare.

So while these bonus benefits may look attractive, make sure they're worth the extra cost to your paycheck, says Billard.

There may be some options to help lessen your state tax bill. If your partner qualifies as your dependent or is recognized under state law as your spouse, then those medical benefits may be state tax-free.

Your domestic partner qualifies as a dependent only if you provide more than one-half of that person's support for the year. In addition, that person must reside at your home and be a member of the household.

But here's where things get funky. There's a quirk in the tax law that says that even if your partner meets the other dependency tests, he or she won't be considered a member of your household if your "relationship" isn't recognized under the law, says Massey.

That's why this won't work on the federal front: Uncle Sam does not recognize same-sex marriages. According to the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, the word "marriage" means a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, and the word "spouse" refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife, says Massey. Thus, a taxpayer and a same-sex domestic partner aren't married for federal tax purposes.

So this won't help you on the federal level. But you may be able to avoid paying state taxes on those benefits if your state recognizes your union.

While the health benefits issue needs some consideration from committed domestic partners, creating a will should be a no-brainer.

"It's amazing how many married couples don't have wills, let alone unmarried couples," says Sean Cherry, a partner at Financial Asset Management in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Heterosexual married people

have the luxury of a spousal rollover. At death, the living spouse most likely will get everything, unless a will states otherwise.

This is not the case with "unmarried" couples. Without a will, the next of kin will inherit everything at death. So to ensure that your partner is cared for after you're gone, draft a will and get your wishes in writing -- especially if you own property together, like a home. If both names are not on the title of the house and there is no will, at death the house will go to the next of kin.

But the beneficiary selections on your IRAs and 401(k)s supersede the wishes in your will. So make sure they are current, Billard says.

Although you can't file your tax return jointly, the upside is you don't have to sweat the marriage penalty. The infamous heterosexual-headache hits dual-income couples who make a fair amount of money. Under the current tax system, they actually pay more as a married couple than they would have had they skipped the trip down the aisle.

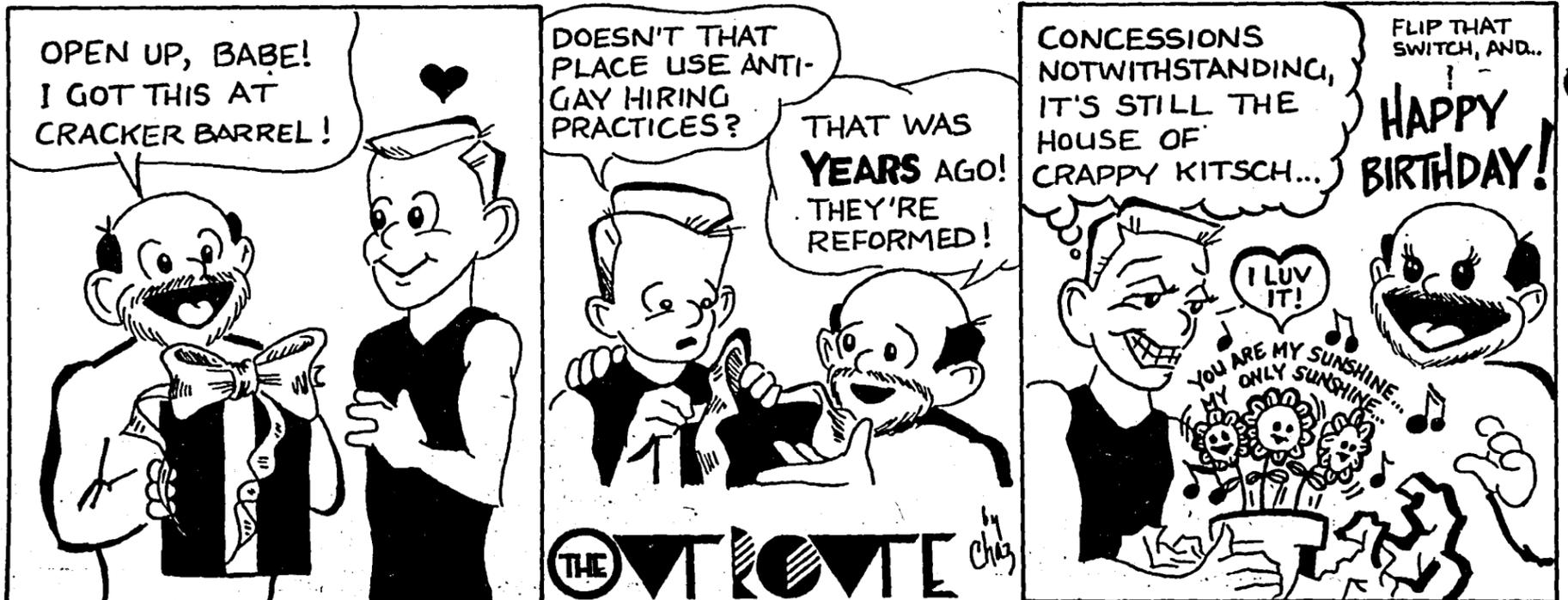
So while Uncle Sam may keep some extra tax because of your partner's benefits, you still end up with more in your pocket filing as single folks than your legally married brethren.



## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES - DIVISION OF DISEASE PREVENTION AIDS, HIV+ SURVEILLANCE REPORT FOR ARIZONA THROUGH JULY 1, 2000

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	1990 POPULATION	CASES OF AIDS THROUGH			DEATHS	CASES OF HIV+ THROUGH			DEATHS
		JUNE 99	DEC. 99	JUNE 00		JUNE 99	DEC. 99	JUNE 00	
APACHE	66,299	10	15	18	12	6	5	3	1
COCHISE	105,671	71	76	82	44	55	59	57	4
COCONINO	108,381	60	64	72	36	41	43	44	3
GILA	42,845	16	18	18	9	8	7	7	1
GRAHAM	29,094	13	16	17	7	6	7	9	0
GREENLEE	8,617	3	3	3	2	1	1	2	0
LA PAZ	15,522	12	12	13	7	7	7	6	0
MARICOPA	2,399,600	4496	4838	4992	2878	3210	3322	3364	225
MOHAVE	116,523	109	111	117	53	60	61	66	8
NAVAJO	84,150	21	24	26	18	9	9	18	2
PIMA	751,311	1360	1427	1485	868	940	978	966	70
PINAL	128,820	92	101	109	62	59	67	74	7
SANTA CRUZ	33,340	20	20	21	11	4	6	8	0
YAVAPAI	123,894	69	78	80	41	55	59	59	5
YUMA	120,827	72	84	91	43	58	58	56	7
UNKNOWN		5	3	2	1	103	6	5	1
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**GO IN GOOD HEALTH**  
*By Rev. Andrew Brooks*

This week, I will delve a bit more into Chinese Herbalism. I welcome questions as to the healing properties of the better-known Chinese herbs, as some of them are a bit esoteric and I cannot read Chinese! This system of medicine is over five thousand years old, and influenced the Tibetan and the other neighboring Asian cultural forms of healing.

As I mentioned before, there are elements associated with Chinese herbs. For example, Wood signifies beginnings, creativity and expression. Expansive and unfolding, it governs both its yang organ, which is the gall bladder, and its yin organ which is the liver.

They attempt to balance the elements, and believe that an excess of the wood element will result in anger and frustration. Someone suffering from this imbalance may have an inflexible and stiff body, taut muscles and a tendency to shout.

A deficiency of the wood element, however, often leads to being timid and repressed, with no ability to express oneself. They believe that the elements relate to one another, such as "Water feeds wood and wood feeds "fire" according to the excellent book *The Ancient and Healing Art of Chinese Herbalism* by Anna Selby.

The Chinese herbs are becoming more well known in the West, though most products are simply purchased and consumed without research into the nature and balance of Chinese Herbalism, where a qualified herbalist is consulted. This is typical of Western thinking - pop a pill to cure all ills. I can speak from personal example, that Red Ginseng gives you energy. They are available for ten cents a capsule at the Food Conspiracy (right down the street from IBT's) and they perk me up every time. This co-op has a nice assortment of bulk herbs and liquid tinctures. They also sell a newer product, Elim Slim by Gaia Herbs, which contains garcinia cambogia, a fruit from India that aids the body in burning off fat. More on this later. (I tried it, it helped me lose some weight, but diet changes are also part of that process.)

I mention that product because Chinese herbs can also aid in weight loss, and in tonifying and balancing the Chi (life force). You need not be a mystic to know that a weakened life-force leads to illness, and strengthening the life-force will help you to fight off illness. There are so many

Chinese herbs, that I will need to delve into them one by one, and in future articles, I will discuss Dong Quai, Astragalus, Licorice, and many other beneficial Chinese herbs. There is a Chinese herbal shop on Broadway, near another neat store, Metaphysics World, called Yong Sheng. I used to date a man from Taiwan, and he told me that means "to long life." They have a vast selection of Chinese herbs, and will look up the ones that they don't know the English names for. Quite a vast array of options, and all neatly organized in little wooden drawers, the last time I was there.

There are a few local Oriental health centers in Tucson, and more of us, particularly AIDS/HIV patients are finding great benefit from Eastern medicines such as Chinese herbs. Western Herbalism focuses on fighting a particular disease, whereas Chinese methodologies focus on enhancing good health. Two valid approaches to self-healing. I welcome your questions, and will answer what I can. I gleaned some very valid info by a web search under "Chinese+Herbalism". Look into this ancient and powerful system of natural healing. You will be glad you did. Its something to think about. Goddess bless. Til next time, Go in Good Health.

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# Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

## NOW PLAYING

Arizona Theatre Company Presents "Art" winner of the 1998 Tony Award for best play. Thru Sept. 30. Temple of Music and Arts, 330 S. Scott Ave. 622-2823

UA Presents "Cabaret" winner 1998 of four Tony Awards, including Best Musical Revival. Sept. 19-24 at UA Centennial Hall. 621-3341

Invisible Theatre Presents Howard Crabtree's "When Pigs Fly" Sept. 19 through Oct. 8. 1400 N. First Ave. 882-9721

[ED NOTE: FOR LONG-RANGE CALENDAR OF MAINSTREAM THEATER AND ARTISTIC EVENTS OF INTEREST TO OUR COMMUNITY SEE 'THE ARTS' SECTION ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE].

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

It's coffee at Coffee Etc. (2830 N. Campbell Ave.) Come join the Bears for java and talk. All are welcome to attend.

Gay and Lesbian Reading Group meets at 7:30 p.m. at Baranes & Noble on Broadway. This group meets every third Wednesday of the month. This meeting the group will be reading "Like People In History" by Felice Picana. Newcomers are especially welcome.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Poz Cafe Monthly Luncheon - providing a delicious free lunch, along with friendship, games and social activities. Open to all HIV+ adults and one guest (partner, family, friend or volunteer respecting confidentiality/privacy concerns). Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is served at noon and games, crafts and social time until 2:30 p.m. Located at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, a Gay friendly church at the corner of River and Swan. RESERVATIONS REQUESTED. To reserve your space or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at 299-6647 by Monday, September 18.

You are invited to a community forum exploring the issues Gay men experience growing older in a community obsessed with physical appearance and youth. The 22-minute award-winning video "Beauty Before Age" by Johnny Symons will be shown followed by a panel discussion of Gay men's personal experiences. 6:00 to 8:00p.. At Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street, Tucson. Reception to follow. 624-1779. Sponsored by the Gay Men's Health Project.

## FRI - SAT - SUN, SEPTEMBER 22-23-24

Bears of the Old Pueblo Carr Canyon Camp Out. A weekend in the cool mountain air with those guys who can always be found in the woods. All are welcome to join the Bears for this event. Call the Bear line for all the details you will need for this week-end long event or see us on the web at www.botop.com

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Help us in getting out the newsletter for the coming month. It's quick and simple, and you get to know the guys you're working with! We also have door prizes and dessert. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us as we show "Boys Life 2"-a series of shorts about young, gay men. The last 2 shorts are the best. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 2:00 p.m. Marcus and Ed host a day of lawn games. Join them for Bocce Ball, Croquet, or Horse Shoes. For reservations and directions, please call Ed or Marcus at 407-0938.

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

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

"Turnabout 2000: A Benefit Show and A Night of Food and Fun". Proceeds have been designated to support the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN). Ramada Inn, 1601 N. Oracle. Light Buffet 5:00 P.M., Showtime 7:00 p.m. Show features 15 (count 'em) Fifteen of Gay Tucson's most 'revered' bartenders performing in clothing usually reserved for members of the opposite sex. One of the most hilarious events of the year. Boys = Girls and Girls = Boys! You'll be pleasantly surprised as the staff of our community bars do their 4th Annual Turnabout to put on a great show and raise money to support the work of TIHAN. Tickets in advance are \$7.50 including buffet and at the door \$10 including buffet. General admission tickets with no buffet are \$5. MC's for the evening is Miss Western States America, Mr. Kenneth Blake and comedian Rodney Shanks.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30 p.m. Tom leads the Triangle Tribe-a support group with MSN which is designed to teach openness and communication. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join T. Jay for some "Music Under the Stars" as a group of guys goes to Reid Park to listen to the Symphony. It's a very enjoyable evening-and the price is right (free!). For directions on where to meet, please call T. Jay at 881-7919.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Prime Timers Luncheon 12:30 p.m. At Keaton's Arizona Grill, 7401 N. La Cholla at Foothills Mall. Call Sylvan 747-5669 for more info.

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 John at 743-8138.

# Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

IBT'S - The Girlie Show featuring Aja Simone, Angela Dodd, Bunny FuFu, Tori Steele and Janne Starr.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

IBT'S - 8:00 to closing, 'Down Under (wear) Party! Special: 25oz Fosters Oil Cans \$4.00.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

VENTURE-N - Beer Bust from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the Patio to benefit TIHAN in support of their Memorial Fund.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

IBT'S - Sunday party lineup: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Jeff's Bloody Mary Bar. 4:00 to 7:30 pm. Karaoke on the Patio with Billy Dee. 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Benefit Bar-B-Que / 16 oz. Beer Bust for TLGA "OUToberFEST". Then following the TIHAN Turnabout Show at the Ramada Inn, IBT's will present a male strip show with Tucson's hottest male dancers.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. to closing it's the Olympic Winners Medal Party. Gold: Gold Margaritas \$2.00; Silver: Bacardi Rum \$2.50; Bronze: 22 oz. Flat Tire \$3.00.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

IBT'S - 'The Girlie Show' 9:00 p.m. featuring Aja Simone, Phaedra, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Faith Michaels and Domino Blush.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. to closing, it's Male Box' Nite hosted by the Gay Men's Health Project. Play Post Office and meet new friends.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

IBT'S - It's Rudy de la Mor time again. If you haven't seen this very amusing entertainer/comedian get in line for a good seat early.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

It's coffee at Coffee Etc. (2830 N. Campbell Ave.) Come join the Bears for java and talk. All are welcome to attend.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 12:30 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for a Lunch Out-at their home. We'll order from the take out menu of Casa Chimichanga, and while your order is being prepared at brought back, you'll have the chance to swim, or just talk with one another in an unhurried, quiet atmosphere. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

K.M. Soehnlein will read from his highly acclaimed debut novel, "The World Of Normal Boys" at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave. Beginning at 7:00 p.m. This book "carefully lifts off the roofs of suburban houses to reveal the baroque configurations of family guilt and sexual desire hidden behind those nearly uniform exteriors. This first novel is so eloquent because it is helibent on collaring the reader and telling him or her the whole passionate story." Edmund White - Author

7:30 p.m., Bears of the Old Pueblo Game Night. Always a good time. Call the Bear line for details and location 520-327-1620 or on the web at www.botop.com

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Jerry hosts a Topic of Discussion on "Getting Positive Results". Are you getting what you want out of life? Are negative people and situations eating into your time and energy? We'll discuss these questions and more. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

Borderlands Theater presents 'Chicanismos: An Evening With Luis Alfaro'. 7:30 p.m. at the Pima Community College Center for the arts. Luis Alfaro - critically acclaimed writer/performer and recipient of a MacArthur "genius" prize - brings to Tucson his unique brand of humor and politics in a one-night-only event. Enjoy an evening of poetry and hilarious barrio performance including his Emmy nominated short film 'Chicanismo'. Out Magazine says "His work fuses a passion for performance and language with a strong queer and Chicano identity." "Out of the Closet and going where no Chicano has gone before!" Tickets available at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave. For reservations call 882-7406.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Prime Timers Luncheon at Shogun Japanese Restaurant, 5036 N. Oracle Road (NE corner of Oracle & River Road) Phone Sylvan at 747-5669 for more information.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Prime Timers Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Mimi's Cafe, 4420 N. Oracle Road (corner Oracle and Wetmore Inside Tucson Mall) Parking lot next to Olive Garden. Phone Sylvan for more info, 747-5669.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Prime Timers luncheon at Tosh's Hacienda, 14 Camino Otero, Tubac, AZ. Car pool to Nogales following luncheon. Call Sylvan 747-5669 for more information.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Save this date! Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation AIDS WALK 2000. Live music, food and fun. Call 791-WALK (8255) for more info or check out www.aidswalktucson.com

# 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.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open noon. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft, \$2 pitchers. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Boss Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7 pm. Volleyball 5:30 pm. B-B-Q 5-9pm. \$2.50 burger or chicken; \$1.50 Hot Dog. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm to close. Patio Bar Open.

# Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. \$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 9:00-9:30pm Retro 80's dance 9:30pm to closing. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close. Special drink prices 8pm to close for American Airlines - American Express - AOL employees.

# Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool toumey 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Long Islands all nite. Dance to music w/DJ S. Country music 9 to close

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.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm.  
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Sky's the limit \$2.25.

# Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. \$1.50 pitchers 9-close. 80s Retro & house music with DJ Sarafina.

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.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio opens at 5pm.  
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pick-up Volleyball games start 7pm. Spaghetti & meatballs 8-9pm \$2.50. Patio bar open.

# Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1. 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.

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

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

# Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. 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.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Martini Party - Well Martinis \$2.50 all day. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open.

# Saturday

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

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

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Steak Fry 5-9pm Filet Mignon, vegetables, salad, potato & roll \$4.50. Patio Bar Open.

## Informing The Community



NOTICES

**SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC** provided daily by the Pima County Health Department. Gay friendly. Confidential. Treatment and Medication too! Any questions? Call 824-8272

**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.

**LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP**. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11am. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty, facilitator. 882-7723

**P.F.L.A.G.** - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

The TUCSON Chapter of **PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** 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 529-9344, 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.

**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), 6:00 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 886-1208 or Brian at 882-4728 for information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous)** has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520)570-1225 for current information.

**LUTHERANS CONCERNED** - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit [www.lctucson.org](http://www.lctucson.org) write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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

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

**RAINBOW SUPPORT GROUP**. For Lesbian, Bisexual and Transsexual/Transgender women with disabilities (including invisible disabilities). Meets last Tuesday of every month from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. Call DIRECT 624-6452 or Wingspan 624-1779 for more info or directions. Completely accessible and a chemical free zone. (No perfume or scents please!) Women of all ages and disabilities are invited.

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NOTICES

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA)**, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6436 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.

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

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

**ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA)** seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 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.azds.net/dd>

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

**AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS** - a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: [AAPSP.org](http://AAPSP.org) or e-mail: [AAPSP@aol.com](mailto:AAPSP@aol.com) or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-8219 (Phoenix)

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

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

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

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

NOTICES

**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.

**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

**CROMES SOCIAL GROUP**. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-8788.

**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 325-9468 or Ray at 749-5247.

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**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 791-9662.

**Join the LESBIAN & GAY-PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT**. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 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.

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

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

**SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training)** a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 ([evellen@ix.netcom.com](mailto:evellen@ix.netcom.com))

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

**OUTLOUD!** Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

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

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