



Anti-Gay Judge Faces Fine and Censure

JACKSON, MS - That this is happening in Mississippi makes the news all the more remarkable, Lambda Legal reports.

A state commission on judicial conduct recommended Friday, December 20 that the Mississippi Supreme Court penalize a judge who advocated that Gays and Lesbians should be institutionalized.

The recommendation came in response to an ethics complaint filed by Lambda Legal earlier this year. Lambda said the judge's comments clearly violated the state's Code of Judicial Conduct and indicated that he would not decide cases involving Gays and Lesbians fairly and impartially.

This recommendation marks only the second time that a judicial commission in the South has recommended penalizing a judge for anti-Gay bias. It is the first such recommendation in Mississippi.

Mississippi and a growing number of states explicitly include sexual orientation in their codes of conduct that prohibit judges from demeaning people based on gender, race, religion and other factors.

"This is a significant step forward for Mississippi and for the South," said Lambda Legal's Greg Nevins. "Judges are duty-bound to give a fair hearing to everyone, and these kinds of extremely homophobic statements make Gays and Lesbians, who often face an uphill battle for equality, feel that the justice system is closed off to them."

In March, Mississippi Justice Court Judge Connie Wilkerson wrote a letter to the editor published in the George County Times, that read, "In my opinion, Gays and Lesbians should be put in some type of mental institute instead of having a [domestic partnership] law like this passed for them."

Referring to an Associated Press article about the ability of Gay and Lesbian survivors to sue for the wrongful death of their partners, Judge Wilkerson wrote, "I got sick on my stomach as I read the news story," he wrote. He then invoked the Bible and Romans 1:32, which suggests that those who break God's law "are worthy of death."

The American Family Associa-

tion's Center for Law and Policy is defending Judge Wilkerson.

In its ruling, the Mississippi Commission on Judicial Performance asked the state Supreme Court to publicly reprimand Judge Wilkerson and fine him \$150 for violating the Code of Judicial Conduct.

This move seems likely given that in early 2002, the Mississippi Supreme Court formally amended the state's Code of Judicial Conduct to specifically call on judges to avoid "expressions of bias or prejudice," including demeaning remarks based on "sexual orientation."

The only other reprimand of a Southern judge for anti-Gay bias was in Texas, where a judge was censured several years ago. Lambda Legal says that judges in Alabama, Illinois, Michigan and Delaware have also faced complaints of anti-Gay bias in recent years.

The Holliday Spirit

TUCSON - For the past nine years, Larry Moore (aka Lucinda Holliday) has held fund raising shows to assist families in need during the Holiday season. Actually, during Lucinda's regular shows, she dedicates one number to "my families" as Larry would say, and challenges the audience to give what they can no matter whether it is a penny or a million dollars. Also on weekends you can find Larry out asking for donations by selling candy and doing yard sales etc.

Every year the families in need come from Doolin Middle School at Country Club and Grant. "This year we were able to help sponsor six families in need," Larry said. "It's my way of giving back. My goal this year was \$2,000, and we exceeded that by raising \$3,600.

One of IBT's spectators/fans by the name Browne offered his employee discount at WalMart. We were able to save \$150 with this discount. Shopping for children is the hardest thing any of us has done," Moore said. "Queens know how to buy panty hose and shoes, but buying for children is another story".



Faith Michaels at the checkout register at Walmart.

The second shopping spree was at Albertson's at Tanque Verde and Grant. "Our angels this time were Christine and Mario who are Albertson managers. They also gave us ten percent discount along with coupons and tons of help. We were purchasing so much so fast that half way through, the cash register crashed. Nancy, our 'register diva' kept a cool head and moved us to another register". "The bag boys were cute and helpful too!"

"At WalMart my shoppers were Browne, Samantha White, Dell Waddel, Faith Michaels, Bunny Fu'u and myself. At Albertson's they were Pat Terry, Sherry Taylor, Janec Starr, Teri Akki, Diana Flair, Samantha White and myself."

"The best part of doing this is making sure that these children are able to eat and have a little help with daily life," Larry says. The holidays have become so commercial and impersonal and I feel that we need for nothing so why not spend the money where it is necessary? Do what you can, when you can, and it will return to you with feelings of good will.

"I want to thank everyone who was involved in this year's effort. You are all angels in your own way, and you are all blessed."

Photos of the shopping sprees can be found on page ten of this week's Observer.

LA NOCHE BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Tis the night before Christmas
And all through the casa
Not a creature is stirring
Caramba! Que pasa?

The stockings are hanging con mucho cuidado
In hope that St. Nicholas will feel obligado
To leave a few cosas aqui y alli
For chico y chica (y something por me).

Los Ninos are snuggled all safe in their camas
Some in vestidos and some in pajamas
Their little cabezas all full of good things
They all esperando que Santa will bring.

Santa esta at the corner saloon
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Shining her rolling pin para mañana

When Santa returns to his home zigzagando
Lit up like the Star Spangled Banner cantando.
And Mama will send him to bed con a right
Merry Christmas a todos, y a todos good night!

Author Unknown

Season's Greetings

UPDATE

Road Runner Regional Rodeo Jan. 17-19, 2003

SCOTTSDALE - The 18th AGRA, (Arizona Gay Rodeo Association), Road Runner Regional Rodeo held January 17-19, 2003. For a second year, the Rodeo will be staged at Rawhide Wild West Town in Scottsdale.

AGRA's Rodeo is one of the largest, both in the number of spectators attending and the number of Rodeo contestants competing, on the IGRA Rodeo circuit throughout the US and Canada which numbers 20 Rodeos including finals. Friday night Jan 17, there will be Contestant Registration, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at Rawhide.

In the Pavilion a variety of vendors will be selling goods and the Royalty contest will be held beginning at 7:00 p.m. Between the step downs of the current Royalty and the announcing of the 2003 Royalty, a live concert with Patsy DeCline and comedian ANT will be held. Admission price Friday night is \$5.00. The current Royalty: Patrick Lose 1st Runner-up Mr. IGRA 2003 & Mr. AGRA 2002 & Gaylia Young, 2nd Runner-up MS IGRA 2003 & MS AGRA 2001 & 2002, Pussy LeHoot, 1st Runner-up Miss IGRA 2003 & Miss AGRA 2002, and Novia Gina, 1st Runner-up Miss AGRA 2002, will be stepping down. Their titles will of Mr., MS & Miss AGRA for 2003 will be won by the likes of Mr. candidates Kelly Bascue and Michael Butts, MS candidate Marty Wolfe and Miss Candidates Lady Casandra (a.k.a Dan Dold), Suzanne Targ'et (a.k.a. Woody Howard) and Phaedra (a.k.a Fernando Trinidad). Dancing will follow.

On Saturday & Sunday the gates to Rawhide will open at 8:00 a.m. Admission to the Rodeo is \$15.00 per day. The vendors normally will all be open and ready for business by 10:00 a.m. Starting at Noon both days, Grand Entry will take place. Saturdays Grand Entry usually consists of the "Riderless Horse" ceremony in honor of all those who have passed, the marching in of all the Nations Flags, all of the 22 IGRA Associations that are present, the IGRA Trustees, the Grand Marshall, and introduction of all of the Rodeo Officials. It truly is a "Grand" event to watch. Sunday's Grand Entry is similar but probably will not feature the parade of IGRA Associations. Depending on the number of Rodeo Contestants the Rodeo usually runs until about 7:00 p.m. but the partying and dancing in the Pavilion will last past Midnight on Friday and Saturday. Sunday night will be the buckle ceremonies, which is held in the Pavilion.

Buckles and Ribbons are present to the 1st thru 8th positions in each event as well as All-Around Cowboy and All-Around Cowgirl. Monday, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., there will be a Brunch at Charlie's Bar for \$5.00. AGRA, through Gray Line Tours, will be offering free shuttle service to the Rodeo grounds from the host hotels (Sunshine Inn, formerly known as the Quality Inn and Resort & the Scottsdale Hilton Gardens) and some bars. Weekend ticket package/advance ticket sales are available at \$30.00. To order advance tickets with credit card call (602) 287-9026 (\$1.00 service charge applies) or mail check, cashiers check or money order to: AGRA 2003 Rodeo Director, PO Box 40-465, Phoenix, AZ 85067-0465. For Vendor, Entertainment, Volunteer & Membership applications info visit www.agra-phx.com or call (602) 265-0618.

Youth Scholarship Fund Established

PHOENIX - Arizona Central Pride (ACP) has announced the creation of the "Phoenix Pride Youth Scholarship Fund" as a method to give back to the Phoenix Gay community. It is ACP's intent that these scholarships be used to foster the educational growth of our communities' youth as they grow into future community leaders.

Arizona Central Pride is creating this fund with an initial donation of \$10,000 from their profits at the 2002 Pride Party In The Park. ACP has made a further commitment to continue to make donations to this fund on an annual basis from future ACP profits. The ACP donation amounts will be determined on an annual basis by their board of directors.

ACP will manage the Fund (separate from any ACP general operating funds) with direction from the Fund's board and make their agreed upon awards of monies to those youth accepted as scholarship recipients. Administration costs shall not exceed 5% of the Fund.

ACP as a 501c3 charity will also be soliciting tax deductible donations from individuals and businesses in the community for further growth of this scholarship fund. Donations may be mailed to: Arizona Central Pride, PO Box 16847, Phoenix, AZ 85011. Please note on the check-"scholarship donation". ACP reports that they already have another \$5,000 pledged donation.

The Funds' Board of Directors who will direct this fund will serve 2 year terms and be made up of five (5) persons as follows: 1. President of ACP: Linda Hoffman; 2. ACP board member: Don Hamill; 3. Executive Director of Valley Youth Services: Babe Caylor; 4. A selected board member from Valley Youth Services: TBD; and, 5. A community leader to be selected by the other 4 board members: TBD.

The Fund's board will make all decisions regarding administration of the Fund and scholarship awards from the Fund. They are meeting and in the process of drafting an application process.

Please consider making a donation to show your support in assisting our youth on the road to their futures. For more information call (602) 279-1771.

Fourth Fridays Dec. 27

TUCSON - Fourth Fridays continue through the holiday season, with this month's event again being held at Cushing Street Bar & Restaurant, 198 W. Cushing St., just south of the Tucson Convention Center, on Friday, December 27, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Come join other GBT men start the weekend, greet old friends and make new ones in a relaxed gathering place. There is a cash bar, and the \$10 cover includes hors d'oeuvres and a donation to Wingspan.

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

If you don't get everything you want think of the things you don't get that you don't want!

Observer Going To Press Early On New Year's

TUCSON - Next week's edition of The Observer will be going to press earlier than usual.

Since this year, New Year's Day falls on a Wednesday, the usual day the paper is sent to the press to be printed, the publishers won't be open that day or Christmas or New Year's Eve, a Tuesday, the Observer will go to the press on Monday December 30.

So all articles, press releases or what-so-ever, for the upcoming edition will need to be in The Observer's hands by Sunday, December 29 and there will be no exception to the deadline.

New Guidelines Say Some Women Can Skip Pap Tests

WASHINGTON, DC - The American Cancer Society, hoping to spare women from unnecessary medical procedures, announced new cervical cancer screening guidelines that say some women at low risk for the disease do not need to get Pap tests.

The society's last guidelines, issued in 1987, recommended that all women at least 18 years old receive a Pap test and a pelvic exam yearly; the test could be performed less frequently if a woman had three consecutive normal exams.

The new guidelines say testing isn't needed at all for young women who are not sexually active, for women 70 or older who have had normal Pap tests in the past, and for women who have had hysterectomies. Sexually active women should begin getting Pap tests within three years of the start of sexual activity, but no later than age 21, according to the new guidelines. Newer types of Pap tests also allow women to be tested every two years instead of once per year. The goal is to "diminish the number of invasive procedures done to prove a woman doesn't have cancer," said Carmel Cohen, a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at New York's Mount Sinai Medical Center who led the society's review committee.

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Around The USA

NY Governor Signs GLB Rights Bill

ALBANY, NY - Republican New York governor George Pataki has signed a bill into law that outlaws discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians in the state, 31 years after advocates began lobbying for it.

The Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination Act protects people from sexual orientation-based abuse, harassment, and discrimination in employment, housing, education, and public services. The passage of SONDA makes New York the 13th state to prohibit antiGay bias. Pataki received an endorsement for reelection from the Empire State Pride Agenda, the largest Gay and Lesbian group in the state, after the Republican state senate said in October that it would take up the bias bill. The senate passed SONDA by a vote of 34-26. The state assembly approved the measure in January—as it has every year since 1993.

"This lays the foundation for winning full equality under the law in areas such as taxation, protections for Gay youth and Transgendered people, and recognition of our families," said Matt Foreman, executive director of ESPA.

"The bill itself is a step in the wrong direction," said Sen. Serphin Maltese. "We cannot legislate politeness...the way people feel. That comes through mutual respect."

A proposed amendment to SONDA to add specific protections for Transgendered residents—ranging from cross-dressers to people undergoing sex-change procedures—failed, 19-41.

Critics' Kudos Keep Coming For Queer Films

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The newly formed San Francisco Film Critics Circle awarded out filmmaker Todd Haynes as Best Director for *Far From Heaven* and chose the Gay-inclusive *Y Tu Mamá Tambiér* as Best Foreign Film.

Also honored by the group were *The Pianist* (Best Picture), Michael Caine (Best Actor, for *The Quiet American*), Isabelle Huppert (Best Actress, for *The Piano Teacher*), Chris Cooper (Best Supporting Actor, for *Adaptation*), and Miranda Richardson (Best Supporting Actress, for *Spider*).

Far From Heaven, an homage to 1950s melodrama about a suburban wife whose perfect marriage falls apart when she discovers that her husband is secretly Gay, picked up seven nominations for the International Foreign Press Association's Golden Satellite awards, including Best Motion Picture, Drama, and nods for Haynes's screenplay and direction. The film will also be competing with *The Hours*, *Chicago*, and seven other films for Best Picture in the Broadcast Film Critics Association's eighth annual Critics' Choice Awards. Pedro Almodóvar's *Talk to Her* was nominated as Best Foreign Film by both the IFPA and the BFCA.

Dog-Mauling Suit Settled

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The mother and the partner of the late Diane Alexis Whipple, who was killed in a January 2001

dog-mauling attack in San Francisco, have settled their wrongful-death lawsuits against the owners of the property management firm that owns the apartment building in which the attack took place, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.

Under the terms of the settlement, Whipple's mother, Penny Whipple Kelly, and Whipple's partner, Sharon Smith, will receive an undisclosed amount of cash from Rudolph and Annette Koppl, who own Marina Green Properties Inc. According to Smith's attorney, her settlement money will go to a charity that supports athletics and other causes; Whipple had been a college women's lacrosse coach. Both Kelly and Smith are still pursuing wrongful-death suits against the dogs' owners, Robert Noel and Marjorie Knoller, who are serving time in state prison for manslaughter in Whipple's death.

Lott Steps Down As Majority Leader

WASHINGTON, DC - After weeks of public controversy, speculation and rumor, Senator Trent Lott of Mississippi relented Friday, December 20, and announced he would resign as incoming Senate Majority Leader.

Lott's announcement came two weeks and a day after he remarked the country would have been "better off" had Strom Thurmond, running on a segregationist ticket, been elected president in 1948.

"In the interest of pursuing the best possible agenda for the future of our country, I will not seek to remain as majority leader of the United States Senate for the 108th Congress, effective Jan. 6, 2003," Lott said in a statement issued by his office.

"To all those who offered me their friendship, support and prayers, I will be eternally grateful. I will continue to serve the people of Mississippi in the United States Senate," Lott said, indicating he would not resign his seat from the upper house of Congress.

Lott, 61, first elected to the Senate in 1988, has been Republican leader since mid-1996, when Senator Bob Dole of Kansas quit the Senate to run for president.

Sen. Bill Frist of Tennessee appears to have enough votes to replace Lott, who had been under increasing pressure to step aside. Republicans feared having Lott as leader would distract from their congressional agenda and undermine efforts to reach out to minority voters.

Frist, 50, had announced his "likely" candidacy Thursday night, December 19, and support for him grew quickly. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the White House was not getting involved in Senate affairs, but it was well known in Washington that Frist was the President's choice.

As the controversy over Lott's remarks grew, it was clear that the uproar and the political toll it was exacting on President Bush's party was not going to go away until Lott stepped down.

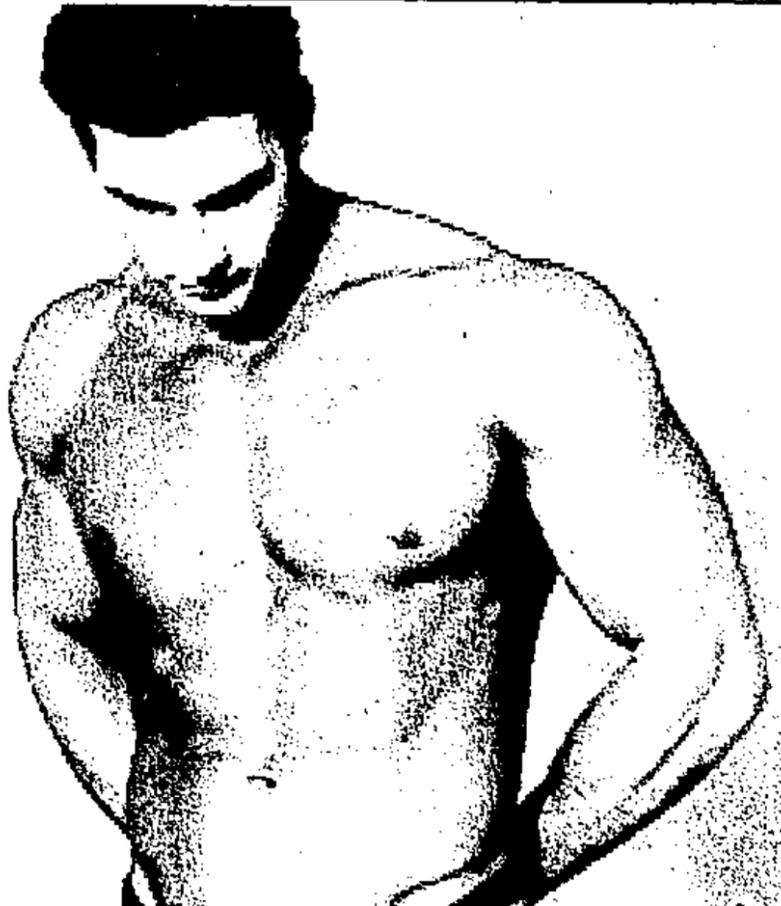
Despite several apologies, Lott never managed to contain the criticism. His legislative record on civil rights was scrutinized and past statements about Thurmond's 1948 candidacy were also criticized.



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FDA Grants Fast-Track Status To AIDS Vaccine

WASHINGTON, DC (GFN) - Shares of VaxGen Inc. (Nasdaq: VAXGEN) surged after the biotech firm said the U.S. Food and Drug Administration would give the company's experimental AIDS vaccine a faster-than-ordinary review.

The FDA grants so-called fast-track status to certain drug candidates as a way to address unmet medical needs for the treatment or prevention of life-threatening conditions.

In the tortoise-paced world of drug development, however, the announcement boils down to a promise that FDA reviewers will give the vaccine a "yea" or a "nay" some six months sooner than usual - with licensing to occur in early 2005.

Still, the news that VaxGen has moved a step closer to its goal of getting a vaccine for HIV on the U.S. market by 2005 still seems far off. However, the FDA's fast-track decision was greeted warmly on the market and optimistically by the company.

VaxGen shares, which have been as low as \$4.81 in July and as high as \$23.25 in November, gained \$2.72 to close at \$15.73.

"[Fast-track status] means the vaccine will hopefully be available in early 2005 instead of the middle of 2005," VaxGen President Don Francis said.

"The rapid review allows us to submit our biologics license application in parts as it is completed, rather than as a whole," VaxGen spokesman Jim Key told The New York Times.

Founded in 1995, VaxGen has been testing vaccines designed to ward off the strains of HIV prevalent in Asia and North America. In a few weeks, the company will quit collecting health data on 2,400 injection drug users in Thailand and 5,400 Gay men in North America - a double-blind, placebo-controlled study - and begin determining whether or not the vaccine protected them.

The fast-track designation expedites the FDA review process for VaxGen's AIDS VAX B/B and AIDS VAX B/E vaccines - the only preventive HIV vaccines that have advanced to late-stage

It will take VaxGen between three weeks and three months to analyze the data. If the company's scientists think they have an effective vaccine, VaxGen will formally request an FDA review before mid-2003.

Once the FDA has VaxGen's request - assuming the data are positive - the agency will begin reviewing the studies to certify the accuracy of the data.

Concurrently, VaxGen will be racing to finish building a biological processing plant to mass-produce the vaccine. The FDA must certify that the plant meets quality standards; VaxGen hopes to get that seal of approval around the end of 2004 or the beginning of 2005.

Then, if VaxGen meets both tests - assuming the data is good and the factory is certified - the FDA would license the vaccine sometime early in 2005.

VaxGen said it expects to announce the primary results of its AIDS VAX B/B trial in the first quarter of 2003.

The latest advance in VaxGen's stock price comes on the heels of a 23.9% decline, after a study published in the scientific journal Nature doubted the effectiveness of an HIV vaccine.

In addition to the negative Nature article, industry insiders say some of Friday's selling may have had to do with negative market rumors on the efficacy of the vaccine trials and insider trading.

However, results of the blinded trials are unknown, say insiders, so no one can have any idea on how they're going.

A report released earlier this month by the drug trade group, the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, shows that there are 83 new HIV/AIDS-related treatments currently in the development pipeline at U.S. and international drug companies.

Among the compounds are 14 HIV vaccines and 33 antiretroviral drugs, as well as a number of compounds to treat AIDS-related complications.

According to the report, titled "New Medicines in Development for AIDS," a total of 74 drugs have been approved to treat HIV disease and AIDS-related complications since 1987.

Lesbian Teen Sues California School

RIVERSIDE, CA - The family of a 15-year-old girl has filed a federal civil rights lawsuit against California's Banning Unified School District after a teacher allegedly kicked the girl out of gym class because she is a Lesbian.

The suit, filed in U.S. district court, alleges that the school district violated the state and U.S. constitutional rights of the student, Ashly Massey. It seeks changes in school policies to handle harassment of students based on sexual orientation, as well as unspecified monetary damages. The suit was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Center for Lesbian Rights on behalf of Massey's family.

Named as defendants in the suit are the Banning school district, the superintendent, the principal and then-vice principal of Coombs Middle School, and Karen Gill, the physical education teacher who allegedly removed Massey from class. Coombs Middle School dean of students Bryan James said the school is aware of the allegation. "We don't know this to be true, but if it is true, it's wrong," James said.

Massey, who is a Lesbian, said only a few friends knew her sexual orientation last March, when a classmate asked her if she was Gay while the students were in a locker room. Massey said another student didn't wait for her answer, loudly blurting out, "She's a Lesbian!" The teen claims her gym teacher told her, "Nobody needs to know that."

That same evening, the teacher allegedly called the girl's mother and said some of the students felt uncomfortable with the teen being in the locker room, the lawsuit claims. Although the teacher said Massey had never acted inappropriately, the next day the girl was told to report to the principal's office instead of gym class, the lawsuit alleges. She sat in the principal's office during gym period for 1 1/2 weeks. The girl claims she was never told why she was barred from class or whether she was being punished.

Roger Wolfertz, deputy general counsel for the California Department of Education, said it appears that the girl's rights were violated. "Just because this person is a disclosed homosexual, it would be illegal to kick her out of the class just for that," he said.

Massey said that as word spread about her sexual orientation, she was targeted by classmates who hurled insults at her. Her name was even sprayed in hateful graffiti around the school, she added.

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Entertainment News

'Chicago Leads The Pack In Golden Globe Nominations

LOS ANGELES, CA - The musical Chicago—featuring the work of an openly Gay director and screenwriter and several out executive producers—topped the list of Golden Globe nominees with eight nominations overall, including best musical or comedy, as Hollywood took its first major step in the race toward the Oscars.

The movie, based on the hit Broadway show of the same name, also scored nominations for its stars Renée Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones, and Richard Gere in the best actress and actor categories, respectively, for a musical or comedy.

Joining Chicago on the list of favorite musicals and comedies was the independent movie hit of the year My Big Fat Greek Wedding, the coming-of-age comedy About A Boy starring Hugh Grant, Nicholas Nickleby, and the critically acclaimed Adaptation, about a writer struggling to adapt a screenplay. Dagmar Dunlevy, president of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, which sponsors the Golden Globes, gave last year's Moulin Rouge partial credit for Chicago's strong showing. "It really brought musicals back into the mainstream," she said.

Adaptation was the third most nominated film with six overall, including Nicolas Cage as best actor in a musical or comedy, Spike Jonze for best director, and Charlie Kaufman and Donald Kaufman for best motion picture screenplay. Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by out author Michael Cunningham, The Hours, which chronicles a day in the life of three women, including author Virginia Woolf, led the Golden Globe list of dramatic films with seven nominations, including best film and best actress in a drama for its stars Nicole Kidman and Meryl Streep. Also nominated in the best dramatic film category were About Schmidt, which earned star Jack Nicholson a nomination for best dramatic actor, Martin Scorsese's Gangs of New York, Holocaust drama The Pianist from director Roman Polanski, and the epic action picture The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers. The Golden Globe awards will be given out by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association on January 19 in a televised ceremony from Beverly Hills. Each year the awards give moviegoers an indication of which films will be nominated for Oscars, the U.S. film industry's top honors, named by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in March.

A big surprise was that the critical hit Far From Heaven, from out director Todd Haynes, failed to make it into the dramatic film category, although its star, Julianne Moore, was nominated for best actress in a drama. (Dennis Quaid also received a supporting actor nomination for the film, in which he plays a closeted husband.) Rounding out the nominees for best dramatic actress were Diane Lane in Unfaithful, about a woman's affair outside her marriage, and Salma Hayek in Frida, about the life of Bisexual Mexican painter Frida Kahlo. In the category for best dramatic actor, Nicholson will face stiff competition from Daniel Day-Lewis for Gangs of New York, Michael Caine for The Quiet American, Adrien Brody for The Pianist, and Leonardo DiCaprio in Catch Me If You Can. About Schmidt and Gangs had five nominations apiece to cap the five most nominated movies at the awards.

Joining Zellweger and Zeta-Jones in the category for best actress in a musical

or comedy were Goldie Hawn in The Bang-er Sisters, Nia Vardalos in My Big Fat Greek Wedding, and newcomer Maggie Gyllenhaal for Secretary. Among the other surprises was Kieran Culkin's nomination for best actor in a musical or comedy for Igby Goes Down. Joining him, Cage, and Gere in that grouping were Hugh Grant for About a Boy and Adam Sandler for Punch-Drunk Love.

Finally, adding to the list of best director nominees with Adaptation's Jonze were Stephen Daldry for The Hours, Peter Jackson for The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, Rob Marshall for Chicago, Alexander Payne for About Schmidt, and Scorsese for Gangs. Out director Pedro Almodóvar's Talk to Her is in the running for the foreign film category, although it will not be eligible to do so at the Academy Awards. However, with a Los Angeles Film Critics award for best director, the film may make a showing in other categories at the Oscars.

On the TV side, Gay-inclusive favorites like Six Feet Under, Sex and the City, and Will & Grace all scored major nominations in various categories.

'Anti-Gay' Beverage Ads Ordered Off U.K. Television

LONDON, UK - ShowBizData.com reports that the Independent Television Community, the United Kingdom's television watchdog, has ordered that a commercial for alcoholic beverage WKD be taken off the air because it could encourage homophobic bullying.

Beverage Brands, the parent company of WKD, later issued a statement saying that the ads were intended to be "lighthearted and amusing" and observed that it "actively supports events and campaigns related to a large number of groups, including the Gay and Lesbian communities."

Earlier this year, a WKD spot featuring a flasher was taken off the air after being deemed offensive by the U.K.'s Advertising Standards Authority.

New Gay Game? Sims Online Hits The Web

NEW YORK, NY - Will the popular PC game The Sims generate heat among Gay and Lesbian gamers in its new online incarnation? Answers are on their way: The Sims Online has premiered.

The new game offers players not only the power to create characters of their own but also to interact with characters created by other players elsewhere on the Web.

As in the PC version, both same-sex and opposite-sex flirtations and relationships are among the game's possibilities.



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POLITICS 2002

by Mark R. Kerr

**The Democrats 'Gift' Isn't Under A Tree
But Across The Pond**

As the mainstream media, proud bias and all, pontificated since that Tuesday in November, the Democrats lost the mid-term election's because they didn't have a "message" that resonated, wasn't cohesive, or didn't realize one was needed, with the voters.

In the upcoming 108th Congress, Lott not-with-standing, the GOP will have majorities in both chambers of Congress and "occupy" 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue but the Democrats have a role to play - as the opposition party.

For those who think the Democrats already do, please review the first paragraph again, they're not acting like it and come January 7, 2003, when the new Congress convenes, they need to, looking across the pond at England to get an idea on how to accomplish just that.

In the British parliament, specifically the House of Commons, the political party that has a majority of seats, or can form a coalition with other parties in case none has a majority, will head the government and whichever party has the second highest number of seats is referred to as the "loyal opposition," forming a shadow government, telling voters how they would run the government if they had a majority. Presently the Labor Party, headed by Tony Blair is in power, with the Conservative Party as the loyal opposition and the surging Liberal Democrats on their heels, who have also formed a shadow government as well. Three messages for the electorate - what a concept!

What does this mean for the Democrats? Getting a "leader" and forming a shadow government to show how they would do things differently than Dubya and his "occupying" minions are screwing, doing to the nation. A Democratic leader to state their message as they do across the pond but this poses a question.

Since there are two chambers in the federal government, the House and Senate, the party has leadership in both but in the Senate, Tom Daschle of South Dakota, initially accepted Mississippi Senator Trent Lott's cornball explanation about the Thurmond statement, and then tried to take it back the next day and slammed Lott, so he's comprised. What about the House Democratic leadership, Representative Nancy Pelosi of California, who back-tracked on her stand, voting against the Iraq war and then supporting Dubya on the issue, making that statement on a Sunday morning political talk show. So who should be the leader of the Democrats? Should it be a presidential candidate, another Member of Congress or perhaps some other individual.

Former President Bill Clinton remarked in an interview that it was "pretty hypocritical" of Republicans to criticize then Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott for stating publicly what he said the GOP does "on the back roads every day," adding "How do they think they got a majority in the South anyway? I think what they are really upset about is that he made public their strategy."

"They try to suppress black voting, they ran on the Confederate flag in Georgia and South Carolina, and from top to bottom the Republicans supported it," Clinton said,

continuing by also accusing the Republicans of "trying to run black voters away from the polls" in states such as Arkansas, Louisiana and Florida, citing recent gubernatorial elections in Georgia and South Carolina, won by Republicans in which racially charged language was used to boost white turnout.

In Georgia, Democratic incumbent Roy Barnes was defeated by the GOP's Sonny Perdue, who promised voters a referendum on whether to return the Confederate emblem to a position of prominence on the state flag. In South Carolina, some political analysts have said Republican Mark Sanford's defeat of Gov. Jim Hodges could be attributed in part to Hodges' decision to remove the Confederate flag from atop the state capitol.

"I think the way the Republicans have treated Senator Lott is pretty hypocritical since right now their policy is, in my view, inimical to everything that this country stands for," Clinton said.

An Oxford educated Rhodes Scholar who: knows the process of the British government - opposition and shadow government; gave us a booming economy and budget surpluses, Monica not-with-standing.

Compared to the current administration, with all that has gone down: corporate scandals, budget deficits, an economy in tatters, Homeland Security, John Ashcroft, bringing back some of the crooks from the Reagan administration into government, possible shady business dealings done by Dubya and Cheney, the Patriot Act, to name several of the many incidents, happenings, scandals and transgression since 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue had been occupied, would he not be a good opposition leader and frankly, setting DOMA aside, was Clinton really that bad?

Granted he can't run again, although he could lead the Democrats, as he has been since leaving office but still draws throngs of media unlike the Congressional Democrats, who lost an election they should have won. If not Bill, then whom?

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

Río Nuevo Alert

It may be time for the average laid-back easygoing Tucsonan to start to worry a little about something called "Río Nuevo." "Worry" could be too strong a word. Let's say "take heed of"

The whole idea of this enormously complicated project called "Río Nuevo" was simply to breathe life back into downtown Tucson. The prevailing opinion was that you breathe life into a place with bricks and mortar. Some folks outside the building trades might find that a dubious premise, but the train has long since left the station on that issue.

There are at least two good reasons to designate this moment in our history as "Tucsonans take heed time." First, they've done a lot of talking about, planning for and promotion of the project, but they haven't yet done much that couldn't be undone. Second, the centerpiece of the project, something called the "aquatic center," has just collapsed.

The parts of the project that are furthest along are pretty unobjectionable, restoration of the Fox Theatre and a new ticket office for TCC.

What should legitimately cause some alarm is the discovery, at this late date in the planning process, that the aquatic center is not financially feasible. This fish tank was supposed to be the big draw, the magnet that was going to pull 500,000 visitors a year into our downtown where they would spend their money shopping and eating and revitalizing us.

The city was prepared to put up some land and up to ten million bucks to get the center afloat. This was the big enchilada that they used to sell the whole Río Nuevo project. Now they've got the nerve to tell us it ain't gonna happen?

And what's to replace it? What's going to be the centerpiece now? At the moment, according to the folks answering the phones at the Río Nuevo project office, no one has a clue.

It's time for the concerned and perhaps even the fairly unconcerned Tucsonan to ask, "Who's supposed to be running this show?" The rather tentative sounding answer, again from the project's office, is that an assistant to the city manager is in charge.

Is that really a good idea? When a high ranking city employee is running a massive special project like Río Nuevo, it's kind of awkward for the city's political leaders to criticize the operation. It might make more sense to hire an outside manager with a track record of success in this type project. The politicians could dump on a

guy like that without feeling they were fouling their own nest. They'd have a little critical distance from which to evaluate the progress.

Tucsonans might also want to know where the chunk of land and the ten million will go now that the fish tank has folded.

The tank was originally considered a great idea because some other city in the Southwest had one just like it. That is soooo Tucson. When are we going to figure out that people go to Paris to see the Eiffel Tower precisely because nobody else has one?

Why not take our chunk of land and our ten million and create an attraction — not necessarily made of brick and mortar — that nobody else in the whole world has? Something that, if you want to see it, you absolutely positively have to come to Tucson for and no place else? That kind of thinking has worked for Paris, Rome, London and even Las Vegas.

The Río Nuevo web site — cityoftucson.org/rionuevo — ought to add a suggestion box that you somehow click on to leave them a note. Concerned Tucsonans should have a way to express their concerns directly to the project.

Río Nuevo looks like it's at a tipping point and it may well require some unofficial and highly original input from the public to tip it in an interesting direction. This is a big-money project. It's our money, at least ours to play with. The odds against successful downtown revitalizations are and always have been long. Let's put our thinking caps on.

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

Tennis Star's Father Slurs Lesbian Tennis Pros

LONDON, UK - Danir Dokic, father to the world's ninth-ranked female tennis player, Jelena Dokic, has declared that more than 40% of the world women's tennis tour is Lesbian, adding, "I couldn't stand it if Jelena turned out to be one of them. I'd kill myself."

And now former Australian tennis champion Margaret Court has come out in support of Dokic's comments, which were made to The [London] Sun. Court, who has said that Gay people are not "normal," told a Perth radio station that she can "understand him saying that, but probably not going to the extent that he's talking about."

Court runs a ministry that teaches that Gay people can be "changed," and she also cautioned Dokic about his extreme reaction if his daughter, who is straight, were to ever come out as a Lesbian. "[Parents often] don't know how to...cope with it when you've had a young person that has grown up normally and then they go from the normal way of life over to another lifestyle," she said.

Court said she was not qualified to comment on the number of Lesbians on the tour. "I don't know the circuit today, but at one stage back in the late '70s, early '80s, it was fairly high," she said.

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COMMENTARY

Out! Against War

A full-scale war on Iraq is against the interests of most people in the world, including most LGBT people in the United States:

More than 100,000 people were killed in the last U.S.-led war on Iraq. In fact, it was not a "war" at all, but a systematic slaughter of defenseless civilians and mostly conscript soldiers by a vastly superior military machine. A new ground war taken into the heart of Iraq's cities would likely kill many more, including U.S. personnel. While cynically urging Americans to "support our troops" during the last Gulf War, the government showed its own "support" by refusing to adequately compensate the thousands of vets suffering from Gulf War Syndrome, or even acknowledge that the Syndrome exists.

The Bush Administration claims war is necessary to stop Saddam Hussein from using weapons of mass destruction, yet with the U.S. military budget almost equal to that of the rest of the world's combined, it is absurd to suggest that Iraq poses a serious threat to the United States. Hussein would not use such weapons against the U.S., if for no other reason than that it would provide Bush with the perfect excuse to destroy his regime. Bush's talk about weapons of mass destruction is a red herring. The Reagan and Bush, Sr. administra-

tions were happy to provide funding, military support and political cover to Hussein when he used such weapons while he was a U.S. ally, such as during the 1988 gassing of the Kurds and the gassing of Iranian troops during the Iran-Iraq War of the 1980s.

A new U.S. war will indirectly kill people in our community here at home by diverting necessary funds away from already scaled-back social service programs. For example, programs that prevent HIV+ people from losing their homes and provide other life-saving services are already facing severe cutbacks during the current recession as a bloated military budget is given precedence over everything else. Just this year we've seen huge cutbacks at Horizons Community Services and the Howard Brown Health Center, while three AIDS service agencies collapsed into one in order to save money, and the entire \$2.5 million State of Illinois budget for AIDS minority outreach was wiped out. Even without war, looming budget deficits at the city, state and federal levels will mean further attacks on our social services. Spending hundreds of billions, perhaps up to \$2 trillion, on a war and occupation of Iraq will probably obliterate many social programs, making the cur-

rent round of budget cuts look paltry when compared to what comes later.

A new war on Iraq is immoral. Even without full-scale war, the devastating sanctions on Iraq have killed more than 1 million people in the past ten years, most of them children who have starved to death or died of preventable diseases. When questioned by a reporter about the 500,000 Iraqi children dead due to the sanctions, former US Ambassador to the United Nations Madeleine Albright said "It's a hard choice, but we think the price is worth it."

The question is, "worth it" for what, and for whom? United States power over huge areas of the globe? Profits for a wealthy few guaranteed by such power over the world's resources?

Most of the world's peoples overwhelmingly oppose Bush's war, even if some of their leaders can be bribed or coerced by US military and economic might into supporting it. Opposed by the vast majority, yet promoted by wealthy and powerful elites here and abroad, a new war would be profoundly undemocratic, and would surely fuel more outrage and probable retaliation against the American people.

WEEKLY OBSERVER

A generation ago, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s early opposition to the Vietnam War brought on him the scorn of many. But opposing the war was the right thing to do. King realized that his choice was to support his community by winning desperately needed anti-poverty programs at home, or support the U.S. war in Vietnam. The more he examined the U.S. war to dominate Southeast Asia, the more he saw that the war was immoral in its own right. King saw a war fought to extend U.S. power in the world at the expense not only of the Vietnamese, but of most Americans.

Today, we in the LGBT community have a similar obligation to support our community, and other communities at home and abroad, by opposing Bush's war on Iraq. The combined voices and actions of many people around the globe was the power that stopped the immoral Vietnam War. That is why we, the undersigned, urge you today to support the struggle against an immoral war on Iraq:

Ali Abunimah, Arab American Action Network*, Kristen Ashford, Julien Ball, Tina Beacock, Chairperson, Gay & Lesbian Issues Committee, Chicago Teachers Union*, Deborah Benford, past Social Justice Committee chair, Affinity*, Donna Blaha, PFLAG*, Lori Cannon, Open Hand Chicago*, Robert Castillo and John Penny-cuff, Chicago Anti-Bashing Network, Kevin Clark, Northwest Suburban SUSTAIN, Rev. Alma Crawford & Rev. Karen Hutt, co-pastors, Church of the Open Door, Gregory Dell, Pastor, Broadway United Methodist Church, Su Docekal, LGBT Coordinator, Freedom Socialist Party, Jeff Edwards, Queer to the Left, Tina Fakhrid-Deen, Chicago Coordinator, Children Of Lesbians And Gays Everywhere (COLAGE)*, Mel Ferrand, Treasurer, Chicagoland Pride At Work*

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GENDER

My hunch about New York State proved correct; they passed their gay rights bill with no protection for transpeople. The Republicans refused to support the Democratic version that included gender rights. And yes, I'm afraid something like that could well happen in Arizona.

But with patience we'll persuade these elephantine reactionaries to crawl kicking and screaming into the twentieth century. Even the party of Lincoln (who, by the way, was also a racist) can't go on being more than a century behind the times. Meanwhile, if there are any transies who still vote Republican, I hope you'll wake up. If you want to get shafted there are more fun ways to do it than voting bigots into office. Personally I can't see all the fuss about one Senator's racist remarks when most of the party hates Queers.

This time of year I just want to pull the covers over my head and wait for it all to be over. Hanukkah, the Solstice, Kwanza, Epiphany, even New Years go by quietly enough; but Christmas gets in my face. I don't even want to shop because every store is playing that drivel. If there's supposed to be separation of church and state how come it's a legal holiday? Then again, what do sleigh bells and horny reindeer and sugar-plum fairies have to do with Jesus anyway? Even when I used to consider myself a Christian the phoniness

turned me off. Actually separation of church and state is a myth. Not only are Christmas and Easter legal holidays, but some people are always using the government to push their religion on the rest of us. Let's say you're a loving couple, and your religion teaches that you should get married, and my religion agrees that you should be married and I want to marry you (Yes, Sweeties, I'm an ordained minister, among other things; I even have a seminary degree). But the law says you can't get married because you're not opposite sexes and it would offend certain other people if you did. Where's your freedom of religion in all that?

Sorry, I guess the Desert Girlz aren't meeting at Rainbow Planet on the fourth Monday after all. What do we do if there isn't going to be a Rainbow Planet anymore? Also, I was wrong about the men's sweatlodge ceremony; it's January 4, which is coming up quick. That's for anyone who identifies with the masculine gender, regardless of birth. Write eaglebearboyd@juno.com for info.

Well, have a Fairy X-mas anyway. Sweetie! Write me at desertwordsmith@yahoo.com (Even if it's only to chew me out for being sacrilegious). -Joni

La Conexión Latina
Salud es Poder

La depresión navideña

En esta época, los medios de comunicación nos bombardean con propaganda sobre ofertas, ideas para regalos, y familias ejemplares que disfrutan de la navidad con una armonía utópica. En fin estas imágenes nos hacen pensar que debemos hacer todo lo que la televisión nos muestra (regalos, celebraciones, armonía) para vivir una feliz navidad como supuestamente todo el mundo la va a disfrutar. Sin embargo, los medios de comunicación no toman en cuenta que no toda la gente esta en la posibilidad económica de comprar regalos, de tener la familia cerca o de celebrar la navidad como la mayoría de la gente. Algunas de estas personas que no cumplen con el prototipo de lo que es celebrar la navidad pueden tener depresión por lo mismo, porque el ajeteo y la algarabía de lo que la navidad implica no es parte de sus vidas.

navidad. Pensemos que más importante de estas fechas puede ser convivir con la familia, amigos y compañeros de trabajo o escuela y disfrutar la vida de una manera sana de acuerdo a tus propios criterios.

Recuerda también que algunas personas quisieran que estas fechas de celebración pasaran rápido ya que de alguna forma éstas alteran su rutina de vida. No todos somos iguales en la forma de celebrar estas fechas y hay que tener eso en mente cuando hacemos comentarios o quizás presumimos de la manera en que nosotros celebramos estos días. En Salud es Poder te deseamos que pases estas fechas de la mejor manera posible, ya sea trabajando, celebrando, o simplemente viviendo la vida como siempre. Recuerda que si te sientes medio triste por estar solo en estas tierras busca la compañía de tus amigos o compañeros de trabajo para que estas fiestas sean menos difíciles de llevar. Un abrazo a todos y dispongámonos a seguir viviendo la vida. Atentamente: Salud es Poder.

Es importante que en estas fiestas respetemos el hecho que quizás algunas de las personas a nuestro alrededor no están en posibilidades de comprar regalos, de celebrar la navidad como nosotros, o de tener a su familia cerca y que eso los puede deprimir de alguna manera. En estas fechas es común que la depresión navideña y de fin de año alcancen a algunas personas viviendo bajo las características antes mencionadas, entre otras cosas. Así es que es muy importante ser culturalmente competente para respetar y evitar hacer comentarios negativos sobre las diferencias existentes en la forma de celebrar la



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Browne, Dell Waddel, Samantha White, Lucinda Holliday, Bunny FuFu and Faith Michaels at WalMart.



Lucinda at WalMart picking out clothes and toys.



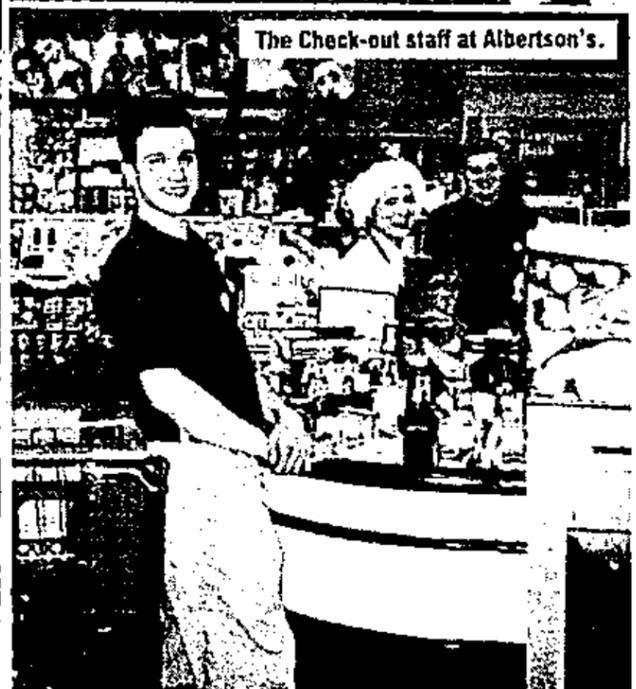
Twelve grocery carts full of food, cleaning supplies and toiletries.



Samantha White, Dell Waddel and Browne at WalMart.



Sherry Taylor, Samantha White, Janee Starr, Lucinda Holliday, Diana Flair and Teri Akki gathering food at Albertson's.



The Check-out staff at Albertson's.

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

The jolly Sun enters Capricorn this week heralding in a ho ho ho to any holiday festivities. Will you find a peppermint stick in your stocking or a lump of coal? For some of us, any old bulge is a cause for rejoicing. Happy holiday to all; may all your Christmases be pink.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Pioneering proud Rams mark the holiday week with a helpful push in their career. Inspirational Sun in professional Capricorn makes you an exemplary corporate admiral so find your target, set your course, ready your torpedoes and sink a destroyer or two. Don't get distracted, sailor. There will be plenty of time next month to admirably relax with your seamen at the pier.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Queer Bulls benefit from an exotic holiday when Sun glides into Capricorn. Expand your horizons and see the world from a different angle. You never know what can happen or, more importantly, who you'll meet. If budgets have already been spent on holiday chazerei, try escaping the mundane a bit closer to home. Who knows what "wilde" life is lurking at the corner bar?

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Sun in repressed Capricorn casts a strobe into your intimate thoughts and fears. Breakthroughs are possible if you can unearth your demons and thereby conquer them. But if lying on the couch doesn't produce psychological results, use this magnificent energy for more physical pursuits. Gay Twins give new meaning to the term "overstuffed chair". Hang the mistletoe!

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Pink Crabs are happiest in a partnership rather hauling their ragged claws across the floors of silent seas alone. Now with the optimistic Sun in practical Capricorn, you can find the harmonic balance you need in a relationship. Balance is the operative word here cousin; Life is not without its compromises. Alas, with every Christmas goodie comes a price tag.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Put more oomph into your job with jolly Sun in compulsive Capricorn. Use this festive time to clear off your desk and tie up any loose ends before year end. Posing as Bob Cratchett is not without its rewards either since Venus is also traipsing through Capricorn now. Love lurks in every cubicle. Who knows who will be sitting on the xerox machine at the next office party?

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Jolly Sun in strategic Capricorn places queer Virgins in just the right parties this holiday season. Ring those bells cousin; you are the leader of the pride parade... or is the conga line, you party animal you? For quieter types, this is the time of year to unleash your Gay muse and create something fabulously festive for the new year. Is it bigger than an elf?

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Gay Libras find a place at the table for any relative who needs a place to park this holiday. That is very gracious of you. The optimistic Sun is in political Capricorn and you are anxious to draw the milk of human kindness out of anyone no matter how dry they seem. Give it a sip and if it's curdled, cut your losses and seek more affirming company. Santa will know you gave it a try.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Intensely proud Scorps turn up the volume this holiday when the Sun enters Capricorn. Communications cannot be held back. You will be tempted to offer your opinion whether requested or not. Thankfully this is a politically adept placement and anything you say will not be held against you. Choose something other than words to be held against you. Ho ho ho.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Mercenary Gay Archers are less into mergers and more into acquisitions when the Sun enters practical Capricorn. Fortunes can be made now for those with the good sense to do their homework and find the right financial advisors. They say expensive things come in small holiday packages. In that case, either keep your eye on the bottom line or seek a well endowed benefactor.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Feisty Sun in your own sign magnifies your attributes, you lucky thing. Get Out there and show the world what you are capable of doing. Begin new projects and meet as many new people as possible. Strut your stuff in a big way. If that doesn't get the old juices going, "enhance" your appearance with a total fashion makeover. Red and green may be festive colors, but not for pants.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Prepare for an inspirational surge with the spiritual Sun in directioned Capricorn. Aqueerians benefit from various forms of relaxation whether it's yoga, meditation or even a religious retreat. If you're too rarin' to go to mellow out, try rolling up your sleeves and volunteering for a good Gay community cause. Pile up the karmic points for the goddesses before 2003.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Social circles become an important life component with the festive Sun in Capricorn. Guppie will either turn the tide on the group dynamic or be swept up by it. You shine around others and feel comfortable wherever you hang your hat. That's great of course unless your hat is hanging in Reverend Wildmon's headquarters. Then we'll need to talk, sweetheart.

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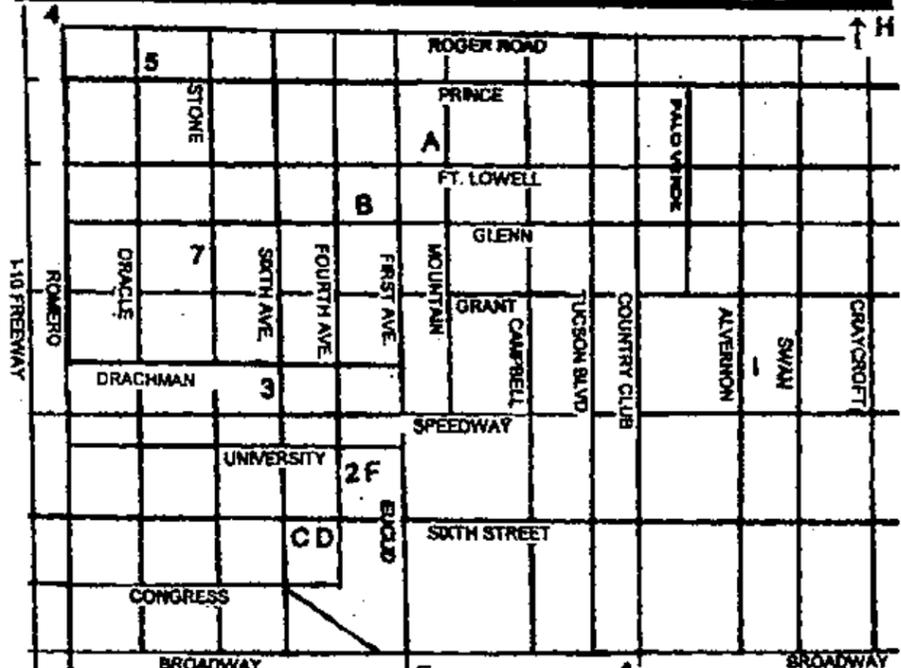
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Court Orders Non-Biological Parent To Pay Child Support

CARLISLE, PA - The Lesbian former partner of a woman who bore five children during their relationship must pay child support, despite the partner's argument that she is neither the biological nor adoptive parent, a Pennsylvania superior court panel has ruled.

The couple, identified only by initials in the three-judge panel's opinion, lived together in Carlisle, Pa., from the mid 1980s until 1997 and agreed to have children together through artificial insemination. The partner, identified as H.A.N., stayed at home and cared for the children while the biological mother returned to work in a civilian job for the Navy. After the couple split up, H.A.N. successfully sought custody of the children during summers and school breaks but argued that she should not have to pay child support.

A Cumberland County common pleas judge ordered H.A.N. to pay back and current child support. H.A.N. appealed to the superior court, which upheld the lower court's order. "It is clear from the record that H.A.N. acted as a 'co-parent' with mother in all areas concerning the children's conception, care, and support," Judge Joan Orie Melvin wrote in an opinion. A lawyer for the biological mother, who now lives in California, said the case is one of the first appellate-level decisions requiring a nonbiological parent to pay child support to her Lesbian former partner. "It puts Lesbian and Gay parents on notice that the courts will not tolerate blowing hot and cold when it comes to the assertion of parental rights and the assumption of parental duties," said attorney Mark Momjian. "Nonbiological parents who bring children into this world are going to be held financially accountable for their actions."

Jaguar To Market To G/L Car Buyers

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - Ford Motor Co.'s Jaguar brand plans to launch an advertising campaign targeting Gay and Lesbian consumers, company officials said.

The campaign sprung from a major internal study at Ford and Jaguar on how to reach Gay consumers. The initial campaign will target GLBT consumers in the New York and Los Angeles metropolitan areas.

This campaign builds upon previous Jaguar marketing initiatives towards the GLBT community, which include past sponsorship of the Gay and Lesbian Against Defamation (GLAAD) Media Awards in 2001 and 2002.

Ford estimates there are some 14 million Gay and Lesbian consumers in the United States who wield \$450 billion in purchasing power.

"In recent years, Jaguar has targeted Gay consumers on a smaller scale and found the brand is very appealing to this segment," said George Ayres, vice president of Marketing for Jaguar North America. "We look forward to expanding our outreach by establishing more of a presence in this community and earning the consumer's loyalty."

According to Ayres, Jaguar, the Ford-owned maker of British luxury cars, realized in recent years that many Gay consumers were visiting its dealer showrooms.

Beginning later this month, Jaguar will begin running print ads in magazines that reach the Gay and Lesbian community.

If the effort proves successful for Jaguar, other Ford brands are likely to develop campaigns targeting Gays, Sproule said.

Ford Globe, the company's Gay and Lesbian employee group, has worked with the Ford's global marketing department over the past three years as the campaign has evolved.

Minneapolis To Adopt Equal Benefits Rule

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - Minneapolis is poised to become the first city in the Midwest to require that companies it does business with offer benefits to the partners of Gay and Lesbian employees.

The City Council's Ways and Means Committee unanimously approved the requirement, which would take effect in January 2004. It is expected to be approved by the full council.

Companies with city contracts worth more than \$100,000 would be subject to the new provision. The ordinance has a number of exceptions, including companies with fewer than 21 employees and faith-based contractors.

Major construction projects also were exempted because they often include union employees with negotiated contracts that would be difficult to alter. A union official told the committee he would set up a group to study the issue of including such workers in the domestic partner effort.

The proposed ordinance was modeled on one in existence in San Francisco. Several other cities have similar requirements, including Los Angeles, Seattle and Berkeley, Calif.

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NON-BAR CALENDAR

GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. You're invited to join your Gay family for a traditional Potluck Christmas Dinner. 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.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 3:00 p.m. We show the holiday-themed movie "A Mid-Winter's Tale", about a troupe of actors trying to put on a play. For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 546-7539.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 5:00 p.m. We show the holiday classic, "Meet Me In St. Louis", with Judy Garland as the girl with an eye on "The Boy Next Door". For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 546-7539.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Marv 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 Marv at 745-0304.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

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 at 1:00 p.m. at The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.; S. of Grant

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

What are you doing New Year's Eve? How about dancing on fourth Avenue. At the Hut, 305 N. 4th Avenue from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. \$20 cover charge includes hors d'oeuvres, champagne toast, party favors and door prizes. There is a full service bar available at regular prices, smoking on heated patio only, and drink specials all night. Enjoy your country and rock'n roll favorites. This is a Gay-Friendly event. You must be 21 or over. 3rd Annual Party at the Hut brought to you by Something Special Mobile Music Service. 322-5935.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the guys for our annual New Year's Eve Game Night. We'll play until midnight or so, and we'll toast in the New Year with sparkling cider. For directions and reservations, please call Les at 690-9565.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

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 Marty at 722-8531.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

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

#2. #2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Potluck and Social Gathering where we invite you to have dinner and get to know the nice guys of MSN. It's a nice, safe setting in which to meet new men and greet old friends. For directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

#1 Tucson Prime Timers Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Blue Willow, 2516 N. Campbell Ave.

#2 Tucson Prime Timers Food and Drinks at 5:00 P.m., Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

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 at 12:30P.m., Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

#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. Carl invites you to join him at the Tucson Stockmen, an investment club. Currently, there is one opening in the group. For reservations and directions, please call Carl at 331-4238.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

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 Bruce at 743-3890.

Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7 P.m.. Non pornographic movies with gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0520

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

IBTS - Will open at 7:00 p.m. to allow their employees to spend Christmas day with their loved ones.

VENTURE-N - Will open at 10:00 a.m. today.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

IBTS - Party line-up includes Seer's Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. 3:00 p.m. to closing, Sangria Party - \$2.50 Sangrias. Karaoke Party on the patio with Michael D. 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 Gay/Straight Medical Students Association. 7:30 p.m. it's 'Sissy Bingo' hosted by Aja Simone with prizes and surprises. 9:00 p.m. to closing Hot Dance Music with DJ Q.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

NEW YEARS EVE

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Drink Specials all night and Midnight Champagne toast. No Cover.

IBTS - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. light buffet. 8:00 p.m. Special Divalicious Show starring Bunny FuFu, Lady Ashley, Janine Starr and Tabetha Lovell. 9:30 Hot Dancing and at Midnight Champagne toast, Balloon Drop and Party Favors. No Cover

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Buffet, Dancing and Midnight Champagne toast. Party favors. No Cover.

VENTURE-N - New Year's Eve Party with party favors and Champagne Toast at Midnight.

WOODY'S - 5:00 TO 9:00 p.m. Special Complimentary Bar-B-Que and Buffet. 9:00 to Midnight Videos, Music, Games. Midnight Champagne toast and party favors. No Cover

YARD DOG - Party theme "Get your bubble Burst at the Yard Dog." There'll be bubble wrap around the bar and balloons with confetti. The person who makes the best party hat wins a \$100 gift certificate to Sullivan's Steak House. No Cover.

Arts & Entertainment

JANUARY 4 THRU FEBRUARY 9

Live Theatre Workshop presents "Relatively Speaking" by Alan Ayckbourn. A veteran LTW cast reprises a hilarious romantic comedy where man meets girl, meets boy, meets man's wife! Ayckbourn, one of the best creators of comedic mistaken identities, has put to paper a play guaranteed to make the audience laugh out loud. Showtimes are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and on Sundays a matinee at 3:00 p.m. and early evening show at 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$12 - \$14. Call 327-4242 for ticket reservations or come by the theatre at 5317 E. Speedway during box office hours 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. for advance ticket sales.

JANUARY 6 THRU 26

"Sophie Tucker - An American Legend" starts the new year at Invisible Theatre. The play is a tribute to the bold, brassy and dynamic performer known as "The last of the red hot mamas". Presented as a private party performance by Sophie Tucker accompanied by her long-time pianist and musical director Ted Shapiro, the show includes over 20 tunes like "Fifty Million Frenchmen Can't Be Wrong", the risque "I The Last Of The Red Hot Mamas", the heartfelt "My Yiddish Mama", and Sophie's signature song, "Some Of These Days". Through song and conversation with the audience the production captures an era of vaudeville and burlesque. The production, of course, would not be complete without some classic Sophie Tucker "MY Boyfriend Ernie" jokes. Tickets are \$22 - \$25. Call the Invisible Theatre, 882-9721. Tuesday thru Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for reservations and ticket information or stop by the theatre, 1400 N. First Avenue at Drachman.

JANUARY 8

The Arizona Friends of Chamber Music present the fourth concert in their 55th season. The Colorado String Quartet will perform tonight at 8:00 p.m. in the Leo Rich Theater at the Tucson Convention Center. General admission tickets are \$15.00. The Colorado String Quartet returns after an absence of several seasons to present the premiere of a new quartet by composer Robert Magglo. Originally organized at the University of Colorado, the quartet now resides in New York and teaches and plays at Bard College. 577-3769.

JANUARY 24 - 28

The Theater League is presenting "Fame!" at the Tucson Convention Center's Music Hall, 260 S. Church Ave. Tickets are \$31.50 - \$37.50 and are available at the TCC Box Office, 260 S. Church Ave. or through Ticketmaster 321-1000. Based on the Academy-Award-Winning motion picture and the subsequent television series, "Fame" The Musical sensationally brings to life the glamour and the sweat that is life at New York's legendary High School for the Performing Arts.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

CHER! On her "Living Proof Farewell Tour" at Tucson Convention Center Arena. It's sure to be a sellout. With a special Guest. The Boston Globe call the show "Everything a Cher fan could want. Newsweek calls it flawless. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Children's Craniofacial Association. Tickets available at the TCC Box Office, on line at ticketmaster.com and all ticketmaster outlets. To charge call 520-321-1000.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Jeny Seinfeld Live! In an appearance at the UA Centennial Hall 7:00 p.m. Call 621-3341 for tickets.

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday
AIN'T 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 Bloodys, Screws or Mimosas. Sangria Party \$2.50 from 4-1 Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5:30-8pm. Karaoke with Michael D. on the patio 4:30-7:30. 8:30 shows of special events or Hi energy dancing w/DJ Dr. Who. (Call for details). All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Brunch 11am-1pm. Free Pool 8pm-close
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer bust 3-7. Burger Bar-B-Que 3-7. (Donation only)

WOODY'S - Open 11am. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas; Happy Hour 11am-8pm \$2 well or domestic beer. Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 airton burger or chicken 5-8pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm

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

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestics 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. 4-9pm. Indie Mondie- Happy Hour prices for those in their undies 9pm-close. Queer As Folk show beginning at 8pm. Hot Dancing follows. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Happy Hour 3-5pm. Free Pool 8pm-close.

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. 8pm to close.

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

Tuesday

AIN'T 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 IBT's T-shirt or IBT tattoo get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. House Hi-Nergy Dance 9pm to close W/DJ-Q

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Happy Hour 4-5. Old Skool Karaoke.

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, Mel Tai's.

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

Wednesday

AIN'T 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. 9pm "Dive-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holiday and guests. HINRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Happy Hour 3-8 Karaoke with Debbie 8pm - close.

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 role with Michael \$1 off your favorite drink. Chili dogs or bowls \$1.

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

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - 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 4-9. Retro 60s Dance w/Jonathan HINRG dancing 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Happy Hour 3-5. Steak Nite \$5.99 10oz steak with baked potato and salad

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 NTN 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

Friday

AIN'T 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 6-8pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Happy Hour 3-5. Fish or Shrimp Fry \$5.99 4:30-8:30pm. Country Dance with Libby and Pat 8:30pm-12:30am.

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 Martini's \$2.00 all day. Call Martini's \$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.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 8:30pm \$3 entry. Bar matches pot. \$2 pitchers for pool players. UJ till 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.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Dance with DJ Raymann 9pm-close.

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 4-9pm. \$1.75 well or domestics. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-8pm Fiet-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

NOTICES

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

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

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

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Anabeli at 325-0892

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

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

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Desert Girlz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Desert Boyz 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/sagaemail

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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 802-279-4805.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape Crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Miro 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)745-9058 (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. 743-4800.

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6624.

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.

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)742-7895 or go to our web site http://www.tgsasoftball.org

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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

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"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 MENTALK - 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 760-8714 for more information.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at 4639 E. First Street. Call Jesse 743-4320 or Maurice 323-2293. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. TucsonStonewall@aol.com

GUYS BOOK CLUB meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm, Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. 4th Ave.

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

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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 8:30 to 9pm. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Donan Easty. 682-7723 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 575-8860 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. 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, 624-1778.

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 690-4813, 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 581-1784 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychological 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), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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

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

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

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

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43810, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 or visit our website at www.bolop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Bonita St. between St. Marys and Congress.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the Hotline at 688-5541

LESBIAN AND GAYAL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Elise 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 624-8788.

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 pt 325-9468 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 899-7298.

COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY! St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church offers a variety of Gay and Lesbian groups and services for the spiritually minded. Come meet the Family! For more information call Debbie 579-9827 or David 323-7943.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

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

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

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 690-8585 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-8647.

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

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

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It's 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 615-8438 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 OUTROBFEST. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit 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. 694-7063.

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.

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Many Hide GLBT Orientation From Doctors

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - "Don't ask, don't tell" has apparently become a standing policy in many doctor's offices. According to a small online poll released, only 49 percent of GLBT Americans surveyed have told their physicians about their sexual orientation.

The survey, by Harris Interactive, found that Bisexuals were the least likely to be open - only 23 percent disclosed their orientation. Two-thirds of Gay men reported revealing they were homosexual, as did 55 percent of Lesbians. The sample size of Transgender people was too small to analyze, reported the Gay.com/Planetout.com network.

Maureen O'Leary, director of the Gay & Lesbian Medical Association, said the overall numbers are actually higher than she expected. "When you say almost half are coming out, it's saying we've made some progress," said O'Leary, whose organization represents more than 2,000 medical professionals.

HEALTH NET

However, too many doctors don't ask patients about their sexual orientation, and too many patients don't volunteer the information, she said.

"Part of what we need to do is create an environment where we can walk into a doctor's office and see welcoming materials, and physicians who ask the question - who do you sleep with, men or women or both?"

Gay men and Lesbians who don't reveal their orientation can miss out on tests for sexually transmitted diseases. And Lesbians in particular may not get special screening for gynecological and breast cancers that appear to strike them more than heterosexual women.

The new survey also found that only 70 percent of GLBT people have health insurance, a finding that contrasts with the perception that Gays are generally wealthier than the rest of the population. By contrast, 86 percent of heterosexual adults surveyed said they have insurance coverage.

It wasn't clear if the respondents didn't get insurance because of the high cost or because pre-existing conditions prevented them from getting coverage. Also, the survey was taken online, not by phone, so it may have missed potential respondents who are too poor to use the Internet.

The survey found that 10 percent of GLBT people had insurance for the self-employed, a rate that's five times that of heterosexuals. Also, only 3 percent said they received health insurance through a same-sex partner; 14 percent of heterosexuals were covered by a partner's insurance plan.

Harris Interactive conducted the survey online from Nov. 22-Dec. 2. A total of 2,221 people were surveyed, and 159 - 7 percent - said they were Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender. The study was released by Witeck-Combs Communications, a marketing communications firm.

Study Shows HIV Less Vulnerable Than Previously Thought

NEW YORK, NY (WS) - A part of the AIDS virus that was considered vulnerable to attack can camouflage itself by changing shapes, according to a new study that helps show why HIV is so hard to target and kill. HIV uses a protein on its surface called gp120 to latch onto and infect immune system cells.

In 1998, scientists announced that they had figured out much about the structure of gp120 and hoped that finding a vulnerability in it could lead to vaccines against HIV. Some scientists believed that the best hope was in targeting an area of gp120 common to all strains—a vulnerable region where the protein must expose its core in order to bind to a T cell.

But new research shows that this region is more elusive than previously thought, because it is composed of very flexible parts that let it take on different shapes that camouflage gp120 against antibodies launched by the immune system as a defense. "There's a lot of mobility within the protein. It's a blurry, moving structure that is very difficult for the immune system to deal with," said researcher Joseph Sodroski of Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in the journal Nature. Theodore Jardetzky, a Northwestern University molecular biologist, called the findings surprising. "How big a deal this is, we're going to have to wait and see," he said. "They've pointed us in a new direction."

HIV+ People Not Included In New Small Pox Campaign

WASHINGTON, DC - President Bush announced a new program that will make the smallpox vaccine available to the vast majority of Americans, beginning with the military and health workers who would be front-line defenders against a bioterror attack but HIV-positive people as well as those who have cancer, who have received organ transplants, who are pregnant, or who have a history of eczema will not be given the vaccine because they are prone to suffer vaccine-related side effects that in rare cases can be fatal.

People who live with others suffering from these ailments also will not be vaccinated because it is possible to transfer the virus from the inoculation site on the skin to other people. The first smallpox vaccines for medical personnel are expected to be available in January. The public will be offered the vaccine on a voluntary basis as soon as large stockpiles are obtained, which is likely in early 2004.

A massive public health educational campaign about smallpox and smallpox vaccinations is also slated to begin next year.

Groups Working To Develop STD CD-ROM

ATLANTA, GA - Researchers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the University of Washington-Seattle, California State University, Long Beach, and the Indiana University School of Medicine are collaborating with a Seattle-based computer consulting business to develop a client-centered CD-ROM to encourage risk-reduction behaviors and testing for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS Alert reports.

The product is designed to be an effective replacement for face-to-face counseling at health clinics and other medical settings with limited staff.

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