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Save A Half Cent by Going To The Polls May 21, And Vote No!

On Tuesday May 21, Tucsonans, those who didn't request an early ballot with the accompanying harassing phone calls, will go to the polls and vote on two transportation issues on the ballot: to raise the city sales tax by a half cent and on a transportation proposal with the supposed answer to Tucson's ever present road problems, "grade separated intersections."

Tucson's city officials spent about \$750,000 or so in their "education efforts," a wolf in sheep's clothing for which they were hauled into court about this by those who saw it for what it really was, political campaigning, a big no-no for the city government.

Proponents, such as Don Diamond, Jim Click and other moguls have dumped a ton of money into this bid, outspending opponents by more than a 30 to 1 margin, raising the question of who this proposal would really benefit, Tuc-

sonans or the business moguls, most of whom live outside the Tucson city limits.

Is a big turnout really wanted for this election? Not really, a small turnout increases the chances for passage of bond measures such as the one up for consideration next Tuesday, May 21. People just don't bother to vote in bond elections as history shows.

Everyone has been besieged with the details, plans, points and counter points of the two proposals and the Observer editorial staff won't bore you, the reader, with any charts, quotes or spin of what so ever because the plan is flawed, resulting in the easy conclusion, the plan should be voted down as well as the half cent, sales tax proposal.

Vote NO on Proposition 100 and Proposition 400 Tuesday, May 21.

CDC Urges Frank Talk On Gay Sex

ATLANTA, GA - Newly released medical guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention include several groundbreaking bits of advice about Gay men's health.

While most attention has focused on the guideline's insistence on annual HIV tests for sexually active Gay and Bisexual men, the report's other recommendations have received less notice, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

The recommendations advise men who have extremely risky sex lives to get screened for sexually transmitted diseases every 3-6 months.

In one of the most significant developments, they urge doctors to ask all male patients about the gender of their sex partners.

In addition, the guidelines recommend an extensive list of STD screening tests that include extra ones for men who engage in oral or receptive anal sex with other men - risk factors that doctors often do not know about because they fail to ask their patients detailed questions about their sexual behavior.

The CDC's recommendations are "decent and take a very proactive stance," said Dr. Tri Do, an HIV researcher at the University of California at San Francisco's Center for AIDS Prevention Studies.

"This is coming from above, coming from the government, which physicians tend to listen to more than community-based organizations," Do said.

But he added that doctors will still have to find the time and motivation to ask Gay and Bisexual men about their sex lives. "How many times have Gay men been able to talk about these issues?" Do asked.

Every four years, the CDC issues new guidelines about the treatment and screening of sexually transmitted diseases. The CDC released the latest guidelines on Thursday, May 9.

The 1998 guidelines made no special recommendations about "men who have sex with men," but the new edition considers them to be a "special population" and devotes a section to their needs.

Federal officials now recommend that sexually active Gay men undergo annual screening for HIV and three other STDs that commonly infect Gay men - syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia. (While many people think of chlamydia as a disease that mainly affects women, it can strike men too.)

The CDC said Gay men who have oral sex should have their throats tested for gonorrhea, and those who are on the receiv-

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Hate Crimes Measure Falls Three Votes Short

By Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (ON) - During the 121st day of the second regular session of the 45th Arizona Legislature, Tuesday, May 14, a bill received a majority of votes during a third reading but still failed.

An ignominious opening for a story on an issue that came in without fanfare or notice and went out with the proverbial bang but this was not your run of the mill item on yet another bill that went down to defeat, no indeed.

This proposal was to expand Arizona's hate crimes law to cover misdemeanors had taken an amazing trek, starting in September through November 2001, with an effort to get a bill drafted for the upcoming legislative session. A lot of promises were made to get legislation drafted by several elected officials but nothing came from those hollow pledges.

Flash forward from that time to January 2002, and the Arizona Human Rights Fund was holding their annual lobby day. More than 100 or so Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Arizonans had converged on 1700 West Washington for a day to meet with legislators and discuss issues. While this was going on, a bill to expand Arizona's hate crimes law was drafted, HB 2663, (with six primary sponsors, one cosponsor and the public support of Tucson's Mayor and Council, plus Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall) and was filed on the deadline to file bills for the session, so the issue was in play, on the political map but was soon destined for a shelf to gather dust.

Arizona House Speaker, Jim Weiers, a Republican, finally first read the bill on March 6 and assigned to three committees (and the Rules Committee): Judiciary, Retirement and Government Operations, Human Services. This means the bill needed to be considered by three committee's before it could have gone to the Rules Committee, in other words, HB 2663 was dead in that form.

Many bills are introduced, dying in committee or by a slow death, either being ignored by committee chair's or by the leadership through assignment or parliamentary maneuver. In Arizona's legislature, nothing is over until "Sine Die," the phrase that the current session is over but it seemed though over for any hate crimes measure until Thursday, May 1, during a meeting of the House Committee of the Whole (COW).

State Representative Roberta Voss, R-Glendale, the chair of the House Judiciary Committee, informed one of HB 2663's primary sponsors, openly Gay state Representative Ed Poelstra, R-Tucson, that she was going to add the language from HB

2663 to SB 1141. Without any discussion or debate, SB 1141 was approved by House COW with six amendments added to the bill, one of which was HB 2663. So SB 1141, the new legislative vehicle for the hate crimes bill, only needed to be third read by the House, sent back over to the state Senate for a concurrence/refusal and then to the governor's desk to await action, easy enough. It would be but Arizona's House Speaker, Jim Weiers, had other ideas about SB 1141, and he refused to let the new bill be third read, so again, it looked like curtains for the new criminal codes omnibus bill but fate stepped in yet again on Thursday, May 8.

On that long day for Arizona House members, after dealing yet again with the state budget and clearing some calendars of bills, two motions were made, the first by state Representative Steve Huffman, R-Tucson, and openly Gay state Representative, Steve May, R-Paradise Valley, to have SB 1141 third read on Tuesday, May 14, succeeding on the second try, by a vote of 28-26.

The flood-gates of information on the new bill were released, and the quick campaign of calls and E-mails began to achieve passage, so the momentum was building for possible success.

With the campaign of sorts ongoing, the question was what time on Tuesday, May 14, was SB 1141 to be third read, 1:00 p.m., according to the calendar sent out by the Speaker's office, late Monday, May 13.

During this time, an anonymous request for information from the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) on the fiscal impact was made if the amendment was approved - for which they stated to only a certain few legislators, most - conservative Republicans opposed first, that it would cost the counties \$2.4 million annually.

Was this information given to all the legislators? Representative Voss, in her explanation of her vote during third reading on Tuesday, May 14, said she never saw the JLBC memo and disputed that, since according to her, she checked on the possible misdemeanor hate crimes for last year and there were only four possible cases, if the amendment had been on the books. Despite that, conservatives, who you would think would support a "law and order" bill had their out, this would be an unfunded mandate on the counties, something that would be brought up during third reading.

Phone calls and E-mail flowed into the Capital before the vote. At the bewitching hour, 1:00 p.m., on Tuesday, the full House, or 41 members at that time con-

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UPDATE

Southern Arizona AIDS Candlelight Memorial May 19

TUCSON - The local commemoration of the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial will be held on Sunday, May 19, at the Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N. Alvernon Way.

Everyone is invited to honor the memory of our loved ones who have passed on from HIV/AIDS and to support those living with the disease, and mobilize involved in the fight against the disease.

An interfaith service will take place at 7:00 p.m. and a secular candlelight vigil will follow at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

AIDS Memorial Quilt Presentation May 18

TUCSON - On Saturday, May 18, 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) will host a presentation on the AIDS Memorial Quilt at the Wilnot Public Library, on Wilnot, north of Broadway.

The presentation is open to the community and SAAF volunteers to learn about the history of the national AIDS Memorial Quilt, how Tucson has responded by constructing the Tucson Remembrance Quilt, how Tucson has responded by constructing the Tucson Remembrance Quilt, ways to construct a panel, and opportunities to display quilts on World AIDS Day.

Deb Van Sant, SAAF volunteer, will present the history of the quilts, and Evelyn George, from the Tucson Quilters Guild, will present different techniques to build a panel and tips on where to find the materials you need.

Quilters and crafters of all levels are welcome to learn more about ways to express memories of the ones lost to AIDS. For more information, call Melissa Friesenborg at SAAF, (520) 628-7223.

Southern Arizona Stonewall Democrats Meeting May 20

TUCSON - This month's meeting of the Southern Arizona Stonewall Democrats will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 20 at Pima County Democratic Headquarters, 2617 E. Broadway. All GLBT Democrats and supporters are welcome.

The main topics for the meeting will be about rating and endorsing candidates for the upcoming elections, and about next month's various summer Pride events.

For information, call Jesse, (520) 743-4320, or Maurice, (520) 323-2293.

Transforming Conference May 18

TUCSON - What exactly does that "T" mean at the end of LGBT?

On Saturday May 18, The Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) will be hosting a community information conference, TRANSforming Community-2002.

This day-long conference will bring together service providers, professionals, students, and allies with members of the Transgender and Transsexual communities to strengthen understanding, collaboration and partnerships. The conference will provide attendees with the medical, legal, psychological and employment-related information they need to perform their duties in a manner that is both professional and compassionate to the many-gendered people of Tucson and Arizona.

Transgender issues and issues surrounding gender presentation and gender identity are relevant to all of us and do not apply only to Transsexuals. Understanding gender and Transgender/Transsexual issues is an important part of cultural competency for any professional or organization.

For more information call: (520) 272-6143, or e-mail questions to: TRANSforming-CommunityConference@juno.com.

Book Club Meeting May 28

TUCSON - The Guy's Book Club will be holding their monthly get together on Tuesday, May 28, 7:00 p.m., at the Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse, 606 N. Fourth Ave.

For their May meeting, the Club will be discussing "Frontiers," by Michael Jensen.

The Guy's Book Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. For more information call (520) 730-4113.



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Leadership and Mobilization Workshop for LGBT People of Color and Allies June 1-2

TUCSON - A free leadership and mobilization workshop for LGBT people of color and allies will be held on June 1-2, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., located TBA and is sponsored by Wingspan.

Two trainers from LLEGÓ from Washington, DC will offer the training and workshop which is geared toward emerging and current LGBT leaders who are people of color.

The workshop is also for people with the desire to mentor those emerging leaders. While the focus of the workshop is for LGBT people of color, Caucasian allies and non-LGBT allies are also encouraged to attend. Organizers said that people may attend all or only a part of the 2 day workshop. Bilingual folks, people with disabilities, trans and bisexual folks, people from rural communities, youth, seniors, and people who are HIV positive or living with AIDS are strongly encouraged to attend.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Thomas at (520) 624-1779 or thomas@wingspanaz.org.

Pride In The Pines Returns June 15

FLAGSTAFF - Plans are gaining momentum for the Sixth Annual "Pride in the Pines" Festival scheduled this year for June 15, at Wheeler Park in downtown Flagstaff.

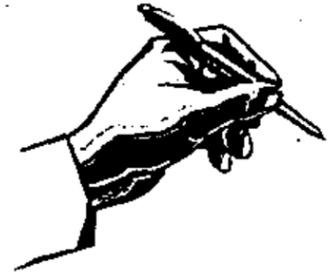
The premier GLBT event in Flagstaff has selected as its theme, "No Matter What, Love Who You Are," which was partially derived from the group boyzone's song, "No Matter What."

The weekend long event will feature a Launch Party on Friday night, June 14, followed by the all-day festival in the park. The celebration will continue into the evening with "Altitude," the official Pride Party, and "Pulse," a never-ending gala of live entertainment.

For more information, call (928) 213-1900, E-mail: flagstaffpride@yahoo.com or visit the Web site, www.flagstaffpride.org.



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Republican G/L Group Questions Need For Enda

WASHINGTON, DC - Republican members of Congress who have been longtime supporters of the Gay civil rights bill known as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act reacted with surprise and anger over a statement by the national Gay group Log Cabin Republicans that questions the need for the legislation.

The legislation, which calls for banning employment discrimination based on sexual orientation, enjoys broad bipartisan support and is likely to pass in the Senate when it comes up for a vote this fall, according to supportive activists and Capitol Hill observers. Republican leaders in the House strongly oppose the bill, but GOP supporters say there are enough House Republicans supporting the bill to enable it to pass if the House leadership allows it to come up for a vote, reported Lou Chibbaro Jr., of the Washington Blade.

In a commentary released two weeks ago on the Gay GOP group's online newsletter, Log Cabin Executive Director Rich Tafel called for a re-examination of the premise behind ENDA, saying many of the nation's top corporations and other private employers have already adopted policies against anti-Gay employment discrimination.

"I can tell you anecdotally that as I travel all over the country, I almost never hear from anyone who was fired because they were Gay," Tafel wrote. "In fact, I hear almost every other issue being passionately argued but not this one."

Citing a public opinion poll showing that 85 percent of Americans believe it

is wrong to fire someone because that person is Gay, Tafel added, "So why all this energy on a bill that probably won't really change the lives of Gay Americans?"

Sources familiar with Republican co-sponsors of ENDA, speaking on condition that they not be identified, said the Tafel statement and similar statements released by Log Cabin earlier this year undercut years of work by moderate Republican lawmakers who have taken political risks to back ENDA.

"This is catching people off guard," said one GOP House staff member.

"This undermines our efforts to build support for this at a time when we actually have a chance to pass it," said another GOP staffer.

Katie Levinson, press secretary for Rep. Christopher Shays (R-Conn.), one of the lead sponsors of ENDA in the House, declined to comment on the Tafel commentary, but said Shays remains a strong supporter of the bill.

"In Congressman Shays's opinion, this legislation is vital and continues to be of the utmost importance," Levinson said. "We have seen no evidence in a shift in employment practices to a degree sufficient to indicate that discrimination against Gays and Lesbians no longer exists in the workplace."

Rep. Mark Foley (R-Fla.), another longtime ENDA supporter, also believes the need for ENDA remains strong and continues to call on his Republican colleagues to

support the legislation, said Foley press secretary Kirk Fordham.

"I would invite Log Cabin to take a more constructive step to advance ENDA," Fordham said.

Log Cabin spokesperson Kevin Ivers said Log Cabin continues to support ENDA. But he said the group believes Gay Democrats and Democratic senators and House members are more interested in using ENDA as a political issue in the upcoming election than in seeing it pass.

"The only way this can become a law is if all sides come together and reach a compromise," Ivers said. "What we're saying is, we're in a different political world now. Bill Clinton is no longer president. So continuing with the same strategy is not going to move this bill."

Ivers dismissed charges by Gay Democrats that Log Cabin is attempting to downplay the need for ENDA to soften reaction from Gays to the position on the bill by President Bush and Republican leaders in Congress. The president has said he opposes sexual orientation discrimination, but as a candidate he declined to support ENDA. He opposed Gay civil rights legislation in Texas during his tenure as that state's governor.

Republican leaders in the House have vowed to block ENDA from coming up for a vote, even though House Republican supporters believe there is a large enough coalition of Republicans and Democrats to pass the bill.

Steve Elmendorf, the openly Gay chief of staff for House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-Mo.), characterized as "a total lie" the claim that Democrats would sacrifice ENDA for partisan political gain in the election.

"ENDA was put together in a compromise to build bipartisan support, which it did," Elmendorf said. "There has never been any sign by the Republican leadership to ever reach out for a true compromise. In fact, the Republican leadership, for the most part, is not passive on this. They are actively working against the bill."

"And that is what's most appalling, said Elmendorf. "You have a bipartisan majority in both houses that is ready to pass this bill."

Ivers, calling comments by Elmendorf "predictable," said many Republicans believe it is more than a coincidence that Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) decided to bring ENDA to the Senate floor just before the 2002 congressional elections. Ivers said Republican leaders view the timing as an attempt to "stonewall" on an ENDA compromise and then blame Republicans for its defeat.

Winnie Stachelberg, political director of the Human Rights Campaign, the national Gay political group that has led lobbying efforts on behalf of ENDA, said the bill's supporters are open to any "reasonable" compromises the Republican leaders choose to offer. Stachelberg and GOP supporters of ENDA, including Shays and Foley, say the bill has already been

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Heakin Memorial Committee 2nd Meeting Thursday, May 16



TUCSON - The Richard Heakin Memorial Committee held its first meeting last week at Rainbow Planet. In attendance were James Uhrig, Tom Maza, Bertie Lozano, Chris Santini, Bob Ellis, Gary Clark, Bruce Cole and Rowan Frost. Heakin was a young Gay college student who was brutally attacked and murdered outside the then Stonewall bar on First Avenue in 1976. His assailants, three high school students looking for "fags to hassle", according to court testimony, received probation for taking another human life.

It was Heakin's brutal death that sparked Tucson's Gays and Lesbians into action, getting the Mayor and Council to pass an anti-discrimination ordinance on February 14, 1977, making the Old Pueblo one of the first cities in the nation to have such protections.

The next meeting of this committee will be this Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. 4th Avenue. The structure of this committee is very loose. Interested persons are welcome to join in this important endeavor. For more information contact Bertie Lozano at (520) 628-7233.

Indianapolis Man Sentenced To 120 Years

INDIANAPOLIS, IN - A judge has sentenced an Indianapolis man to 120 years in prison for brutalizing two Gay men during a robbery in 1999, the Indianapolis Star reports.

After a one-day trial in Marion Superior Court in April, Judge Patricia Gifford convicted Jamie C. Carson, 20, of six felony charges and one misdemeanor in connection with the sexual assault and torture of two men in an Indianapolis apartment.

The accused is the grandson of Rep. Julia Carson, a Democrat representing Indianapolis in the U.S. Congress.

Police said Carson and two accomplices forced the two men at gunpoint to perform sex acts on each other during a robbery of their shared apartment. The victims were tied up and burned with a steam iron. One was forced to drink a mixture of bleach and urine.

Indiana has no hate crime statute, but state prosecutors nevertheless pressed the case as a violent bias-related assault. "In this particular case, it happened because they were homosexual," deputy prosecutor

Richard Plath said. "There's no question that this is a hate crime, and we are going to push for that at sentencing."

Back in April, Plath said the judge should consider the motivating bias as a factor that could add up to 20 years to the prison sentence for each of the four most serious counts. Carson faced a maximum possible sentence up to 240 years.

Carson's fingerprint was found on the steam iron, tying him directly to the most brutal aspects of the crime. The defendant, who was allowed to act as his own co counsel with the assistance of a public defender, claimed the evidence was planted by police.

"The fact that the defendant's fingerprint was found on one of the items used to torture these men is extremely telling," Judge Gifford said, rejecting the defense claim.

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'A Miracle Almost Happened In Less Than Two Weeks'

Few believed while many others thought it was a dead issue but less than two weeks can change a lot in the political landscape.

For proponents, this reporter included, for expanding Arizona's hate crimes law to cover misdemeanors, in less than two weeks, this issue has been put on the front burner, thanks to the following:

State Representatives Ed Poelstra, R-Tucson, James Kraft, R-Phoenix, who helped to draft the original bill, HB 2663, and state Representatives Carmine Cardamone, D-Tucson, Gabrielle Giffords, D-Tucson, Linda Lopez (who had to miss a television interview in regards to her job, for the third reading), D-Tucson, Senators Ruth Solomon and Ramon Valadez, both Democrats from Tucson, who all signed on as co-sponsors and who lobbied for the bill's passage and the subsequent amendment.

To the Tucson Mayor and Council and Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall, for coming out publicly in support of the original bill.

State Representative Roberta Voss, R-Glendale, for reviving the bill as an amendment on SB 1141, and state Representative Steve May, R-Paradise Valley, for spearheading the second effort. State Representative Steve Huffman, R-Tucson, for making the motion to get the bill third read.

State Representative Ken Chevront, D-Phoenix, the House Democratic leader who helped to get many recalcitrant Democrats to vote in favor during the May

14 third reading of SB 1141, 18 Democrats voted in favor - Representatives: Clark, Cannell, Landrum Taylor, Lopez, Maiorana, Pickens, Burton Cahill, Cardamone, Lored, Miranda, Sedillo, Weason, Avelar, Camarot, Chevront, Giffords, Lugo and Soltero.

To the ten House Republicans: James Carruthers, Deb Gullett, Pete Hershberger and Marian McClure (with a knee injury and all, she trekked to Phoenix to vote on this) of Tucson, Tom O'Halloran, previously mentioned - Kraft, May, Huffman and Poelstra and Voss who voted in favor of the bill.

The Arizona Human Rights Fund, Planned Parenthood of Southern Arizona, Wingspan, the GLBT Commission, naming four of the several groups who assisted in the E-mail campaign.

All the individuals who called, wrote, and sent E-mails on HB 2663 and SB 1141, getting the proposal further than any other issue of concern for this legislative session, which is expected to end next week.

Is the end for this issue now? Not quite, the work continues on this and the fight is ongoing but supporters should take heart that it was only through a parliamentary maneuver that this year's measure fell short. Our victory for this important issue is a "dream deferred" for the moment.

For this year, the focus needs to be on the upcoming election and getting those people elected who have supported us, or will support us, as one activist summed it up so well.

SPORTS LINE

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SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS -OVERALL-

High Average: Bernadette's Peter, 595; JoAnn S., 177; Erick J., 218.

High Series Scratch: Bernadette's Peter, 1988; Erick J., 731; Heather H., 656.

High Game Scratch: Bernadette's Peter, 725; Keith D., 289; Heather H., 279.

High Series Handicap: Bernadette's Peter, 2186; Dave F., 799; Heather H., 806.

High Game Handicap: Bernadette's Peter, 798; Heather H., 329; Jack S., 307.

SUMMER LEAGUE STARTS JUNE 5

TUCSON (ON) - The Summer Coyotes will get ready to howl for their season, starting June 5, 7:00 p.m.

For the first week of a ten week or so season, participants will need to be present for the league meeting on June 5, which will take place at 7:00 p.m. to go over league business and organize teams, with bowling to start at 8:00 p.m. that night. From then on, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian bowling league, bowls every Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile.

Three games are bowled, and teams consists of three people. Average isn't important, having fun with other Gay and Lesbian Tucsonans is the only requirement.

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Debt, Good For Financial Well Being

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - Debt can be "good" or "bad" ... it's all in how you use it.

About six years ago, at the age of 34, Tom D. decided to go back to school.

"I was making great money as a bartender, all cash, but the handwriting was on the wall. I didn't want to be a 50-year-old Gay man, and pouring drinks and parading around shirtless like I was still 22," recalls Tom.

Tom went back to school, and now teaches high school in Chicago. And except for the first time he opened his first paycheck, he couldn't be happier.

"I knew roughly how much it would be, but I half expected it to be in cash," Tom says with a laugh.

Now, about to turn 40, Tom is thinking about buying a condo, though the specter of debt is holding him back.

"If I had a partner, it might be easier to swing, but I've still got school loans I'm repaying, plus a few thousand in plastic I'd like to whittle down first," says Tom. "I'm not sure I'm ready to take on more debt."

Tom's concerns are reasonable, but it's important to remember, when it comes to finances, not all debt is equal. In fact, we can easily distinguish between "good" and "bad" debt.

Good debt is a liability you take on to acquire an investment or an asset that would enhance your financial fitness. Tom's school loans are considered good debt, as would a home mortgage.

Education Loans. Although education loans might be considered less tangible than other types of loans (with a mortgage you can see and touch your house), it's really an investment in yourself; Tom wanted a better, more intellectually challenging and stable life, even if it meant a drop in pay. There's almost no way to put a price on that - except for the debt incurred going back to school. Hopefully, when someone does this, it leads to an increase in their "market" value, but most importantly, it should lead to a more fulfilling life. In the end, it should enhance your financial outlook.

Mortgage Loans. A mortgage is also a debt that is taken on to improve fiscal health, although there are psychological advantages too. Home ownership is an opportunity to build equity over a long period of residence, and for many Lesbian and Gay people, it also offers a sense of belonging. Being a homeowner in a Gay neighborhood, or owning a condo with other Gay owners is a bonus beyond equity.

A mortgage itself, however, is not automatically good debt. It's the alternative use of one's cash that determines whether a loan is good or bad.

Even if you can pay cash for a home, it makes more sense to take on a deductible mortgage (up to \$1 million) and invest the cash as long as you are investing in an asset with a higher expected return than the cost of the mortgage. Borrowing money at 6.7 percent so that you can keep your cash in a savings account earning 1.5 percent pre-tax is a terrible trade-off.

With mortgage rates running about 4.4 percent after-tax (6.7 percent pre-tax, 35 percent tax rate) and investments taxed at lower capital gains rates,

over the long run (over 20 years) I'm willing to bet that a diversified equity investment, like an S&P 500 stock fund, will beat the cost of the mortgage.

When you don't have the cash, but you buy anyway, that's "bad" debt; it's the kind of debt that doesn't increase financial fitness, it retards it. Credit card debt, car or furniture loans are all classic examples of bad debt. Often times, the debt is still there long after the item has been "consumed."

The worst, and perhaps the most ubiquitous, may be carrying a balance on your credit card, which incurs financing fees from the day you purchase something. Of course, if you pay off the balance every month, you have a grace period on financing charges through the next statement date. But most people don't pay off their balance monthly, which is why, according to a recent survey, the "average" American carries more than \$8,000 in credit card debt. Even if you can put this debt in the form of a home equity loan (up to \$100,000) and deduct the interest, this is still "bad" debt.

Having an overall plan that takes into account long-term financial objectives, is the best way to change your debt from bad to good.

There are some excellent do-it-yourself-books, and some of the best advice comes from Lesbian and Gay financial planners, including:

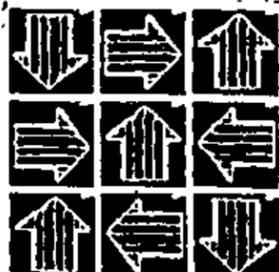
"Money Talk, A Gay & Lesbian's Guide to Financial Success," by Todd Rainey. "Personal Finance for Dummies," by Eric Tyson. "Unofficial Guide to Managing Your Personal Finances," by Stacie Zoe Berg.

Next, I would suggest getting the assistance of a Certified Financial Planner. Gfn.com offers a nationwide referral to Gay and Gay-friendly financial planners, in their Professional Directory. I recommend a Gay or Lesbian planner, simply because you'll probably feel freer to fully disclose information about your life and finances, which will ultimately help the planner to help you.

The issue of fee-only planners vs. commission planners will undoubtedly come up as you talk with planners. Many commission planners have taken a bad rap recently, since they make their fees based on "products" they sell you - but there are many excellent planners who work this way. The most important thing is for the planner to fully disclose to you how they are compensated. Once you know this, then you can make an informed decision about whether this is someone you're comfortable working with.

So, does the ex-bartender Tom have any regrets about making a career change?

"No regrets whatsoever. I like knowing how much I'm going to get every month. I love the kids. And I don't have to hold my stomach in while I'm teaching. That's a huge perk," says Tom.



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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

By Lee Miller

'Sneaky CFIs'

They used to be called "underpasses." Then they were called "divided grades." The name of the day is currently "CFIs," for continuous flow intersections.

The idea is that if you run one street underneath another you can eliminate the stoplight that you had at that corner and traffic can shoot right through to the stoplight on the next corner.

Why would anybody want to do this? Is it because someone actually believes that a CFI at Grant and Campbell would take any time off an east-to-west drive across town?

Well, believe it or not, there really is a rational case to be made for CFIs. It's even better than rational: it's rational, sneaky and subversive all at the same time.

It starts with a recognition of the essential hopelessness of our traffic situation. The C-I that moves you faster through Grant and Campbell is going to get more cars to Grant and First in a shorter period of time. The increased number of cars at Grant and First that flew through Grant and Campbell will have to wait through more red lights at Grant and First. It works the same in all directions: save time at the CFI and spend it with a larger backup of cars at the next light.

If you ask a city engineer what the point is, and if the city engineer has no idea that his views will be published, he might say something very like the following:

First of all, you can't just tell the public that there's no solution to traffic congestion. That's a political non-starter.

So if you're an engineer who happens to care about the city, you try to push the least harmful non-solution. The only politically viable alternative to CFIs is road widening. Road widening works fine if you have a finite number of cars to accommodate.

You have 100,000 cars that have to get through an intersection in one day. You make the intersection twice as big and they do it in half the time.

But in a city like Tucson, half a million people, for all practical purposes you don't have a finite number of cars. You have some congestion. You widen the intersection. The fact that it's wider attracts more cars from what, for practical purposes, is an infinite pool. You end up with the original congestion or something even worse.

Incidentally, Tucson is a city with one of the lowest population densities in the world. That means on average we drive greater distances inside the city everywhere we go.

Back to widening. You widen the intersection and it fills up again. You widen a second time and it fills up again. Eventually you end up with something that looks like 22nd and Wilmot, the state of Kansas paved over. What you never end up with is less congestion.

The beautiful thing about CFIs is that you can't widen them. You put one in there and the cost of doing anything to it to make it accommodate more traffic is absolutely prohibitive. To widen the intersection you'd actually have to take the CFI out-

No politician is going to suggest that. So instead of having intersections that keep growing every few years and chewing up the neighborhoods around them, the CFI effectively caps road construction wherever it's put -- forever.

As far as going higher, adding more levels to it, there's a city ordinance that prevents that, one that was written years ago to protect people's views of the mountains.

At this point in his explication the city engineer was so pleased with himself that it seemed a propitious moment to ask the big question: So, after you build all this stuff, sooner or later people will figure out that it hasn't solved the congestion problems. What then?

His answer: "At that point they'll be willing to consider serious alternatives like light rail."

There's more to engineering than poking your calculator.

[Thorn welcomes comments, suggestions for future columns, and tips on local skulduggery that ought to be exposed. Write to Box 85571, Tucson, AZ 85754.]

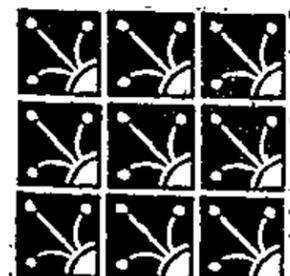
TPPL BOOK REVIEW

Affinity by Sarah Walters (Penguin Putnam).

Here you will find suspense, mysticism and dark romance set in Victorian England. Margaret Prior has begun visiting the women's ward of Millbank prison, London's grimmest jail, as part of her rehabilitative charity work due to her suicide attempt. During her weekly visits to the prison, Margaret visits Millbank's murderers, thieves, and ladies of the night. She finds herself increasingly fascinated by one apparently innocent inmate: the mysterious spiritualist Selina Dawes. Peering into Selina's cell, Margaret is confronted by the most erotic of visions—a woman turned toward the sun, caressing her cheek with a forbidden violet: "As I watched, she put the flower to her lips, and breathed upon it, and the purple of the petals gave a quiver and seemed to glow..."

From this point forward, Margaret's visits take on a new meaning and obsession. Initially skeptical of Selina's gifts, Margaret is soon drawn into a twilight world of séances and shadows, unruly spirits and unseemly passions, until she is at last persuaded to concoct a desperate plot to secure Selina's freedom. The story switches back and forth between Selina's former life and the present time with Margaret. It is a wrenching love story with a very surprising ending!

Affinity by Sarah Walters can be borrowed free of charge from the Tucson-Pima Public Library. Give us a call at (520) 791-4010, or go to <http://www.tppl.org> to reserve a copy today!




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HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Chatty Mercury "retrogrades" in wilde Gemini this week as all forms of communication go awry. Yeah, the check is in the mail... Sure hon, I'll call you... This transit lasts a little over a month, taking into account all the shadowy aftershocks. In the meantime, don't believe everything you hear kids.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

It's fine to freely express your opinions, but think carefully before you speak. Randy Mercury retrograde can make you sound about as eloquent as Jesse Helms on helium if you decide to brazenly shoot from the lip. Gay Rambos love the fermenting of ideas and strategies with the ensuing discussion. It would be a shame if this month's crop is a fine whine.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Queer Bulls may be tempted to invest with their hearts, not with their heads during retro Mercury. Don't! It can make a financial task more demanding and potentially racked with pitfalls. Simply use this time to reexamine your priorities. Can money really buy happiness? If your definition of happiness includes fancy cars and sweet young things, the answer is yes!

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Retrograde Mercury in your own sign can create false starts and crazy detours in any new project. Before you rush into any opportunity that appears fabulous at first glance, take a breath. Stop, look and listen. In addition to wasting precious time, reckless pink Twins can lose their pants. If all else fails, at least heed mother's advice and wear clean underwear.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Readjust your turban before you gaze into any crystal balls and don't blindly follow any inner voice. Retrograde Mercury stirs up your Pandora's Box of secrets; If you want your closet opened, expect it to stick closed and if you want it bolted shut, it will fly open. Take heart dear queer Crab; once this all clears-up you can showcase your admirable stuff. Wow!

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud Lions find that their personal goals and needs may not coincide with the current group dynamic when Mercury goes retrograde. There are still plenty of good Gay times to be had, but you may prefer to be a passive participant rather than the planning kaiser. Consider toning down the fierce social tango to avoid mashed toes. Disco all you want in September.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Do you insult friends or bosses? I suppose it depends on exactly when and where you fly off the handle when inconsiderate Mercury goes retrograde. Queer Virgos are usually quite strategic and secretive but now the urge to purge your mind may be all too tempting. Hold off and count to ten before you bleat. Heck, for the next five weeks, count to a hundred.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

If you are planning a trip, check the itinerary and your carefully packed luggage several times before departure. Even then expect your baggage to travel to Bali as you disembark in Miami. Proud Libras should maintain their considerable sense of humor and taste for adventure when Mercury goes retrograde. On the other hand, maybe you should stay home and order in.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Your mind is percolating with all sorts of creatively exciting positions. So how can you possibly ruin a hot, steamy sexcapade? I don't know, but with Mercury retrograde, I'm sure you'll think of something appropriate. Gay Scorps now have all the savoir faire of loose Bermudas, white socks and wingtips. Maybe lovers like it like that, but do we really want to take that chance?

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Queer Archers possess great depth and sincerity, but are you expressing yourself as effectively as you would like? If your soapbox feels a bit wobbly blame it on retrograde Mercury and rest your case. Let partners have their way now and meekly follow along. Who knows what wilde adventures you'll have when you trust in others to lead the way? Pack a map just in case.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Don't subordinates listen to you the first time you wail it out? Must be that old yutz Mercury in retrograde again. Patience is a virtue dear, queer Capricorn. Jobs will not jump start and folks will not understand you the first time (or the third), when you explain the process. When in doubt, do it yourself but be careful of papercuts and disgruntled employees with pickaxes.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Avoid the temptation to bet the bank in Vegas. Retro Mercury makes fun a bit more frantic to otherwise directioned Aqueerians. Anything having to do with creativity, romance and luck will have an unexpected element; Like winning the lottery but losing the ticket or finding that perfect Gay blade but losing their phone number. Thank goodness you still have your ... ahem.. looks.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

If your phone isn't ringing off the hook, blame retrograde Mercury and check for any loose wires, dangling receivers or old batteries. Things around the house may malfunction during this transit. Also, Guppies may suddenly take a jaundiced look at their current abode and decide that it's not up to their exacting standards. It may be time to move it or spruce it up, cousin.

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COMMENTARY

"We Need" by Mary Judge Ryan

TUCSON - Mary Judge Ryan is a Democratic candidate for the U.S. Congress from Arizona's new 8th District. Recently, a fund raiser was held for her, May 9, by Tucson's politically active GLBT populace, with more than 100 in attendance, with 12 groups represented at the event. What follows is her address to the crowd.

Good Evening. Thank you for coming.

And thank you to Bertie and Amelia and Brian and Thom, and all the many people who worked so hard to put this together. All of the GLBT community.

With the energy in this room, anything is possible! This is what Democracy is all about. This is what elections in our nation are all about; people learning about the issues, listening, participating and voting. I will do that in Congress.

I am proud to be running for Congress in the 8th Congressional District. And I am going to win this election in November.

My time working with Mo Udall taught me that we can get what we need by holding true to our convictions and always thinking of the daily lives of working people.

Even in these challenging times, its just plain wrong to say that our rich and blessed nation can't afford to heal, to nurture and to protect. I say we can't afford not to.

Let me tell you a little about me and who I am, why I am running and how we are going to get this done. I care not only with the way things are but the way they ought to be. I am—angry, frustrated and impatient with where we are.

I am running because of all the things we need to do. Things that effect us every day, day in and day. We need to ensure prescription drug coverage for our seniors, we need to educate our children and we need to care about our working families.

I am the only daughter in a family of five children, four brothers and me, -little ole me- so I was raised to speak for the minority view, I was the minority view. This was training for working for you in Congress. I am a lawyer and a teacher so I will negotiate and educate to get things done. As a teacher I taught in Kindergarten and I taught Learning Disabled students, that experience will serve me well in Congress. And I am a mother so I will nag if that is what it takes to get things done.

We must oppose legislation that will undermine our personal freedoms but more importantly we need to build the coalitions to make positive change

I was outraged when the Gospel Mission refused to let Kolbe serve dinner at their Christmas dinner do you remember that? They believed they could safely make that statement and they were wrong. We know what is right and what is wrong and they are wrong. Yet Kolbe is cosponsor of the Faith Based Initiative, a bill that would make the actions of the Gospel Mission legal, it would legalize discrimination and our tax dollars would be used to support it.

I oppose that bill. And Kolbe voted

to undermine the local regulation we have in Tucson that protects the rights of the GLBT community against discrimination. That is wrong and I oppose it.

The list of issues that must be faced is long: campaign finance reform, the reform that will let change occur; Kolbe voted against it and in fact voted against even letting it come to the floor for debate; prescription drug coverage, he votes against real coverage for our seniors; and health care reform, he voted against a real patients' bill of rights, which would give us back

I am running against Kolbe's votes, his actions, and his lack of action, not against him. We need a voice shouting for us in congress. We need an advocate for everything we believe in.

And I get results. I reorganized the Child support Division of the County Attorney's Office increasing collections to 40 million dollars. I created an ethics committee in the PCAO to answer the tough questions for attorneys as they arise. I helped create and implement a program for unemployed and underemployed deadbeat parents giving them the skills to get work and then getting them the job so they can pay their child support. I drafted and worked to pass legislation to keep guns out of the hands of the seriously mentally ill. I helped draft and pass the law that created our Safe Baby program to try to prevent the killing of newborns by their desperate mothers. I worked with Mark Kerr on hates crimes legislation in misdemeanor offenses. I fought for recognition of Gay/Lesbian student groups at the law School. I helped create a pro bono legal committee for persons living HIV AIDS. And I created a legal strategy to stop the challenges of Pima County's domestic partner benefits.

We need a Congresswoman who will gets results. A Congresswoman who will fight for our personal freedoms. We need a Congresswoman who is outraged at the spiraling cost of prescription drug prices. We need a Congresswoman who is outraged by the politics interfering with health care and research. We need a Congresswoman who is outraged about what ENRON did to its employees' pensions. We need a Congresswoman who is outraged about the threat of privatization of Social Security. We need a Congresswoman who believes it is wrong for government to live beyond its means and wrong to mortgage our future for short term gains.

I can be that Congresswoman.

I need your help, I need your support and most importantly I need your vote on November 5.

[For more information about Ryan and her bid, visit her Web site: <http://www.maryjudgeryan.com>.]

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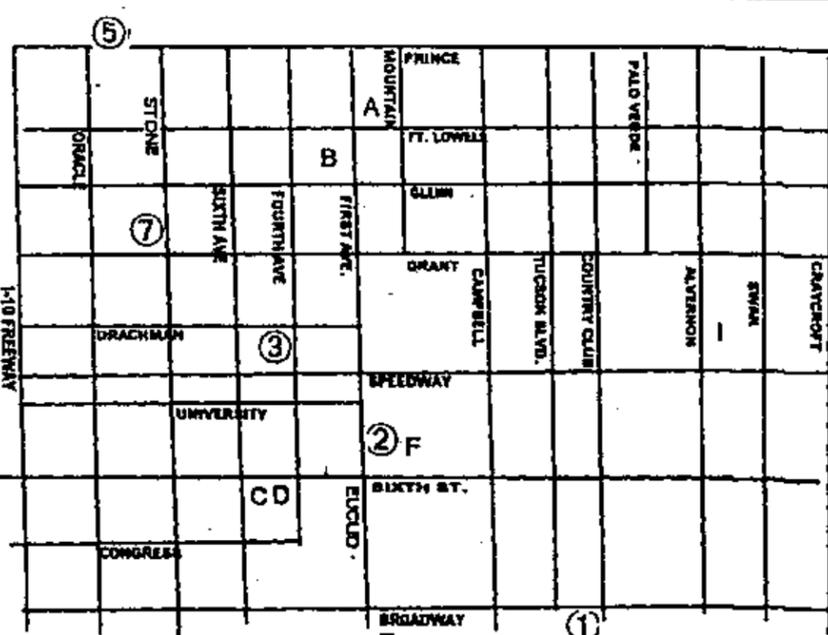
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Protests Clash Over Judge Moore

MONTGOMERY, AL - Hundreds of people who hold sharply different opinions about Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore clashed at two simultaneous rallies Saturday afternoon, May 11, at the state Capitol, the Montgomery Advertiser reports.

Fundamentalist conservatives came to cheer Moore as a hero while Gay rights groups, human rights groups and representatives from other religious faiths derided him as an ideological tyrant, blinded by bias and a man who abuses the power of the law.

The anti-Moore demonstrators said the Chief Justice should be removed from office because he routinely violates the doctrine of separation of church and state. They said Moore also spreads bigotry and intolerance by promoting Christianity over all other religions.

"We can't have anyone go out and single out a group of people - we don't want another Hitler," said Derrick Harrington, 20, of the Birmingham area Gay, Straight and Lesbian Youth. "I don't think he needs to be using the Bible to do his job - he needs to use the law."

Kelly McGinley who organized the pro-Moore We The People rally and who hosts a conservative radio talk from Mobile told supporters, "We are here to honor a modern-day hero." Saying Moore upholds what used to be "universally shared values" she said the controversy he inspires proves

"we live in a time where everything is turned upside down..."

The dueling rallies were peaceful for the most part, though there were several heated shouting matches. The only time the groups spoke in unison was during the Pledge of Allegiance, but that too caused disagreement. Moore's supporters emphasized "One nation under God," but his opponents shouted "With liberty and justice for all."

Signposts carried during anti-Moore marches around the Capitol said "Church and state - keep them separate," "More love, not Moore hate" and "No higher law than the U.S. Constitution."

Moore was elected chief justice after waging a court fight against the ACLU to keep a Ten Commandments plaque in his courtroom in Gadsden, where Moore used to be a circuit judge. In August, he placed a 2-ton stone monument of the Commandments in the Judicial Building's lobby, prompting suits from The Southern Poverty Law Center, the American Civil Liberties Union and Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

In March, Moore wrote that a woman was an unfit mother because she was homosexual. He said homosexuality is an "inherent evil against which children must be protected."

Moore did not attend the pro-Moore rally, but his wife Kayla Moore did. She told cheering supporters the Ten Commandments were the basis for the principles underlying the American legal system. "My husband has never wavered, nor will he," she said. "Alabama is poised to lead this nation back to godly virtues."

Dallas Adopts G/L Anti-Bias Law

DALLAS, TX - By a lopsided vote of 13-2, the City Council voted to ban discrimination against sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations.

The Dallas Morning News reports the vote was praised by Mayor Laura Miller, who made passage of the anti-bias measure an early goal of her election campaign. Violation of the ordinance is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by fines of between \$200 and \$500.

Openly Gay city councilman John Loza praised the vote, calling on city residents to join him in walking "out of the shadow of intolerance and bigotry and into the sunshine of human rights."

The opposition votes cast by Alan Walne and Mitchell Rasansky were attributed to the cost of enforcing the new ordinance in what the two councilmen complained was an already tight budget year. Rasansky added the measure could hurt small businesses.

The usual brimstone and bluster in reaction to passage of the anti-bias pledge was heard from fundamentalist circles. Minister Flip Benham of the Dallas-based anti-abortion group Operation Save America, called the law "a travesty that breaks my heart." City Hall, he said, "has declared itself as God. It's a direct attack on the word of God."

Others were less put out. "The true strength of our city lies in our diversity," said American Airlines executive Donald J. Carty. Also speaking in favor of the bill's passage was a vice president of the Blockbuster video chain and a minister from Southern Methodist University.



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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bridge Night will meet at Perry's house this month. If you're a beginner or an old pro, this is the place to meet for an evening of bridge for fun. For reservations and directions, please call Perry at 321-4387.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch at 1:00 p.m. at Dakota Café, 6541 E. Tanque Verde

Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 p.m. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

THURSDAY, MAY 16

Poz Café Lunch - providing a delicious free lunch, along with friendship, games and social activities. Open to all HIV+ adults and one guest (partner, family, friend or volunteer respecting confidentiality/privacy concerns). Doors open at 11:30am, lunch is served at 12:00 noon, activities last until 2:30pm. Located at St. Francis in the foothills United Methodist Church, a gay-friendly church at the corner of River and Swan. To reserve your space or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at 299-6647 by Tuesday, May 14.

The planning committee for the Richard Heakin Memorial will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. 4th Ave. Anyone interested in joining this group or interested in learning about the committee is welcome.

A men's Fellowship Group starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Water of Life MCC. All men are invited to come and expand your relationship with God. You need not be a church member to participate. For more information, call (520)292-9151.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry & Les for Game Night. All kinds of board games and card games are available for playing and you're encouraged to bring your own favorite game as well. For reservations and directions, please contact Jerry at 660-9565.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join 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 Jack at 881-5733.

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

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. Bill will host Pinochle & Pizza Night beginning with a chance to share some pizza and meet and greet the other players over pizza (\$5), followed by Pinochle at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join Art & Jeff for lunch and a matinee movie "Our Lady of the Assassins", a Columbian film about a hit man trying to retire, and his younger, gay love interest. You're asked to bring a side dish to round out the meal. For more information, please contact Jeff or Art at 762-9135.

Join the crowd gathering to honor the memory of loved ones who have died of HIV/AIDS and to support those living with HIV/AIDS and mobilize community involvement in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Interfaith service at 7:00 p.m. and the Candlelight Vigil at 7:30 p.m. at Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N. Averson Way. For more information call Wingspan 9520/624-1779.

Come by Rainbow Planet and enjoy coffee and "Queer as Folk" (Second Season) starting at 7:30pm.

MONDAY, MAY 20

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 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, MAY 21

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 733-9494.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 p.m., Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

THURSDAY, MAY 23

A men's Fellowship Group starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Water of Life MCC. All men are invited to come and expand your relationship with God. You need not be a church member to participate. For more information, call (520)292-9151.

#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 with 45 minutes. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 660-9565.

#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 "Gypsy Boys", a comedy about the intersecting lives of a group of gay men. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 660-9565.

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "Diva-Licious" show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Angela Dodd, Mr. Kenneth Blake and Diana Flair.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

VENTURE-N - Taurus Birthday Party! Drink specials, food and men.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Hip Hop Night. No Cover. \$1 Hot Sex (shots), \$1 Puckers all night. Music with DJ Hal 9 to close.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

IBT'S - IBT'S - It all begins here beginning 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas with Dennis and Michael. Karaoke on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to Arizona Angels Softball Team. Then at 9:00 p.m. it's time to sign up for the big Wet Jockey Shorts Contest with \$100 going to the winner! (Minimum four contestants).

THURSDAY, MAY 23

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Bacardi Silver promo 10:00 to 11:00 p.m. Lots of free give-aways. No Cover. \$2 Kamikaze and \$1 Hot Sex all night.

SUNDAY, MAY 26

IBT'S - "Fabulous Fems" premiere show tonight 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

YARD DOG SALOON - Get your Grass Skirts ready for Luau #2. Watch for details!

Come by Rainbow Planet to see The Marilyn Monroe film fest starting with "Bus Stop" at 7:30 pm.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Joe as he hosts Pizza Night. For only \$5, you get pizza, salad, drinks and desserts. For reservations and directions, please call Joe at 546-9665.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Jack for a morning of tennis. For directions, please call Jack at 881-5733.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. Marv will host Pinochle & Pizza beginning with a chance to share some pizza and meet and greet the other players over pizza (\$5), followed by Pinochle at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call Marv at 745-0304.

#3. 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.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch/Business Meeting - 12:00 Noon, Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd., N. of River Rd. Phone: 622-1835

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

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Singer/songwriter/pianist Kristi Martel will be performing at 7:00 p.m. at a house concert here in Tucson. This event is open to the public and folks can call (520)514-2757 for directions and reservations. Cost is \$2-10, sliding scale. Kristi is touring in support of her second CD, "rave Enough". Her piano playing combines her love of blues dissonance and syncopation with her classical training. Her voice is at once sweet and bitter, expressive of any emotion she chooses and fluid throughout her range. She is visionary in her lyrics and composition, writing prayers for personal solace and quirky relationship narratives in the same breath. Patrick Arena for Outvoice & Pittsburgh OJTV reviewed Martel as "unafraid of the quirks in her character she mines her inner conflicts in an unembarrassing and daring way. Her musical vocabulary is wild and varied without ever being beyond control."

MONDAY, MAY 27

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 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., S. of Grant Rd. Phone: 622-1835

TUESDAY, MAY 28

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 733-9494.

Guys Book Club meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Rainbow Planet Coffee House. The book this month is Michael Jensen's "Frontiers". For more information call 730-4113.

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hal 8:30 to close. Shot specials all night.

IBT'S - 10am-6pm \$1.50 Bloodys, Screws or Mimosas. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5:20-8pm. 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, \$1.75 Well 11am-7pm. Free Buffet @ 4pm. Drink Specials 11-3.

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

WOODY'S - Open 11am. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas; \$3 well or domestic beer 11-4. Happy Hour 4-9pm \$1.75 well or domestic beer. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 airjoin 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

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Football Madness \$1.75. 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. New hot dance with DJ Panther. New Monday bartenders Jay and Chris. Queer As Folk shown beginning at 8pm. Drink specials starting at 9pm. All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, \$1.75 Well 11am-7pm. Free pizza & \$1.75 domestic beer 8-11.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

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

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Bottle Bud products. 8-close. Country music with DJs. 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 9 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-Q.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, \$1.75 Well 11am-7pm. Pool tourney 8pm (\$3 entry). \$1.75 beer during tourney. College nite in dance room (25¢ can beer and well with \$5 admission)

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm, \$1.75 well or domestic. Tropical drink specials 8 to close. \$3 zombies, Jungle Juice, Mal Te's.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Tequila until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 2-7. Beer Bash \$1.25 Pitchers Bud/Bud Light 8-close. Dance music 9-close.

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

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, \$1.75 Well 11am-7pm. Techno Nite with DJ Kurre 9-1

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm, \$1.75 well or domestics. Volleyball games start 7pm. Underwear-fetish-leather nite with Michael \$1 off your favorite drink. Chili dogs or bowls \$1.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Vodka until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Karaoke w/Stephanie 9-close. \$2 Kamikazes and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBT'S - 9am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 Well & domestic 4-9. Retro 80s Dance w/Jonathan Hi NRG dancing 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, \$1.75 Well 11am-7pm. Techno Nite with DJ Kure w/drink specials.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Pool Tournament 7pm. 3 entry. (Special prices for players).

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm \$1.75 well or domestics. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close plus 50¢ off all Big Ass drinks. Top scores on NTN game wins special prizes. Volleyball Courts Open. See bartender.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Bourbon til 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 8:30-1 w/DJ Hill. Drink specials all night.

IBT'S - 9am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-10. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party with DJ Rayman 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, Free hot dogs & \$1.75 domestic beer 11-7. High voltage dance w/DJ Kure 9-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Happy Hour Buffet 5-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm, \$1.75 well or domestics. Martini Party - Well Martinis \$2.00 all day. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Courts Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Gin until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. \$2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 8:30-close.

IBT'S - 9am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-10pm. Dance Party 9-1 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, Free hot dogs & \$1.75 Well 11am-7pm. Dance Room open 9pm - 1am. House Dance Nite

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open 11am \$2 well or domestic beer. Til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm, \$1.75 well or domestics. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Fillet Mignon or Swordfish BBQ with all the trimmings \$5.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. Beer Bust 3-7pm, 75¢ glass, \$2.25 pitcher. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm to 7pm. Kennel open 5pm

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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

PFLAG - 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 624-1779 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, 624-1779.

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 529-8344, 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 681-1794 - 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.

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 800-8565 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 299-8847.

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 628-7223.

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 681-4582 for more information or sign up.

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

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. 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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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 MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history experience singing? Join us!! Call 617-3100 for more info.

TGNtArizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: <http://www.tgnarizona.org> - e-mail address: algoodrum@uswest.net

SENIORRAP, a discussion group for older LGBTs, meets from 3 to 5pm on the last Sunday of every month at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. For more info call 640-0620

"OUT ON THE TRAILS" - EQUESTRIAN FUN! Rider Club forming. Looking for women and men to ride together on the trails of Southern Arizona. Must have own horse, truck and trailer. For more info write: "Out On The Trails" P.O. Box 44045, Tucson, AZ 85733-4045

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SUPPORT GROUP FOR RECOVERING ADDICTS AND ALCOHOLICS. Group meets every Saturday 7-9pm in Cornerstone Fellowship hall, 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4826 or 750-6404.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at Pima County Democratic Headquarters, 2817 E. Broadway. Call Jesse 743-4320 or Maurice 323-2283. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. TucsonStonewall@aol.com

GUYS BOOK CLUB meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm, Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 806 N. 4th Ave.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Santa Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1438 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info, call Ernie Slaght 721-2003.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Jennifer at 792-4607, Ext.396

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OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:00 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio IOXI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Desert Girls (MTP) 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 624-1779 for more info. SAGAEmail@aol.com <http://members.aol.com/sagae-mail>

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

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 802-279-4805.

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

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

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

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

RAINBOW SUPPORT GROUP: LGBT and supportive friends meet for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Support meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 42. The 3rd Thursdays of the month, the group will meet at 7:30pm at Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse (606 North 4th Ave.) as a social outing. For more information call the church at 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

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GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GGPLOC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@ggloc.org or call (602)225-8444.

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-6655. Leave message.

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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, (602)371-1102

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 225 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9862.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT**. In Tucson Write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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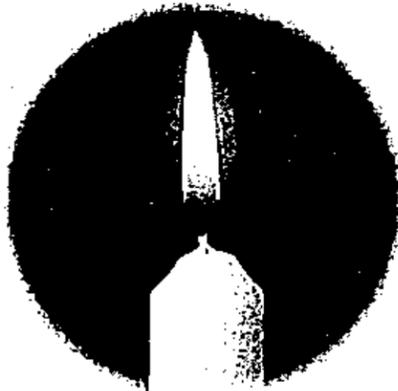
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Hate Crimes Measure

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vened. Trouble was on the horizon. Motions to suspend the third reading and to immediately caucus SB 1141 were made, seconded and the Democrats and Republicans went to the caucus rooms. Discussion on the matter flowed in the Democrat's caucus, and argument and recrimination flowed in the GOP room. Both caucuses went on for more than an hour, resulting in the Speaker rescheduling the vote for 5:00 p.m., after the scheduled House/Senate conference committee's (meeting to settle bills), an odd time according to sources but it was the Speaker's prerogative to set the time but his "watch" would have an impact on the vote.

Bells calling House members to the floor rang at 5:00 p.m., and the long-awaited vote took place, only with 45 Representatives, 15 were missing, many of those because of the 5:00 p.m. time set for the vote.

After the opening statements to begin a third reading, the first vote took place, 27 (17 Democrats, 10 Republicans) voted in favor of SB 1141, 18, all but one were Republicans, voted against. SB 1141 had a majority of votes present, in fact 60% of those voting, but it needed 31 votes for passage in third reading.

State Representative Laura Knaperek, R-Tempe, rose to ask to explain her vote, citing the unfunded mandate rule, plus stating that the amendment hadn't even got a hearing before a committee. Knaperek failed to mention however that it was thanks to the conservative House leadership that made sure it wouldn't get one, because it been assigned to three committees. Joining in that same chorus was state Representative Robert Blendu, R-Litchfield Park.

Proponents, such as Roberta Voss, Steve May, and state Representatives Gabrielle Giffords, and Linda Lopez, both Democrats from Tucson, got up to explain their votes, trying to buy time as the effort to find those missing legislators needed.

Knaperek then asked for immediate reconsideration of SB 1141, a maneuver to put the final nail in the coffin for the bill, this despite the fact she had voted against the bill, going against the usual rules, where only a proponent of legislation could ask for reconsideration, her motion passed and the second vote took place, and this time the final total was 28 in favor, more than 60% (18 Democrats, 10 Republicans), 17 against, all but one were Republican.

SB 1141 had gotten a majority of votes but failed. Expanding Arizona's hate crimes law to cover misdemeanors may be through for this session, the victory on this matter is "a dream deferred" for only a short time because the votes are there to expand the law.

G/L GOP Group

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changed several times in Republican-proposed compromises.

During a Senate markup hearing last month, Sen. Judd Gregg (R-N.H.), the ranking Republican on the committee with jurisdiction over ENDA, said he plans to introduce an amendment to allow states to exempt themselves from ENDA. Supporters say such an amendment would "gut" the bill, making it a useless exercise.

When asked if Log Cabin would support such a compromise, Ivers said Log Cabin favors leaving it to the opposing

sides to work out an agreement. He said Log Cabin stands by Tafel's statement questioning the need for ENDA.

In his statement, Tafel pointed to an HRC press release reporting widespread support among Fortune 500 corporations for non-discrimination employment practices toward Gay workers.

"Ironically, nothing makes the case more strongly against federal legislation, one might argue, than HRC's own press release," Tafel said in his statement. He suggested that Gay Republicans consider creating a national job bank for the relatively small number of Gays fired due to anti-Gay discrimination.

"If a Gay person is working for the 15 percent who support firing Gays," Tafel said, "chances are they don't want to win in court, they want a new job where they can be themselves."

Among those challenging Tafel's assessment this week is Arizona State Rep. Steve May, an openly Gay Republican from Phoenix and member of Log Cabin Republicans. May recently was picked as chair of the Arizona House's influential Ways & Means Committee.

"Rich Tafel makes an important point that there are other issues that may affect the lives of Gays more than ENDA," May said. "But I think the premise of federal non-discrimination legislation is critical. We need this legislation as long as there are bigots who decide who gets to work and who doesn't. That's unjust, and that's why we need this."

CDC Urges Gay Sex Talk

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ing end of anal sex ("bottoms") should have rectal checks for gonorrhea and chlamydia.

Outbreaks of syphilis among Gay men have struck several major cities in the past two years. Public health experts who track STDs fear a growing number of Gays are abandoning safe-sex practices out of a sense of "condom fatigue" or a belief that AIDS has become an easily treatable disease.

The CDC recommends STD screenings every 3-6 months for men who do drugs while having sex, have a lot of sex with anonymous partners, or have sex partners who do.

The CDC also is now recommending that Gay men get vaccinated for hepatitis A and hepatitis B, two liver diseases that can be spread through Gay sex.

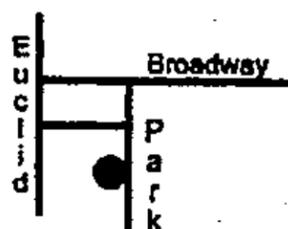
Dr. Do, the San Francisco HIV researcher, said many doctors probably won't embark on such extensive screening of Gay men. But there are exceptions.

"If a patient comes to a savvy health clinic where there are physicians who are Gay or Gay-friendly, they'll probably have these issues brought up," he said.

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UPDATE

GLBT Commission Holds May Meeting, Schedules June Date

TUCSON (ON) - The City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Commission held their monthly meeting for May on Tuesday, May 21.

Tucson's Fire Department still hadn't appointed a liaison to the Commission, despite the pledge made by Chief Dan Newburn, and the Commission had pursued the matter. According to Commission Co-Chair Bertie Lozano, Newburn had written a letter in regards to the matter which was at the City Clerk's office. She added that she would go to the office and get the letter as soon as possible.

Nine months after the investigation into the Tucson Fire Fighter situation, it was recommended that a policy be adopted by Tucson's Mayor and Council about the behavior of off-duty employees who violate the law. The Commission will be sending a letter to City Manager James Keene, and the Mayor and Council asking that action be taken on this expeditiously.

During call to the audience, an individual brought to the Commission's attention about the city's human relations ordinance and whether businesses are posting it, as the law directs. This issue will be taken up at the June meeting.

Elections for the co-chair positions were the last major item for the meeting. Commission members Nancy Robinett and Noel Matkin were selected by their fellow Commission members to lead the body for the next year.

Tucson's GLBT Commission meets monthly, and will be holding their June meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 5:30 p.m., at the City of Tucson Equal Opportunity Office Conference Room, 100 North Stone - First Floor. For more information, call (520) 791-4593, (520) 791-4539 (TDD)

Book Club Meeting Tuesday, May 28

TUCSON - The Guy's Book Club will be holding their monthly get together on Tuesday, May 28, 7:00 p.m., at the Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse, 606 N. Fourth Ave.

For their May meeting, the Club will be discussing "Frontiers," by Michael Jensen.

The Guy's Book Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. For more information call (520) 730-4113.

Leadership & Mobilization Workshop for LGBT People of Color and Allies June 1&2

TUCSON - A free leadership and mobilization workshop for LGBT people of color and allies will be held on June 1-2, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., located TBA and is sponsored by Wingspan.

Two trainers from LLEGÓ from Washington, DC will offer the training and workshop which is geared toward emerging and current LGBT leaders who are people of color.

The workshop is also for people with the desire to mentor those emerging leaders. While the focus of the workshop is for LGBT people of color, Caucasian allies and non-LGBT allies are also encouraged to attend. Organizers said that people may attend all or only a part of the 2 day workshop. Bilingual folks, people with disabilities, trans and bisexual folks, people from rural communities, youth, seniors, and people who are HIV positive or living with AIDS are strongly encouraged to attend.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Thomas at (520) 624-1779 or thomas@wingspanaz.org.

Pride In Pines Returns June 15

FLAGSTAFF - Plans are gaining momentum for the Sixth Annual "Pride in the Pines" Festival scheduled this year for June 15, at Wheeler Park in downtown Flagstaff.

The premier GLBT event in Flagstaff has selected as its theme, "No Matter What, Love Who You Are," which was partially derived from the group boyzone's song, "No Matter What."

The weekend long event will feature a Launch Party on Friday night, June 14, followed by the all-day festival in the park. The celebration will continue into the evening with "Altitude," the official Pride Party, and "Pulse," a never-ending gala of live entertainment.

For more information, call (928) 213-1900, E-mail: flagstaffpride@yahoo.com or visit the Web site, www.flagstaffpride.org.

*He who has a thing to sell
and goes and whispers in a
well, is not so at to get the
dollars as he who climbs a
tree and hollers!*



CHRIS NAKAMURA

Chris Nakamura, a Tucson lawyer who friends say was as passionate about the rights of minorities and artists as he was about training for triathlons, was hit by a truck while bike riding, training for another triathlon event, and died Friday, May 10. He was 37.

Nakamura had been appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on Minorities and the State Bar of Arizona Commission on Minorities and Women in Law, and was a member of the Volunteer Board of Tucson and on the board of the Tucson Greater Economic Council. He was a past member of the Arizona Minority Bar Association and a board member of the Arizona Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts. In addition, Nakamura also taught legal writing and legal analysis at the University of Arizona.

He is survived by his life-partner, Gary Suskind, parents, Melvin and Nancy Nakamura, brothers Kyle and Curt, and his nephew Riley, in addition to many uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

A memorial service was held on May 16 and in lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Volunteer Center of Tucson (520-881-3300 x 147) or to the Scholarship Fund of the Arizona Minority Bar Association.

Gay U.S. Airman Convicted in Killing

HONOLULU, HI - A military court convicted a Gay U.S. airman from Hawaii of premeditated murder for strangling an Air Force chaplain's aide late last year on the southern Japanese island of Okinawa.

Airman First Class Damien G. Kawai had pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of unpremeditated attempted murder. But a panel of officers at Okinawa's Kadena Air Force Base was persuaded by prosecutors' evidence that the 19-year-old Kawai had carefully thought out the crime. Kawai strangled 20-year-old Airman First Class Charles F. Eskew Jr., a jet propulsion specialist and volunteer chaplain's aide, and then smothered him with a pillow in Eskew's base dormitory room on November 17.

Kawai testified that the crime took place after he walked in on Eskew with another man. Kawai, who had also been sexually intimate with the third man, said he feared his homosexuality would be exposed if he hadn't silenced Eskew.

Kawai, who has been held in confinement since November 19, faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment without parole, a dishonorable discharge, and forfeiture of pay.

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