

The Real Story About Arizona's Domestic Partner Bills

By Dilia Loe and
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PHOENIX - There have been many recent editorials and press releases from ultra conservative groups regarding two bills currently being debated in the Arizona House of Representatives. Their statements have misstated what these bills are and what they will do. The bills are HB 2301 and HB 2309, which deal with Domestic Partner Registrations. They simply create a mechanism for determining who is in those relationships. These bills are not Gay marriage, nor do they affect the marriage statutes in Arizona in anyway. They do not put "big government back in the bedroom."

Many employers in this and other states grant domestic partner benefits to people in non marital relationships. These benefits are many and varied, but primarily focus on dependent medical insurance. The list of employers, from both the public and private sectors is growing daily.

There is currently no external definition of who a domestic partner is. Therefore each employer must come up with its own definition and list of qualifications. The domestic partnership registration bill merely establishes an external definition of domestic partners. It does not mandate anything on anyone. No company would be required to do anything. There are currently over 800 instance in Arizona statutes where the terms spouse, husband, wife and family are used. None of those would be changed.

The only rights that would be given to persons in domestic partnerships are rights desperately needed as demonstrated by the loss of loved ones in the September 11 tragedy. The right for a

bereaved partner to be the medical decision maker when a partner is in the hospital and does not have Advanced Medical Directives. The right for a beloved partner to be appointed by the court as a guardian or conservator in the event a partner becomes permanently incapacitated. The rights for a beloved partner to be named as a personal representative over the estate of the partner who has died without a will. Currently the law gives precedent to any blood relative however distant. Finally, the right to inherit from a partner who has died without a will. People who have built lives and homes together can lose everything if a partner dies unexpectedly. Bereaved partners will not only suffer emotional loss but financial as well.

Many people opt not to marry for a variety of reasons, some personal, some financial and others because of legal obstructions. The purpose of these bills is intended secure the rights of those who have limited choices in protecting their lives. Do not believe the anti-Gay political rhetoric. The criteria for domestic partnership registry will actually be more difficult than marriage to qualify. Our government protects all people. It is time for our community to live out this responsibility and insist upon equality and dignity for all people in loving relationships. There simply is no excuse not to. Contact your legislator and inform them of the true about domestic partnership registry.

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Pediatrician Group Attacked Over Gay and Lesbian Adoption

WASHINGTON, DC - A far right organization, the Concerned Women for America, has launched a national campaign aimed at diminishing the decision announced Monday by the American Academy of Pediatrics to support Gay co-parenting, parenting and adoption.

The Academy, which is a professional association for doctors for children, called on lawmakers to remove all obstacles to Gay parenting.

In a policy statement, the group declared children "who are born to, or adopted by, one member of a Gay or Lesbian couple deserve the security of two legally recognized parents."

The organization also endorsed

broader Gay and Lesbian adoption rights, saying homes headed by Gay men and women can and do provide the loving, stable and emotionally healthy family life that children need.

The AAP's announcement followed a position paper written by Ellen Perrin M.D. which said in part that "stereotypes and laws that maintain discriminatory practices are based on the assumption that Lesbian mothers and Gay fathers are different from heterosexual parents in ways that are important to their children's well-being."

The Concerned Women's group took strong exception to such statements. In a paper carrying Robert Knight's signature,

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Bush's 2003 Budget Would Flat-Fund Ryan White Act

WASHINGTON, DC - President Bush's proposed 2003 budget calls for funding to remain flat for a number of health programs, including HIV prevention projects and the Ryan White Act, The New York Times reports.

Overall, Bush's budget plan, unveiled Monday, calls for an 8% increase in funds allocated to the Department of Health and Human Services to fight HIV/AIDS in the United States and abroad. But funds allocated to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for HIV prevention programs would receive \$939 million, about the same as in 2002, while money allocated to the Ryan White Act would remain at 2002's level of \$1.9 billion.

AIDS and health care groups criticized Bush's budget proposal, calling it "short-sighted" and "inadequate."

The Human Rights Campaign said the proposal "shortchanges" HIV prevention and treatment programs. "There is a greater demand for care than ever, yet we are not providing the proper resources," said HRC political director Winnie Stachelberg in a press release. "People will be hurt if the budget is not adequately funded to meet the growing need."

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation expressed "deep disappointment" with the proposed budget, saying that it "underfunds critical programs that are meant to address the HIV pandemic both domesti-

cally and internationally," according to a press release. SFAF director of public policy Fred Dillon said, "With unprecedented increases in the budget for military and homeland security spending, this administration has proven that billions of dollars are available to fight present and imminent threats to our nation. HIV/AIDS is also a global threat and deserves appropriate commitment and attention from this administration."

The Log Cabin Republicans, a Gay Republican organization, praised Bush's support of HIV/AIDS efforts and the proposed budget's call for an overall increase in HHS spending on the disease. "Our nation faces challenges today we could not have imagined before, with our nation under attack and a recession biting down on jobs in our communities, the President told Congress that we also must win the war on HIV/AIDS," said Log Cabin executive director Rich Tafel. "Amid widespread cuts in dozens of programs...the budget held the line on HIV/AIDS care prevention and treatment and increased research and global programs."

The National Stonewall Democrats blasted Bush's plan to flat-fund HIV prevention and treatment programs. "President Bush's budget refuses to aggressively address the HIV/AIDS epidemic in America," said NSD executive director Chad Johnson in a press release. "The president's growing record on HIV/AIDS policy indicates that he favors abstinence and ignorance over solutions and science."

Colorado Teen Sues Gay-Bashing Suspects

DENVER, CO - A Gay teen-ager, nearly killed in an attack a year ago, is suing four youths and two parents, 365Gay.com reported.

Last February Kyle Skyock, a 16-year-old from Rifle, Colo., was found unconscious on the roadside by a jogger after being allegedly beaten by four teen-age boys because they thought he was Gay.

According to Skyock, he left a party with four boys in car, when soon the car halted and Skyock was pulled from the vehicle and thrown to the ground. The boys quickly overpowered him, kicking him and ramming his head into the bumper.

They threw Skyock back in the vehicle and punched him some more. Then they pulled him out and kicked him again. "Faggot," and, "I want a turn with the ball Give it to me. It's my turn, it's my turn," Skyock said he heard.

Police initially said they believed

that Skyock was drunk and his injuries were a result of "falling down." Yet, Skyock's injuries included: large purple bruises on the front and back of his head; a fractured skull; a circle of burn blisters on his shoulder; a black eye; three broken ribs; a foot-shaped bruise on his stomach; and another bruise described by doctors as in the shape of a two-by-four.

Skyock and his family filed a suit Thursday in federal court in Denver, alleging that the four young men conspired under both federal and state laws to deprive Kyle Skyock, 17, of his civil rights. Six other claims allege that the four young men -- three of them are minors -- assaulted and falsely imprisoned Skyock.

Two claims of negligence and liability were filed against two parents of the young men.

The four teens were never served with criminal charges.

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Local Gay Assault Victim Suing Assailant

TUCSON - Fabian Padilla, who was beaten outside a nightclub by an off-duty paramedic with the Tucson Fire Department, is suing his attacker, Franchot Opela and the Risky Business nightclub.

"Fabian was singled out because he was perceived to be Gay, and that's what precipitated the attack," Padilla's attorney, Thomas Wilson, said in an interview with the Tucson Citizen.

Wilson added that the management of the club is responsible for the safety of their customers and should have done more to defuse the situation. "There was offensive conduct inside the bar directed at Fabian," Wilson said, and nightclub employees were aware of it and didn't try to stop it.

"In fact, they apologized to Fabian and said he should ignore it," Wilson said. "He was served free drinks and told to ignore it."

Padilla is seeking money to pay his medical bills and to compensate him for physical suffering following the Feb. 9, 2000, assault. Opela has filed a counter suit against Padilla and the bar.

AIDS Candlelight Memorial Update

TUCSON - Tucson will be participating in the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial on Sunday, May 19th. Wingspan, the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SA-AF) and the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) will be working in collaboration to restructure and carry out the event this year.

Organizers hope to create a meaningful and memorable tribute to loved ones and family members we have lost to AIDS while redoubling our commitment to finding a cure.

A planning committee is being formed that will design and implement the

event in Tucson. While the event will be coordinated by staff members from all three agencies, the planning and implementation will be driven by the energy of volunteers and community members. If you would like to be involved in the planning, please come to the first planning committee meeting that will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 5:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. (one block west of 4th Ave., across the street from Muse).

TIHAN Seeking New Education Committee Members

TUCSON - Are you an extraordinary out of the box thinker who likes a challenge that positively impacts peoples' lives? Do you like to formulate ideas and turn them into a reality? Are you an educator or retired educator looking for a great volunteer experience?

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If you are interested in hearing more about this phenomenal volunteer opportunity, please call the TIHAN office at (520) 299-6647 and ask for Todd or e-mail him at todd@tihan.org.

Treasures For TIHAN

TUCSON - Treasures for TIHAN, is the signature fund raising event for the programs and services of the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), is coming up on Saturday, February 23. This year's festivities, including a live and silent auction, will take place at the Starlight Ballroom at the Radisson Tucson City Center.



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TIHAN is also seeking volunteers to assist in many areas, both before and during the event. Volunteers are needed to help with advance ticket sales, item solicitations, gift pick up, on-site setup, registrars, greeters, ticket sales, runners, valet parking, silent auction monitor, and much more.

Treasures for TIHAN tickets are now on sale - \$30 in advance/\$35 at the door - through the TIHAN office, and may be billed to your credit card. For more information, call (520) 299-6647.

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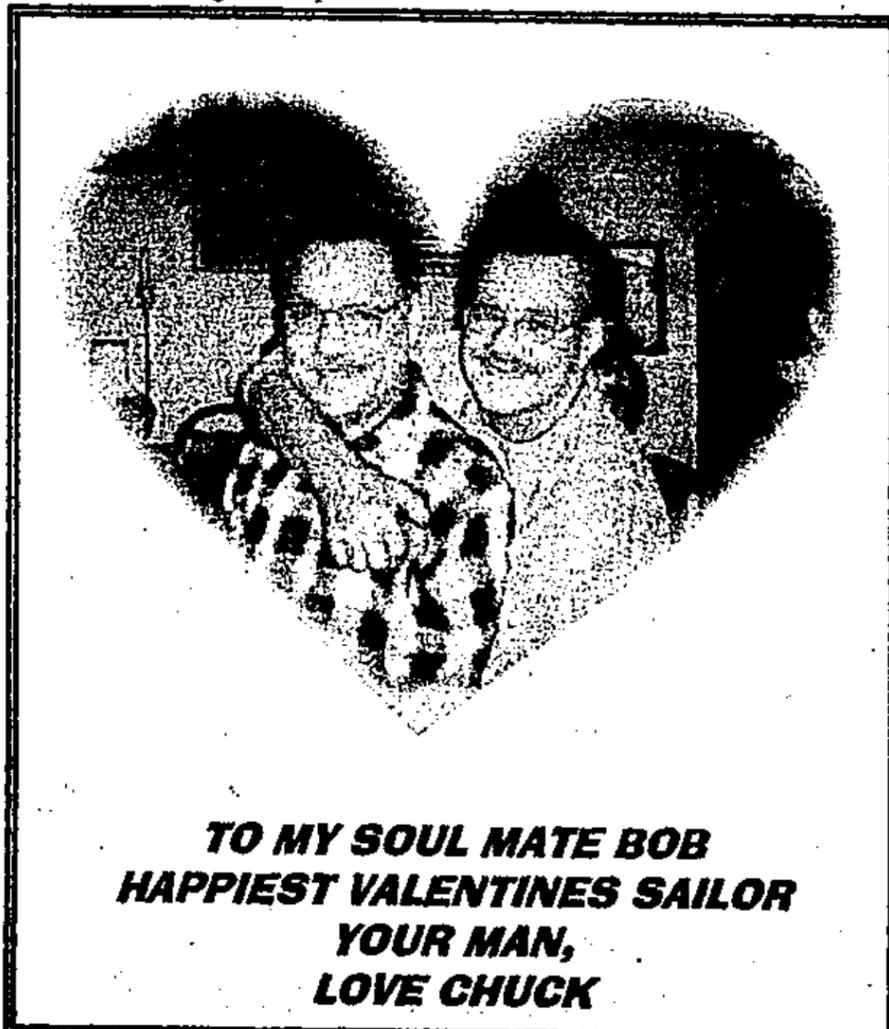
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Sir Ian McKellen Garner's Oscar Nomination

HOLLYWOOD, CA - Out actor Sir Ian McKellen received an Academy Award nomination on Tuesday morning, February 12, for Best Supporting Actor for his role as Gandalf the Grey in *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*, one of 13 nominations the film received overall.

The musical romance *Moulin Rouge* and the John Forbes Nash Jr. biopic *A Beautiful Mind* each received eight nominations, despite the controversy in some quarters over the fact that *Mind* leaves out Nash's alleged bisexuality, which was touched upon in Sylvia Nasar's biography. (Out costume designer Angus Strathie was among *Moulin*'s nominees.) Robert Altman's gay-inclusive murder mystery *Gosford Park* took seven nominations, including Best Picture, and the family drama *In the Bedroom* received five. Dame Judi Dench received a Best Actress nomination and Kate Winslet received a Best Supporting Actress nomination for their portrayals of bisexual novelist Iris Murdoch in *Iris*. The 74th annual Academy Awards will be presented on March 24 in Los Angeles.

Here is a complete list of nominees:

Best Picture: *A Beautiful Mind*, *Gosford Park*, *In the Bedroom*, *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*, *Moulin Rouge*

Best Director: Ron Howard, *A Beautiful Mind*; Ridley Scott, *Black Hawk Down*; Robert Altman, *Gosford Park*; Peter Jackson, *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*; David Lynch, *Mulholland Drive*

Best Actor: Russell Crowe, *A Beautiful Mind*; Sean Penn, *I Am Sam*; Will Smith, *Ali*; Denzel Washington, *Training Day*; Tom Wilkinson, *In the Bedroom*

Best Actress: Halle Berry, *Monster's Ball*; Judi Dench, *Iris*; Nicole Kidman, *Moulin Rouge*; Sissy Spacek, *In the Bedroom*; Renée Zellweger, *Bridget Jones' Diary*

Best Supporting Actor: Jim Broadbent, *Iris*; Ethan Hawke, *Training Day*; Ben Kingsley, *Sexy Beast*; Ian McKellen, *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*; Jon Voight, *Ali*

Best Supporting Actress: Jennifer Connelly, *A Beautiful Mind*; Helen Mirren, *Gosford Park*; Maggie Smith, *Gosford Park*; Marisa Tomei, *In the Bedroom*; Kate Winslet, *Iris*

Best Animated Feature: Jimmy Neutron: *Boy Genius*; *Monsters, Inc.*; *Shrek*

Adapted Screenplay: *A Beautiful Mind*, Akiva Goldsman; *Ghost World*, Daniel Clowes and Terry Zwigoff; *In the Bedroom*, Rob Festinger and Todd Field; *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*, Fran Walsh, Philippa Boyens, and Peter Jackson; *Shrek*, Ted Elliott, Terry Rossio, Joe Stillman, and Roger S.H. Schulman

Original Screenplay: *Amélie*, Guillaume Laurant and Jean-Pierre Jeunet (screenplay); *Guillaume Laurant* (dialogue); *Gosford Park*, Julian Fellowes;

Memento, Christopher Nolan (screenplay), Jonathan Nolan (story); *Monster's Ball*, Milo Addica and Will Rokos; *The Royal Tenenbaums*, Wes Anderson and Owen Wilson

Best Foreign-Language Film: *Amélie* (France); *Elling* (Norway); *Lagaan* (India); *No Man's Land* (Bosnia-Herzegovina); *Son of the Bride* (Argentina)

Art Direction: *Amélie*, *Gosford Park*, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*, *Moulin Rouge*

Cinematography: *Amélie*, *Black Hawk Down*, *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*, *The Man Who Wasn't There*, *Moulin Rouge*

Costume Design: *The Affair of the Necklace*, *Gosford Park*, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*, *Moulin Rouge*

Documentary Feature: *Children Underground*, *LaLee's Kin: The Legacy of Cotton*, *Murder on a Sunday Morning*, *Promises*, *War Photographer*

Documentary Short Subject: *Artists and Orphans: A True Drama*, *Sing!*, *Thoth*

Film Editing: *A Beautiful Mind*, *Black Hawk Down*, *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*, *Memento*, *Moulin Rouge*

Makeup: *A Beautiful Mind*, *The*

Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, *Moulin Rouge*

Original Score: *A.I. Artificial Intelligence*; *A Beautiful Mind*; *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*; *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*; *Monsters, Inc.*

Original Song: "If I Didn't Have You" (*Monsters, Inc.*), music and lyrics by Randy Newman; "May It Be" (*The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*), music and lyrics by Enya, Nicky Ryan, and Roma Ryan; "There You'll Be" (*Pearl Harbor*), music and lyrics by Diane Warren; "Until" (*Kate & Leopold*), music and lyrics by Sting; "Vanilla Sky" (*Vanilla Sky*), music and lyrics by Paul McCartney

Animated Short Film: *Fifty Percent Grey*, *For the Birds*, *Give Up Yer Aul Sins*, *Strange Invaders*, *Stubble Trouble*

Live-Action Short Film: *The Accountant*, *Copy Shop*, *Gregor's Greatest Invention*, *A Man Thing* (*Meska Sprawa*), *Speed for Thespians*

Sound: *Amélie*, *Black Hawk Down*, *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*, *Moulin Rouge*, *Pearl Harbor*

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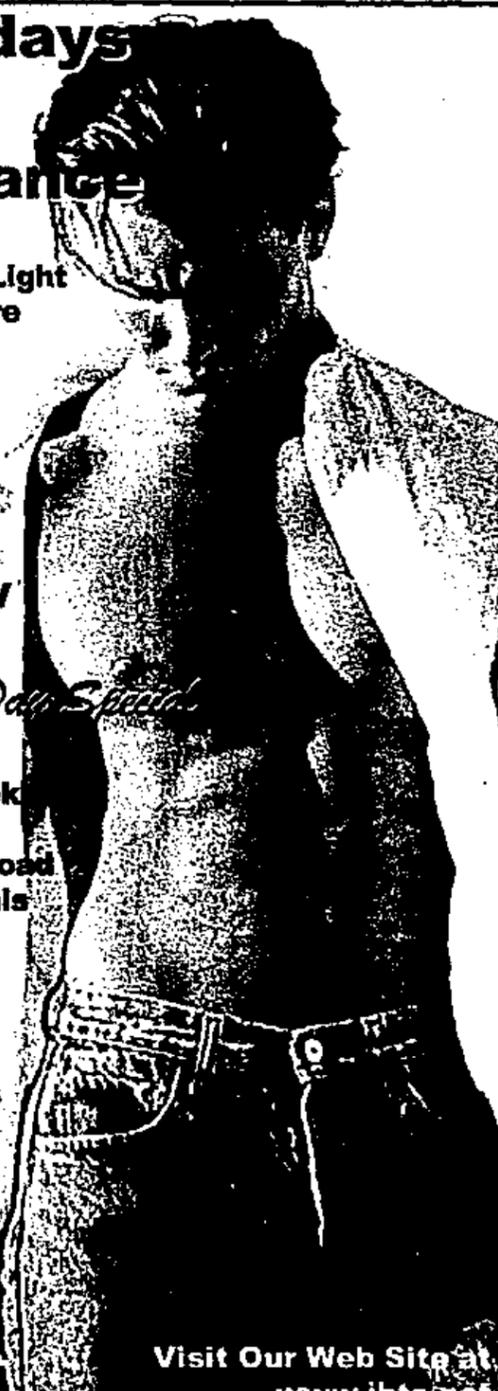
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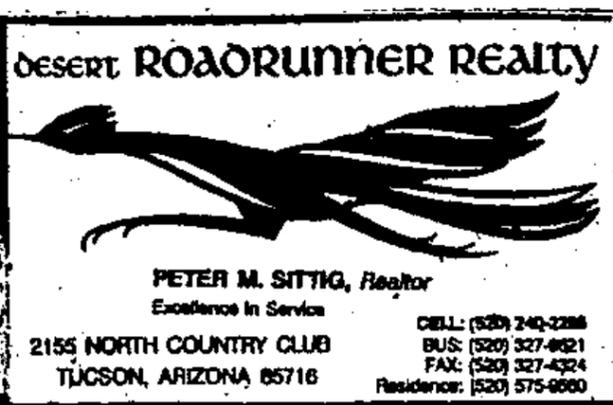
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COMMENTARY

'One Can't Be Absolved For Their Silence Because Of Their Status'

In the January 30, 2002 edition of The Observer (Issue 915), an editorial ran, entitled "Does Tucson Have A GLBT Community?"

This question was posed, by the management and staff of the Observer, to all individuals, and all groups and organizations in Tucson's GLBT populace, in lieu of the actions taken, or the lack thereof, during the situation involving the Tucson Fire Fighter convicted of assaulting an openly Gay man, and receiving a "slap on the wrist," by the judge and is still on the City of Tucson payroll, thanks to the questionable actions by the current and past chief of the Tucson Fire Department and the white-washing of the matter by officials in Tucson's government.

"Tucson's GLBT populace," the editorial went on to state, "doesn't seem to fit with most communities since their 'voice' has been silent, which leads one to believe that they condone such action. Tucson's GLBT populace supposedly has groups which purport to represent them on all aspects of life. One would believe this would include dealing with such matters where a group's trust in government, their livelihood, political rights, and most importantly their public safety is paramount. Their responses on this matter would lead to believe otherwise. It's a weak sentence which adequately assesses the situation, these groups (churches, community centers, AIDS organizations, social groups and associations, etc.)."

One group, the Tucson Lesbian Gay Alliance (TLGA), responded indirectly to the editorial by this publication. Without permission from The Observer, TLGA posted the editorial on their Web site, tucsonpride.com, with the following disclaimer, placed before the editorial itself:

"Note: TLGA, Inc., is an Arizona non-profit corporation and does not take positions on political matters. The following is an editorial published in the Tucson Observer, Issue 915, January 30, 2002. The concern of the editorial is humanitarian, not political, in my opinion, and is addressed to the Tucson GLBT community. It is placed here for your convenience for reading. - Bob Bowers BOP Webmaster ..."

That statement, posted by Mr. Bowers, the TLGA Secretary, poses the following question: "Was the note that was placed ahead of the Observer editorial on the TLGA Web site for their convenience?" Their actions would lead one to believe so biasing those reading the editorial in a possible attempt to absolve themselves of blame, since according to the note, "TLGA, Inc., is an Arizona non-profit corporation and does not take positions on political matters."

Not true, the editorial which covered all aspects, from humanitarian to political, was directed at all individuals, groups, associations and organizations which includes TLGA, despite their disclaimer.

A non-profit corporation can't endorse candidates or take official positions on political issues but TLGA is shirking the one important aspect they are able to do, but haven't for the past several years: Showing candidates and the elected officials, from the municipal to the federal

level, that Tucson's GLBT populace is one that goes to the polls and vote, by providing an avenue for these elected officials and candidates to meet Tucson's GLBT populace, through their events such as OUToberFEST, or in June, marking the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and the birth of the modern Gay and Lesbian rights movement.

Those rights achieved by those GLBT Tucsonans, such as the passage of the anti discrimination ordinance, funding for HIV/AIDS organizations, domestic partner benefits for same-sex government employees, naming a few of the many successes are not set in stone and shouldn't be taken for granted, by people and groups, such as TLGA. Each has a part to play in making sure our "voice" is heard on matters of concern, and TLGA should resume theirs by showing that Tucson does have a community which cares and goes to the ballot box.

"It took a murder," the editorial ends, "of a young Gay man in Tucson to get people concerned about their rights and be active, resulting in the passage of the city's anti discrimination ordinance, municipal hate crimes law, domestic partners benefits, to name a few when Tucson had a GLBT community. It shouldn't take another murder for Tucson's current GLBT populace to stop being silent," a point that all groups and individuals who comprise Tucson's GLBT populace should take to heart and work together, as a community.

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Gay Sperm Donations Could Soon Be Illegal

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - If the FDA has its way, Gay men will be taken out of the gene pool.

That is how Leland Traiman, owner of Alameda-based Rainbow Flag Health Services and Sperm Bank, sees it, reported the San Francisco Examiner.

The 49-year-old nurse practitioner has been fighting for the rights of Gay men to donate sperm since the FDA first proposed regulations in 1999 that would ban such a practice.

As the FDA edges closer to making its decision, Traiman, who owns the only sperm bank specifically for the Lesbian and Gay community, is preparing for the worst.

What Traiman fears is that the FDA will base its decision on a study done by the Center for Disease Control between 1994 and 2000, where it surveyed Gay men between the ages of 15-29 and found a higher prevalence of HIV there than in the heterosexual community.

Although the CDC interviewed nearly 3,500 men in its study, the results are skewed, Traiman said, because the CDC only conducted it with men who were single and frequently had sex with several partners, and not with Gay men in monogamous relationships.

"The FDA is a clear and present threat to Gay families and right now they plan to go whole-hog with their discriminatory policies," said Traiman, who went to speak to the FDA in December during its final public comment session.

While there are currently no federal regulations on sperm donation, a majority in the self-regulating industry follows CDC guidelines. Those guidelines, which include all tissue and organ donations, specifically exclude "men who have had sex with another man in the past five years" because of the incidence of HIV in Gay men.

But those over-arching guidelines don't make sense for sperm donation.

Unlike blood and internal organs, which cannot be frozen, sperm collected at sperm banks is frozen and quarantined for six months and then retested. Because the window period for HIV infection is two to three months, this process would effectively screen for HIV.

"It's based on outdated science," said Maura Riordan, the executive director of the Sperm Bank of California, in Berkeley, which is the only other sperm bank in the country, aside from Rainbow Flag, which accepts Gay men's sperm.

"If you look at the science and the screening in place, it doesn't make sense. We have a system that isn't broken, it's not like (HIV positive) men are getting through the screening. It's not going to happen."

As with the more than 100 sperm banks across the country, Traiman's clients undergo intense screening, STD testing and a sperm freezing and testing process. Of all men who intend to donate sperm, only about 10 percent are accepted. Things such as family history of sickle cell anemia, mental illness or alcoholism disqualify many candidates.

It is the freezing process that eliminates others. Only one in six men's sperm will survive the six-month deep freeze, Traiman said.

Now that the FDA has closed the public discussion, Traiman and Riordan have their doubts that anything will change from the current proposals.

"I am scared for my business," Traiman said. "But I am much more scared for my community and the inappropriate believe that says Gay men are the source of this disease."

Colorado Teen Sues

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"As the facts of this case come to light, we are hopeful that the prosecutor will immediately file criminal charges against the alleged assailants and re-examine whether the assault was motivated by hate," said Human Rights Campaign's David M. Smith.

"We are profoundly concerned that this family has had to go to such lengths as hiring an attorney and filing a lawsuit to try to ensure that justice is being served," said Smith.

"While civil claims do not achieve the same result as a criminal prosecution, it is the only course of action for the Skyock family to take at this time."

Equal Rights Colorado, a statewide legislative lobbying and advocacy group, said the attack on Skyock confirms the need for immediate passage of hate crimes legislation.

"Hate crimes legislation has stalled in the Colorado legislature for the last five years," observed Jessie Shafer, a board member of the organization. "This case demonstrates why additional protections are needed for Colorado's most vulnerable citizens."

Senate Bill 9, proposed legislation that would rename and expand existing laws governing hate crimes in Colorado, has passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee (news - web sites) and is pending before the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill expands Colorado's existing ethnic intimidation statute to also include acts of intimidation based on disability, age, sexual orientation or gender identity.

"If this bill were already on the books," said Shafer, "perhaps this tragedy could have been avoided. At a minimum, local law enforcement would have been better equipped to deal with it."

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The 'Good' (Gay) Pro-Lifer

By Cecilia Brown

What does it take to be considered a "good" pro-lifer? Is it someone who helps to counsel pregnant women in crisis? Is it a person who helps a woman who has chosen life in every way that they can? Is it a person who is there to be an ear to a woman who may have chosen abortion only to regret it later, and to do so without judgment? Maybe it is someone who raises funds for crisis pregnancy centers, holds a baby shower for a pregnant woman in need (even if they do not really know the woman), or maybe it is someone who diligently writes their legislatures to change abortion on demand as we know it today. Most pro-lifers would agree that this is what is needed. They would welcome such dedication and work from a "good" pro-lifer such as this. Even Nellie Gray, the organizer and permit holder for the annual March for Life in Washington DC would agree. That is, with some exceptions.

of us were arrested this year not because we are "good" pro-lifers but because we insisted on marching as "out of the closet 'good pro-lifers'". PLAGAL has been accused of trying to disrupt the march by bringing attention to ourselves. If that were the case we would have done so from 1991-1999. Nellie brought attentions to us when she threatened PLAGAL with arrest. If she would have just left us alone to march as a group no focus would have gone our way. Maybe PLAGAL should thank Nellie Gray. Her actions increased the awareness of our existence.

PLAGAL members come to the March for Life for the same reasons as all other pro-lifers. We come to protest the decision of Roe v Wade and we come to motivate ourselves to put in another year of "good" pro-life work. Seeing so many pro-lifers together cannot do anything but motivate us since we know we are not alone in our belief of life.

While pro-lifers from around the country make the pilgrimage every year to protest the supreme courts decision of Roe v Wade. There are those pro-lifers who are not welcome to display their banner as everyone else does. Even though they do the same work as other "good" pro-lifers. These are people who do not fit into the cookie cutter mold of the pro-life movement. These are the "non-traditional" pro-life groups. I know this from experience as President of PLAGAL - The Pro-life Alliance of Gays and Lesbians.

Since when was the pro-life movement a white Christian-only movement? Nellie Gray is not the only one who doesn't want the pro-life movement open to all pro-lifers; she is just the one with the power who would have "non-traditional" pro-lifers arrested. It has always bothered me that when I look around at a typical pro-life event I see predominantly white Christians. Where are other pro-lifers? Certainly pro-lifers come from every color of the spectrum, every religious and non-religious belief and every political affiliation. Sadly, I must conclude, they are not there because they are made to feel unwelcome. Has any thought has ever been given to the fact that there are others who are pro-life that may come from a different perspective, maybe even people who do not believe that it is a "because God says so" issue?

For the last few years Nellie Gray and PLAGAL have been tip toeing around the issue of open Gays and Lesbians in the March for Life. Never mind that PLAGAL has participated since 1991 without incident. We hardly knew there was a problem until 1999 when PLAGAL was threatened with arrest. Dumbfounded and caught off guard, PLAGAL did not march. We had always marched before. Why now all of a sudden can PLAGAL not march? PLAGAL marched in 2000 but not without the treat of arrest. We put on our best poker face and called the officers bluff. We marched in 2001 without any incident. But this year the 2002 march was different. Nellie Gray put her self-righteous foot down. PLAGAL was told we could march but only if we took down our banner. For PLAGAL it was the principle of the whole thing. PLAGAL would gladly lower our banner when all the other thousands of banners were also lowered. After all, isn't this the March for Life where all pro-life groups come together to protest abortion? Anyone who attends the march can attest that there are banners from all over the country representing thousands of different pro-life groups. Why single PLAGAL's banner? That's because Nellie Gray found it "offensive". What was offensive? The banner contained the words "Gays and Lesbians". This seemed unbelievable to us because since 1991 PLAGAL has always had those words on our banner and before that we carried large signs in subtle shades of neon pink that said "Gays Against Abortion," so why now? What has changed? For many years PLAGAL has happily marched with our banner letting others know that not all of those within the GLBT community stand under the so-called "pro-choice" banner. Needless to say some

What pro-lifers need to realize is that abortion touches all of us. Those who do not follow the cookie-cutter mold of what it is like to be a pro-lifer have much to offer the movement. I personally have much to offer the pro-life movement. I have experienced two crisis pregnancies. I have aborted one child and have regretted that decision. I have given birth to another child and cannot imagine how I would have lived life without her. I understand the turmoil women in crisis face. I have been there myself. When I speak to women in crisis I speak from experience and from my heart.

While Nellie Gray may think she has deterred me from attending the March for Life by having me arrested, she is mistaken. She has just made me more determined than ever to open up the pro-life movement to all "good" and peaceful pro-lifers no matter what pro-life banner we march under. I am determined to unit pro-lifers to work together for the good of women in crisis and their unborn children. I will do this as an open, out of the closet Lesbian. Neither will Nellie Gray nor anyone else will stuff me back in.

All those wishing to express their disgust with the March for Life for this malicious and divisive act of exclusion are encouraged to contact the March for Life at info@marchforlife.org.

[Brown is the President of PLAGAL]

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New Remarks Suggest Falwell Unrepentant

WEST PALM BEACH, FL - Jerry Falwell, who outraged a grieving nation in September when he said an angry God had allowed terrorists to launch attacks against America is once again implying the attacks were punishment for the country's lack of faith.

"If the church had been awake and performing that duty, I can tell you that we wouldn't be in the mess we're in today," Falwell told parishioners at the Berean Baptist Church in West Palm Beach.

Four days after thousands were killed in attacks on New York and Washington, Falwell appeared on Pat Robertson's 700 Club to lay the blame for the attacks at the feet of feminists, civil libertarians, abortion rights supporters and Gay people.

"All of them who have tried to secularize America, I point the finger in their face and say, 'You helped this happen,'" he said. He also expressed a belief shared by other evangelicals that divine protection is withdrawn from nations that violate God's will.

A few hours after the TV show, he reiterated his remarks, telling the New York Times that "the collective efforts of many secularists... has left us vulnerable."

As an outraged nation gathered its voice to express its disgust with his views, Pat Robertson, who agreed with Falwell on the air during the Sept. 13 broadcast, issued a statement saying he had misunderstood the remarks and did not, in fact, share them.

As his isolation grew, Falwell issued another statement, saying that his comments were made during "a long theological discussion" and were "taken out of context."

Several days later, he appeared on Geraldo Rivera's cable TV show and repudiated everything he'd said on Robertson's show. "This is not what I believe and I therefore repudiate it and ask God's forgiveness and yours," he said, crediting his comments to exhaustion. He told Rivera: "I'd been up all night the night before, coming in from Houston."

Diane Sawyer on ABC's Good Morning America ran a clip of his comments on its broadcast Sept. 20, and came out swinging. "You have said, 'I sincerely regret my comments were taken out of their context.' Tell me any conceivable context that could redeem those words."

Falwell told Sawyer that he "mis-spoke totally and entirely" and "that one stupid statement that I made is indefensible."

Despite the retractions and apologies, sources familiar with Falwell's views insist the founder of the Christian Coalition believes in his heart that what he said on Robertson's show was "the gospel truth."

And despite God's apparently vengeful temper against Gay Americans and civil libertarians, according to Falwell the Almighty forgives the true perpetrators of the September 11 atrocities. "Yes, God even loves the Taliban," he's quoted as saying.

Outside the church where Falwell was speaking, a 30-year veteran in the Gay rights movement, Bob Kunst, carried a sign calling Falwell the leader of "America's

Taliban."

Falwell's address included a reference to the rights advocate and his "perverted lifestyle." Kunst offered a terse rebuttal: "It's Falwell who's perverting America with hate," he said.

Pediatrician Group Attacked

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the CWA points to a University of Southern California study which concluded children from same-sex households are more likely than the children of heterosexual couples to be open to same-sex relationships and tend to show less conformity to the behavioral gender stereotypes of their peers.

The CWA says this study is proof that children raised in Gay households are deeply impacted by their unconventional upbringing. Sandy Rios, president of Concerned Women said: "Armed with the latest, most reliable information, we are asking our members to spread the word to their pediatricians and neighbors that homosexual parenting does not achieve the same results as mother/father married relationships."

On closer inspection of the USC report, many sociologists point out the the "differences" cited with alarm by the CWA might be considered beneficial by the majorities in the mainstream.

Whereas most male teens, for example, tend to pride themselves on sexually aggressive behavior, teenage boys raised in Gay households exhibit more restraint. Sons of Lesbians tend to be less hostile, more nurturing, more demonstrative and more affectionate than boys raised by heterosexual parents.

Researchers found that the daughters of Lesbians tend to be less bound by traditional notions of masculine and feminine. They tend to express themselves more freely in dress and play, show a greater diversity of interests and have higher career aspirations in occupations that are not traditionally female.

Both male and female teens raised in Gay households were more likely to have had a same-sex relationship (6 of 25) than teens raised in heterosexual households (0 of 20), though statistically, they are no more likely to identify as Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgendered than the general population.

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ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Gay Rams may think that they know all the secret moves of love, but Saturn squares Venus and lets them know that they still have quite a bit to learn. Polish your technique this Valentines week and listen to your inner soul whisper its instructions. Potential lovers crawl out of the woodwork. Did I say "crawl"? You really better work on your technique!

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

All that glitters is not gold but Saturn square Venus thinks otherwise. Queer Bulls are set loose in an orgasmic china shop as friends stand back and watch the show. Will you break a few hearts in the process? Will compadres be there to pick up the pieces? The lesson to be learned this week is that money simply cannot buy love ... but of course you knew that already.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

The spotlight is on you, proud Twin. Opportunities abound in your career this Valentines week - or so it seems. Are you able to navigate your way to the epicenter of power? Saturn squares Venus and unleashes the god (or goddess) within. But are you revengeful or redemptive? Only time will tell, sweetheart. In the meantime, spread some of that divine light on your valentine.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Gaze into your crystal ball and conjure the spirits as Saturn squares Venus this week. Then follow your muse. Pink Crabs are apt to feel on display and all their secrets are broadcast globally. Oh so what? Open your shell and expose your soft underbelly. A hungry stranger is ready to devour you. Hmmm, so what are you? Animal, vegetable... or mineral?

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

The Love Boat may not leave the pier this week as kvetchy Saturn squares docile Venus. Compadres are not pleased with your choice of shipmate and may withdraw their support of some of your more ambitious launches. Are you able to please everybody? It doesn't look like it. Proud Lions better have alternative plans. And the more alternative the better!

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

The corporate road just became a bit rockier as stern Saturn squares Venus. To make matters worse, partners are not as sympathetic as you would like them to be towards your professional plight. Don't take a detour from love, queer Virgin. Next week all signs point to "Go" and you can go full speed ahead. Be careful of falling rocks. Ain't that the truth!

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

You yearn to soar with the eagles but solid Saturn squares dreamy Venus and shackles you and your wilde aspirations to the ground. Poor pink Libras feel like prisoners but take it from me - this too shall pass. Consider your various options and play out the scenarios during this quiet solitary time this week. Make up for it with a vengeance next week, Valentino.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Passionate queer Scorps can mix a powerfully sexy cocktail when pushy Saturn squares lovestruck Venus. Good timing, or so it seems. You can take things to the Outer limit in any creative or fun enterprise and charm even the most uncharmable lout. But there is the risk of overdoing it in any jolly pastime. How intoxicated go you really need to be, valentine?

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Wandering Gay Archers may find that escape is preferable to staying at home and dealing with relationship issues. Single Sags may find that some testy social commitments can take the juice out of their battery. (So is this a problem?) The chickens come home to roost in relationships when Saturn squares Venus. Are you ready to cook, valentine? Pour the oil and turn up the heat.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Quit yer griping when Saturn squares Venus this week. Rainbow Capricorns are tempted to say that one extra comment that can change the course of history... at least your personal history. Is it worth the momentary buzz, cousin? Why not use this week to smooth over your rough edges at the gym or, perhaps, rubbing against some special valentine?

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Fun may not be all that that it is cracked up to be as sourpuss Saturn squares off with mushy Venus. Aqueerians are tempted to compromise their values to gain what they think is something quite rare and valuable. It is not what you think, lover. The key to success is to not compromise now. The planets are dealing from the bottom of the deck. Is that your favorite position?

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Guppies feel on top of the world. New ideas run wilde and you are aching to spread the word. And then, Saturn squares Venus. Your glistening entrance is marred by some mouthy crumb bum in the front row and your bubble of invincibility is popped, albeit temporarily. The stress may veer you off course but take all knocks in stride. Next week you are back with a vengeance.

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'HB 2663'

With the reports on hate crimes and other news stories, Tucson's local daily newspaper, the Arizona Daily Star, would be on the page on this important issue but that isn't the case, which showed in an article, dated February 7, 2002, entitled "Assault Victim Sues Tucson Firefighter," the reporter, Joseph Barrios, reported on the civil suit filed by the openly Gay victim of the assault by the off-duty Tucson Fire Fighter outside a restaurant on February 9, 2000.

Barrios reported on the incident, talking about the trial the Fire Fighter went through, omitting the fact that the Pima County prosecutor, Jeff Jacobsen, had tried to have the judge in the case, Susan Bacal, declare this case a "hate crime." Bacal declared during the trial that she couldn't since Arizona's law only covered felonies, and the case was being tried as a misdemeanor.

In the article, Barrios wrote that: "Evidence of hate-motivated acts can be considered in determining a sentence for misdemeanor offenses."

Barrios was contacted by this reporter on this for which he stated that sources had told him that was the case, something that has been shown otherwise in the case he supposedly covered (and reported on in the Star in a previous article). This point is something you would think the editor of the Tucson/Region section of the Star, Tim Konski, who is also president of the Board of Wingspan, would have caught and corrected, but the story running with the wrong information showed otherwise.

Arizona is one of 43 states that has a hate crimes law on the books. Arizona's law has categories of groups, based on race, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation and national origin, which lumps them with 26 other states with similar guidelines but of those, Arizona is one of two states, Nevada is the other, where the law doesn't cover misdemeanors.

A lot of words were said, during the Fall of 2001, about expanding Arizona's hate crimes law to cover misdemeanors. When the Arizona Legislature convened for its second regular session in January 2002, the talk continued but no action was taken, until Monday, February 11, when a bill was filed (HB 2663) by state Representative Ed Poelstra, R-Tucson, and James Kraft, R-Phoenix.

HB 2663 has six primary sponsors: (including Poelstra and Kraft), state Representatives Linda Lopez, D-Tucson; Gabrielle Giffords, D-Tucson; Carmine Cardamone, D-Tucson, and state Senator Ruth Solomon, D-Tucson. State Senator Ramon Valadez, D-Tucson, has signed on as a cosponsor.

When asked about the bill, Poelstra said that the sponsorship of HB 2663 shows "it has a wide basis of support." He added that the law needs to be expanded to "make sure people do not have to live their lives in fear." Poelstra showed his determination and commitment on this issue, making sure the bill was drafted the week before it was filed, February 11, despite the fact he had taken ill.

In its current form, HB 2663 would cover Arizona's three classes of misdemeanors, and if prosecutors prove

that if the crime the person was convicted of was motivated by bias, the perpetrator would either receive a maximum prison sentence listed for the respective class misdemeanor or the maximum fine listed for the misdemeanor in question.

Arizona has three classes of misdemeanors - Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3, for which the sentences and fines are as follows: Class 1 - six months, \$2,500 fine; Class 2 - three months, \$750 fine; and Class 3 - thirty days, \$500 fine.

Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall agrees that Arizona's Hate Crimes law needs to be expanded. "It is important to expand the Hate Crimes law in order to hold those who inflict damage or harm on individuals in our community because of their race, religion or sexual orientation fully accountable for their acts," she said.

As of press time, HB 2663 had not been first read and assigned to a respective committee in the Arizona House of Representatives.

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JOSEPH - To my brother and the best friend in the world. Love ya! Will

ALEX - I would hope the color of the sky is that of the King's choosing.

BONNER SMITH - Missed, loved and remembered, always...

POODLE - You will always have my heart. Christal

THOMAS - For my very loved guerita. With all my love. Carlos

JAY, ERIC, TIM, PETER - When's dinner and can I take some home? Lonely Boy

ROBERT - You have brought love back into my heart and made my life complete again. I love you! Kory

FUZZY - Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Ron A.

KRYSTAL - Don't tell anyone! I Luv U! Roo

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SHAWN - Welcome home. Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Dad

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sam - How lucky I am! Thought it would never happen. You are the right man for my life! Sir

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JAKOB SHEANZER - You make me smile. Thanks, Brett

MARK - I love you. Jessito

JSF - I'm glad you came into my life. RRM

HUGH STEEL - I'll never stop thinking of you! Love ya! Loverboy

FRANK - Te quiero mucho estos 8 años en sido de maravilla. I love you. Cachis (L.C.)

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BIG D. - We love you. Happy Valentine's Day. Love ya lots. Mark & Manny

FLETCHER - I luv you! Always in my heart; always in my life. I'll never give up! Reuben

MICHAEL - Thank you for being my soulmate, my lover, my life. Happy 18 year anniversary and Valentine's dy. Love, Steven

To all the staff of IBT's and Woody's. Dave and Frank - Your heart is in the right place. Ed Peelstra

TERRY LONG - Our 19th Valentine's Day together. You're hotter and sexier than ever and I am even more in love with you. Michael

REYES - We don't see each other that often, but mamma loves you still! Denver

To my Love My Girl - I love you with all my heart and soul. Your baby, Deborah

TO ALL MY FRIENDS & CONSTITUENTS - Happy Valentine's Day! Rep. Ed Peelstra

JERRY at Jakes - Don't let them change you handsome. You're perfect just the way you are. D.

BOB - Happy Valentines Day. 27 years... "It's a bloody miracle". Your ever-lovin'-demi-blonds, Gayrie

BOOG-A-BOO - On this Valentine's I want you to know I am always by your side and I love you entirely. Boo-Boo

JASON - Thanks for all the fun times. Happy V-Day today and in the future. Love, Mikee

To a great person - Who I love more and more every day. Thanks for coming into my life. Know I care always!! Happy V-Day. Love always, Angle

KAL - A father to everyone. I Love you, Will

Dr. J. Beck - Roses are red; violets belong in a pot. You're too cool and we could be soooo hot! Raná

ROBERT - Love is only a word, but you are my ears to hear. Love, Derita

GAYRIE - Clark, you are the spark in my life. We run the gamut of emotions, but mostly you make me happy and the big 27 seems like only 26. (HA HA). I Love you very, very much. You are on my mind and in my heart constantly. Love ya, mean it! Bob

RICK - Happy 14th Valentine's Day. Jeff

ELLY 'SWEETIE' Taylor - You're my sweetest Valentine. Forever yours, Gine

RON F. - Thanks for all the love over the years. Jacqueline De Sevol

LOURDES - Happy Valentine's. Give me a chance. Weda

My ROSE - You are the Rose of my life and the most beautiful Rose ever. I love you more. Love, Flaca

PUPPY DOG - Happy Valentine's Day. With all my love now and forever. Sugar Butt

GOOEY - I will forever be your summer. I love you! Be my Valentine! Summerdaze

TONZA SHADOWS. Welcome to Tucson. Love always. Deora & the Boys

PAUL - I feel honored and very happy that you have entered my life. Happy V-Day. Tim

TO MY HONORABLE DADDY - I love you with all my heart and soul. I love U, Manny

SCOTT - Well I can't believe what my life would be like without you. We help and support each other. We have a great life ahead of us. With great love, Jon

JOHN - This is the second time for me to start. "Happy Valentine's" with Dear John! A good year. Phil

GLEN - Dear Heart, I miss you. Love, Robert

KOKO - Summer is here for you always. Friends R-4 ever. Summer

BOB - Happy... Lives! I luv NY. I luv U. Love, Roz

To all customers of the yard Dog Saloon - I wish you the very best for Valentine's Day and may we have many more together. Love ya, Ray

Happy valentine's Day, Pops. Love, Merlin

BENI - I'd like to see your weenie in my martini. I'm no meanie, just an old queenie. Granny

STEVEN G. - You are the light of my life. Happy Valentine's Day honey. Love, Michael

To my Mommies - Happy Valentine's Day. Thanks for taking me to the Yard Dog. Snoops

To the bartenders and staff of the Yard Dog Saloon, BOB Mc, TOM, RICK, BOB P., MERLIN, JEFF, RIC, JAMES, BART - Thanks for a dog-gone good year and a happy Valentine's Day. Thanks a million. Ray & Jim

RAY, REGGIE, ROY, JOHN, SHAINA and all my girls. Love ya lots. Let's take AZ. Love, Deora La Blanc

RODGER - You're the greatest. Love, Robert

DEBRAH LEE - Be with me. Love ya, Chip

To my fabulous husband STEPHEN SMITH of London, Ontario, Canada. 8 years and I will always love you until death do us apart. Love Charles aka Lolita La Mac

To my friend, BOB - Thanks for being there when I need someone. Happy Valentine, Ray

GLEN & CLAUDIO - Thank you for all you have done. Love, Robert

RUBEN - You're too special to lose sight of the most important person in your life - you. Love Always, Bobby

STEVE GALBERT / MIKE GALBERT - Thanks for being a buddy / friend. I love you, Buddy

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN - I love you all! Will

PO - I love you - now and always, Cindy

DADDY DeLANEY - For the 3 long loving years we've been together, thanks for being there when I need you the most. You're the best Valentine any baby can have. Here's to many more! Love, Baby Friend

TIM B. - You're a prince among men. Looking forward to more special times. Happy Valentine's! Paul T.

RAUL - Our friendship means more to me than anything. I hope you find your Valentine. Love, Bobby

BRUCE - O Muse of mine, O Man of men; Come inspire me, Come again Anonymous

SEAN - You are so very important to me. Thank you for always sharing your love and laughs. J.W.

ROBERT B. - You are the very best always. Richard M.

DARRYL, JOSIE, MARGUISSE, STEVE AND THE GANG. Thanks for sticking with your crazy sister. Love, Denver

TO MY VALENTINE - You have the key to my heart! I have never experienced happiness like I have with you! Thank you for coming into my life! Love, don

MARK L. - Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Merlin

TO EVERYONE - Thank you for the love, friendship and moral support you all have given me these past few months. Love, Robert

REYES & MIKE - You guys are a special couple and have a special place in my heart. I love you both. Vidal (Phat Bitch)

TO MY LITTLE MICRO GODDESS - She's not little, she's just far away. Aloha Beautiful, 1-4-3. Happy Valentine's. David.

RAUL (My manager) - 10 years and forever more! I love you. Gay Reuben.

JONATHAN - I just can't get you out of my head! Roal

BOBBI - Can we go to Benson? Ploooooo! R.M.

L2 - My love for you grows every day. can't wait to be even "older" with you. Love, Honey Kitten

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Dearest "C" - You've become so very special to us. We love you and your "Hi Hop" self. Love always. Jeri and Lisa.

MERLIN - You put magic in my every day. Mark

DEAR JACK - Thank you for more than two years of love and friendship. Always, Albert

RICH - Welcome to the world. Stay sweet and don't let people jade you. You're great! Jeri

MARCIA - To the greatest mom in the world. Love ya, Will

GARY (aka Pony) - Till the end of time. Love always. Ponyman

MAMACITA - Without you there is no me! I Love you. Joseph Lara

VIDAL & RANDY - Happy Valentine's Day and congrats on our 4-year wedding anniversary. Love you with all my heart. Lisa

BOB & Peter - Thanks for all the food and friendship. M&M

ALAN & GERRY - Thank you for your help, I love you! Ed

RAY G. - Thanks for showing me how to make everything out of nothing. Mark

SRO - Love you dude! Take care of Thomas, and always stay true to yourself.

QUEENIE - Girl, this is it. We had a lot of good times together. We will still see each other. Love you, mom. Love, Denver

LAUREN, KEVIN & KELLY, SCOTT - Thank you for being a friend, and helping me through tough times. I love you all. Love, Joey

BRUNO - M&M love you. Happy V-Day

ALBERT - Love transcends all time and so does my love. Jack

KENNY - Life is gonna be great together. I can't wait. I love you my baby. Denver

FRANK & DAVE - As always, thank you for giving us a couple of places to just be "us". Love, Jeri & Lisa

KRISTEN - Take your time; Ease your mind; Eros shot me where it counts. I'll be around, for however long, when all you see is me. Michael

TO OUR PRECIOUS LIL' KUMQUAT - Happy V-D Day! We love you very much. Love, Tullip, Tweedle Dee and the rest!

WENDY - Im sorry for everything I've done to you. I miss you and still love you. I hope this valentine's Day is a better one for you and me. Love, Joey

DAVID C. - My life, my love, my forever. Xoxox. Love, O

REUBEN - You are my swickers - dark & nutty. Christal

FRANK - Love always - Thank you for - 25 wonderful years. Look forward to 25 more. Love, David

MATTHEW J.J. - Thank you for the three best years of my life. I can't wait for the rest. Love, Patrick

STEVE HOLMES - Hey you cute Bi stud, won't you be my nasty Valentine? April

My VIDAL - It's been 4 wonderful years and we're still together. I love you with all my heart. Randy

PATRICE - To the W.O.S. - I love you. Thanks for 12 fabulous years. Your Valentine, Bobbi

TO THE BEST BAR STAFFS IN TUCSON - IBT'S & WOODY'S - Love you all. Dave and Frank

LINDA & JACK? - We'll never forget you! Lisa & Jane

SHAWN J. - Happy Valentine's Day! I love you! Rick

Roses are red; violets are blue; to all our friends, we love you. Happy Valentine's Day. Bob and Mr. Fabulous "Chuck".

SKH - I love you. Pat C.

BRIAN - You will always be the love of my life. I miss you so much. Jake

LISA K. Thomas - You will 4-ever B-my best friend. Love, Irene

JEFF (at IBT's) - You are still a bitch but we still love you!

LISA - I love you so much. You mean everything to me. Love, Vidal

LAURIE - Y.K.W.I.M. Always, Beverly

DAVE - Happy Valentine's Day. With love, Frank

JACK - Please come back to me. I can't live without you. Bob (bartender at the Yard Dog).

LIONEL - Thanks for a great time. It's been nice meeting you. Greg (Virginia)

BOBBY - Happy Valentine's Day. Love ya. Rick

MARK - I know it's been a tough year, but I love you and stand by you. Let's have ten times the eight years we've had. All my love, Patrick

PAUL - Violets are blue, orchids are gloomie, if you're real nice to me, I will let me do you! Hugh

JIM - I know I don't always tell you. I love you and you are my one and only. Happy Valentine's Day. Pooh Bear

MARIPOSA - Vassa be my Valentine. Guess whoooo

JAY & ERIC - Happy Valentine's Day. You both need a third Valentine. Love, Q-tip

BOB - I would love to be your life partner. With all my love, Rick

L2 - Always and forever. IL4 & IA4. Honey Kitten

CLINT - Love you little boy! Take care and always know how much you are loved!

MICHAEL McD - Love you baby. You're the best and you know I love red heads! Jeri

Love to all our friends and customers from IBT's and Woody's staff and management.

FRANK - Happy Valentine's Day! Even with your model good looks, you work so well with us! Bring on Brittney!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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Dear Dr. X:

I became interested in someone who was HIV positive (I'm negative) but he refuses to become involved with anyone unless they're also positive. Wouldn't he be more at risk with someone positive instead of someone negative? Of course, I'm also thinking of the risk to me. What should I be concerned about and do you know what the chances are of condom failure and accidental infections?

Signed,
HIV+ not an issue

Dear HIV+ not an issue:

I admire the thought you are putting into this situation. I have a feeling the reason he doesn't want to get involved with a negative person is he needs someone who is going through the same thing and understands the range of emotions he is going through or he may be one of those people who are set in their ways and will not use condoms.

There are rumors of super-infections between positive people, but the major majority of people in the field of HIV/AIDS seem to believe that once you become positive you cannot become re-infected with a different strain of the virus.

Other than HIV you are at risk for a lot of other STD's such as Hepatitis or Gonorrhea. To answer your question about condom breakage and failure, the most common reason for condom breakage is human error. Make sure your using fresh condoms and enough water based lube and that you put it on the right way. Just remember your basics and play safe and you should have no problems. I also want to remind you that HIV is not curable, so you need to have a mind set that this person you are becoming involved with will more than likely become sick sooner or later. But keep in mind with current drugs and treatments he could be healthy for another 10 years. Good luck.

Dear Dr. X:

Most of my friends are cutting edge and into getting tattooed, pierced and branded. It all looks real cool now while we are young but what if any are the long-term effects? Could you also give me some basics on what to look for? My

friends have been giving me conflicting information.

Signed,
Body Art

Dear Body Art:

I read an article the other day that had a cartoon in which a 90 yr. old grandmother was dressed like Britney Spears talking to her great grand children. I had to laugh because it's true. What are we thinking about when we get tattooed pierced or branded?

I guess times change and when we get older it will probably be normal for a grandfather to have a 2-gauge earring and a pierced septum, or a 90 year. old woman with a navel ring and a butterfly tattoo on her ankle. Even Dr. X thought long and hard before getting his tats and piercing because tats, like herpes last forever.

If you do decide to go for it, go to a reputable shop. Decide beforehand what you want. Listen to what the piercer/tattooist is saying to you. Make sure the needles are new and sterile and never, ever get pierced by a gun. You can contract Hepatitis C from used ink and un-sterile/used equipment. Most if not all quality shops will explain their safety procedures to you. If you feel uncomfortable don't do it. Most importantly follow the cleaning and care instructions to the "T." If you do develop an infection, don't remove the jewelry! Once the piercing closes it will seal the infection inside your body and make it harder to treat. Go back to the shop and follow their advice. I know that there are now ways to remove tattoos. These procedures cost quite a bit of money and are painful and very time consuming. It can also lead to scarring and discolored skin. Know the facts and be safe.

[Have a question for Dr. X? Contact him at GMHPoutreach@SAAF.Org or www.gmhp.org or SAAF, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719, Attn: Dr. X.]

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL JIM

'Pop Culture'

Wouldn't it be great if a band of sociologists broke away from the traditional concerns of sociology — race, class, gender — and devoted itself to explaining the evolution of popular culture? There are any number of fascinating questions that deserve tons of rigorous intellectual analysis.

Take music. Why in the world are so many people listening to Golden Oldies? In the year 2002 you've got hundreds of radio stations playing music that was first popular 30 or 40 years ago. Why is this interesting? To begin with there's the fact that in the '60s there were virtually no radio stations playing music that was popular 30 or 30 years before the '60s. What happened and, even more important, why.

Another musical-sociological question might be why, in pop music, has chant replaced melody? Yet another: How could pop music of the '40s get away with using phrases like "my heart cries out perfidia" and "love we too plebeian" phrases today's music fans wouldn't understand? Is our national vocabulary shrinking?

Consider film: why did they largely stop making movie for adults and start making them almost exclusively for 13-year-olds? Even more interesting, when this happened, why did the adults keep right on going to the movies?

"Saving Private Ryan" illustrates this first point. Outside of the first 20 minutes which do new technical things in the graphic depiction of gore, everything in Ryan was stolen from low-budget war movies of the 50's. Obviously, if you're aiming for the 13-year-old audience, it doesn't hurt you to repeat old stuff because it will be all new to them.

The last wave of commercial movies that were made for adults included *The Pawn Broker*; *A Thousand Clowns*; *8 1/2*; *Dr. Strangelove* and *Mash*. The average 13-year-old is not really going to get any of these films. And, to use an old cliché, they don't make 'em like they used to. At some point some powerful people decided, and not in conspiracy, that the easiest money lay in the pockets of eighth graders. It would be fun to know, not via gossip or anecdote, but by hard, reliable scholarship, exactly how and when that happened.

If you kid an adult about some improbable nonsense or banality or plagiarism in a film he's confessed to having liked, he'll say, "Oh, they have to do that

for the kids." The sad fact is that adults can't quit going to movies even when producers turn their back on them. The movie habit is too deeply ingrained. Another possibility, at least for younger adults, is that, having grown up on movies made for 13-year-olds, today's adults have had their aesthetic sensibilities arrested at age 13. And what, pray tell, are the implications of arrested aesthetic development to the culture at large, especially if you suspect that aesthetic and moral development may some how be linked?

And take television: absolute gospel of television for the last 40 years has been one sentence: "Nobody ever lost money by underestimating American taste." There are currently two hit shows that refute that maxim, *The West Wing* and *The Sopranos*. If there are huge audiences for quality shows like these, shows that require a lot of those audiences, the industry has obviously been losing tons of money by putting on mindless schlock instead for the past 40 years.

Neither show would ever have gotten on except for the business clout of their producers. The network brass simply didn't get them. Question: Have we been the victims of dumb and dumber TV for the last 40 years because we're dumb and dumber audience, or have we been the victim because the main qualification for becoming a network exec is being someone's brother-in-law? They call TV execs "suits", not "brains". The implications of consistently dumb TV execs are enormous. Start with the writers. Why, given that climate, would they even attempt to create brilliant scripts?

Even after the entire civilized world became hip to the *Sopranos*, an exec at NBC was running around saying that the show was a popular and critical success because the characters talked dirty. Give that man a bonus and a promotion.

[Thorn welcomes comments, suggestions for future columns. And tips on local skulduggery that ought to be exposed. Write to Box 75571, Tucson, AZ 85754].



HOW IN THE WORLD DID I GET HERE? I GAUGED EVERYTHING I WAS, MY HEART & SOUL, MY PERSONAL SUCCESS AS A GAY PERSON, ON THE SUCCESS OF MY GAY MARRIAGE. HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE IT'S ALL OVER & I'M DOWN TO SQUARE ONE ALL OVER AGAIN, KNOWING THE SINCERE LOVE WE SHARED WAS NEVER REAL TO BEGIN WITH? HOW AM I EVER TO FACE ANY OF MY FRIENDS & FAMILY, KNOWING MY COMPLETE FAILURE AT A THING SO SIMPLE AS LOVE?



Valentines Valentines Valentines Valentines

THOMAS - You will always be in my heart wherever you are. Carlos

JOXER - Happy Valentine's Day. You will always have a spot in my heart. "Olive Morewitzzer"

ALLEN - No matter where we live, you will always be the air breath. Love, Todd

BOBBY - Thank you for being my carnival ride. Christal

CHRIS - I love, love, love you! Summer

CHITO ITO - Happy Valentine's Day. Megustaa mucho. Jason

RAY - You're the best friend anyone can have. Love you. B.P.

STAN, ADAM, LEE, JEFF, DEBBIE, KEITH, CHRISTINA, DALE, KAL, MARSHA, MR. BOB, TERRI, CHERYL - Happy Valentine's Day. You made our wedding day so special! Chuck and Bob

RANDY - It's been 4 wonderful years and it's only the beginning. Here's to this life and many more lifetimes together. Your V.

JANE - I love you. Lisa

RACH - My wife, thank you for all the sex. Love S.B.

IRENE SALAZAR - I cannot wait until the day we are married. You will make me the happiest woman. I love you very much. Lisa

To my Valentine, BEV - Happy Day. Am looking so forward to our birthdays! I love you. "Bubba"

RAY - Thank you for being my first thought. Love, Rog

I've packed a cooler and a 2-day suitcase. My love always. Powr of 2

Dearest SHANNON - Lovin' you today, tomorrow and beyond! I love you baby. Always Patricia - xoxoxoxoxo

CONCHITA loves JUANITA!

COBRA - Isle of view... Forever there. Mongoose 2002

JIM VALITON - I'll fondle your torch... I'm your husband and I can do that! Happy Valentine's Day. I love you. Dave

GABE - Be my Valentine. Love, David

RICK - You're the best bartender. Be Mine. R.L.

To the duo that keeps my life on track... From the one that paints the asphalt black. I love you.

Roses are red, violets are blue, without the Observer, Gary and Bob too, how would we all express our Valentine loving views. Happy Valentine's Day guys! Affectionately, Bob Soto and Chuck Bayles

JOHN - Always in my heart, never again in my arms. Kris

TO THE STAFF AT YARD DOG - Happy Valentines Day. Jeff

A movie, a plant or even a trip. I'll do the dishes just to be with you. I love Bob. From u know who.

KORY - I love you very much - with all my heart. Love you, Robert

Jelcy Lucy says simply - Hi to all and Happy Heart day.

BORIS - You will always be my Bulgarian Sooty Call. Kenny

HOWDY HANDSOME - I love you! Scott

GARREN & YVETTE - My very special friends. from Carlos.

PATRICIA - Your love brings so much to me - I don't have the words sometimes because you truly take my breath away. Baby, the sun rises and sets with your beauty, warmth and even your smiles for me. I look forward to many more years of passion and love with you. Thanks for all you do, baby. I love you. Shannon

JUANITA LOVES CONCHITA

My fiancé **ROBERT CASTRO** - Happy Valentines. I love you with all my heart. You are my soul mate. Love, Lisa Aguilar

WOCKIE - Happy 1st Valentines Day! Here's to many more. Love, Toon

SKANK - Happy Valentines Day to my best friend/brother. You too freak-boy! (Just kidding, you know I love y!) Bobby

BABY BOY - Even though you're in California and I'm in Tucson, I live my life only for you. We will unite as one in April to share our lives together forever. I love you. Your Baby Girl.

CHRISTIAN - Who needs a Valentine with a best friend like you. I love you always. Bobby

RAUL & DANIEL - We love you both and hope you always, always know how much I.W.A.L.I.

DORI - My soul is inspired; my heart sings of the light and joy you give. I love you, Caren

JUAN - My cross-country sweetie! Can't wait to see you! Happy Valentine's Day! Boo

BERT - Happy Valentine's Day Darling. Thank you for being in my life and being you. Things will work out. All my love, Michael

Dedicated to a beautiful angel.
THOMAS. From the devil, Carlos

STEVE R. - Be mine. Love, Ron A.

GRACIE, (Queen Dog) - Happy Valentine's and Birthday. The Big Dog.

AYLA, TENA & SHADOW - You's fill my heart with gladness and all God's beauty that surrounds us. I love you's most of all. John

JUDY & SHERRY - My friends make love. Love D.

WILL - If I could give my life for you, I would. I love you. Joseph

To all the boys who taught me about love, friendship and how to bartend: R. NORMAN; S. HAWKINS; SKEETER; C. BRADY; D. ROOT; LIL' DAN; G. HART; CASEY, CHRISTEN; BOBBY, JAY, TOMMY; JAKE; BOB & GARY. Happy Valentine's Tucson. Lil' David A..

JERRY at Jake's - Don't let them change you handsome. You're perfect just the way you are. D.

PETER - You make me so very, very happy and I love you so much. B.P.

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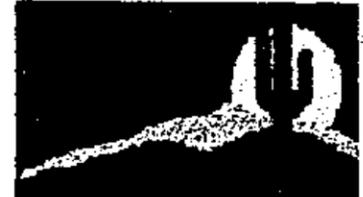
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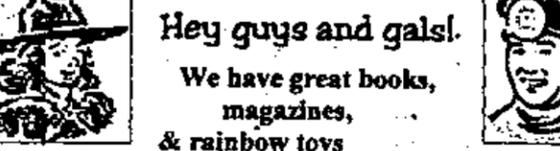
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THE BOOK REPORT

[Courting Justice: Gay Men and Lesbians v. the Supreme Court, Joyce Murdoch and Deb Price Basic Books: Perseus. 2001.]

Reviewed by Beth Petrucci

Back in 1993, I was amazed by some of my straight-but -not-narrow friends. They assumed that my then-partner and I were legally married. "Why do you need power of attorney?" they asked, "We were at your wedding."

Fast forward a decade later and you'll find that the Friends of the Friends of Dorothy are better versed on Gay and Lesbian legal issues, but it's usually only veterans of law school that know anything about Hardwick v. Bowers or Romer v. Evans. (Hardwick is the 1986 Georgia sodomy ruling that has been used by lower court judges as precedent that Gays do not have sexual privacy rights. Romer is the 1996 Gay rights victory that struck down Colorado's anti-Gay ballot initiative.)

To remedy this ignorance, Murdoch and Price have produced Courting Justice: Gay Men and Lesbians V. the Supreme Court, a comprehensive, fascinating, and readable history of the American Gay and Lesbian dance with the law. Murdoch, a National Journal editor, and Price, a syndicated columnist with the Detroit News, researched court files, interviewed former court clerks and lawyers, and many of the original plaintiffs and defendants covering a period from the 1950's to the present.

There are interesting portrayals of the justices. Lewis Powell was the swing vote on Hardwick, who claimed to have never met a homosexual. It was a claim that could have been disputed by the string of Gay clerks who worked for Powell. Justice Frank Murphy served the court from 1940-1949 and looks to have been, most probably, Gay.

The best part of the book is the chance to learn about the brave plaintiffs. Frank Kameny was an astronomer who became an activist after losing his federal job in the '50s. Tom Waddell, founder of the Gay Games, went to court over the use of the word "Olympics."

So, is every American is entitled to equal rights under the law?

Keep in mind that the 1996 ruling in Romer v. Evans (striking down the

Colorado anti-Gay ballot initiative) is the first and only Court ruling to address that discrimination based on sexual orientation violates the Constitution's guarantee of "equal protection of the law." May the court start reflecting our society sooner, not later.

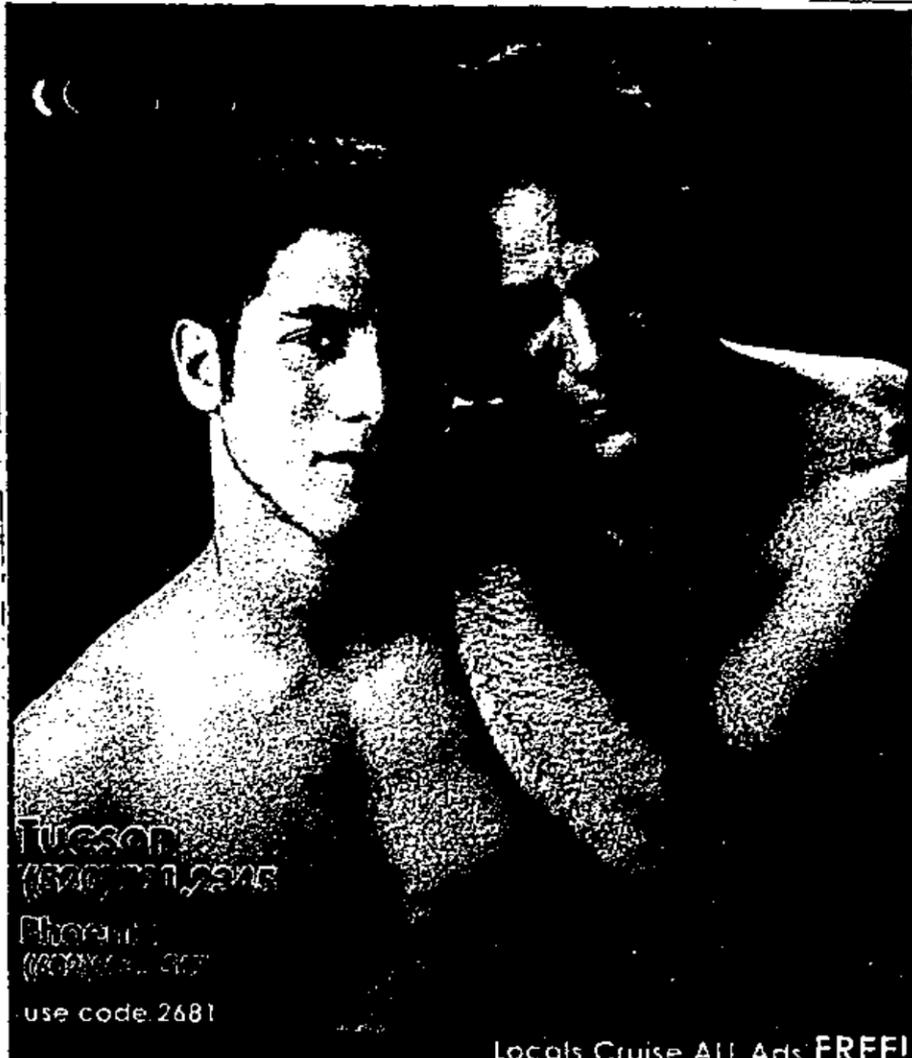
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EDITOR:

This letter is in response to Jack Stockslager's comment about the American community today.

Afghanistan has been the breeding ground, training ground and ground zero for hatred towards all Americans via Al Quetta [sic]. Did Jack forget September 11 2001? You can see what 8 years of a liberal administration got us. Those innocent people in Afghanistan still starved and more were killed by the Taliban than our bombs. If we did not clean house in Afghanistan there would have been many more Sept 11s. As sad as it is many many innocent people died for our freedoms that we have now, and I am sure more are to come. I for one am thankful that we have a president that is willing to stick his neck out to protect our freedom as well as other countries.



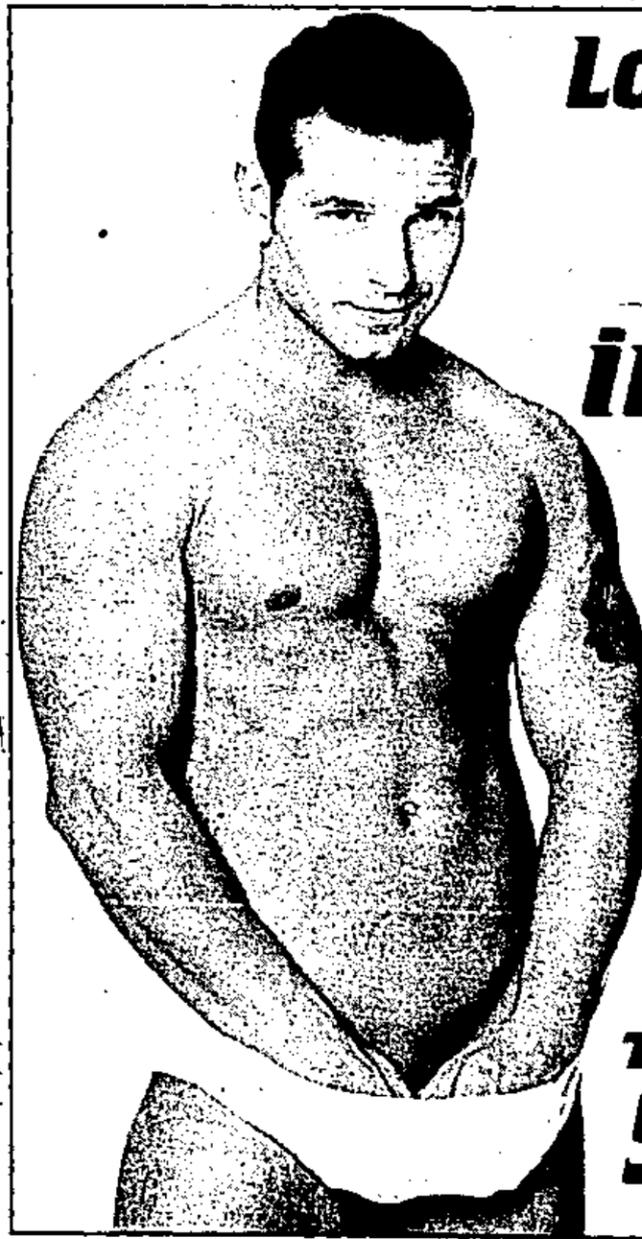
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7:00 p.m. Bear Coffee at Coffee Etc., 2830 N. Campbell Ave. Coffee, food, conversation and Bears. Anyone is welcome. For more information call 520-790-5775 or on the web at www.botop.com

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:00 p.m. Tantra Video hosted by Tantric Men's Group. Have more passion in your life and improve relationships. Call Marc at 881-4582 for info.

Valentine's Pot Luck dinner for Men to Men members and prospective members. Call 881-4582 for info and to sign up.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for Pizza Night, as we enjoy an evening of good food and camaraderie with the guys. For \$5 you get pizza, salad and dessert. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Rick and Jack for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Rick at 818-1818, or Jack at 881-5733.

Tucson Prime Timers 12:00 Noon, Lunch/Business Meeting, Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd., North of River Rd. Phone: 622-1836

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd., North of Prince Rd. Phone: 622-1835

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:30 a.m. Join Curt for a moderate hike (3-5 miles). For more information, please contact Curt at 722-1842.

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. New men's group massage. Fee, call 881-4582. Then 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Tantra Workshop for Men. This is the spiritual/erotic connection to create more harmony in your life. \$20 for M+M members, \$30 non-members. Call Marc 881-4582 in advance.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. The Triangle Tribe is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 318-1650.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 1:00 p.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave., South of Grant Rd. Phone: 622-1835

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Joe for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For directions or more info, please call Joe at 886-1538.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Tucson Prime Timers Tour & Lunch - 11:00 a.m. International Wildlife Museum, 4900 W. Gates Pass Rd. 5 Miles W. of I-10 Phone: 622-1835

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us as we get out our monthly 10-page newsletter. It's simple, and you get a chance to meet new guys as we assemble the newsletter. The work goes quickly, and is usually done within 45 minutes. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of the "The Trio", a German comedy drama about a father and daughter con artists, and how a third party makes changes. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 p.m. Tantra Video hosted by Tantric Men's Group. Have more passion in your life and improve relationships. Call Marc at 881-4582 for info.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The boys are back in town! Join us for more of the new season of "Queer As Folk". For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. Bill will host Pinocchio & Pizza Night beginning with a chance to share some pizza and meet and greet the other players over pizza (\$5), followed by Pinocchio at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call Bill at 297-3568.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 1:00 p.m. Agave Restaurant - Desert Diamond Casino 1-19 Exit 80, East side of Interstate. Phone: 622-1835

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

IBT's - "Diva-Licious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Barbra Seville, Samantha White and Akida.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - Valentine's Day

IBT's - Tucson Weekly Personal Call on the Road. Valentine's Day Party!!! Fun and Games! Free ads and snacks too. Free carnations while they last! 2 for 1 'Lovers' Well 9:00 to closing.

YARD DOG SALOON - Big 1st Anniversary Mardi Gras Party here. Plus "Mr. & Ms. Yard Dog" Contest. Pick up your registration form at the bar with all the rules. Must be registered by Feb. 10. Since it's been a 'dog gone good year' there will be a "Year in Review" with food, fun and games. Other activities include drink specials 6:00 a.m. to noon. TKO Sandwich Bar 11:30 to 4:00 p.m.; TKO Pig Races 3:00 p.m. London Broil dinner 6:00 p.m. (Donation) plus palm readings by Madam Trisha from noon until 7:00

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

IBT's - Come and celebrate Pete on his last shift after nine years with IBT's from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Janet Jackson HBO Special Party too.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 & 16

WOODY'S - 7:30 p.m. "Perfect Strangers", a live musical revue starring Pete Cooper-Lara and Greg Stickroth accompanied by Khria Dodge. 7:30 p.m. Reserved tickets 17.50, General Admission \$15.00. Tickets available at IBT's, Woody's, Greg 247-5238 or Pete 471-0581. NOTE: The usual Saturday Steak/Swordfish BBQ will be cancelled tonight only because of the show.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

IBT's - Party line-up includes Dennis & Jeff's Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosa's. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Bear Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to Wingspan. Then at 8:30 p.m. a special show celebrating the release of Cher's new CD. The show stars Mr. Kenneth Blake, Deora La Blanc, Stella Virgin and Lady Ashley. Give-Aways, CDs, Posters, etc. all evening.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

IBT's - "Diva-Licious" show starring, from Phoenix, Barbra Seville with Chere Jordan, Adrienne Alexander, Titiana Oberon and Lady Ashley.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd. No Oracle Rd. Phone: 622-1835

Tucson Prime Timers Senior - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St., South side of 6th St. between N. Stone Ave. & 4th Ave. David Eyde will facilitate an open discussion group of gay senior men's concerns. All Welcome. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde.

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#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Marcos hosts Bridge Night. If you're a beginner or an old pro, join the guys for a fun, relaxed night of Bridge. For reservations, please call Michael at 326-3555.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 p.m. A non pornographic movie with a Gay theme will be shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

7:00 p.m. Bear Coffee at Coffee Etc., 2830 N. Campbell Ave. Coffee, food, conversation and Bears. Anyone is welcome. For more information call 520-790-5775 or on the web at www.botop.com

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for Lunch Out at Ruby Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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IBT's - 10am-6pm \$1.50 Bloody's, Screwdrivers or Mimosa's. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5:30-8pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. 8:30 shows or special events or HI energy dancing. (Call for details). All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, Well \$1.75.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Daily special \$1.75. Patio Beer bust 3-7. Burger Bar-B-Que 5-7. (Donation only).

WOODY'S - Open 11am. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosa's; \$3.00 well or domestic beer 11-4. Happy Hour 4-9pm \$1.75 well or domestic beer. Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 skirtin burger or chicken 5-9pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.75 from 10am - 1pm. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm-7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Monday

ANT NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Football Madness 11:30. 75¢ drafts 8 to close. No Cover.

IBT's - 9am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well and domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm, "Aja Says" mix. \$1 off all drinks (except draft beer/skate) for those who do as Aja says. DJ Rayman plays house music 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, Well \$1.75.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials \$1.75

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer \$1.75. Happy Hour 4-9pm. \$1.75 well or domestic Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Tuesday

ANT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool touney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Bottle Bud products. 8-close. Country music with D.J.s. 8:30-1

IBT's - 9am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Tee's & Tattoo Nite, wear an IBT's T-shirt or IBT tattoo get happy hour prices 8 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. House HI-Nergy Dance 9pm to close w/DJ-C

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YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Tequila until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

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IBT's - 9am to 4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well & domestic 4-9pm. 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holiday and guests. HIRO Dancing with DJ-C. All drink specials not available during special events.

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Desert Girls (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Desert Boys meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 824-1779 for more info. SAGA@mail@aol.com http://members.soa.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) 802-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 8523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 802-279-0205.

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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 or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9069 (Tucson) or Jim (802)534-6219 (Phoenix)

OLSEN - 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 St Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Pledler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-8424.

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520)570-1726 for current information.

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

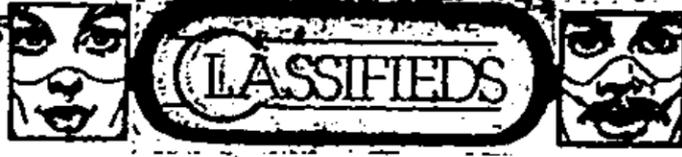
ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS: Confidential individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual or Trans men who are victims/survivors of domestic violence. For more information call 624-0348 (24-hour line)

REVELLE GAY MENS CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3289 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us! Call 617-3100 for more info.

TGNArizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TG, TG, and Gender-varient communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnarizona.org - e-mail address: algocadrum@uswest.net.org

SENIORRAP, a discussion group for older LGBTs, meets from 7 to 9 pm on the last Sunday of every month at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 828-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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

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

TUCSON GLBT AL-ANON GROUP meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. Call 824-1779 for more information.

YOUNG AND GAY? GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 824-1779.

The **TUCSON CHAPTER OF PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings, luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 578-8344, 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 - 328-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 9:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8877 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 824-1779.

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, Sweet and River Road, Room 43. For more information call the church at 298-8063 and ask for a contact person.

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

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGLOCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpglocc.org or call (802)225-8444.

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

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 8543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85832.

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-8775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at www.bolop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Bonita St. between St. Marys and Congress.

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 at 828-6541

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)742-7886 or go to our web site http://www.tgsoftball.org

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LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 5:45 to 8:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. EEE 561-8850 or Ronn 966-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 883, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (802)371-1102

CROWES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-8768.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Gerontimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to AR. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 748-5247.

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

COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY! St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church offers a variety of Gay and Lesbian groups and services for the spiritually minded. Come meet the Phenyls! For more information call Debbie 578-9827 or David 323-7943.

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, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3289 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9585 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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 298-0647.

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

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 628-7273.

THE MENS MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4552 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 618-8438 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. TLGA produces Pride events. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit TLGA website www.tucsonpride.com

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