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New House Leaders Get Mixed Reaction

WASHINGTON, DC - Gay and Lesbian political leaders have mixed reactions to the new leadership positions of Reps. Nancy Pelosi and Tom DeLay.

In a history-making move, Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives elected San Francisco's Nancy Pelosi their leader Thursday, November 14, making her the first woman to head either party in either house of Congress, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

Pelosi, who was first elected in 1987, is widely considered one of the strongest advocates for the GLBT community in the House. She has been a co-sponsor of numerous pieces of pro-Gay legislation, including the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, the Permanent Partners Immigration Act, and the Domestic Partners Benefits and Obligations Act. Pelosi has also been a strong supporter of HIV/AIDS funding.

Considered left of former House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, Pelosi has been a vocal critic of the potential war in Iraq and the Bush administration's plan for an Office of Homeland Defense. Her criticism of China's stand on human rights, however, has often put her on the side of conservative Republicans looking for a tougher stance in U.S. foreign policy.

Republicans elected Texas Rep. Tom DeLay, 55, their majority leader, Roy Blunt of Missouri the party whip, and Ohio's Deborah Pryce of Ohio as chairwoman of the Republican Conference. Illinois Republican Dennis Hastert, who is expected to remain Speaker of the House, will be officially elected to another term in January.

DeLay, a conservative who has been hostile to pro-Gay legislation in the past, replaces outgoing Majority Leader Dick Arney, who is retiring. The National Stonewall Democrats, a national Gay political group, were quick to point out the differences between Pelosi and DeLay.

"Nancy Pelosi is an outspoken advocate of Gay and Lesbian issues," said Chad Johnson, executive director of the National Stonewall Democrats. "While Republicans choose to prop-up anti-Gay leaders like Tom DeLay, Pelosi's election reaffirms the Democratic Party's commitment to equality."

Log Cabin Republican (LCR) Political Director Mark Mead was more diplomatic when he spoke of Pelosi's win. "The Democrats wanted her overwhelmingly," he told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network. "I think it's an interesting choice and bodes well for Republicans."

Mead also talked about the Republican leadership in the House. "Obviously

we like Speaker Hastert, and Deb Pryce is a longtime friend. We endorsed her and gave her money. A voice for moderation and inclusion is important in that caucus. She understands you build a party by addition, not subtraction."

Mead had little comment about DeLay, the second most powerful man in the Congress.

"I think if he wants to be successful, they're going to have to listen to all parts of the party, including us," Mead said.

Another Arrest In Gwen Araujo Murder

NEWARK, CA - Police arrested a fourth suspect in connection with the killing of Gwen Araujo, a Transgender youth who was found in a shallow grave last month.

Jason Cazares, 22, has been detained on suspicion of murder, according to the Associated Press. He is being held without bail.

Police said there may be more arrests in the case.

Araujo, 17, was killed at a house party on Oct. 3 in Newark after an attendee revealed that Araujo's physical gender was male. Her body was found nearly two weeks

later in a shallow grave near the Sierra Nevada foothills, approximately 150 miles from Newark.

Three suspects -- Jason Nabors, 19, Jose Antonio Merel, 22, and Michael William Magidson, 22 -- have been arrested and charged with murder with a hate crime enhancement. A hearing has been set for Dec. 13.

The case has attracted national attention to violent crimes suffered by Transgender people in particular.

"The timing of this case, and the arrest of the suspects, reminds us that murders like this happen all the time," said Gwen Smith, founder of the Web site "Remembering Our Dead," which memorializes Transgender victims. "I hope that we can highlight the issue, and prevent there from being any more such deaths."

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Human AIDS Vaccine Trial Launched

WASHINGTON, DC - A new type of AIDS vaccine geared toward several strains of HIV has started human trials in the United States.

In what may become the first-ever attempt at neutralizing HIV on a global scale with a single shot, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) launched a clinical DNA vaccine trial that will attack various types of HIV, the first of its kind to enter human trials, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

The trials involve a multigene, multiclade (or multisubset) DNA vaccine that incorporates HIV genetic material from the three main subsets of the disease, which account for nearly 90 percent of new infections around the globe.

Scientists at the NIAID's Dale and Betty Bumpers Vaccine Research Center (VRC), which developed the vaccine, have created the DNA vaccine from parts of four HIV genes, three of which are modified versions of HIV genes called "gag," "pol" and "nef." These three genes were identified within Clade B, the main HIV subset found in Europe and North America.

The remaining vaccine component was taken from an HIV gene called "env," which is found in Clades A and C that allows HIV to attach to human cells, and is most common in Africa.

The VRC is developing this multigene vaccine in order to speed control over HIV. While one type of HIV may be most prevalent in a section of the world, other subsets may exist, thus the reason for creating a single vaccine with multiple components.

"In many countries, there are multiple clades that circulate, and one clade may provide only partial protection against others," Dr. Gary Nabel, head of the VRC, told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network. "We are concerned that a single clade vaccine may lose breadth and not cover clades or strains that are present in the population. Also, it would be difficult to make and test different vaccines for different countries."

The VRC team hopes to initially work with 50 volunteer participants in the United States this year in the Phase I clinical testing, and anticipates launching trials in Africa and Haiti next year. The vaccine has proven to be very safe in early clinical trials, and while these gene fragments can elicit an immune response, they cannot regroup to form an infectious virus.

In other words, this vaccine will not cause a person to become infected with HIV, according to Nabel.

While the VRC has just launched Phase I clinical trials in humans, Brisbane,

Calif.-based VaxGen Inc., is nearing the completion of Phase III trials on its AIDS vaccine. VaxGen is the first to enter into the third stage of testing before getting approval from the Food and Drug Administration. Their findings, which are expected in early 2003, may hold the first key to eliminating HIV global attack.

"Although there has been a lot of speculation about this vaccine, it is impossible to know until the data has been analyzed whether the vaccine will prevent HIV infection or AIDS," said Kay Marshall, a spokeswoman with the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI), which funds research and development of AIDS vaccines.

"Determining efficacy for a vaccine is not a simple yes or no answer. No vaccine has ever proven 100 percent efficacious, and many scientists believe that the first AIDS vaccine to show efficacy (whether AIDSvax or a later vaccine) will be only partially effective, meaning that people will need to continue to practice safer sex and other prevention methods," she said.

Finding a vaccine that will combat AIDS on a global scale is a major goal for some researchers and world leaders. During a speech honoring U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell called AIDS "the biggest problem that we have on the face of the earth today."

Currently 40 million people around the globe are living with HIV, but estimates show that number could be as high as 60 million. Nearly 30 million people are currently HIV-positive in Sub-Saharan Africa, and forecasts show that China and India each could have 10 million people infected by 2010.

High Court Considers Library Porn Filters

WASHINGTON, DC (GFN) - Can the government impose restrictions on expression by tying it to federal funding? The U.S. Supreme Court will be asking that very question.

The High Court has agreed to decide whether libraries can be required to use filtering software to screen sexually explicit Web sites from computers accessible to children in exchange for federal funding.

The problem, according to a lower court, is that no software that now exists or is likely to be developed blocks pornography without also screening out a wide variety of other Web sites.

An expert's report submitted to the lower court panel listed hundreds of sites blocked by one or more of the most com-

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UPDATE

MCC Thanksgiving Celebration Nov. 24

TUCSON - Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) will be celebrating Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24.

The annual dinner follows the Sunday worship service that begins at 10:15 a.m. The church will provide the turkey for the feast. Members and friends will provide the vegetables, side dishes, and desserts. Everyone is invited to come and join in this special Thanksgiving Dinner. There will be plenty of food for everyone.

The congregation of Water of Life MCC also celebrates this season thankful for the denomination, the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC). The UFMCC began on October 6, 1968, in Southern California as the first major Christian church ministry and outreach to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered communities.

The Pastor, Rev Joyce Cook, is inviting everyone to come and join in the Thanksgiving celebration at the Water of Life. The church is located at 3269 North Mountain Ave., just north of Fort Lowell Road. For more information, please contact the church office at (520) 292-9151 or E-mail at: WOLMCC@aol.com.

Doria Roberts At Wingspan Nov. 24

TUCSON - Musician Doria Roberts (www.doriaroberts.com) will be performing in Tucson Sunday, November 24, 7:30 p.m. at Wingspan (300 E. 6th St.) for an all-ages show. The cost of the show is \$3-\$5 sliding scale.

At the show, she will be selling the highly-anticipated new compilation: Queerstock CD (www.queerstock.org). Since 1995, Queerstock has been a vehicle for Out artists to be themselves and to showcase their talents in safe, independent and supportive environments. Queerstock has been touring the country and inviting audiences of all ages, sexualities, genders and beliefs to come and experience freedom of expression in every form. Not only has Queerstock brought together a community of Out musicians, but also strives to bridge the social, economic, political and generational gaps in the GLBTQ community by presenting diverse, provocative and affordable events.

All proceeds from Queerstock CD's sold at the Tucson Doria Roberts concert will go to Wingspan. For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

Arizona Fellowship Run Nov. 29 - Dec. 1

TUCSON - Some 20 plus years ago, three clubs got together to start a state-wide, combined run, originally called the Arizona Three Way. Over the following years, the name changed, ending up with its present name.

During these years, many other clubs, either in Tucson or Phoenix joined in on the Brotherhood Run. During the first five years, this run was written up in the Leather Journal, as the largest in the Southwestern United States.

The Arizona Fellowship Run. The run has had participants from Tucson, and Phoenix, and as far away as Georgia and Canada. There have been as many as 100 people at this event. The host clubs stage games, cocktail parties, and each serving a meal. Each club absorbs the expenses for their cocktail parties and meals, thus being able to hold the inexpensive run fee.

This year's runs, is being held in Tucson. It is being hosted by the Tucson Knight Owls (TKO), and is joined by the Arizona Rangers, the only two remaining founding members. Also joining will be the Leatherlords of Phoenix. Cocktail parties will also be hosted the Bears of the Old Pueblo.

The Fellowship is hosted in either Tucson or Phoenix, on a rotating schedule. Next year's version will be held in Phoenix. Run applications can be found on the internet under www.ArizonaFellowship.Com and is being held November 29 - December 1. The run fee is \$35.00.

GLBT American Smoke-Out Debuts

TUCSON - The American Cancer Society's Great American Smoke Out is a yearly event that marks the anniversary of countless Americans who quit smoking for a day or perhaps a lifetime.

This year, Wingspan and The Arizona Smokers' Helpline have joined together to promote the event within the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) community. Wingspan and the Helpline are hoping to raise awareness of the alarming smoking rates within the GLBT community. Researchers have found that smoking kills more GLBT people each year than hate crimes, suicide, and AIDS combined. Research has also found that more Lesbians die of lung cancer than breast cancer.

The Gay Smoke Out events will be held this Thursday, November 21, at the Wingspan community center located at 300 East 6th Street. The Helpline will provide information and referrals to free quit smoking programs. The Arizona Smokers' Helpline is a part of the Arizona College of Public Health. For more information on Helpline services, please call (800) 55-66-222. For more information on the Gay American Smoke Out events please call: Rebecca Ruiz-McGill, (520) 318-7212 x 209 or Cathy Busha, (520) 624-1779.



Festival For Life November 24

TUCSON - More than one hundred local artists have donated art to this year's Jerome Beillard Festival for Life to benefit AIDS services at the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). Festival for Life is a live and silent auction featuring fine art from locally and nationally recognized artists, designer holiday trees, wreaths, menorahs, unique gift items, trips, celebrity collectibles, and Paper Prayers.

Festival for Life takes place Sunday, November 24, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., at the Marriott University Park Hotel, 880 E. 2nd Street. The event is hosted by Lupita Muriilo of KVOA and Allen Kath of Skyview Traffic. Long Realty is the Platinum Sponsor of the event.

This year's auction features art from such well-known artists as Owen Williams, Gail Marcus-Orlen, Kevin Osborn, Gary Auerbach, Aryen Hart, Deezie Manning Catron, Dan Budnik, and Judith D'Agostino. Internationally known glass artist Tom Philabaum has partnered with florist Kalyn Stith to create a stunning designer tree decorated with unique, hand-blown glass ornaments. A second designer tree has been prepared by Ron McBain.

This year's auction includes a fashion show of celebrity clothing and accessory items with items from Whoopi Goldberg, Matt Lauer, Kerri Strug, and cast members of "Queer as Folk," as well as items from local celebrities including Janet Napolitano, Jim Kolbe, Barbara LaWall, and Beth Walkup.

Proceeds from the Jerome Beillard Festival for Life benefit services for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and prevention programs to reduce the rate of HIV infection.

The event includes hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, and a no-host bar. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door and can be purchased by calling (520) 628-72-23.

Fourth Friday Nov. 22

TUCSON - Getting ready for the holidays? Start your Thanksgiving week festivities at Fourth Friday, to be held again at Cushing Street Bar & Restaurant on November 22, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Cushing Street is located at 198 West Cushing Street, just south of the Tucson Convention Center. Fourth Friday is an alternative gathering place to meet single GLBT friends, and a great place to start your weekend, and holiday, activities.

The cost is \$10 at the door for hors d'oeuvres and a donation to Wingspan. For further information, call Wingspan, (520) 624-1779.

Bicycle Drive Underway For Kids Xmas Present

TUCSON (ON) - A drive for bicycles, in fixable condition, has been announced by the owners of the Venture-N and the Yard Dog Saloon.

Jim Dondson and Ray Gregg are seeking any size and style bicycles to fix up and given to underprivileged children, December 15, in the Balboa Neighborhood area, where the Yard Dog is located.

People wanting to donate a bicycle should bring them to the Venture-N for refurbishing. More information about this effort in next week's Observer.



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What Will The Fed's Rate Cut Mean To Us?

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - For Broadway show queens, a "triple threat" was once-upon-a-time understood to denote an actor-dancer-singer. Now, it would seem, Federal Reserve policy-makers have redefined the term to mean terrorism, war and recession.

Which was how, using this new triple-threat moniker, the Feds on Wednesday justified dropping short-term interest rates for the 10th time this year, bringing rates to their lowest level in 40 years.

The rate, the interest that banks charge each other for overnight loans, was lowered by a half-point to 2 percent in an effort to reverse the economic slide that began more than a year ago and worsened after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

But will it really jump-start the economy, even as the Labor Department last week reported the sharpest one-month job loss in 21 years, with some 415,000 jobs cut in October?

Even if we are holding fast to our jobs, it doesn't entirely instill the kind of confidence that would make me and my fellow Gay brethren and sistren (don't bother looking it up) go on a pre-Christmas spending spree.

The new lowered rate should cut payments on many car loans, home-equity lines of credit, adjustable-rate mortgages and some credit cards.

Lower rates allegedly encourage businesses to step up their capital spending; lower rates should push up stock prices, as happened after the Fed's decision was an-

nounced and the market rebounded some 92 points.

And finally, lowered rates are supposed instill confidence in consumers to keep their wallets open even as job layoffs hit nearly every industry.

To which I say "ha." What Will it Mean for Us?

CardWeb.com - which tracks the credit-card industry - opines that more than two out of every three credit cards won't see any benefit from the rate cuts. More than half of all credit cards carry fixed rates, so their rate isn't affected when interest rates rise or fall.

But even many holders of variable-rate cards won't be seeing any benefit, since roughly 30 percent of all variable-rate cards have a floor below which their rate can't fall, according to CardWeb.com.

Average credit-card rates hit 14.74 percent in October, up from a low of 14.32 percent last December. CardWeb.com reports that some card issuers may even bump their rates up in January, instead of lowering them, because delinquencies have been increasing and charge-offs remain high.

To be sure, the rate cut will continue to make auto loans with 0 percent financing dance in our dreams like so many sugar plum fairies.

And lowering the cost of short-term borrowing, the rate cuts will likely encourage carmakers to extend their offers of 0 percent financing. So, far the strategy has worked beautifully: last week,

both General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. reported sharply higher October auto sales.

To sweeten the deal, some carmakers' offers will even include no money down.

But wait, there's more - auto analysts say some companies are likely to give 0 percent deals to some people who previously couldn't qualify because their credit wasn't good enough. It seems only half of the people who seek out 0 percent loans currently qualify for them. But there may be a reason for this.

In order to boost their customer base in the absurdly competitive wireless industry, Sprint last year made it easier for people with no or bad credit to get cell phone plans. And guess what happened: they had to cancel lots of those same customer's phone service because they didn't pay their bills. To employ a term I normally loath, but is so apt here: Duh. One might naturally wonder if Detroit is making the best decision in the worst of all economies.

Carmakers are also rumored to start offering 0 percent or 0.9 percent financing on loans that must be repaid in six years instead of five.

Fed rates aside, increased competition has already pushed the average rate on a car loan down to 8.12 percent from 8.31 percent.

Borrowers shopping for a fixed-rate mortgage aren't likely to see much benefit from the rate cut. Rates on 30-year mortgages typically track move-

ments in 10-year Treasuries, not short-term rates.

The rate cut could mean lower rates on adjustable-rate mortgages, or ARMs, which have been trending lower in recent weeks. Rates on five-one ARMs, which carry a fixed rate for the first five years, currently average 5.23 percent vs. 6.22 percent for a 30-year fixed-rate loan.

Home-equity lines of credit typically march in goosestep with the prime rate - which means many of us who have taken out these loans will soon be paying less.

Rates on home-equity lines currently average 5.46 percent, down from a 10.36 percent average two years ago.

Fixed-rate home-equity loans will also fall, though the benefits will flow only to those taking out new loans. Rates on fixed-rate home-equity loans currently average 7.93 percent.

The rate cuts surely mean more worries for savers, who have seen returns slip precipitously in the second half of this year. According to iMoneyNet, taxable money-market funds currently yield an average of 1.21 percent, down from as much as 6 percent at the start of 2001.

Money-market rates should drop by as much as 0.2 percentage points in the first week, reports iMoneyNet.

Rates on certificates of deposit will drop as well. Financial planners are reportedly advising consumers to stick with short-term CDs.



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PERSPECTIVE

Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Translate

By U.S. Representative Barney Frank, D-MA

[Congressman Barney Frank used the debate on the annual Intelligence Authorization bill last week to express his strong criticism of the recent dismissal by the U.S. Army of nine language specialists, including six people learning Arabic, because of their sexual orientation. What follows are his remarks on the House floor during the debate on the Intelligence bill.]

House of Representatives - November 14, 2002 - CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4628, INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003.

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the members of this committee for the product and the way in which they have done it. I was particularly impressed by the very gracious remarks of the chairman of this committee about his opposite, the ranking minority member, and frankly at a time when there is some political sniping going on that seems to me wholly inaccurate, having him so generously acknowledge the important role the gentlewoman from California (Ms. Pelosi) has played on the single most important national security issue now before this Congress is a very impressive act, and I appreciate his doing that. I should underline that what we have here is the gentlewoman from California in her role on this committee having played a wholly responsible constructive role at the center of national policy. I would ask people to contrast that with some of the silly political assassination efforts that are going on.

Speaking of silly, I want to talk about an amendment we need. We have had a policy for driving Gay people out of the military lest Gay men and women be allowed to help defend this country, and it has been called the policy of Don't Ask, Don't Tell. We have a new name for it. It is called Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Translate, because the Army in its wisdom pursuant to a dictate given to it by this body in its wisdom has just thrown out over the past year nine linguistic specialists, six of whom were studying Arabic. Apparently the Army feels that worrying about what people do in their private lives is more important than enhancing our ability to translate from Arabic. As the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. Obey), the ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations said, it is a good thing for Lawrence Arabia they were not around when he was getting involved in the Middle East. The notion that they would take people who were studying Arabic, one member of this group had completed 30 weeks of training, he was getting very good marks, he trying to learn Arabic, in the process of learning Arabic, no, we do not want him because he is Gay. I understand that anti-Gay prejudice gets a certain leeway here. I have been fighting against that, but to put it ahead of national security seems to me excessive. We have been told that we have a problem because we do not have enough skillful linguists. So when they kick out six Arabic speakers, two Korean speakers, and someone who speaks Mandarin Chinese, I am appalled. And let us be clear that while there is a policy on the books of which I do not approve, it is not self-executing. The military has the discretion not to apply it in some cases, and to expel from the military American citizens who are motivated by the most profound patriotism and are in the process of learning Arabic at a time when that is essential to national security, to kick them out because they are Gay is preposterous, and while it is late in the session and

late in the evening, too late I hope for my colleagues to bring up that bankruptcy bill they were playing with, I hope when we return next year we will look at this Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Translate policy, and the notion that the Federal Government at this time should deprive itself of skillful people who want to work for national security in translating from Arabic into English and from Chinese and Korean into English, the notion that we would deny ourselves this greatly needed asset because some people do not like people like me is as silly as I can think. We are not here talking about trivia. We are not talking about anything superficial. We are talking about prejudice being elevated over national security.

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EDITOR:
FOXed!

I read that one of the fungible FoxNews blathering heads was shocked by a local Sex Workers Arts Festival. This is the same network whose Internet masthead reads "COLLEGE KIDS IN A PORN FILM AT INDIANA U!" in large red CAPS, correct? This is the same network whose home page includes the flashing caption: "TINY Camera SEES ALL!" (No emphasis added) The accompanying photo shows a young Asian woman frantically looking over her shoulder and clutching a towel to her bare torso.

I guess I am shocked that FoxNews came all the way out here for a story. A slow news day? Certainly not. I suspect one of those lonely and misunderstood blathering heads is looking for a warm round of golf and... an interview.

Brad Holland, Esq.
Tucson, AZ

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DESERT COYOTES LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
Sofa King Sleazy	47.0	23.0
3-4 Buddocks Luv	42.0	28.0
2 Dicks No Peter	41.0	29.0
Public Trough	41.0	29.0
One Is Two Ain't	37.0	33.0
Itchy Balls	36.0	34.0
The Nutz	33.0	37.0
Aces Over Queens	32.0	38.0
ToledoDeJaneiro	31.0	39.0
PseudoVirgins	31.0	39.0
Mama's Boys	25.0	45.0
Team Sex	24.0	46.0

SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

High Average: Erick J., 206; JoAnn S., 171; ToledoDeJaneiro, 566.

High Series Scratch: Erick J., 749; JoAnn S., 609; ToledoDeJaneiro, 1795.

High Game Scratch: Erick J., 300; Heather H., 229; Mama's Boys, 663.

High Series Handicap: Jason B., 782; JoAnn S., 753; Sofa King Sleazy, 2143.

High Game Handicap: Erick J., 309; Heather H., 283; Mama's Boys, 788.



Thanksgiving Day

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UPDATE

State's Hate Crimes Law Explained

TUCSON (ON) - With the recent declaration by Tucson Police that a murder of an openly Gay man was a hate crime and will be reported to the FBI as such, questions about Arizona's hate crimes law were raised and answered at the monthly meeting of the City of Tucson Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Issues.

Rick Unklesbay from the Pima County Attorney's office, explained to members of the Commission and those present that the law comes into play during the sentencing portion of a case, not during the actual trial. He said that a person charged with a crime under state statute is prosecuted for that alleged offense and if found guilty, the prosecutor will then present information to the jury during the sentencing phase, showing that the offense occurred because of an aggravating factor under Arizona's hate crimes law. There are a total of seventeen aggravating factors that can be brought up, including the "sexual orientation" of the victim, under this statute.

Crimes covered under the hate crimes law, he said, go from felonies through first degree murder but not capital murder. Unklesbay went on to state that in a capital murder case, the format is the same, but in the sentencing phase, prosecutors present information to the jury, showing that the crime occurred because of an aggravat-

ing factor but unlike the hate crimes law, the list is narrowed to just ten specific aggravating factors and the "sexual orientation" of the victim is not one of the ten. If a jury declares it wasn't a capital murder case, or can't reach a verdict, then the state's hate crimes law comes back into play, for which the guilty party would get the maximum sentence under law in Arizona, life without parole for first degree murder.

In other business: Commission members were asked by an openly Gay Tucsonan for help in another alleged hate crimes case, resulting in discussion ensuing about how the Tucson Police Department tracks and reports cases of hate crimes; they were also briefed on a proposed domestic partners registry ordinance for the City of Tucson; and, the current vacancy on the Commission was brought up and recommendations for the open seat were voted on and will be forwarded for consideration.

The City of Tucson Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Issues meets on the third Tuesday of every month, and despite reports and information to the contrary, did indeed meet in October, despite a police action which had blocked off the entire downtown area where they meet, in the EOO Conference Room, 100 North Stone. For more information about the Commission, call (520) 791-4121.

Where The Heck Is Desert Voices?

TUCSON - Desert Voices is alive and well and current undergoing reorganization.

Desert Voices has experienced a phenomenon that is all too common among various special interest groups. When they began 14 years, they were the only game in town, so to speak. At the concerts, attendees could be themselves, be safe, enjoy Gay humor and music. Now every TV network, newspaper and magazines has Gays prominently featured; and legislation has made it safer (and more acceptable) to be out and Gay. Every GALA chorus across the nation has noticed a drop in audience, donations, members; and the national organization has had to cut staff.

It was with great regret that Desert Voices had to do that also, but we are finding that there is much talent within the chorus itself to take on these roles. The chorus is busy learning new music, planning for the future, and thinking carefully about what they want to be when they grow up, since it's their 14th season, and sounds just like the thing for a teen-aged group to be doing!

High Court Considers Library Porn Filters

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mon filters, including material on Gays and Lesbians, sex education, plastic surgery, AIDS, abortion, military history, square dancing, art and anti-pornography groups.

In May, a three-judge federal panel declared unconstitutional the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000, which would have done just that. The panel ruled that the requirement violated the free-speech rights of library users.

A 1996 federal law that made it a crime for anyone to post sexually explicit material online without restricting minors' access was overturned by the Supreme Court as a violation of free speech. Con-

With volunteers handling everything, Desert Voices has cut way back on our performances for 2002-03. They gave a fantastic performance at OUToberFEST, singing "Gay Pride Parade", "Shooting Star", "Bridge Over Troubled Waters", and a new anthem, called "There Comes A Time", which was very well received.

Desert Voices are busy practicing for a holiday gig at the eastside Bookman's, Saturday, November 30, 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars if you want to hear some holiday favorites including: "Mrs. Claus is Coming to Town," and some "Christmas Carols", sung by Alegria (the women's barbershop quartet).

Looking to the future, Desert Voices is gearing up for "Mardi Gras Masquerade", our fifth Annual Cabaret Show, and Silent Auction, slated for February 22, 2003 and watch for more information about our upcoming "Event of the Season."

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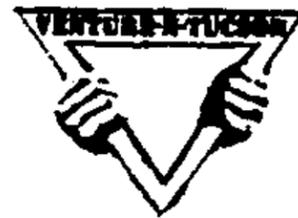
gress passed a new law in 1998 applying only to commercial Web sites and defining objectionable material more narrowly, but the court blocked its enforcement in May and told a lower court to restudy its meaning.

The high court agreed to take up the issue after the Bush administration appealed. A decision is due by June.

Another Arrest In Gwen Araujo Murder

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The Web memorial also initiated the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance, held November 20. Official observances of the day will take place in over 70 locations in the United States, Canada, Chile, Argentina, Spain, Italy and the United Kingdom, according to the National Transgender Advocacy Coalition.



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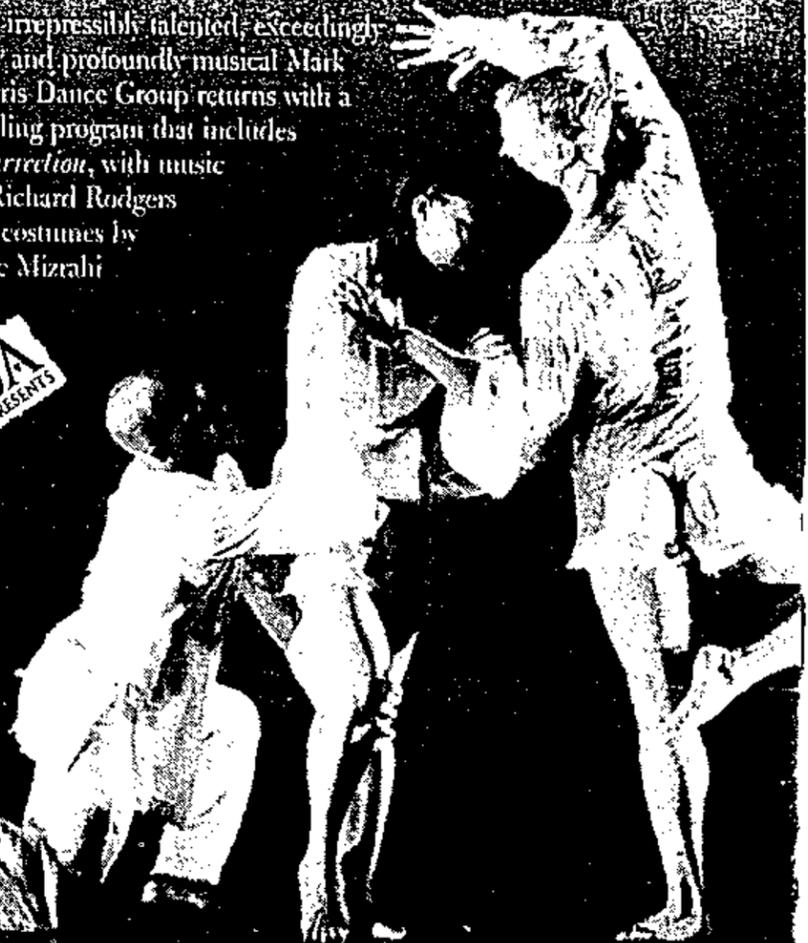
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POLITICS 2002

'If We Offered It, He'd Probably Ignore It As He Has Us'

It is always nice for a publication, this one included, to receive letters to the editor, pro or con, on stories, people or issues, from the readership, since it shows that some people are reading your work, formulating an opinion, stating it publicly.

This past week in The Observer, there was a letter to the editor, summing it up, which said that Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Tucsonans should "offer an olive branch" to Arizona Congressman Jim Kolbe, R-CD 8, since he has done so much and worked hard for us.

In the recent Congress, the 107th, Kolbe cosponsored Dubya's "Faith Based" Initiative that would result in the gutting of Tucson's twenty-five year old anti-discrimination ordinance; helping the Boy Scouts to acquire some federal wetlands; and, cosponsored a bill to allow the extension of health benefits to domestic partners in the District of Columbia.

In 1996, Kolbe voted for the Federal Defense of Marriage Act, as well as many gutless Democrats during that presidential election year for which they were all reelected and the "worst kept" secret came out, Kolbe was a homosexual. Despite his vote, The Observer offered an "olive branch," endorsing him in his seventh term reelection bid in 1996.

After his "outing," Kolbe became a wonderful D.C. homosexual Congressman, sponsoring the right federal bills by the Human Rights Campaign, the Victory Fund, and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force to get a fabulous rating by these groups.

So Kolbe had terrific numbers on the national spectrum. What did he do for GLBT residents of Arizona?

Many issues had cropped up in the state during these times, such as: Arizona cities being able to extend benefits to the same-sex domestic partners of their employees; repealing Arizona's sodomy laws; protecting the employment rights of GLBT Arizonans; ensuring that people could get tested for HIV without repercussions, and being able to talk about HIV/AIDS without the shackles of censorship in Arizona's

public schools; adopting of a state hate crimes law and the effort to have it cover misdemeanor offenses; and, creating a statewide domestic partners registry, citing seven of many recent items?

Did Kolbe, a former member of the Arizona Legislature, lobby for passage of these measures, stating his public support for the efforts and the work by done such legislators as the openly Gay state Rep. Steve May, R-Paradise Valley, or Ed Poelstra, R-Tucson? What did Kolbe, a powerful politician, now serving his tenth term in office, do for GLBT residents of Arizona?

Taking that another step further, is the GLBT constituents in Kolbe's Congressional District in Tucson since many events and issues happened during the same period, including: Police harassment in the parks and elsewhere; the stabbing of the openly Gay U of A student; when Matthew Shepard was murdered, the vigil and the formation of the Tucson Mayor's GLBT Task Force, now Commission on GLBT issues and it's battle with the Republican Mayor and leaning City Council in the Opela matter; updating the city's anti-discrimination ordinance; marking GLBT pride in Tucson; and, supporting the groups and organizations which serve Tucson's GLBT community, citing several examples. What did Kolbe do, other than making a quick appearance at the annual AIDS WALK and shown up to a Tucson Pride event, first in 1998, stating to reporters that he had never heard of the event, for his GLBT constituents and GLBT Tucsonans?

Has Kolbe really worked hard and done so much for us, the GLBT constituents that reside in his Congressional District, in Tucson, in Pima County and for that matter, in the state? What has he accomplished, in words or action? These are questions that haven't been answered by Mr. Kolbe.

In January 2003 Kolbe will again be in Washington, D.C., for another term in the U.S. House of Representatives, a body that is supposed to represent the people of this country, something Mr. Kolbe has not done for us and if in regard to that "olive branch," if we offered it, he'd probably ignore it as he has us.

La Conexión Latina

Sandra Poiré

La Familia

Desde hacía mucho tiempo que le quería decir a mi madre que yo era gay pero no encontraba el momento adecuado. Desde que tenía 17 años había estado bajo preguntas como ¿por qué no tienes novia? ¿Quién es tu novia? ¿Cuándo te casas?. A los treinta años, ya era molesto que siempre me bombardearan con las mismas preguntas y llegó el punto que me dije a mí mismo, "ya es tiempo que afrontes la situación y les digas que ondas contigo para que ya no te pregunten lo mismo de siempre". Así que aproveche la primera oportunidad para hablar con mi madre al respecto. Ya lo había hecho antes con una de mis hermanas y no hubo ningún problema así que pensé que iba a ser lo mismo con mi madre. Bueno, realmente sí pensé que se iba a poner mal, tal vez llorar y preguntarse en que había fallado ella como madre.

que no me pienso casar para formar una familia tradicional porque soy gay", su reacción me sorprendió. No lloró, no se puso triste, al menos frente a mí. Sus primeras preguntas fueron, "¿tienes pareja?". "¿Es David tu pareja?". David había sido mi pareja por dos años y aunque nunca les dije que él era mi pareja, tampoco me preocupé por esconder nuestra relación. Vivíamos juntos y en la casa únicamente había una cama. Varias veces nos visitaban mis padres y mis hermanos con sus familias así que me imagino que ellos sospechaban lo que David y yo éramos. Creo que de ahí surgió la pregunta de mi madre sobre si David era mi pareja. A las preguntas de mi madre respondí con la verdad, que David había sido mi pareja pero que en ese momento no tenía compromiso. La plática siguió normal pero la conclusión de mi madre fue que no había ningún problema,

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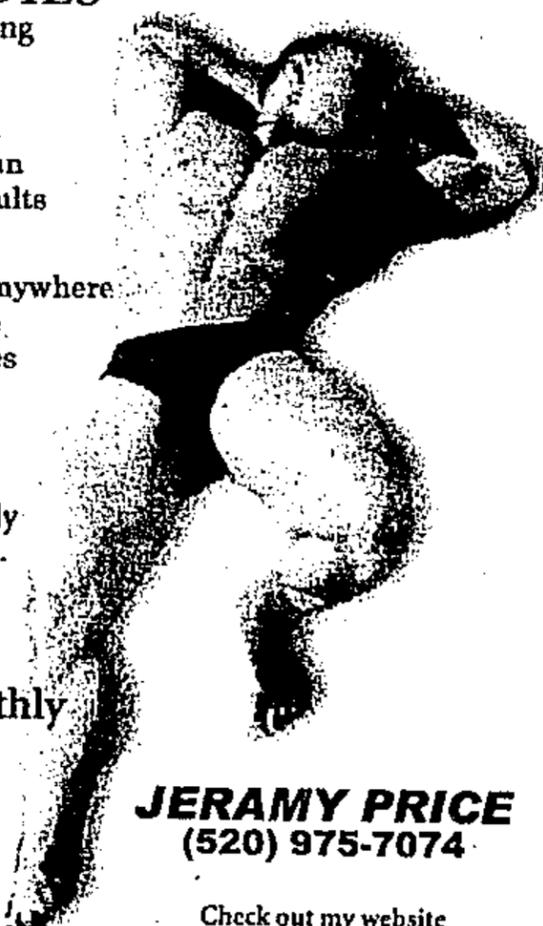
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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

By Larry Green

Election Agreement

When you get all four guys on CNN's CROSSFIRE to agree about the meaning of a national election, guys from opposite extremes of the political spectrum who are all good analysts of political strategy despite their lamentable buffonery, you've got yourself a minor miracle.

The meaning they agreed on was this: The Democrats got creamed because they didn't have a national party message. That raises a fascinating question: Why didn't they have a message? The CROSSFIRE guys didn't say why, but you can bet that professional politicians who eat, breathe and live politics didn't lack a message because it didn't occur to them that having one might be useful.

The Democrats went messageless because they made a calculation that they'd fair better without a national message. Before you bellow, "How could they be so stupid?" Consider the possibility that they could have been right. As badly as they got creamed without a message, it could have been even worse if they had run with the wrong message.

It might have been worse, to take one example, if they'd gone out with an anti-war message. The problem with an anti-war message is that, contrary to what they keep repeating, the Democrats are not anti-war.

This point deserves a digression: The Dems keep saying, "We can't go it alone. We need the UN. We need to build consensus. We need to worry about world opinion." In fact Bush is trying to get allies, the UN, consensus and world opinion. But at crunch time, do the Dems think that the US can afford to allow Saddam to keep his toys? The answer is "No!" The Party has been shooting itself in the foot by whining and carping about the coming war when they essentially agree it's likely to become a necessity.

Could the Democrats have made the sick economy an issue? That would have been hard to do when 9-11 tends to make people want to give Bush a temporary pass on the issue. It would have been impossible to do if the Party didn't produce a plan to fix the problem. Too bad they're fresh out of economic plans.

La Conexión Latina

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que yo seguía siendo su hijo, que como tal me quería y que nunca se avergonzaría de mí por mi orientación sexual. Hoy, a dos años de haber hablado con mi madre sobre quién soy yo, nuestra relación es perfecta. En realidad nunca ha habido grandes problemas entre nosotros pero considero que ya podemos hablar de cualquier cosa.

En la comunidad latina la familia es un elemento clave en nuestras vidas. Yo estoy consiente que hay algunas familias que no están preparadas para aceptar que dentro de ésta, haya gente con sexualidades diferentes a lo que ha establecido la sociedad como lo normal. Sin, embargo, creo que la mayoría de las familias latinas cuando saben que tienen un miembro con preferencias sexuales por personas de su mismo sexo, son más abiertas a aceptar y aprender a respetar estas diferencias. Cuando estas situaciones se dan, el nivel socioeconómico de la familia no siempre es un obstáculo para que acepten o sean más abiertos en aceptar sin problemas a un miembro con preferencias sexuales diferentes. Es importante tener una buena

One thing they could have tried if they weren't scared to death of being accused of practicing class warfare -- campaign against the tax cut. They could have said, "We love tax cuts, but the goodies shouldn't have gone mostly to the top one percent. We need to shift the focus to people who aren't already rich."

They certainly could have gone after corporate corruption. With an SEC so passive that New York prosecutors had to come in and do its job, with millions of people having been robbed of their retirement savings, here was a surefire vote getter. The question was whether a sure gain of votes was worth a sure loss of corporate dollars. You can bet that someone did the math.

An even safer bet would have been to go after drug companies. Again, you balance the money from the drug folks against the votes, but this thing has got to be reaching the tipping point. They could have said, "Americans are dying, right now, because they can't afford their medications and the Republicans are in the pockets of the drug companies." No need to mention that the Democrats are right in there with them.

An even safer bet would have been children without health insurance. Why should any child in America, the richest country in the history of the world, be without health insurance? Why should we be the only industrialized nation in the world that doesn't take care of its sick babies? Of course you can make all kinds of perfectly rational arguments against health insurance for every American child, but arguing against sick babies is a little like arguing against motherhood, apple pie, truth, justice and the American way.

Well, it's a long time till the next election and I'm not too worried about our very durable two-party system. There's nothing like taking a really savage ass whipping to focus one's attention on the necessity of coming up with something!

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

relación con nuestras familias ya que los beneficios son inmensos y podemos expresar mejor lo que significa ser gay, lo que es sexo seguro, prevención de embarazos en los adolescentes y tantos otros temas que actualmente son tabú en nuestra comunidad. La idea de este artículo no es sugerir que le digas a tu familia sobre tus preferencias sexuales, simplemente para que pienses en los beneficios de tener una buena relación con tu familia. Una buena relación de cualquier tipo incluida la familia, implica trabajo y aprender a respetar las diferencias y formas de pensar entre otras cosas. Pero, no es algo difícil de lograr. El apego a nuestros seres queridos es algo que nos ha identificado como latinos en este país y es algo que vale la pena preservar.

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COMMENTARY

**Public Funding & Freedom of Artistic Expression:
The Need for a Strong, Unified LGBT Voice**

By Kent Burbank

If you have been watching the television or reading a newspaper, you have likely heard about a controversy surrounding a local film festival. Pan Left, a progressive film collaborative that uses video and film as a means to raise awareness about critical issues affecting our community, has come under fire for their second annual Sex Worker Arts Festival. As part of Pan Left's mission to provide forums in our community for marginalized voices to be heard, it has produced a festival that tries to open a space for dialog and critical thinking regarding sex workers. Through the festival, they have sought to deconstruct stereotypes and myths, to challenge cultural and social norms, and to give sex workers a space to express themselves.

The controversy began when the ultra-conservative Cybercast News Service (CNS), whose motto is "The Right News, Right Now," learned of the festival and contacted Juliana Piccillo, one of the festival organizers. When the reporter identified himself as being from CNS News, Juliana mistakenly understood them to say CNN. Shortly thereafter, Cybercast News Service published a story on the Internet titled "University hosts sex festival activities." Fox News' "The O'Reilly Factor" debated the use of tax dollars for the event.

The LGBT community, which has often been the object of such attacks, needs to come to the defense of Pan Left and the Tucson Pima Arts Council (TPAC), which provided grant monies to support the festival. While the topic of sex workers may or may not, depending upon your individual perspective, appear to have anything to do with LGBT issues, the topic of censorship

does. Too often, it is our LGBT arts events that have come under scrutiny from the far right. If they succeed today in their attacks, Tucson's LGBT Film Festival may be next on their hit list, since we not only receive city funding, but also state and federal funds.

The most annoying fact about this controversy is that it was instigated by people outside our community. The attack is being driven mainly by national groups that are trying to stir up local zealots. Tucson has long prided itself as being a place that celebrates diversity and actively promotes constructive dialog and discussion about sometimes controversial topics. We are a community that does not brook censorship or efforts to curtail creative and artistic expressions, even of difficult issues. I commend the Tucson Pima Arts Council and the City of Tucson for not shying away from funding artistic representations of different points of view.

I am asking that you join us in letting our local governmental officials know that our community supports the use of taxpayer funds being used for diverse artistic and cultural representations. Please take a moment to call and leave a message on the Mayor and City Council's Comment Line at (520) 791-4700. When you call, you will need to give your full name, address, zip code, phone number, and today's date.

If our local politicians hear only the voices of the extreme conservatives, progressive arts funding in our community will inevitably lose out.

[Kent Burbank is the executive director of Wingspan.]

GENDER PRIDE BY JONI K. MAUSSE

It's been a year since that day in San Diego when I stuffed my remaining belongings into my little gold Honda and headed east: Joni, Queen of the Desert. Thanksgiving was coming on by the time I wandered into Tucson, so I rented a motel room for a week. I found the Wingspan number in the phonebook, and—Bless those volunteers! I learned that there are indeed Transgender support groups here.

Within days I found myself at the Day of Remembrance vigil, still wondering if it was safe to be "out" in Tucson. Fortunately I hadn't worn a skirt, because it was cold that night. Colder than it had ever been in San Diego. I thought they'd call the whole thing off or move it indoors.

Just as I prepared to leave, a little brown man with a beard and glasses emerged from the shadows and began to speak. I stared in fascination, having met only a handful of transmen by then. In a way he was the opposite of me. You'd never have noticed him in a crowd: the invisible FTM. But when he spoke a hush gripped the crowd, and I almost forgot the cold.

I don't remember now Alexander's exact words, but it was something like, "We deserve our rights too. Don't let the Gays and Lesbians leave us behind." And then I shivered through the reading of the names of all the transpeople who'd been killed.

A year has gone by, and Alexander is dead, and the average has increased to TWO transpeople killed every month in this

so-called "free" society, including two in Arizona since the last Day of Remembrance. Some of the people have been beaten or even tortured. Over and over our rights are being denied and even taken away. But we will prevail in the end, and our blessed martyrs shall not have died in vain.

I don't know if the organizers of the vigil plan to say anything about the people who have committed suicide. I hope so. One of our guest speakers at the last SAGA meeting said that we can estimate three or four suicides for every murder. No one knows for sure, as suicides are often hushed up.

We do know there are a disproportionate number of transpeople who kill themselves. And why should that be surprising, considering we live in a society where we're ridiculed, caricatured, shamed, discriminated against, and mistreated? Aren't Transgendered people who kill themselves just as much victims of mistreatment as those who are murdered?

Okay, it's almost Thanksgiving, so between now and next week I'll try to think of something to be grateful for. Meanwhile, see you at the vigil, Sweetie! Or write me at jonikmausse@yahoo.com.

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Cool Accommodations, No Cost, What Gives

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - How do you take a great Gay vacation in a hot location and limit your expenses on accommodations? That's the premise behind the home exchange movement, which does for travel what eBay did for collectibles: it puts together people who have with people who want.

In this case, instead of chachkas, it's homes. That's the deceptively simple concept behind home exchanges. Like so many "I coulda had a V-8" moments in life, you wonder why no thought of doing it earlier.

Actually, people have been doing it for years. Home exchanges, where two individuals from different parts of the country (or the world) agree to "swap" their primary or secondary home for a mutually agreeable period of time, is not a new concept.

What adds fuel to an old concept is the Internet, which makes matching people up as easy as a few clicks of a mouse, a desire to travel cheaply and a sense of adventure.

Jon Raffin, a former Hollywood costume designer, makes his home in Santa Monica, Calif., a beachside suburb of Los Angeles, minutes away from Venice beach and dozens of restaurants, theaters and great shopping.

"I like to go out to New York City a couple of times a year to take in Broadway shows, but I always get killed by hotels," says Raffin. "Once I did my first exchange a year ago - and I've done another since - I was hooked."

Raffin first swapped his high-tech loft place for an apartment right off Central Park West with a couple who wanted to come to LA over last New Years.

Says Raffin, "I've become friends with these guys and never even met them. I joke to my friends: home exchanging is like a travel drug - once you try it, you're instantly addicted."

Annette Sachs met her girlfriend, Lu (Louise) in Amsterdam two summers ago and just stayed on when the rest of the tourists went home.

"I'm a graphic artist and illustrator, so it was a fairly easy transition," says the expatriate, "though I still work in the States and in London."

Sachs says more recently her clients bring her to London for weeks at a time.

"I found a great swap over the summer just north of the city with a family that wanted to travel around, but be based out of Amsterdam. So, Lu and I spent a month in London, without having to be in the city with all the crazy tourists, which we get enough of in Holland."

If you're worried about having a stranger in your home, ask for references and call them. But, even more reassuring, the statistics seem to be in the exchanger's favor.

One International vacation home survey, polling over 1,000 home exchangers from the U.S. and 40 other countries, returned a finding of not one case of theft.

Of course, any special items or valuables of particular concern should be put away in a locked cabinet or closet - seems foolish to do otherwise. You could also designate which china the swappers should use, with little signs in the kitchen on the cabinets and on drawers, keeping the good stuff tucked away.

Also, if you're worried that your place is in an area that's not necessarily considered "hot," fear not.

Swappers say think outside the home box - if you expand your vision to within a two-hour driving distance, you'd be surprised at what you may find: parks, sports venues, historic areas - all of which you could tout in your ad. Homes or apartments off the beaten path may offer museums or club headquarters for obscure things that hold a keen interest for many people, even if they're not your thing.

Most of us are being more cautious than ever with our hard-earned dollars - and the lure of a hotel that charges hundreds of dollars a night isn't so alluring as the economy teeters on stilts. Home exchanges offer the same or better than a hotel (call me Gladys Kravitz, I love seeing how other people live) - but without the expense. Sure, there's no concierge, but but then there's also no tipping. I can deal with that.

Civil Unions Difficult To Dissolve

MONTPELIER, VT (GFN) - Of the 4,979 civil unions performed in Vermont so far, 4,203 have been from out of state Lesbian and Gay couples. Now, some of these couples have discovered what many non-Gay couples have known for a long time: getting hitched is easier than splitting up.

The Boston Globe reports a rarely discussed provision in the civil union laws created more than two years ago: it requires that one member of a couple reside in Vermont for a year before the state will grant a dissolution.

Dissolving unions outside Vermont is complicated by the fact that no other state has legally recognized civil unions, leaving courts to wrestle with the question of whether something that isn't recognized can be ended. So far, the gavel has not fallen in favor of an easy solution.

In what is believed to be the first test of a dissolution outside Vermont, a Hartford, Conn., judge threw out the case of a man who sought to dissolve his civil union, reasoning that because Connecticut does not acknowledge civil unions, its courts had no say over their breakup.

The case of Glen Rosengarten and Peter Downes is awaiting appeal at the state's Supreme Court.

Legal specialists say the Connecticut case is likely the beginning of a spate of litigation over the dissolution of civil unions, and, more broadly, the status of the unions outside their home state.

Sorting out the complexities, experts say, is critical because non-Vermonters who enter into civil unions and separate with no official dissolution place themselves in legal jeopardy with possible financial and personal implications.

The issue of a civil union's status is pivotal in the case of Rosengarten and Downes, who joined in a civil union on New Year's Eve 2000. Rosengarten sought a split in July 2001 in Connecticut, fearing that Downes might try to tap into his estate.

Nearly two weeks ago, Rosengarten died of cancer and AIDS. His lawyer, Kenneth Bartschi, said he expects the case to go forward in the state Supreme Court.

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HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

We may not know which lovebug bit us when flirty Venus redirects and increases our allure. But we do know that we have our choice of sticky sweet desserts after a month of false starts and rejection. Get ready to check for cavities, lover.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Rainbow Rams might have had their hooves clipped during the restrictive Venus retrograde. Now, as mighty Aphrodite redirects, you are a bull ... er... ram in a sexual china shop. You exude sensuality and raw animal magnetism for a change. Eat, drink and be very merry, comrade. You have eight weeks to come, see and conquer... and not necessarily in that order!

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Venus redirects and sets a new, happy course for any one-to-one relationship. Queer Bulls are tempted to settle back into their usual placid routines but before you plunk yourself down in front of the tube with a bag of popcorn, chew on a nugget of Venus wisdom. Light a fire and enjoy the heat with a certain someone. There is plenty of time to belch up your beer later.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

After a host of job hassles, Gay Twins finally breathe free and put some particularly onerous projects to bed. Now that you are out from under, carefully consider next steps. Although Venus does not necessarily recommend radical change, it may be a good time to upend the landscape and see what (or who) shakes Out. On second thought, you may not want to get out from under.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Pink Crabs may have felt lethargic and dreary while Venus retrograded. Now, as mighty Aphrodite redirects, you are infused with a full palette of creative opportunities. Tap into your Gay muse and see who opens the door. Of course, you may also simply yep for a carousingly good time at every turkey trot in town. Looks like you hanker for a bit of stuffing on the side as well.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Martha Stewart may be inaccessible right now but you can amply fill her shoes when cozy, homey Venus redirects. Proud Lions have some great redecorating ideas that have been percolating for a while. Pour it on and let your best ideas flow. Remember that Venus adds extra chintz to every over-the-top concept. How far Out can you get? The more the better cousin!

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

What words of wisdom will you impart to the hoi polloi as gentle Venus redirects? Queer Virgos have the gift of gab and don't mind pontificating on just about anything and everything. Express yourself in any way possible; you are sure to wow them. However, if you find yourself chatting up the local Phyllis Shafly contingency, it may be time to take a quiet time out.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

If your purse strings were strangling you, breathe a sigh of fiscal relief when generous Venus redirects this week. Money comes to you from various sources. Gay Libras can finally spend with abandon and spend you will! But remember to keep your eye on the bottom line before you blow your entire wad. Save a little something for a rainy day ... or for a moist and needy stranger.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Venus redirects in your own sign and lights your spotlight in a lovely pink haze. You are the center of the universe, the shining star, the one adored. After a month of being treated like a doormat, it is certainly a pleasant turnaround to be treated like royalty. Of course there are some Gay Scorps who prefer to be walked on... with cleats... but that is another story.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Venus redirects and opens your closet to a refreshing breeze. You are affirmed, liberated and refreshed, and none too soon comrade! Spread the good karma and work on your inner soul. The rewards are boundless. Queer Archers are suffused with a certain je ne sais quois at this time. Of course that can happen when you don't change your underwear everyday.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

If you have been feeling like a piece of wallpaper, peel yourself off the wall and reach Out. There are times when friends know just what to do to make you feel superhuman. Direct Venus is one of those times. Test your limits and expand your social circle. This is the time to make a striking, heroic impression. Will you become the Incredible Hulk or The Flash?

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

While others strive to capture the attention of the power elite, Aquarians content themselves with plotting their overthrow. Now as lovely and charming Venus redirects you can foment revolution with a certain panache. They won't know what hit 'em, comrade. Just be sure that you can live with the mandate from the masses when the dust settles. Monarchy anyone?

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

How far is your reach, Guppie? Venus redirects and launches you into the far reaches of the world. How far can you travel? You are personality personified and should use this transit to hoist your rainbow flag and post your opinions loud, proud and queer. That may mean a trip to Palm Springs...or Paris. But if money is tight, even a warm bath and soggy Gauloise will do.

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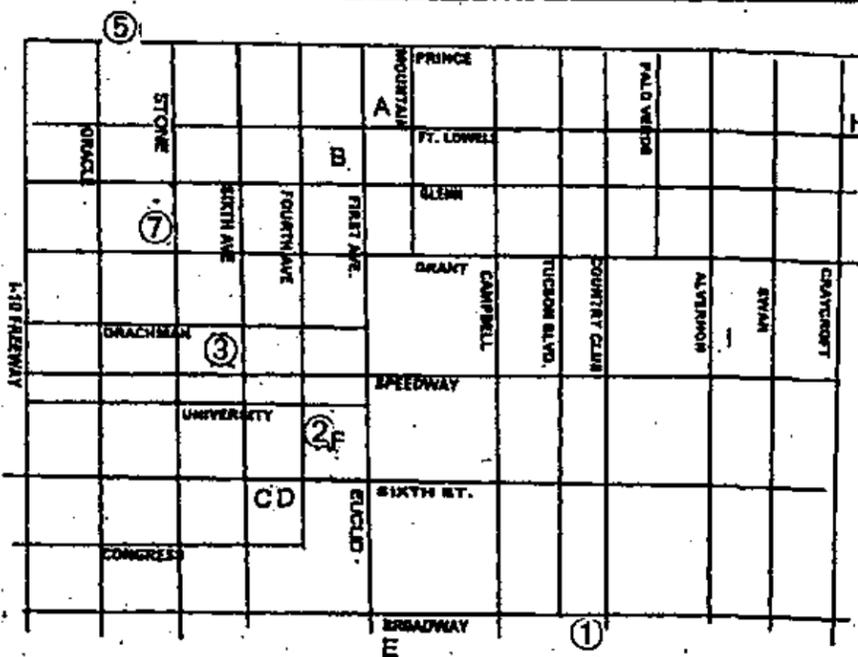
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'My So-Called Life'

So, we were given diplomatic immunity from that particular South American country, and it would only take a phone call if we were ever busted. One day El Presidente of this un-named country flew into meet with us with all his bodyguards and staff. I should have known when El Presidente kissed me on the cheek as he left (Scarface reunion beware) that this was perhaps somewhere I did not need to be! We began retrieving drops of pure cocaine (nothing but the finest) on an estate that El Presidente had purchased up in the hills of California. Being of sound mind when I had to be, I ran as fast as I could, never looking back.

Why do I do these things? HELLO? P.S. That same man (my friend) that headed all this now has his own label of sweaters in Nordstrom's and major department stores across the U.S. and Europe.

During this entire time, I still maintained my day job as a business analyst at a major electronic corporation in Silicon Valley. Somehow I always maintained a dual life. I found myself clinging onto my day job, working many late hours and somehow keeping myself out of trouble. I think that when you're lost within yourself, you do everything possible to fill the void, look at the puzzle and take every peg, whether it is round or square, and stuff it into every slot possible. Running scared is what I call it. I did say that things were going to slow down a little- right!

Well, here comes trouble and his

Firing of Linguists Highlights Injustice

MONTEREY, CA - The discharge this month of six Gay Arabic linguists studying at the Defense Language Institute highlights just how counter-productive the "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy on Gay service in the military really is, say rights advocates.

At a time when the country is struggling to shore up its intelligence capabilities on radical groups in the Middle East, the military can hardly afford to fire competent people based on prejudicial notions about sexual orientation, said the DC-based Servicemembers Legal Defense Network.

"The most pertinent issue is that (six) linguists trained in the language the U.S. government, the military and intelligence all readily admit they are in dire need of have been fired unjustly," said an SLDN spokesperson. "The military shot themselves in the foot."

The SLDN said a seventh Gay specialist in Arabic had been dismissed from another base, and that two Korean linguists and one specialist in Mandarin had also been forcibly discharged.

SLDN reported in March that the military had discharged 1,271 men and women under "don't ask, don't tell" in 2001.

Alastair Gamble, a 24-year-old Linguist Specialist from Beltsville, Md., told the SLDN he was fired from the institute after his superiors learned his boyfriend was spending the night in his bedroom, a

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name is Matt!! Matt stood 6'4" and was a massive wall of finely sculpted flesh that you only saw in paperback magazines that were delivered to your home in brown paper. We did our subtle pass-bys, sniffing and grunting like two raging bulls in heat, testing the waters and testosterone levels of the other on the approach. We lasted three weeks of tease, bantering and sniffing. Matt came over and that's all it took. The next night we met again, and after a while of sucking face, one by one I undid his shirt buttons and his pectoral mounds of solid meat released themselves from their restraints. Oh My God! Within seconds, I had been reduced to early life memories of breast feeding and nurturing, barely coming up for air. You could bounce a quarter off his chest or ass and it would hit you in the eye. Everything from head to toe was rock hard and large. We would stay up all night and just talk, laugh and revel in the opportunity to just be us. But the biggest muscle he had was his heart, and he allowed only me to see that. Matt and I would keep in touch through the years, and yes, he was the one that got away.

Another "what if only ..." I think it is time I call him!! To be continued...

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Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Canasta Club meets to play this fun card game. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Karol at 744-8017.

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

#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 690-9565.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 p.m. Jerry & Les host the continuing saga of the Fisher family in "Six Feet Under". For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

#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): 9:00 a.m. Bill hosts a hike to the top of Wasson Peak in the Tucson Mountains. This would be a moderate to difficult hike. For reservations, directions on where to meet, and more information, please call Bill at 297-3569.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Karol will host Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Karol at 744-8017.

1. Tucson Prime Timers, Breakfast - 9:00 A.m. Blue Willow, 2616 N. Campbell Ave.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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

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

Desert Girtz meet at Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse. 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Chris 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 Chris at 304-5814.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Perry hosts Bridge Night. 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.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Canasta Club meets to play this fun card game. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 297-3569.

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 2:00 p.m. You're invited to join your gay family for a traditional Potluck Thanksgiving. The main dishes are provided, and we ask you to bring a side dish or dessert to share with others. For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 546-7539.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 5:00 p.m. The Annual Turkey Movie rears its ugly head again-and this year's tacky leftover is "Flash Gordon", a wacky 70s take off on the old Flash Gordon serials. For a good (bad) time, please call Les at 690-9565 for reservations and directions.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. As an antidote to our Turkey Movie, we offer a second helping of "Big Eden", a sweet & charming movie about love in unexpected places. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. the Dilectious Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Lady Ashley, Adrienne Alexander and Faith Michaels.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

IBTS - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The Tucson Weekly will be here with their Call on the Road. Games, Prizes and Fun!

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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IBTS - Party line-up includes Sean and Dennis' Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. Homemade Sangria with fruit 3:00 p.m. til closing, every Sunday \$2.50 Karaoke with Michael D. 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 Team Flex Gay softball team. 8:00 p.m. "Puttin' On The Lips" lip sync contest hosted by Janee Star. \$50 first place. Then at 9:00 p.m., Disk Jockey, Dr. Who, will be spinning hot dance music til closing...

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. the Dilectious Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Chantelle Douglas, Bunny FuFu and Veronica Hallowell.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28
THANKSGIVING

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz will open at 8:00 p.m. today so their employees may enjoy their Thanksgiving with the families. Doors open at six today only with Karaoke starting at 9:00 pm. Drink specials are \$2.00 Kamikazees and \$1.00 Hot Sex shots all night. No Cover.

IBTS - Will open at 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Day. Retro 80s Thanksgiving Dance Party. Escape and dance your ass off!!!

VENTURE-N - Opening early for Thanksgiving celebrants. 8:00 A.M.] Traditional potluck Thanksgiving Buffet at 1:00 p.m. Big Jim prepares the turkey and you bring a side dish or a dessert. See the bartenders for more information.

WOODY'S - Will open at 7:00 p.m. this Thanksgiving day.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Hip Hop Night tonight. DJ Hill spins the best of Hip Hop from 9:00 pm. Til closing. \$1.00 Hot Sex Shots and \$2.75 Sex on the Beach drinks from 8:00 p.m. to closing. Shot specials every half hour. No Cover.

FRI-SAT-SUN, DECEMBER 13-14-15

IBTS - Mark your calendars for the 4th Avenue Winter Street Fair. Plenty of fun, lots of action and thousands of people working the avenue!!! (Ooops - I mean walking the avenue.)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bill will host Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Bill at 297-3569.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. Join Steve for a relaxing Dinner Out at Stone Ashley. For reservations and directions, please call Steve at 794-5019.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Chris 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 Chris at 304-5814.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Tucson Stockmen, an offshoot of MSN, meet to talk about the stock market, and their continuing investment in it. For details, please call Carl at 331-4238.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Canasta Club meets to play this fun card game. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 297-3569.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

Daily Bar Calendar

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers Bud or Bud Light. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9pm to close. Drink & Shot specials all night.

IBTS - 10am-8pm \$1.75 Bloody's, Screws or Mimosas. Sangria Party \$2.50 from 4-1 Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 6:30-8pm. Karaoke with Michael D. on the patio 4:30-7:30. 8:30 shows or special events or H energy dancing w/DJ Dr. Who. (Call for details). All drink specials not available during special events.

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; Happy Hour 11am-8pm \$2 well or domestic beer Patio Bar open 6-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger or chicken 5-8pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 8pm

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.75 from 10am - 1pm. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm-7pm. Diner and live jazz 5-8pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestic beer and well 2-7pm. Free pool 8-10pm. 50¢ cups draft Bud & Bud Light 8pm to close.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-8pm. Undie Monde- Happy Hour prices for those in their undies 8pm-close. Queer As Folk shown beginning at 8pm. Hot Dancing follows. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Karaoke w/michael D. 9pm to close.

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

IBTS

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestic beer & well 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, bar matches pot. Country music 9pm to close. \$2 bottled Bud products 8pm to close.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-8pm. Tee's & Tattoo Nite, wear an IBTS T-shirt or IBT tshirt get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBTS T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. House Hi-Nergy Dance 9pm to close W/DJ-Q

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic til 8pm. Tropical drink specials 8 to close. \$3 zombies, Jungle Juice, Mai Tai's.

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

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-4-1 domestic beer and well from 2-7pm. 90s retro music 9pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8pm to close.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-8pm "Ova-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holiday and guests. HINRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. 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. 60¢ off any Vodka until 7pm Kennel open daily at 5pm.

AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Karaoke 9-close, with \$2 Kamikazees and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-8. Retro 80s Dance w/Jonathan HI NRG dancing 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

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 8pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close plus 50¢ off all Big Ass drinks. Top scores on MTH game wins special prizes. Free Pool 8 to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

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

IBTS

AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Music with DJ Hill 9pm - close. Shot and drink specials all night. No cover.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm. \$2 domestic beer and well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 8-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

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 8pm. Martini Party - Well Martinis \$2.00 all day. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

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

Sangria

AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Bar matches pot. \$2 pitchers for pool players. DJ Hill 9pm-close. Drink & Shot Specials all night.

IBTS - 10am-8pm \$2 domestic beer and well. Dance Party 9-1 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

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 8pm. Happy Hour 4-8pm. \$1.75 well or domestics. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Filet 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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NOTICES

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saat.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 8:30 to 9pm. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty, 862-7728 Facilitator.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8680 or write P.O. Box 36284, Tucson, AZ 85740-8284. 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 690-4613, 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.

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

HIKE & BIKE DYKES. Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7238 for info.

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

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5685. Leave message. TucsonSources@aol.com

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

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

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 578-9020

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43810, Tucson, AZ 85733-3810 or visit our website at www.bobop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Bonita St. between St. Marys and Congress.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline at 868-5641

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Eite 581-8850 or Ronn 988-2384.

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

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

GUYS BOOK CLUB meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm, Rainbow Plane, Coffee House, 608 N. 4th Ave.

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE \$25 PER WORD \$6.00 MINIMUM



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CLASSIFIED ADS MUST BE MAILED NO PHONE ADS

NOTICES

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9486 or Ray at 749-6247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide fighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7268.

COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY! St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church offers a variety of Gay and Lesbian groups and services for the spiritually minded. Come meet the Phamily! For more information call Debbie 579-8827 or David 323-7843.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9682.

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

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

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-8565 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 judgment or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-8647.

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

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 625-7213.

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

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

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 7pm. Tucson Pride produces Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OUTOFEST. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 822-3200 or visit the TPI website at www.tucsonpride.com

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 8 weeks. 684-7083.

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Cullen, (520)742-7865 or go to our web site http://www.tgasafootball.org

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

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-8678 or 327-4283.

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

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1438 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info, Call Anabel at 325-0692

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) is 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 398

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 640-0820

NOTICES

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC provided daily by the Pima County Health Department. Gay friendly. Confidential. Treatment and Medication too! Any questions? Call 624-8272

AZdylas is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyan@charter.com and request guidelines.

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

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 688-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

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

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

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

DESERT DOMINION TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Fun-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational. Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. For more info call (520)792-8424 or http://www.desertdominion.org

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

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS: a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6219 (Phoenix)

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. 743-4600.

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at St. Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 283-8624.

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 8809 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.

TGNatArizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TG, G, and Gender-varient communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnatizona.org - e-mail address: eigoednum@uwest.net.org

"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

PASSAGES MENTAL - Discussion group and more. For men in their 30s, 40s and late 20s. A great way to meet people. Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month at Wingspan 7-9pm. Call 780-8714 for more information.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR RECOVERING ADDICTS AND ALCOHOLICS. Group meets every Saturday 7-8pm in Cornerstone Fellowship hall, 2802 N. Geronimo. 622-4828 or 780-8404.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at 4838 E. First Street. Call Jesse 743-4320 or Maurice 323-2283. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. TucsonStonewall@aol.com

PERSONALS

The MAN-TO-MAN Social/Erotic education CLUB is the tantric men's group that offers passionate friendships & fun activities. Marc 681-4582 958

HOUSING FOR RENT

FOR RENT. GAY-OWNED. Large 2br/1ba. W/D, pool, private fenced yard. Covered patio, storage shed. Country Club/Glenn area. \$585/mo. 240-2295 or 328-1932 960

ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX. Speedway and Swan area. \$485.00. Water and Laundry included. Ramada and fenced backyard. No pets. No smoking. Call 327-3135 959

2 BEDROOM HOUSE UNFURNISHED. 1,200 SQ. FT. Private. Saltic, Arizona Room. HUU's, lovely yard, pet ok, 10x20 shed. Grant/Alverson. \$725/mo. 351-9114 955

CUTE HOUSE FOR RENT. Central location 6th & Swan area. Hardwood floors, satellite, Dishwasher, Fireplace. Fabulous! Cats welcome. \$800/mo. Call Nancy 322-5497. 958

2 BEDROOM ADOBE HOUSE. Carpeted and fireplace. Attached greenhouse. Shade cloth covered deck & fenced yard. Averson/Speedway area. Available Nov. 1. Rent \$550/mo. \$100/dep. Call for appointment. Ask for Bill 795-8881. 955

ROOMMATES

LARGE GAY/MALE HOUSEHOLD TO SHARE. Central - Grant/Alverson area. HUGE studios from \$345. Must see! ALL utilities included. FREE use of laundry, cable, pool, dishwasher. PRIVATE patio. 327-3135. No pets, no smokers, please. FLEXIBLE lease terms 960

EMPLOYMENT

WANTED RELIABLE, 30s, part-time house cleaning, maintenance. Non-smoker. 881-4582 959

SERVICES

RELAXING THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE. Experience the mind-body connection. Full hour \$40. Call Dale 546-5803. 957

28-YEAR-OLD ATHLETE provides a heavenly, unique mixture of Swedish deep tissue and tantric massage. Out Calls only. John 272-2283 959

END BACK PAIN. The back solution, massage and bodywork. 15 years experience. Tension Release - Stress Reduction - Relax for Health. Abe 294-4810 974

LET ME PAMPER YOU! With a Full Body Swedish Massage in a quiet, relaxed atmosphere. \$35 for a full hour. Ralph (520) 823-7498 975

ENJOY A NICE TOUCH. Attractive man offers a sensual, relaxing massage. 10am-8pm. 745-0231. 956

FULL BODY ORIENTAL MASSAGE. Experience the difference. By Appointment only. 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Call Danny Chong (520)270-8268 951

EXPERIENCE A TOTALLY RELAXING or deep-tissue massage by a trained, caring male therapist. In-home, hotel or resort. Ask about college student special. (520)730-7966. 954

TENSE? STRESSED OUT? Relax for an hour with a full body rub by Frank. Private studio, off-street parking. (520)271-3660 days, evenings. 958

EXPERIENCE YOURSELF TOTALLY WITH EXPERT HOLISTIC TANTRIC MASSAGE. A good choice. 20 years of experience. Quality - not cheap prices. Treat yourself to a REAL tune-up. Marc - 881-4582. Licensed. 958

A MAN'S FULL BODY MASSAGE: Relax with an unhurried session of skilled bodywork. Peaceful, private studio. Call Rick. (520)299-1792. 960

A SPECIAL TOUCH. Full body massage with complete relaxation. Young and professional, In/out calls. 7 days. New Location Call Joe, CMT, (520) 293-1778 958

COME BACK TO BLISS. Experience a massage steeped in rich tradition combining ancient, sacred and intimate healing techniques. Strong, yet gentle hands work with your complete comfort in mind. In & Out, Days & Evenings, sometimes at a moment's notice. Call Glen, CMT (520)907-2551 for the touch you so richly deserve. Experienced, professional, and kind... not bad looking either! 953

ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS Let me keep your clothes fitting properly and in good repair. Experienced -- Economical -- Prompt. Merle Hudson, (520)888-7264 in Tucson. 960

Firing of Linguists

Continued from Page Thirteen violation of curfew. An investigation ensued, which found private correspondence containing expressions of love.

"This is not a Gay rights issue," said Gamble, who specializes in the Arabic dialect spoken in Iraq. "What is inappropriate is for the military to insist the policy is right when there is no tangible evidence to support it.

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