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## Outing Of Gay Teen Violated Constitutional Rights

PHILADELPHIA, PA - In a solid victory for the privacy rights of Lesbian and Gay Americans -- and particularly for young Gay people -- a Federal Appeals Court ruled that police violated a Gay teen's constitutional rights when they threatened to tell his family that he was Gay. The boy committed suicide after the threat was made.

The 2-1 decision from the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia found that the Constitution clearly protects a person's sexual orientation from forced disclosure. The Court rejected the argument that Lesbians and Gay men are not protected by the right to privacy, and ruled instead that "[i]t is difficult to imagine a more private matter than one's sexuality..."

Larry Frankel, Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania, which represents the young man's mother in a civil lawsuit against the Minersville, Pa., police officers, hailed the decision. "The idea that only certain Americans have a right to basic privacy should have been discredited years ago," Frankel said. "This decision is an important step in finally making it clear that fundamental rights belong to all Americans."

Marcus Wayman, 18, was in a parked car with a 17-year-old male when police questioned the two, found condoms while searching the car, and arrested them for under-age drinking. At the police station, officers lectured the two teens about the Bible's condemnation of homosexuality and threatened to tell Wayman's grandfather that he was Gay. After Wayman, a

high school football player, was released from police custody, he committed suicide in his home.

Wayman's mother, Madonna Sterling, sued the town and the officers for police misconduct, discrimination and violation of the right to privacy. Although the case has not yet gone to trial, the police officers asked the federal appeals court to let them out of the case on the basis that it was not clear that the right to privacy protects Lesbians and Gay men.

The ACLU said the decision sends a particularly clear warning to adults whose professions entrust them with highly sensitive information about young people and sexual orientation.

"In no uncertain terms, this decision tells guidance counselors, teachers, clergy and law enforcement officials that if they reveal someone's sexual orientation, there will be serious, financial consequences," said Matt Coles, Director of the ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "This tragic case is an extreme example of something that goes on far too often. But today -- thanks to Mrs. Sterling's extraordinary courage -- we have an important tool to stop this sort of thing from happening again, and to educate professionals who ought to know better."

This ruling will allow Sterling's lawsuit against the town to go forward, the ACLU said. The case is Sterling v. Borough of Minersville, et al. Mrs. Sterling is also represented by David Rudovsky of Philadelphia.

## Lesbian Wins Family Tax Break

SACRAMENTO, CA (NP) - The case of a bread-winning non-bio co-mom has led California's Board of Equalization to order the recognition of Lesbian and Gay families.

In what's believed to be a U.S. "first," California has ordered its income tax authority to recognize Gay and Lesbian families. The state Board of Equalization on November 1 published its 3 - 2 ruling that a Lesbian non-biological co-parent who was the sole wage-earner supporting her partner and the child her partner bore by artificial insemination should be afforded the same "head of household" status for income tax purposes as would an unmarried heterosexual in similar circumstances. The publication reaffirms the board's July 26 decision in the case of Helmi Hisserich and sets a precedent that means other California Gay and Lesbian families in similar situa-

tions can claim head-of-household status as well. However, the state Franchise Tax Board could still file a further appeal within thirty days.

A spokesperson for the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) told the Sacramento Bee that federal tax law would not allow for Hisserich filing as head-of-household on federal tax returns.

Shannon Minter of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, who assisted the family in their appeal, told Reuters that, "What this is really saying is, you can't on the one hand say that same-sex couples cannot marry and at the same time say, you cannot benefit from laws designed to protect unmarried couples. We can't be shut out of both marriage and the system to deal

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## Recount Puts Presidential Race In Limbo

By Mark R. Kerr

WASHINGTON, DC (ON) - Florida election officials prepared for a recount in their stunningly close election for president after the margin between George W. Bush and Al Gore shrank through the night.

At last count, the margin between them was less than 300 votes in the Florida tabulation. State election law requires an automatic recount of the votes if the margin of difference is less than one half of one percent. Several Florida counties still have absentee ballots yet to count and elections officials expect several thousand votes from overseas. Elections officials weren't sure how long it would take this time, but said it took 10 days in 1996 to count overseas absentee ballots.

Vice President Al Gore conceded defeat and then called back to retract the concession in the early morning hours of Wednesday, November 8. His campaign chairman, William Daley, later appeared before Gore supporters in Nashville, Tennessee, to say the Gore campaign would request a recount.

"This race is simply too close to call and until the recount is concluded and the results of Florida become official ... our campaign continues," Daley said.

Meanwhile, in races in Arizona, Republican (R) Senator Jon Kyl easily won another term, as did U.S. Representatives Jim Kolbe (R), and Ed Pastor (D - Democrat).

For the race for Arizona Corporation Commission, the Republican candidates, incumbent William Mundell and Marc Spitzer were leading in their races for the four year and full-seven-year terms respectively but they may soon be joined by two new members, if Proposition 103 is approved (expanding the Commission from three to five members), and is winning approval, with 52.5% of the vote with ballots to be counted.

In the contests for the Arizona Legislature, if results hold, as of press time, the Democrats may gain four seats in the state House, and the ever-crucial one seat in the state Senate, making a 15-15 split in the upper chamber.

Of races of note: Openly Gay state Representative, Ken Chevront D-Phoenix, was reelected, as was Steve May, R-Phoenix. Ed Poelstra, the openly Gay candidate running for the State House from Tucson was leading by 138 votes, with absentee and

late voting ballots still to be tabulated. State Representative Barbara Blewster, R-Dewey, who compared homosexuality to bestiality, lost her bid for a second term.

Many ballot propositions were presented to voters in Tucson and Pima County.

As of press time, propositions 100 and 202, which both dealt with planned growth and trust lands, were both going down to defeat. Proposition 101, dealing with updating the language in the state constitution was leading. Proposition 102, requiring a 2/3rds vote on wildlife issues was overwhelmingly defeated. Proposition 104 which would give a tax break to seniors owning property passed. Proposition 105, putting a freeze on the valuation of cemeteries, was approved by voters.

A citizen's committee will be drawing up congressional district and legislative district lines with the passage of proposition 106. Voters gave the thumbs down to proposition 108, which would have allowed phone companies to raise rates and not needing the approval of the Arizona Corporation Commission. Two health propositions, 200 and 204, were on this year's ballot and with 204 coming out ahead, since both passed but 204 had more yes votes. Bilingual education has become a thing of the past with the passage of proposition 203. Arizona's legislators won't be getting a pay raise with the failure of proposition 300.

Governor Hull's plan to raise the sales tax for education, proposition 301, was approved, narrowly. Proposition 400, giving funding to the Visitors Bureau to promote tourism failed. Proposition 401, which would have required a vote of the Tucson Mayor and Council to approve telecommunications franchises, instead of a vote by the people, failed. Proposition 402, granted an franchise to Tucson Electric Power to distribute electricity, passed, albeit by a small margin.

State Sen. Ann Day will join four returned incumbents Raul Grijalva, Dan Eckstrom, Ray Carroll and Sharon Bronson, on the Pima County Board of Supervisors in January. Only one of those incumbents, Democrat Sharon Bronson, had a close race for re-election, beating Republican Barney Brenner by about 1,300 votes. Openly Gay candidate, Jesse George's bid to be the next county Treasurer, fell short by 26,000 votes.

More results in next week's Observer.

# UPDATE

## Arizona Central Pride Annual Logo Contest

PHOENIX - Arizona Central Pride (ACP) is petitioning entries for the annual Pride festival logo contest. The theme for the 2001 Pride festival is: "What part of "Equal" don't you understand?"

ACP is looking for artwork to represent the theme. The winner of the contest will receive a \$100 cash prize, two festival tickets, two of each item (such as hats and t-shirts) that ACP embroiders with your logo, and credit mention in the pride festival program.

All entries must be postmarked no later than December 29, 2000. Entries can be either 8x10 hardcopy, or pc format (\*.tif, \*.bmp, Photoshop or jpeg).

Mail hardcopy to: Arizona Central Pride Logo Contest, PO Box 16847, Phoenix, AZ 85011. Or e-mail electronic versions to [ernie@azpride.org](mailto:ernie@azpride.org). All entries become property of Arizona Central Pride.

## Annual Meeting & Membership Class At Water of Life MCC

TUCSON - Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) will hold the Annual Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be preceded by a church sponsored spaghetti dinner at 6:00 p.m. The annual meeting will open with a celebration in worship, song and prayer. All members are encouraged to be present for this important meeting, and friends and visitors are welcome to come enjoy the spaghetti dinner and observe the annual meeting. The annual meeting is the business gathering of the members of the Church. The congregation will receive the report of the Nominating Committee before electing Directors to the Board for the coming year, receive the annual financial report and adopt a church budget for 2001. The congregation will also review the church's ministry goals for the past year, and focus on ministry goals and activities for 2001.

Water of Life MCC also announces the last membership class of the year 2000. The two-session class will be held on November 11 and November 18 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The membership class provides detailed information about the church, and includes the basics of the Christian faith, the history of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches and the local congregation, a review of homosexuality and the scriptures, and opportunities for ministry and involvement at Water of Life MCC. All are welcome to come and learn more about Water of Life MCC. Individuals who complete the membership class may choose to become members of Water of Life MCC.

Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) is a member congregation of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), and was founded in December 1970 and is among the earliest congregations within the UFMCC, with almost thirty years of continuous service and ministry in the Tucson community. The Pastor, Rev. Joyce Cook, is inviting everyone to come and join in the church activities, finding spiritual nourishment and hope at Water of Life MCC in this month of Thanksgiving. Water of Life MCC is located at 3269 N. Mountain Ave., just north of Fort Lowell Road, and offers worship services each Sunday. For further information, please contact the church office at (520) 292-9151 or you may contact the Pastor at [WOLMCC@aol.com](mailto:WOLMCC@aol.com).

## Man Indicted In Gay Bar Shooting

ROANOKE, VA - A man accused of opening fire at a Gay bar because he was upset that his last name made him a target for anti-Gay jokes was indicted Monday on first-degree murder and firearms charges, AP reported.

Ronald Gay, 54, is charged with killing Danny Lee Overstreet, 43, and wounding six others at the Backstreet Cafe on Sept. 22.

Gay told police he was upset that his three sons had changed their last names, and family members have said he was also upset because his ex-wife had once experimented with Lesbianism.

Family members also said that Gay suffered from post-traumatic stress from his service in Vietnam, and that he had other mental problems.

Gay's lawyer has said he may seek a psychiatric evaluation for his client, who remains jailed without bond.

The trial is scheduled to begin Jan. 22.

## POZ Cafe November 16

TUCSON - People living with HIV are invited to Poz Cafe, a complimentary lunch along with social and recreational activities on Thursday, November 16.

Poz Cafe is located at St. Francis in the Foothills UMC (corner of Swan and River Roads). Doors open at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon. Following lunch there will be several games of Bingo (with prizes!), other board and card games, or a chance to be creative with crafts, or just sit and chat with friends. Game, social and craft time will end at 2:30 p.m.

The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) Board of Directors is hosting this month's lunch that will include your choice of: Baked Fish, Beef Lasagna or Veggie Burger, Stake Fries, Green Peas, Cole Slaw and Corn Bread. Dessert this month will be Apple or Pumpkin Pie. A selection of beverages, including lemonade, iced tea and coffee will be available, and a hospitality table with punch, pretzels and peppermints. Like all TIHAN programs, it's gay-friendly, free of charge, and no proselytizing or evangelizing is permitted—the purpose is to enhance social opportunities and nutrition for adults living with HIV/AIDS.

Poz Cafe is not "health food," but it is healthy, with a balance between good nutrition and comfort foods. The menu items will taste good, and be appealing, and of course, made with lots of love from TIHAN's volunteers.

Reservations are requested so that we can have an idea of how much to cook. Each HIV+ person may have one guest accompany them if they so choose. (Each guest—partner, spouse, friend, volunteer—will be reminded of confidentiality concerns.) After lunch, we will have arts and crafts items and card and board games. Featured craft project this month: Stencil and Rubber-Stamp a Seasonal Greeting Card. Featured games this month: UNO and Scrabble, Bingo (with prizes!), Cards and other games.

This luncheon is fully sponsored, courtesy of generous support from AGRA, St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, and other caring individuals and congregations of TIHAN. Transportation can be provided with advance notice simply through one phone call to the TIHAN office. For more information about Poz Cafe, or to make your reservations or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at (520) 299-6647 by November 10. Reservations are requested.

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# Arizona Chaplain's Ordination Yanked

PHOENIX (NP) - His position as spiritual advisor to the Arizona legislature has been in jeopardy since he came out, and now his own church has spurned him.

More bad news for Charles Coppinger, the chaplain of the Arizona legislature who told the world he is Gay on National Coming Out Day last month: his ordination has been withdrawn. Some state lawmakers were ready to remove him from his post immediately after he came out, and there was more support for doing so after it was learned he had stolen money from an employer fourteen years ago, but without being ordained it is understood he is no longer qualified to serve as chaplain. Since coming out, he's already lost the chaplain's salary he was being paid by a private foundation he established himself, but he's determined to hang on to the post. Coppinger is "peacefully protesting" the revocation while seeking re-ordination by Phoenix' predominantly Gay and Lesbian Community Church of Hope.

Coppinger had been ordained by Christ Church of the Valley in Peoria, Arizona. In a one-page letter dated November 1, sent but not signed by that church's elders, he was advised that his ordination had been revoked effective October 22. The letter said, "As a result of our direct dialogue with you about this theological U-turn you have made, we regret that you have chosen to reject us as partners in your ministry." It made no reference to sexual orientation.

Christ Church of the Valley publicist Francesca Green told Phoenix' Capitol Media Services that the basis for the revocation is that "he is advocating what is contrary to God's moral standard and Biblical teaching." Coppinger had written an opinion piece published in the Arizona Republic that described his own process of coming to accept that he is Gay and of rectifying that with his religious beliefs, and he advised other Gays and Lesbians - particularly clergy - to understand that God loves them and come out themselves.

Coppinger said of the elders' letter, "They didn't tell the honest reason for revoking my ordination, and that is because I was created a Gay man." The letter also asked him to return his certificate of ordination, but Coppinger is refusing in protest. He believes it would be immoral to return the certificate, just as he believes it would be immoral to resign from the legislature's chaplaincy, because, "It would send a message that being Gay disqualifies one

from being in the ministry," as he told the Republic.

Coppinger admits that he's worried, but said, "I've been living on prayers and good wishes." He remains determined to see that the legislature has a chaplain, telling CMS that, "I will not let the ministry die. If I have to go back to work to fund it out of my own pocket, I will."

## Festival For Life

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation will present the 12th Annual Jerôme Beillard Festival for Life on Sunday, November 19, at the Marriott University Park Ballroom.

The evening begins with the silent auction at 4:00 p.m. and the live auction at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Ticket price includes admission to the event, coffee, tea, a dessert buffet and a no-host bar. Brad Holland of TuneSmythe will provide musical entertainment.

Five sensational, designer-decorated, eight-foot holiday trees will be auctioned to the highest bidders at the live auction. This year's live auction tree designers are Linda Kurowski & Linda Ronstadt, Sandra Bottenbrodt, Kathy Askren, Joe Piazza, and Kurt Milliken. These trees will be displayed in the lobby of the Marriott University Park Hotel a week prior to the event.

The silent auction will feature menorahs, wreaths, gift baskets, celebrity collectibles, three-foot designer trees, unique gifts, and fine art by locally and nationally recognized artists such as John D. Burr, Kevin Osborn, Sylvia Garland, Lynn Taber, Maurice Grossman, David Adix, Gail Marcus-Orlen and many more. Highlighting this collection are contributions by Ehterton Gallery of an Eadweard Muybridge vintage collotype and a bronze sculpture by Laran Ghiglieri. And Festival would not be complete without Paper Prayers - small, artfully decorated strips of paper that offer prayers of hope and good will for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

The 12th Annual Jerôme Beillard Festival for Life benefits the clients of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) and enables SAAF to provide outreach and prevention programs to reduce the rate of infection. For more information, please call Lisa Winton, Festival for Life Coordinator, (520) 628-7223.

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# It Ain't Over 'Til It's Over



# AOL Struggles To Calm G/L Subscribers

RICHMOND, VA - The Human Rights Campaign has acknowledged - but remains disturbed - by AOL president Steve Case's defense of an \$8.35 million donation he and his wife Jean made to an anti-Gay church in Florida.

"You must understand that your large contribution will continue to make many people uneasy, and understandably so," wrote HRC's Elizabeth Birch in response to Case's public defense of the donation.

Westminster Academy is Mrs. Case's alma mater. The school was founded by the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, headed by Dr. James Kennedy, and counts an "ex-Gay" ministry called "Worthy Creations" among its programs.

"The gifts (to Westminster Academy) were not intended to send any message other than thanks," said Case, "and were certainly not intended - nor did they in fact - support any anti-Gay efforts by any organizations or individuals associated with the schools."

The AOL chief said he was upset he and his wife were being labeled anti-Gay "simply because we are supporting our alma maters." He said they have "long standing records of opposing discrimination in any form, including discrimination based upon sexual orientation."

There has so far been no public reference to the Cases' membership in and contributions made to another Virginia-based fundamentalist church that, like the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, operates an "ex-Gay" ministry.

In speaking of the Westminster Academy, Birch said, "The school is run by D. James Kennedy, a noted anti-Gay activist who has funded major programs designed to 'convert' Gay people. In fact, the dean of Westminster is an employee of Coral Ridge."

"From our point of view, your gift will only create an assembly line of hate and intolerance, where the minds of impressionable young men and a woman will be poisoned with divisive rhetoric that tears apart the fabric of our diverse society," she said.

There are an estimated one million or more Lesbian and Gay AOL subscribers. The recent revelations about the Cases have spurred calls, broadcast by Gay.com editor Michelangelo Signorile and others, to abandon the service in a national day of protest billed as "National Gays Cancel AOL Day." The target date is currently slated for Jan. 1, 2001.

This is not the first time AOL has run afoul of Gay civil rights advocates. The company's practices regarding online privacy first came under intense public scrutiny in January 1998 when it was discovered that the company had provided information that proved crucial to the Navy's effort to discharge Senior Chief Petty Officer Timothy R. McVeigh, a then 17-year Navy veteran, suspected of being Gay.

In October of last year, John Aravis, one of the online activists who has repeatedly raised alarm about AOL practices and policies, pressed the company to explain why it was cracking down on sexually explicit Gay profile descriptions when critics charge it ignored racist and anti-Gay comments.

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DEAR OBSERVER AND MEMBERS OF THE GLBT COMMUNITY:

I would like to convey our thanks to everyone who supported the October 29 benefit at IBT's in memory of Beto. We are grateful for your work to put on this event which raised \$180. Thanks to the members of Beto's softball team for offering to have this benefit BBQ and beer bust to raise money to support TIHAN's Memorial Fund. To Mike, Frank, and Reggie, you did a great job with the BBQ, and to the staff and owners of IBT's—thanks again for your support of TIHAN.

We all had a good meal and a good time on the patio that afternoon, and Mike, your Karaoke song dedicated to Beto was very touching. Because of your efforts in putting together this benefit, TIHAN will be able to provide additional support to those in need.

Thanks to all the members of our community who supported this event. Please know that you did more than just have a good time with friends, more than just donate a few dollars to an important cause. You lifted up the memory of a very good man, keeping Beto's memory alive and in our hearts, and you did a very good deed in his name, a deed that will allow others to be helped in the same way.

Thanks to the Tucson community for your ongoing support.

With love,  
Scott Blades  
Executive Director,  
Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN)

EDITOR:

Last week we announced the top fundraising awards to those groups and individuals raising the most money in support of AIDSWALK 2000. We would like to announce a change to that list. TIHAN is the winner of the Community Team Award having raised \$3,623.00. The College of Pharmacy is the runner up in this category.

We thank Scott Blades and everyone at TIHAN and the member congregations for their wonderful support of SAAF services and AIDSWALK. And a special thank you to Marty Sims, the AIDSWALK Committee liaison to TIHAN for his dedication to this project. Thank you again.

Sincerely,  
Anne Maley  
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AIDSWALK Coordinator



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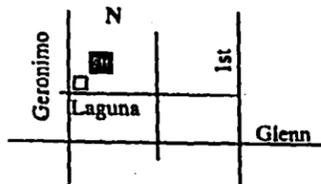
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## Brockton, Mass. Allows Trans-Gendered Student To Dress As Girl

BOSTON, MA - A Massachusetts appeals court judge ordered a plan to be drafted in the next week that will allow a Trans-gendered teenager to return to school while the case is pending.

The judge did not immediately rule on the Brockton, Mass., school system's appeal of a preliminary injunction that would send the child back to classes. Instead, he noted during the hearing that there is limited information in the case and suggested that the school system and the eighth-grader's lawyer prepare for a full trial on the lawsuit.

"It seems to me it's important to get this issue fully fleshed out," Judge George Jacobs said. "It seems to me that would be a far better way to proceed. I think it will do the issue far more justice."

Jacobs told lawyers for both sides they have a week to make arrangements that would allow the 15-year-old to attend school while the case is pending. If such an agreement is not reached, Jacobs said, he will rule on the school system's objection to a lower court ruling allowing the student, who identifies as a girl, to attend class. Brockton officials had appealed a superior court judge's order allowing the student, known in court as "Pat Doe," to attend school dressed in women's clothing.

On October 12, superior court

judge Linda Giles granted a preliminary injunction ordering Brockton Public Schools to allow Doe to attend South Junior High. The school had barred Doe from attending classes dressed in women's clothing. Doe has not returned to class and is still being tutored at home. But Doe's attorney, Jennifer Levi, said arrangements are being made for the student's return and that Doe is looking forward to rejoining her friends. Edward Lenox, an attorney representing Brockton Public Schools, said the schools will abide by Giles's decision. In his argument, Lenox outlined the school's case that Doe's female dress is disruptive. He noted that previous decisions have given schools the right to limit dress and behavior in the interest of maintaining order. "There are 663 students at South Junior High. Only one of them is Pat Doe," Lenox said. He pointed to 17 incidents in which Doe allegedly disrupted school, claiming Giles "glossed over" that behavior in her ruling. "We cannot separate behavior from appearance," he said.

But Levi, of Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, which is representing Doe, said the disruption the schools cited was the result of her client's behavior, not attire. She said Doe has not asked to be disciplined differently from her peers. "It would be very painful and very difficult for her to attend school if she cannot express her core female gender identity," Levi said.

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## Gay Church Uncovers Grave Mystery

DALLAS, TX (NP) - A neighborhood clean-up crew of Dallas MCC members discovered a rare early Texas artifact with a haunting history.

Some 700 volunteers from Dallas' Gay-affirming Cathedral of Hope Metropolitan Community Church were trying to make the world a little nicer, performing renovations and clearing out trash from part of the church's Love Field neighborhood on September 30. One group was working in an alley behind an abandoned house that was particularly overgrown and rubbish-filled. Amidst the rubble they found a stone.

It proved to be the grave marker of Sarah A. Atteberry, who died at seven months on August 11, 1849. That's about as old as any artifact of its kind for the Dallas area. When a member of the party suggested it might be important and they should call someone, ten cell phones were

quick-drawn from their holsters. Police urged them to keep the headstone safe, so they took it to the church.

Historian Frances James soon confirmed the find's significance to the Dallas Morning News, connecting the stone to a family that came to the county when there was almost nothing there. She was able to learn that Sarah had been the first of eleven children born to Stephen Attebery of Kentucky and his wife Isabella Rawlins Attebery of Illinois, who settled in Lancaster, Texas after Attebery left the Army at the conclusion of the U.S. war with Mexico in 1847. According to an inventory, Sarah's remains were interred at the Edgewood Cemetery in Lancaster, and James is trying to arrange for her headstone's return there.

As for the group of volunteers, they brought back to the church not only a piece of local history, but also \$10 from a neighbor who insisted they have something for the good job they'd done cleaning up.

## Openly Gay Ambassador To Return To U.S.

LUXEMBOURG - The U.S. Embassy in Luxembourg said the exact timing of Ambassador James Hormel's departure is unclear, because it depends on when the U.S. Senate goes into recess, UPI reported.

An embassy spokeswoman, however, said a farewell party has been planned for this month for Hormel, the first openly Gay American ambassador.

Hormel has served in Luxembourg for more than a year. President Clinton named him while Congress was in recess in 1999.

Under the recess appointment, Hormel is allowed to serve until the end of the year when Congress adjourns. But because of diplomatic formalities concerning his departure, the embassy said he could stay beyond the year's end.

Hormel was originally nominated in 1997, but the Senate Republican leadership blocked his confirmation because he is openly Gay. Clinton later resorted to the recess appointment, a device used by many earlier presidents. The ambassador is heir to the Hormel company food fortune.

The nation's leading newspaper, the Voice of Luxembourg, said Monday that Ambassador Hormel announced over the weekend that he is leaving. The embassy denies there was an announcement.



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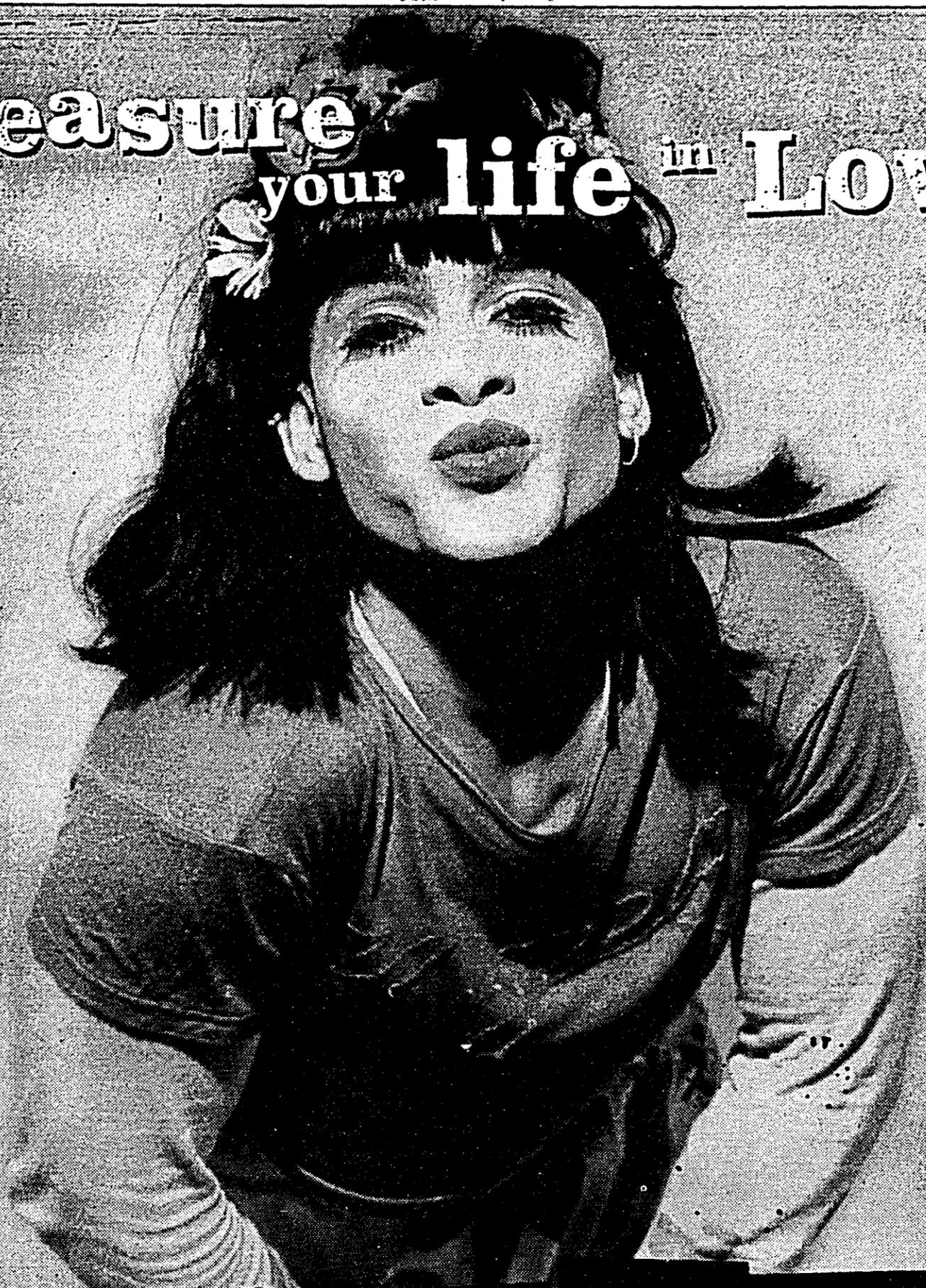
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## BECOMING WHOLE:

### Why America Must Honor All Her Veterans

By Patricia and Wally Kutteles

This fight is personal.

A year ago, our son Barry was attacked and killed - viciously beaten with a baseball bat - by fellow soldiers in the United States Army. Their reason? They thought Barry was Gay, and so they beat him while he was asleep. We are appalled that our military lets cowards like that serve in its ranks, but discharges brave Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals who wish to serve their country. That Pentagon needs to rethink its priorities.

It is time for "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue, Don't Harass" to end.

This policy is a lie. It forces service members to lie to their friends about who they are under penalty of expulsion. This policy is also an excuse. It is an excuse to abuse and harass men and women who protect our country.

Our son Barry was a good soldier who was proud to serve his country. Even among the very best of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, Barry was considered an exceptional soldier. Whatever his sexual orientation, it did not diminish his capability as a gunner. Bigotry and intolerance at Fort Campbell, Kentucky did. Our son was killed on American soil by an American soldier. That is disgraceful.

We stand proudly alongside the many Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender veterans who have served our country honorably. Solidarity is more important than ever. Our nation's military is in fragments, torn apart by federally sanctioned discrimination. On this holiday, America must honor all of her veterans if we ever wish to mend the torn fabric of military bases where our sons and daughters are killed while they sleep. We hope the Pentagon will join us.

The Department of Defense, in its own study, found that 80% of service members surveyed had seen or witnesses some form of harassment during the past year. We should all, as American citizens, be concerned.

The time has come for accountability in the nation's armed forces. A commander's job is to take care of his or her soldiers. All soldiers. A commander who does not hold soldiers responsible for their actions is simply not doing his or her job. The Pentagon must learn to play by its own rules. "Do what I say, not what I do" doesn't work in the military. Commanders must set an example for their soldiers to follow.

There is hope. Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) is working hard to improve the lives of our men and women in uniform, and is a leader in the fight to overturn this policy. Just this year, they have obtained a thirteen-point plan to curb harassment in the ranks, and have successfully obtained, through an Executive Order by President Clinton, limited psycho-therapist privileges for service members and recognition of military hate crimes based on sexual orientation.

SLDN also led the fight to reveal what really happened at Fort Campbell. When the Army told us Barry's death was

a result of a "physical altercation" in the barracks, SLDN came to Kentucky, did it's own investigation, and brought the facts surrounding his murder to light. Again and again, SLDN stands as a source of light for military members hurt by "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue, Don't Harass." Without them, we may have never know the truth.

Just recently, we received Barry's belongings from the Army - a year after his death.

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As a soldier, Barry had few people to turn for protection. As parents, we thank you for caring, and ask you to help those who are targets of military intolerance. This Veterans' Day, please join us in honoring the memory of Barry and all service members. Write your elected officials, call the Pentagon, and let them know: It is time for this policy to go. Our military must become whole.

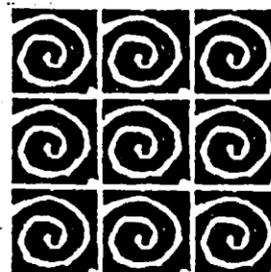
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Arizona legislator Steve May has launched another attack on the Army's campaign to drum him out of the Reserves on "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" charges.

A Gay Arizona legislator is continuing his fight to stay in the Army Reserves. A U.S. Army panel of three colonels ruled September 17 that state Representative and Reserve First Lieutenant Steve May should be honorably discharged from the service for violating the seven-year-old "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) policy. On November 1 May's civilian attorney, Christopher Wolf of Proskauer Rose LLP, filed a "Letter of Deficiency and Request for Reversal of Administrative Discharge" with Convening Authority Major General John Scott, who will review the case and the findings. Meanwhile 108 Members of Congress have signed a second appeal on May's behalf urging President Clinton to overrule the Army on the decision to dismiss.

Wolf, who was the legal counsel for Master Chief Petty Officer Timothy McVeigh, winner of the only federal lawsuit in which a branch of the armed services had been found guilty of violating the DADT policy, listed in his letter to Scott five reasons the findings should be reversed. He wrote that the Army's action violated both the U.S. and the Arizona constitutions, as well as the Department of Defense's own regulations and procedures.

First there is the matter of the circumstances of the "telling." In February 1999 Representative May (R-Phoenix) responded to the homophobic testimony of Representative Karen Johnson (R-Mesa) during a legislative committee meeting to consider a bill restricting benefits to the domestic partners of state government employees. The DADT investigation was initiated based on May's statements to that committee. At the time May was a civilian, having been honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1995, and had been an openly Gay man throughout his public career. Later in the same month, May was called back to duty in the Army Reserve.

According to Wolf's letter, the "Executive Branch is expressly prohibited from seeking to civilly penalize state legislators under the federal speech and debate clause to enable [public] representatives to execute the functions of their office without fear of prosecutions, criminal or civil." He also cited the Arizona Constitution (Article IV, Part 2, 7): "No member of the legislature shall be liable in any civil or criminal prosecution for words spoken in debate."

Secondly Wolf pointed out that the Department of Defense (DoD) regulations do not authorize investigations based on statements made by inactive personnel. According to the DoD's "Separation Procedures for Regular and Reserve Commissioned Officers" under the DADT policy, the Directive only applies to "officers on the Active Duty List and the Reserve Active Status List." When May spoke during the debate and when he discussed his committee testimony afterwards, as he did in an article in the April 1999 Phoenix New Times, Wolf said in the letter that May had "received no orders to return to active status"; testimony at the Involuntary Separation Hearing confirmed this.

Wolf further argued that material evidentiary and procedural errors denied May's fundamental right to due process and fair hearing, and charged that the Recorder (prosecutor) had exceeded his authority in the proceeding. May was notified in writing that an involuntary separation (discharge) proceeding would be held "because of homosexuality." The letter goes on to state that "this was the sole and narrow purpose for convening the Board"; the Recorder's role in the case "was for the



## 'May Renews Fight'

proper pursuit and handling of the Government's case," which included "presenting to the board of officers a resume of the case" and "for cross-examining witnesses presented by the Respondent [May]." Under the guidelines the duty to present the resume of the case does not include prosecutorial discretion; it is limited to conducting "the presentation of evidence and examination of witnesses to bring out all the facts" based on allegations before the Board and not to create and add charges at a board proceeding. Wolf charged that the Recorder was in "gross violation of his duties."

Army prosecutors did try to prejudice the panel by establishing what both sides had already agreed upon: May is Gay. With what May called a "vendetta," and what Wolf declared at the time were "McCarthy like tactics," prosecutors brought in statements from May's Battalion Commander Major Eileen Norton, which wrongly suggested to board members that May had used his uniform for political gain

and his own self-interest. Based on that accusation, according to prosecutor Major Mark Johnson, May should have received a less than honorable discharge. The prosecution further charged that May had lied in telling people he was recalled to active status in anticipation to Kosovo. May's legal team introduced evidence, including a tape of CNN's Larry King Live, to prove that May said only that he was placed on active duty at the time of the Kosovo crisis. After the hearing May called the attack on his integrity and character "humiliating." Johnson said his job wasn't to simply present the case, but "zealously represent the government and make sure all the evidence is presented." A complaint was filed by May's attorneys with the Judge Advocate General, stating the prosecution was "very cruel and went way out of line."

The Board also failed to issue orders permitting the full and fair consideration of testimony showing that May should be retained in the service. In his letter Wolf

cites the DoD regulation that provides that "the recorder of the board will, upon request of member [respondent], endeavor to arrange for the presence of any available witnesses the respondent wishes to call." The Recorder failed to fulfill this obligation despite written requests made by May's legal team. No orders were issued, and up to almost the last minute it was quite unclear to his counsel if any arrangements would be made for the testimony requested by May, who had to ask some witnesses to appear voluntarily and without pay to provide testimony by video conference. Some witnesses who would have appeared didn't as a result of the confusion, Wolf said. The video conference facilities themselves created technical difficulties, Wolf continued, that distracted from the testimony. Wolf said it was the Army's fault that travel orders were not issued.

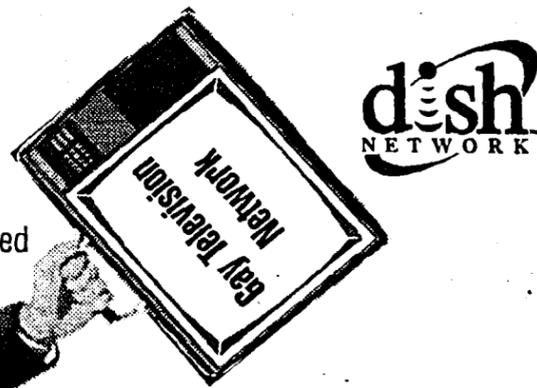
Finally Wolf argued that the Board's determination was arbitrary and capricious as a matter of law. Wolf said individuals who are homosexual are not barred from service and those who are found to be homosexual may be retained under DoD policy and regulations; findings of whether retention is warranted are required prior to a discharge determination. May had asked

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# MR. AND MISS GAY TEEN TUCSON PAGEANT

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Six candidates entered the contest that was attended by over 200 people at the International Arts Center. The two winners were Mr. Gay Teen 2000, Vinnie and Miss Gay Teen 2000 Jessica Deveraux. Congratulations to both as well as the other contestants who made the choice of the judges a difficult one. The other contestants included Adina Sapphire, Very Tricky, Brittany Levon King and Dusty Shaw. Shown here some of the exciting activities on stage during the evening. The event raised \$2,200 for Queer Voice enabling them to carry on their outreach to the young GLBT boys and girls of Tucson.



# HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Squirrely Mercury, which rules communication, takes a circuitous route to rationality this week; the old sod retrogrades into Libra, redirects and returns to Scorpio in the span of a day. Thought you were being crystal clear? Think again comrade! Keep a stiff upper lip under any and all circumstances. And I mean every!

## ARIES

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Over-sexed Gay Rams may find themselves painted in a corner when Mercury retrogrades and directs this week. The temptation will be to regally sample a range of enticing delicacies before deciding. Sadly, the decision will be made once you open your mouth to declare yourself the "Big Cheese". Expect to blurt out something inappropriate or off-putting. The cheese stands alone!

## TAURUS

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

If you feel pulled in two directions, blame the strain on the appalling antics of retro-to-direct Mercury. Queer Bulls have to divide their attentions between the pull of partners and the needs of the day-to-day job. Wasted efforts abound so try not to over think in either effort, at least for the time being. My advice: let actions speak louder and prouder than words.

## GEMINI

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Wilde Twins are unable to draw the line between outrageous fun and their job when Mercury runs amok. Before you decorate your cubicle as the latest hot spot and party down, take a look around and gauge the potential reaction. You may find yourself with an hour to pack up your cartons, mirrored disco ball and all. They call it "Work", cousin. If it were fun, they'd call it "Fun."

## CANCER

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Your creative expressions may trod on sensibilities of relatives. I say "So what?" but also urge some practical restraint while Mercury is meshugene this week. Gay Cancers yearn to bask in the sun and take small ideas to the grand limit. Go for it Crab, but be prepared to get your claws clipped in the process. If you can wait one more week it will be a manicure, not an amputation.

## LEO

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Proud Lions may roar out one opinion too many when Mercury shuttles back and forth between signs. Watch what you say this week, especially as it pertains to family or household issues. It is one thing to be a prima donna and quite another thing to be a petty dictator. What was charming last week becomes chaffing now. How about washing a dish every so often?

## VIRGO

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Conservative queer Virgins may be eyeing the stock market with a degree of greedy opportunism now, but hold on to your bucks while Mercury retraces its cosmic steps. Fiscal decisions will not be on target as a mercurial cloud fogs your better judgement. Weigh your decisions carefully and remember that bears and bulls make money, but little piggies lose their shirts.

## LIBRA

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Most of us never know the right thing to say when their public opinion poll drops. Thankfully, pink Libras are never at a loss for words. However, as erratic Mercury hurls through your sign, the words you choose may not quell the storm. Don't quote to the press this week... or to anyone else for that matter. Wait until Mercury directs and then blast your missive Out.

## SCORPIO

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

There is so much action going on in your chart this week that even calculating Gay Scorps need to catch their breath. Retro-to-direct Mercury sends a brush fire through your landscape; everything that you are prepared to launch and seeds of future ideas seem irrelevant. Of course, this is nonsense. Don't throw out the baby with the bathwater this week. Just add bubble bath.

## SAGITTARIUS

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

While you pride yourself on being all-knowing (or is it know-it-all??) the travels of Mercury contribute to the travails of rainbow Archers. You are willing to expose a few personal secrets but your attempts simply muddy the water and create unexpected or unwelcome results. Stop trying to explain and just act on it. It is easier to ask for forgiveness than for permission.

## CAPRICORN

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Queer Caps may butt head with pals this week as Mercury fouls up your convivial communication. Misunderstandings abound so try to be patient and forgiving. On the bright side, as Mercury progresses through Scorpio, friendships can strengthen and you will be able to maximize your social connections. Hmm and some of these connections are pretty big to begin with.

## AQUARIUS

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Hurley burley Mercury delivers one step forward and two steps back in your corporate tango. Poor Aqueerians may see their best laid career plans scrambled and devoured, but take heart; as Mercury redirects, so do you. Hold off on any coup d'etats this week but sharpen your weapon for the week after. There is nothing as powerful as an idea whose time has come. Get ready!

## PISCES

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Guppies are anxious to spread their wings and explore global opportunities but Mercury causes delays at takeoff this week. Plans go awry or the timing may be off. Don't be discouraged, cousin; this is simply a way to check the practicality of your dreams. I suspect that you will soar with the eagles next week as all possibilities fall into place. Pack a parachute, just in case.

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9:00 p.m. in the Leo Rich Theater at the Tucson Convention Center, Arizona Friends of Chamber Music present The McDermott Trio in concert. The trio will perform three pieces by women composers and each piece will be introduced by commentary. The McDermott's have appeared individually and as a trio with the New York Philharmonic, Montreal Symphony, Atlanta Symphony and with the orchestras of St. Louis, Pittsburgh and Baltimore. The trio has appeared on NBC and PBS television, as well as national radio including Performance Today.

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## Politics

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that the Board consider his retention under the applicable policy and regulations. Witness testimony -- the full consideration of which was diminished by the Army's failure to enable their personal appearance -- according to Wolf would have shown that May's sexual orientation had no impact on the troops and that his separation would be detrimental to unit cohesion. Witnesses testified that May's presence, in fact, fostered unit cohesion and positively affected the unit's morale and skill, and continued to do so long after information about this investigation and the bases for it were known to the entire unit. Evidence that May consistently had been ranked among the "best and the brightest" of Army officers was unchallenged by the Army.

Wolf said in the letter that "despite the overwhelming evidence that Lt. May's retention is in the best interest of the Army, and the absence of contrary findings," the Board failed to make any findings concerning retention. "Without such findings," he wrote, "the Army is unable to make an informed determination concerning Lt. May's retention and is precluded from making a separation determination as a matter of law. On the basis of the record, retention should be considered and the Board's finding for separation should be reversed."

Will Convening Authority Major General Scott respond to Wolf's arguments by reversing the Board's finding? Wolf went on the letter to state, "at the commencement of the hearing at issue, the presiding Colonel reported that the Convening Authority had a discussion with him about the case and said that he would not 'second guess' the Board."

"The Army must, at the very least, live up to the letter of its own law," said Stacy Sobel, Legal Director of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network. "We urge General Scott, to retain Lt. May. The Army should be fighting to keep qualified women and men like Lt. May in the services, not working to kick them out."

Scott will review the evidence and deliver his recommendation to the secretary of the Army. May said that if the military appeals fail, he may pursue a federal lawsuit. "I'm still in," he said. He will continue to serve two days a month in the reserves.

On the civilian front Gay Congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass.) and Representative Christopher Shays (R-Conn.) have released a letter signed by 108 of their House colleagues urging President Clinton to reject efforts by the Army to expel May because of he is Gay. In the letter lawmakers also pointed out that May has an exemplary military record and that comments made about his sexual orientation should not form the basis for a decision to dismiss him from the Army under DADT.

May continues his fight, but financing for this endeavor has nearly run out. Make checks payable to the "Steve May Legal Defense Trust" and send them to 2303 N. 44th St. #14-1548, Phoenix, AZ 85008.

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**Desert Vision** by Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D.

**Coming Out In The New Millennium**

In the last few months, I've had more contact with individuals who are not "out" than I have for several years. In thinking about the conversations I've had with these men (and they have all been men), I've realized that coming out today is both easier and more complex than ever before.

I came out in the late 1970's. Living in Western Pennsylvania, the only meeting places for Gay and Lesbian people were a few bars, the baths, and public rest areas. I felt isolated and alone, not fitting in with the world as I knew it and not finding a place in Gay life. When I moved from a rural area to Pittsburgh, I became part of a Gay Catholic group called Dignity. While many friends broke off our friendships when they either learned I was Gay or when I got more involved in the Gay community, Dignity gave me a social network with others like myself.

For me, the coming out process was affirming who I knew myself to be and, over time, learning to live my life in a way that included my sexual orientation with the other dimensions of my life. Almost 25 years later, I find it more difficult to juggle my life as a minister, psychologist, and educator than to include my sexual orientation in an appropriate way in any of those dimensions of my professional life.

But lately, I've spent time talking with graduate students from other countries for whom issues of personal identity are much more complex. I've met Asian men whose families would lose-face and be dishonored if it was known that they had a Gay son. I've spoken with one man from an Arab country who could face imprison-

ment for coming out. I've also had contact with African men who see homosexuality as a Euro-political issue and believe that acting on their desire to be with another man is submitting to colonial subjugation. Because of the ways that sexuality is defined in these cultures, the process of coming out becomes a seriously perilous journey.

It's easy for Americans to view coming out from the perspective of individual rights and personal identity. American culture considers individual freedom and personal rights primary values. Coming out is really exercising the values of personal freedom that Americans hold dearly, even though there is significant prejudice in our culture.

Many other cultures do not have the same values for individual or personal freedom. Instead, one's role in the family or larger society is of greater importance than any personal desire or ambition. Americans generally regard the priority of family or society over individual freedom as oppressive because they are contrary to our own customs.

Authentically being of support to those from other cultures in their coming out process means that we Americans learn how sexuality and personal freedom are viewed in another culture. While I believe it is for a person's own mental health to be able to name and affirm who they are most deeply, they may be faced with having to make choices on how to live out their identity in ways very different from Gay life in America. What is most important is coming out to oneself.

Several years ago, I was teaching a class in Mexico City on counseling skills for a group of about two dozen Gay men and Lesbians around Mexico. I was confident in my ability to teach the basic skills but less clear as to how those skills applied in Mexican culture. We did lots of role-plays so that the participants could work on their skills in a way they determined was culturally appropriate. One role-play was for a Gay man to come out to his mother. The role-play began very seriously, with the Gay man struggling to find a way to tell his mother that he was Gay. The mother's response was to become hysterical in a very dramatic way. In the role-play, she had a heart attack, fell-over and died. We all laughed at this demonstration. I then suggested that we do this role-play a second time, this time more realistically. I discovered how realistic the participants viewed the role-play that had been presented. There were those who knew of mothers having heart attacks or fainting or having other physical reactions to a child who came out. For these people, the portrayal of a mother dying from such news was a serious possibility.

Does this mean that I'm suggesting that people from other cultures never come out to family or friends? Of course not. But the issues of coming out for those not from Euro-American cultures are much more complex. In the end, coming out is an individual decision and must be respected.

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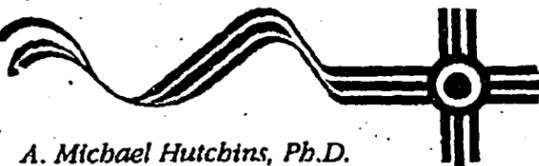
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**VIEWPOINT**

By Bob Buchanan

**The Pope Is Wrong Again**

In 1615 the Pope presided at the inquisition of the man who had invented the telescope, Galileo. The result was that Galileo swore not to teach that the earth is not the center of the universe, in order to keep the Roman Church from taking his life. Today, we know that Galileo was right, and Christianity was not threatened in the least by Galileo.

Recently, the Pope received the credentials of the new Dutch ambassador to the Vatican. Rather than practicing diplomacy, the Pope lambasted the Ambassador for his country's new same sex union law. He insisted that unions only for "men and women whose love will yield children." Earlier this year, the Pope condemned Gays as deviants who are contrary to "natural law." This isn't the first time such things have been said, and will likely not be the last.

Interestingly, the Pope used philosophical arguments rather than the Scripture to condemn homosexuals and promote an atmosphere of hate and violence. He couldn't honestly base his argument on Scripture because it simply isn't there. The Bible never forbids the union of same-sex unions between people who love each other. Homosexuality was not even codified as sin for the first 1300 years after Jesus. It was Thomas Aquinas who, following pressure from political powers, wrote the teaching of the church that calls Gay relationships sinful. Both of the Popes ideas actually come from Aquinas.

On the one hand he states that Gay relationships are "against natural law."

Aquinas set out to prove this by making assumptions about animals other than humans, however, animals do have same-sex relations. Besides, humans have intellect and reasoning skills that animals simply aren't capable of. The only people for whom Gay relationship is unnatural are those who are not attracted to the same sex. For those who are attracted to the same sex it is perfectly natural. The Pope also says that only unions that can bare children are acceptable. This is nonsense. The Roman church performs weddings for people who are unable to bear children all the time. This presumes that the only reason for sex is to make babies. Did he forget that sex is also designed for mutual pleasure between partners? He should read the New Testament again I think. With all due respect, these arguments are simply wrong. I doubt they will be corrected by the hierarchical powers of the denominations however. But there is a way for change to take place. If those in the pews would challenge these ideas, and stop supporting institutions that promote hateful and dangerous philosophies by worshiping elsewhere and not giving finances, then eventually even the Pope would get the idea that, like Galileo, Gays are no threat to Christianity.

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**THE BOOK REPORT**

As Nature Made Him: The Boy Who was Raised as a Girl by John Colapinto. (Harper Collins, 2000.)

To be told one thing but to know another. On the surface this book seems to be the tale of someone trapped in the body of the opposite sex. In reality, young Bren-

da Reimer was in the right body, just the wrong clothes. And below the surface, below the physical trappings of sexual identity, one knows the true self. You know who you are and to whom you are attracted.

In 1966, a young mother and father must make a horrible decision after one of their twin baby boys undergoes a horribly botched circumcision. An expert on gender identity from John Hopkins Hospital, who sees this set of identical twins as a perfect test case, advises a sex reassignment procedure, or castration. He explains that sexual identity is imposed by environmental conditioning and has nothing to do with a biological roll of the dice. This is the second mistake that Reimer would spend the first fourteen years of life paying for.

Brenda seemed to reject her girlhood from the beginning, fighting with the boys and peeing standing up. All the while the egotistical doctor continues to put Brenda through hours of mind numbing therapy including having her and her twin brother, Brian, simulate having sex to show what is "normal" for adults. And the working class parents do their best to follow doctor's orders and reinforce what becomes a losing battle. Well written and horrific at the same time, the extensive research is handled with a deep respect for the family and their feelings.

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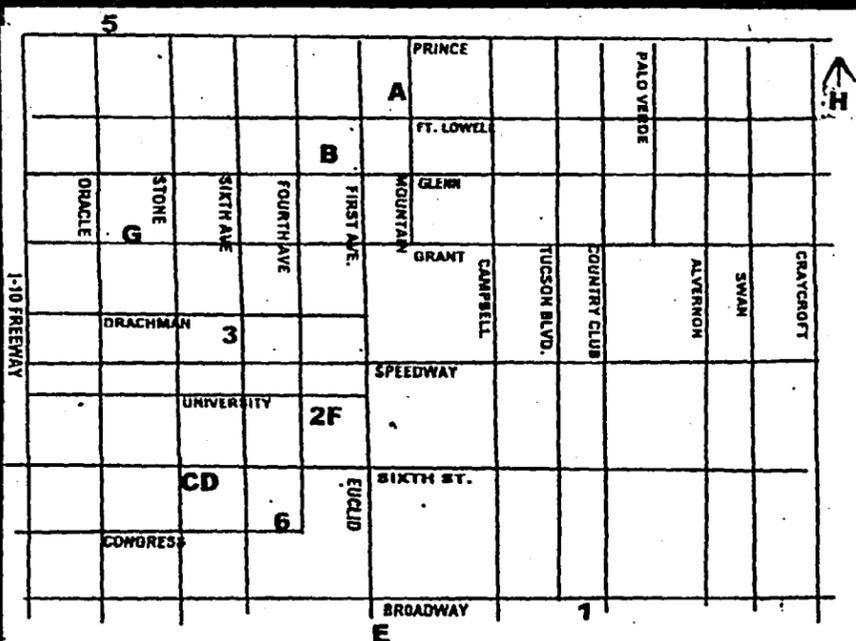
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## Lesbian Wins Family Tax Break

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with unmarried couples."

While the majority of the board determined that the tax code should be applied fairly and equally, dissenters believed the head-of-household status should be reserved until the co-parent had completed legal adoption proceedings, since she lacked both blood and legal ties to the child. [Ed. note: Hisserich always intended to adopt her daughter and the adoption is now reportedly pending.] They feared extensive litigation and lost state income from other groups of people seeking to take advantage of this ruling for Gays and Lesbians. Dissenters wrote that, "In the example of a similarly-situated heterosexual couple, the decision removes an incentive for the couple to marry or for the male partner to legally adopt the child." But as a member of the board's majority Johan Klehs told reporters, "These two people are taking responsibility for their child and our tax laws must encourage and support parental responsibility."

Hisserich, an economic development consultant advising real estate developers on land use, was the sole wage-earner for herself, her partner (as registered with Los Angeles, Los Angeles County and California) of fourteen years Tori Patterson and their three-year-old daughter while all three lived together in their Los Angeles home throughout the tax year. She therefore met and exceeded the tax code standard for head-of-household: being unmarried, contributing more than half the cost of maintaining the household and having the child present in the home for more than half the year. Hisserich first claimed head-of-household status for 1997, the year of her daughter's birth; she and Patterson had agreed the latter would stay home with the baby through her earliest years. That status has meant a state tax savings of about \$1,000 per year for them.

Because she'd checked first with the IRS hotline, Hisserich was surprised when the state called for an audit and a series of appeals followed. By the end of the case, had her status been denied, she would have had to pay another \$7,000 in taxes. In the earlier stages of the case, unable to afford an attorney or to find pro bono assistance, Hisserich handled everything herself with advice by phone from a law professor. She told the reporters that she had been offended when a state Franchise Tax Board

attorney told her that, "You can't claim your friend's child as your own," and that offense motivated her to go the distance with the case. She said, "We are good, contributing members of society, and yet we can't have the same legal protections as others. The case really did become less about the money, although that is important. It became a fight for respect." Among Hisserich's arguments before the Board of Equalization was that she and Patterson would have married if the law allowed and her head-of-household status would not have been an issue. (Were they a legally married couple, they would have "joint filing status.")

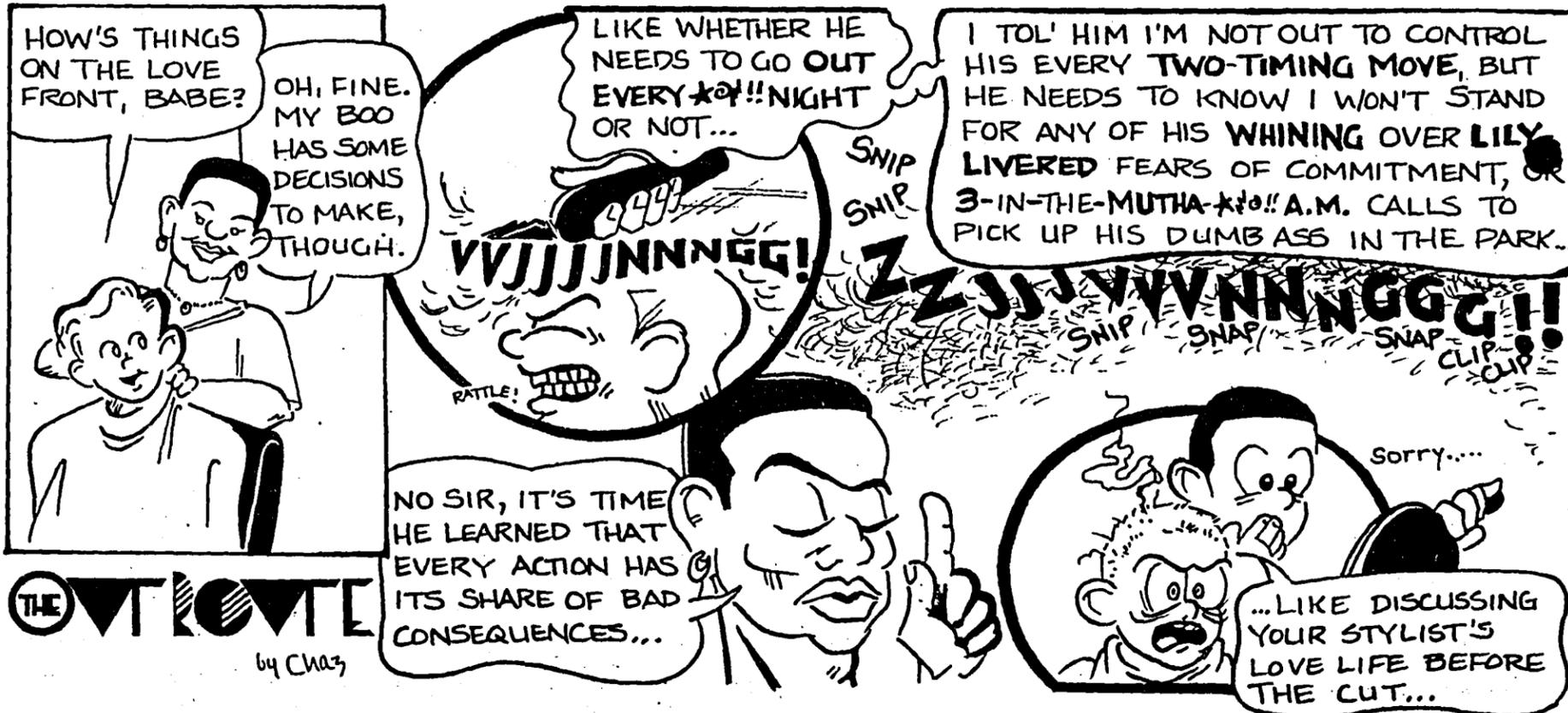
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- High Average - Sluts-R-Us, 530; Keith D., 225; Heather H., 179.
- High Series Scratch - Keith D., 742; Lois Y., 603; The Breeders, 1754.
- High Game Scratch - Keith D, 300; Lois Y., 235; Sluts-R-Us, 661,
- High Series Handicap - Kristen S., 753; The Breeders, 2000; Ken L., 763.
- High Game Handicap - Kristen S., 293; Keith D., 300; Sluts-R-Us, 735.



## Do The Right Thing; Don't Spend Your Dollars Here!

The controversial talk show hosted by Dr. Laura Schlessinger is headed for the post-1 a.m. graveyard as of next week on key CBS O&O stations, including the crucial markets of New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. Sources said the low-rated "Dr." Laura was due to be downgraded from morning and afternoon time slots to the overnight hours as of Monday, November 6, on the six CBS-owned stations that carry the Paramount Domestic TV talk show. Representatives for the CBS O&O group could not be reached for comment late Monday, while a Paramount spokesman declined comment on the matter. But insiders said Paramount executives were disappointed by the move and vowed to continue to produce the show. CBS and Paramount are corporate siblings under the Viacom banner. The downgrades are certain to deliver a crippling blow to "Dr." Laura as CBS O&Os carry the show in six of the nation's top 10 TV markets: New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Dallas.

In Tucson, a total of 49 businesses have stopped advertising on the program. Some firms, including a non-profit organization, (the United Way), which claims not to be discriminatory, haven't gotten the message, as the CBS O&O's finally have,

and are running ads still on the show. A couple of political candidates, Jim Kolbe for Congress (October 31 - November 6), and Rosalie Lopez for Supervisor (November 6) had ads on the show, through their campaign and in Kolbe's case, thanks to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Political campaign ads are temporary, thank heavens, but businesses who continue to advertise aren't. Call the list below and tell them to pull their ads from the program or you will spend your dollars elsewhere, at their competition!

United Way of Southern Arizona, 6840 E. Broadway, (520) 722-6000. Chevron Oil Stop, 4202 W. Ina Rd, (520) 579-0377. Oak Express, 6178 E. Speedway, (520) 747-4062. Marana Sky Diving, (520) 682-4441. Cashbox Jewelry, 2014 S. Craycroft, (520) 790-7414. Mercaldo Law Firm, 376 S. Stone, (520) 624-1400. Precision Toyota/Auto Solutions, 700 W. Wetmore, (520) 795-5565/887-4180. Apollo College, 3870 N. Oracle, (520) 888-5885. Empire Glass, 1121 W. Grant, (520) 622-3033. Satellite City, Foothills Mall/7435 E. 22nd Street, (520) 742-9300/751-9300. Tuff Shed, 3424 S. Campbell, (520) 296-8833. Affordable Transmissions, 3601 E. Speedway, (520) 881-5561. Rabinovitz & Associates Attorney's, 721 N. 4th Ave., (520) 624-5526.

### Entertainment Briefs...

The L.A. Freewaves Festival, celebrating experimental media arts in Los Angeles, offers the "Queer Star Maps" tour. A bus will take passengers to many overlooked sites of Hollywood queer history: homes of the biggest Gay and Lesbian stars of yesterday and today; filming locations of classic and popular Lesbian and Gay films and TV shows; sites of Hollywood's most notorious queer scandals, romances, and hookups; hot spots and nightclubs from pre-Stonewall Hollywood; and Tinseltown's many historic but hidden queer attractions. For more information, call (213) 617-3950.

Out Spanish filmmaker Pedro Almodóvar, who picked up the Best Foreign Film Oscar earlier this year for All About My Mother, will be making his next film in his native country of Spain, despite reports that he would soon be making his English-language debut. Almodóvar's latest project, Hable Con Ella (Talk to Her), will shoot in Spain next year, possibly as early as March. Nothing has been officially announced yet regarding story or casting—the director has suggested on more than one occasion that he would like to work again with Antonio Banderas and Penelope Cruz on the film, but sources say scheduling the two A-list stars seems unlikely.

Fox's new Gay-themed sitcom, Normal, Ohio, debuted Wednesday night, November 1, scoring the network's highest ratings among viewers aged 18-49 since the Beverly Hills 90210 finale and a 38% surge compared to the 90210 episode that aired the same week last year. Normal held 97% of the audience for the special Halloween episode of The Simpsons that aired immediately before it. The two Fox shows gave CBS's combo of Bette and Welcome to New York their lowest ratings to date. Normal, Ohio will follow the hit series Malcolm in the Middle on Wednesday nights beginning November 8.

Charlie Hunnam, who memorably played the sexually active 15-year-old Nathan on the U.K. version of Queer as Folk, will be coming to American television as a cast member on a new series from Judd Apatow. Hunnam, Seth Rogen, and Monica Keena will be starring in the untitled project for Fox, created by Apatow, an execu-

tive producer of the acclaimed short-lived series Freaks and Geeks (which featured Rogen). The new show is a half-hour sitcom set in a freshman dorm on a college campus and will costar actor-musician Loudon Wainwright III (real-life father of Gay singer Rufus Wainwright) as the father of one of the other characters.

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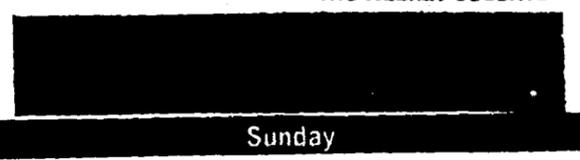
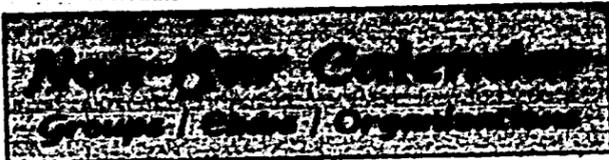
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Special Community Lecture "HIV/AIDS: The Perspective from Santa Fe". Guest speaker is Dr. Trevor Hawkins, M.D., Medical Director of Southwest Care Clinic, Santa Fe, NM. 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital, 1601 W. St. Mary's Road, Heritage Room, 6th Floor. Doctors Carmichael, Goldsmith and Vollmer of El Rio Special Immunology Associates will also be in attendance. Sponsored by Abbott Labs, Bristol-Myers Squibb And the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

At Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave., Tucson Author Elizabeth Evans will read from her new book "Rowing In Eden". Set in the Midwestern resort town of Pynch Lake during the summer of '65, this well written novel is told through the eyes of thoughtful and precocious 13-year-old Franny Wahl. Franny observes her family and the world around her during this pivotal summer full of hard-drinking, weekend-long parties and constant house guests. Caught in the hinterland between childhood and adulthood, Franny becomes increasingly entwined in the lives of her older sisters, charting her own course between their examples. The reading will be followed by a question and answer period. Refreshments will be served.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Michael as he hosts an extra Bridge Night for November. Beginners and seasoned players are welcomed. For reservations and directions, please call Michael at 326-3555.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 9:00 a.m. Join Jim and Joe as they host a hike along the Sweetwater Trail in the Tucson Mountains. For details and directions, please call Joe or Jim at 791-7003.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Pinochle is the game we're playing-and you're invited. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll teach you. If you already know how, you'll fit right in. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Prime Timers of Tucson dinner/meeting at 5:00 p.m. at Micha's G & M Restaurant the Cantina) 2908 S 4th Avenue (S. Side near 39th St. across from Greyhound Park). Phone Sylvan 747-5669 for info.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. You're invited to join us for an open meeting regarding MSN. If you have ideas or suggestions, feel free to join us and share your thoughts. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 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.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Have some fun! T-Squares, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Square Dance Club is starting a beginner's Class. The first three sessions are open. (Come to any or all) and free of charge on Tuesdays - Nov. 14-21-28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall located at 2902 North Geronimo. Call Libbie at 325-9466 or Michael at 884-8320 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

The Gay and Lesbian Reading Group Meets at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble 5130 E. Broadway. The group will be reading "Tales of the City" by Armistead Maupin. Newcomers are especially welcome. They meet every third Wednesday. Next month they will read Anthea Min's "Red Azules".

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Poz Cafe Monthly Luncheon-providing a delicious 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 - complimentary lunch is served at Noon - and games, crafts and social time until 2:30. 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, November 13.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Party held at Jerry & Les' home. It's a chance to meet 60-75 new faces. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, November 16 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

7:00 p.m. At Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave., a reading by Michael Thomas Ford from his new book "It's Not Mean If It's True: More trials from My Queer Life". With two best sellers and two Lambda Literary Awards under his belt, Michael is still cranky... lucky for us! As fans of his previous collections have happily discovered, little escapes his attention and nothing (but nothing) is sacred. His essay "The Condensed History of Gay Pride" is enough to send any politically correct Gay leader shrieking into the streets. "In Ford's hands, pretty much anything can yield a laugh. He is an ideal humorist - genially misanthropic, suspicious of ideology and convention, cynical or passionate depending on the occasion. And he is something else: a good read." Publishers Weekly. The reading will be followed by a question and answer period. Refreshments will be served.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. It's "The Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Faith Michaels and special guests.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

IBTS - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tucson's Weekly's "Gay Personal Call" on the Road. Free Personal Ads.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

VENTURE-N - Empire Leather men hold a Beer Bust from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

IBTS - Party line-up includes Jeff's Bloody Mary Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This week's proceeds go to the Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP). Then at 9:00 p.m. There's a special Sunday Night Show featuring Lucinda Holiday, Mr. Kenneth Blake and Decra Le Blanc.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. "Puttin' On The Lips" Lip Sync Contest hosted by Lucinda Holiday and Bunny FuFu.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

VENTURE-N - Bears of the Old Pueblo hold their monthly Beer Bust from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

IBTS - The hilarious antics of singer/comedian Rudy de la Mor. More later.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

VENTURE-N - It's a big Thanksgiving Day Buffet to welcome the "Arizona Fellowship #20 Run". Pot Luck - Buffet Style. Jim supplies the turkey, you supply the side dishes. Festivities begin at 2:00 p.m. Happy Thanksgiving Day!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Prime Timers of Tucson Lunch at 12:30 p.m. at the Blouse Willow Restaurant (in the rear of outdoor dining) 2616 N. Campbell (E. Side between Grant and Glenn). Phone Sylvan 747-5669 for info.

Miss Gay Arizona US of A Pageant presented by G.R.R. East Promotions at the Ramada Inn University, 1601 N. Oracle Road. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Showtime 7:00 p.m. Tickets in advance \$15.00 per person includes 1 show ticket and 1 drink ticket. Tickets at the door \$20.00 per person includes 1 show ticket. Limited tickets available. For more information and tickets call (520)270 8459 / 571-9523 / 322-5558.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 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.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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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 "Defying Gravity"-a sincere and earnest film about a two young college men in a fraternity. They keep their love affair quiet until something unsettling disrupts their lives. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. A traditional Thanksgiving Dinner is offered for all who wish to join in with the MSN family. The main dishes will be provided, and if you'd like to bring a side dish or dessert, you may. If you're home for the holiday, spend it with your gay family. For directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for their annual Turkey Movie. This year's moldy, awful leftover is "The Gay Deceivers", a 1969 movie about 2 men trying to avoid Vietnam by pretending to be gay. Stereotypes galore, awful clothes, and...oh, it's too awful to explain! For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. To balance out the yucky turkey shown at 6, Jerry and Les offer a little soufflé of a movie called "Broadway Damage". This light comedy is about 3 friends trying to make it in New York. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Pinochle is the game we're playing-and you're invited. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll teach you. If you already know how, you'll fit right in. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODYS 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 NOBODYS 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 7:00-9:30pm 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 NOBODYS BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool touney 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. Skyy's the limit \$2.25.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODYS 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 6-9pm \$2.50. Patio bar open.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODYS 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 m 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 NOBODYS 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 NOBODYS 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.

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**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 38264, 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 AI-Anon group being organized in Tucson.

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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 8:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

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

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**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. 617-3100 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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**SOFTBALL** - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact. Mary 770-9979 or Berlie 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 Girlz (MTF) Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7pm. Desert Boyz meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAE-mail@aoi.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.

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**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. 6th Street. 743-4800.

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

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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 Care Teams 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. 6th St. Contacts 325-6678 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)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

**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. Elsie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

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

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

**T-SQUARES** Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9468 or Ray at 749-5247.

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

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

**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 8:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9882.

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

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

**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, 1438 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 884-8920, 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.

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