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Gay/Lesbian Military Discharges Decline

WASHINGTON, DC - According to Pentagon statistics, during fiscal year 2002 the armed services reported 906 "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" discharges, down from 1273 in 2001 and the fewest discharges since 1996.

"During any time of war or conflict, Gay discharges have dropped. Gay discharges decreased during the Korean War, the Viet Nam conflict, the Persian Gulf War, and now again during Operation Enduring Freedom," said the report called "Conduct Unbecoming."

"When they need Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Americans most, military leaders keep us close at hand," said C. Dixon Osburn, executive director of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a legal military watchdog group that monitors the military's treatment of Lesbian and Gay in the armed forces, gfn.com reported.

Though the specific reasons for the reported decrease in discharges is unknown, the report noted that two factors may be responsible:

1. Commands are increasingly reluctant to discharge openly Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual personnel. A recent memo from Twenty-nine Palms Marine Base, cited in the report, states that "Homosexuals can and do serve (h)onorably in the Marine Corps. Homosexuals can and do make some of the best Marines [and] perform as well as anyone else in the Military."

2. More and more service members are serving openly, undermining arguments that known Lesbians and Gays undermine unit cohesion and morale.

The report cites, among other examples, the case of Marine Corps Captain Kira Zielinski. Zielinski's command, who learned she is a Lesbian in April 2001, delayed her discharge for more than a year. In another case, the Navy attempted to retain openly Gay Hospitalman Roy Hill after learning about Hill's sexual orientation.

However, earlier this month Secretary of State Colin Powell defended the military's ban on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual service members. Powell, who helped put the "don't ask, don't tell" policy in place, emphasized his continued support that "somebody who is openly homosexual does not serve... because you're essentially told who you're going to live with, who you're going to sleep next to," Powell told TeenInk.com.

Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual discharges continue at a rate of nearly three per day.

"The absurdity of the military's Gay ban is vividly illustrated by its recent discharge of Lesbian and Gay Arabic linguists," Osburn said. "Even though the

Army faced a 50 percent shortfall in trained Arabic linguists, they continue to fire qualified and trained linguists who happen to be Gay."

The report cites the recent case of Cathleen Glover, an openly Lesbian Arabic linguist who faces discharge despite the Army's critical shortage.

SLDN also reports that, while reports of harassment have declined as well (from 1075 in 2001 to 802 in 2002), anti-Gay harassment remains a serious problem across the services.

Typifying the harassment faced by Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual service members, SPC Brad Powell reports in Conduct Unbecoming that a Non-Commissioned Officer, or NCO, instructed his unit, during hand grenade training, to visualize "blowing up a Gay bar."

SPC Powell also tells SLDN that he heard NCOs tell soldiers that "the only way to decrease our nuclear arsenal is to put all fags on an island and nuke it," and "the only thing a good fag needs is a good fag bashing."

The report also criticizes each of the services, and Pentagon leadership, for failing to implement an Anti-Harassment Action Plan adopted in 2000.

"The Department of Defense has failed to issue a single Department-wide directive on harassment as required by the (plan)," the report says. "During time of war, when good order and discipline is vital, it is irresponsible for the Pentagon to not take its commitment to end harassment seriously."

The report also faults the Bush Administration for "indifference towards Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual service members," citing the President's recent re-nomination of Major General Robert T. Clark, former commanding general of Fort Campbell, for promotion to Lieutenant General.

SLDN has opposed Clark's nomination, citing his actions surrounding the 1999 murder of a Gay soldier, PFC Barry Winchell who was beaten to death with a baseball bat in his sleep by another soldier. Both soldiers were under the command of Robert T. Clark at the time, who had allegedly ignored previous incidences of Gay harassment against Winchell.

The murderer, who prosecutors say was driven by a "hatred of homosexuals," was subsequently court-martialed. Clark was reassigned to other commands twice after the murder for unspecified "compassionate family requirements."

U.S. Supreme Court To Hear Sodomy Law Challenge

WASHINGTON, D C - On Wednesday, March 26, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments on Texas' "homosexual conduct" law, which is being challenged as an unconstitutional denial of equal protection.

The Court will consider the issue based on an appeal filed by two men prosecuted in 1998 under a 28-year-old Texas law that makes it a crime to engage in same-sex intercourse. (Actually, Texas has had a sodomy law since 1860 but dropped criminal penalties for partners of the opposite sex in 1974.)

The issue brought by the new case may be a final test of the constitutionality of existing sodomy laws in 13 states, reported gfn.com

"When you're talking about Gays in the military and same-sex marriages, they've always said as long as this is something in your own bedroom, and it doesn't involve anyone else, that's one thing," said out Rep. Barney Frank.

In the Texas case, the situation was just that, he said - two consenting adults in their own home.

John Geddes Lawrence and Tyron Garner said they were bothering no one on Sept. 17, 1998, when they were alone together in bed when they were arrested in Lawrence's apartment (police came upon them "in the act" while investigating an apparently inaccurate report of a weapons disturbance).

The men were jailed overnight and later fined \$200 each under Texas' Homosexual Conduct Law, which classifies anal or oral sex between two men or two women as "deviate sexual intercourse."

A divided Texas Court of Appeals upheld their convictions, ruling the law "advances a legitimate state interest, namely preserving public morals."

Taking their case to the high court, the defendants have challenged Texas' "homosexual conduct" law as a denial of equal protection, and the Supreme Court has agreed to review the constitutionality of the convictions in Lawrence v. Texas.

More broadly, Lawrence and Garner have raised the issue of whether their convictions for adult consensual sexual intimacy in the home violate their rights to liberty and privacy under the due process clause.

Should the justices reach this question, and answer it affirmatively, they will invalidate statutes in nine additional states (Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Utah, Virginia, Idaho and Mississippi) which make acts of sodomy criminal for both Gays and heterosexuals.

"Texas's law and others like it are widely used to justify discrimination against Gay people in everyday life," said Ruth Harlow, Legal Director, Lambda Legal, who is representing Lawrence and Garner.

"They're invoked in denying employment to Gay people, in refusing custody or visitation for Gay parents, and even in intimidating Gay people out of exercising their First Amendment rights."

If the denial of equal protection is seen as valid by the Court, it would have to overrule Bowers v. Hardwick, in which it rejected the same challenge in 1986.

Michael Hardwick (caught in the act, like Lawrence and Garner, when a policeman executed an unrelated warrant on him at his home late at night) brought a lawsuit challenging Georgia's sodomy statute after the authorities declined to charge him.

The Court's opinion, by Justice Byron White, exudes disgust for homosexuals. Even though the law covered everyone, not just Gays, the majority framed the issue as whether Hardwick had "a fundamental right to engage in homosexual sodomy."

Justice Harry Blackmun, dissenting, saw the question as involving "the right to be let alone... to conduct intimate relationships in the intimacy of his or her own home."

"Petitioners are attempting to force this country to condone homosexual relationships and to create a universal right, based on those relationships, which has never been recognized in the Constitutional history of the United States," attorneys for the Pro Family Law Center, which is associated with California-based Abiding Truth Ministries, wrote in a friend-of-the-court brief urging the court to refuse the appeal.

Lambda Legal says logic paves the way for disparate treatment that can cost Gay men and Lesbians jobs and income, because those convicted of homosexual sodomy are guilty of a "crime of moral turpitude" that could disqualify them from certain professions.

"This discriminatory criminalization tears at Gay relationships and stigmatizes loving behavior that others can engage in without the brand of 'lawbreaker,'" attorneys from Lambda told the court in their appeal petition. "The law sends a powerful signal from the state condemning homosexuals."

After the Supreme Court hears arguments in the case, a decision is expected by the end of June.

UPDATE

Gay Musical Headed To Tucson

TUCSON - "FalsettoLand", a Tony Award winning Gay themed musical written by William Finn and James Lapine, will finally make its way to the local stages in time for June Pride. "I have tried for three years to get this musical staged, and finally, it has happened!" says director/producer Kevin Johnson (cast of "When Pigs Fly").

This is due in part to a grant that he received from the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Alliance. "I am so thrilled by this grant" says director Johnson, "I appreciate the members of the panel committees taking the time to see the importance of this show in our community". All in all, this grant will cover approximately one third of the cost to produce this musical. Other funds are coming from Johnson himself and hopefully, someone out there in the GLBT community.

"I believe in this show. It is especially important for our queer youth to see. It is a history of Gay life in the 1980s - and how much we and life have changed. The show revolves around a boy trying to celebrate his bar mitzvah despite family problems revolving around his mother, his father, and his father's lover.

"I encourage anyone who is interested in helping with this show to contact me. I am casting all local actors, and have a wonderful music director and choreographer. Now I need a sponsor and a cast. There is a need for more theatre in this town that portrays GLBTs in a strong and positive light. We are real people, not caricatures. We have real stories to tell" says director Johnson.

To be on stage, or to be a producer, Johnson refers to a lyric in the opening number "its about growing up, getting older, living on a lovers shoulder, learning love is not a crime...its about time."

For more information, please contact Kevin Johnson at KevinJ65@aol.com or (520) 270-3332.

Art Theft At Rainbow Planet

TUCSON - The Rainbow Planet Coffee House has a tradition of art shows by local artists, arranged and managed by an employee of the coffee shop.

Sometime in the past week, two small art prints were stolen from the coffee shop. These were mono-prints which are printed once and cannot be replaced. They were on display by a local artist. There is a reward of \$100 for the return of the prints or information leading to their return.

If you have information about this theft, please inform the employee on duty or call the coffee shop at (520) 620-1770.

SAGA Forum April 10

TUCSON - Wingspan's Community Forum at 7 p.m., Thursday April 10, will respond to questions to and about transsexuals and others of the Transgender community.

Panelists will discuss the process of transitioning, the effects of hormones, intimacy, sexuality, orientation, kink, before and after, and other topics. Panelists will include a variety of Transgendered people.

You are encouraged to bring your curiosity. Get answers to all of the questions you are usually too polite to ask. Our panelists promise a no-holds-barred, free-wheeling conversation with the audience. This forum is sponsored by Wingspan in conjunction with the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA). For more about the free event, visit www.wingspanaz.org. A reception follows the presentation.

New HIV Program To Be Launched

TUCSON - The City of Tucson and the Pima County Health Department's HIV/STD Program are collaborating on a new program called RARE (Rapid Assessment, Response and Evaluation).

This four month long project will look at how social norms, attitudes, and poverty all contribute to HIV transmission. In compiling HIV and AIDS data for 2001-2002, the zip code with the most new HIV and AIDS cases was 85705. Roughly half of the new AIDS cases are people who are being diagnosed with HIV at the time of their AIDS Diagnosis (late in their infection).

The project is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of HIV/AIDS Policy and will hire approximately 6 outreach workers to talk to community leaders, community members and affected individuals to look at ways of lowering HIV risk among the population.

If you have any questions, please contact Floyd Meeks, Sr. Health Educator at the Pima County Health Department at (520) 791-7676 x324

Biz Wants Bands !!

TUCSON - Ain't Nobody's Bizness, 2900 East Broadway, is looking for live bands to play on Monday nights.

These bands must have a demo tape or CD for the Biz management to listen to.

If interested, or for more information, contact Marti, (520) 400-1268 or 318-4838.

Treasures For TIHAN Needs Volunteers

TUCSON - Volunteers are needed to prepare for TIHAN's fund raising event, "Treasures for TIHAN". The event will be held April 12, 2003 at the Radisson Tucson City Center Hotel.

A few good people for a few hours will make a great difference to the success of this event. Right away, we need volunteers who can help type and prepare bid sheets for the auction. Also, a raffle will be held in conjunction with the "Treasures for TIHAN" Auction, and TIHAN needs volunteers now to make phone calls to aid in the distribution of raffle tickets. The funds raised at "Treasures for TIHAN" will enable the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network to continue to serve our friends living with HIV/AIDS. Please join us by volunteering to type, call, donate items for the auction, and buy raffle tickets.

To volunteer with "Treasures for TIHAN," contact Jane Perri at (520) 326-7177 or ppmive@hotmail.com. For more information about TIHAN, call (520) 299-6647 or e-mail Scott Blades at scott@tihan.org.

TGIF: 4th Friday Is March 28

TUCSON - Looking forward to Friday and the weekend? Then make Fourth Friday your first stop in beginning the weekend's activities by joining other GBT men at Hotel Congress, 311 East Congress Street, on Friday, March 28, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Fourth Fridays is an alternate place to socialize with GBT men in a relaxed atmosphere and a great way to start the weekend by greeting old friends and making new ones. 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.

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Chicago, The Pianist And Far From Heaven Big Academy Award Winners

LOS ANGELES, CA - The Best Picture Academy Award for the flashy musical Chicago was one of the few predictable elements of a ceremony that included three key wins for the Holocaust drama The Pianist.

On a night when the war with Iraq set a somber tone, Adrien Brody took Best Actor and Roman Polanski earned the directing prize for The Pianist against higher-profile front-runners.

The Japanese film Spirited Away won for feature-length animation against cartoon behemoths from Hollywood. Eminem took the Best Song Oscar over a field that included veterans Paul Simon and U2.

The ceremony included an angry indictment of the Bush administration from documentary winner Michael Moore and a tearful moment of empathy for war victims from Brody.

With six awards, Chicago—made by openly Gay filmmakers Rob Marshall (director), Bill Condon (screenwriter), and Craig Zadan and Neil Meron (executive producers)—was the main winner at a ceremony where pageantry took on greater solemnity because of the U.S.-led war on Iraq.

Chicago became the first musical to win Best Picture since 1968's Oliver! Catherine Zeta-Jones, Best Supporting Actress winner for Chicago, was the first performer to win an Oscar for a musical

since 1972.

Nicole Kidman won for lead actress as author Virginia Woolf in the somber drama The Hours.

Chris Cooper earned the Best Supporting Actor Oscar for the twisted Hollywood tale Adaptation.

Kidman, Cooper, and Zeta-Jones had been acting front-runners, but first-time nominee Brody was something of a long shot in the Best Actor field, where each of the other contenders already had at least one Oscar. Jack Nicholson of About Schmidt and Daniel Day-Lewis of Gangs of New York had been viewed as best bets to win the lead-actor trophy.

The Pianist was based on the life of Holocaust survivor Wladyslaw Szpilman, a Polish Jew who eluded the Nazis in the Warsaw ghetto. Brody told the Oscar crowd the film was a tribute to Szpilman, and he fought back tears as he said the role gave him a taste of the dehumanization that comes with war. "It's just a very difficult thing to do, to celebrate when there is sadness and conflict in the world. Our achievements as artists and filmmakers and actors are valid, and we deserve to celebrate that," Brody said backstage. But "the timing, for me, is a little odd."

Polanski had been a bit of a long shot for director. Martin Scorsese was viewed as the likely winner for Gangs of New York through much of Oscar season,

but Rob Marshall's triumph for Chicago at the Directors Guild of America awards made it look like a horse race between Scorsese and Marshall.

A Holocaust survivor himself, Polanski has been an exile from the United States since he fled 25 years ago to avoid sentencing for having sex with a 13-year-old girl. Polanski would have faced arrest had he entered the country to attend the Oscars. The Pianist also earned the adapted-screenplay award for Ronald Harwood.

The Best Original Screenplay Oscar went to openly Gay filmmaker Pedro Almodóvar for Talk to Her, marking the first time that a Spanish-language film received an Academy Award in the screenplay category.

Chicago came in with a leading 13 nominations, followed by the crime epic Gangs of New York with 10. But Gangs was shut out in every category.

Chicago was adapted from the Bob Fosse stage hit about two Jazz Age murderesses using their jailhouse celebrity to further their singing careers. Musicals gradually fell out of favor in Hollywood after their critical peak in the early 1960s, when West Side Story, My Fair Lady, and The Sound of Music won Best Picture.

Moulin Rouge, a Best Picture nominee a year ago, helped rekindle the genre, and Chicago has become a huge box-office success with a domestic gross of

\$134 million and climbing. "I just hope that we continually do musicals," said producer Marty Richards. "I just hope that they don't do one musical after another just because it's the flavor of the week and that they do good musicals and we bring back at least one of them a year. That would be my joy."

Spirited Away, from Japanese animation master Hayao Miyazaki, was a huge hit in his home country, but an English-language adaptation brought in only a modest \$5.5 million in the United States last fall. The animated-feature Oscar seemed more likely to go to one of the Hollywood films, like the \$100-million-plus hits Ice Age or Lilo & Stitch. Eminem won his Oscar for cowriting "Lose Yourself," a song from 8 Mile, in which he also starred.

Oscar organizers scrapped much of the ceremony's revelry in light of the Iraq war. A celebrity or two decided against attending because of the conflict, while some wore peace pins or drove to the Oscars in fuel-efficient vehicles to protest American reliance on overseas oil.

Moore, whose Bowling for Columbine won the feature-length documentary prize, railed against the White House, saying, "Shame on you, Mr. Bush," for going to war. He received a standing ovation as he headed to the stage, but his angry speech was greeted with a mix of applause and boos. Bowling for Columbine, Moore's alternately hilarious and horrifying exami-

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EDITORIAL

'No They Don't, Bob And Neither Do We'

Showing common sense for the second week running, during their Monday, March 24 meeting, Tucson's City Council voted 7-0, to postpone a public hearing on a proposed ordinance that would give the police chief more power to regulate public gatherings and to delay this hearing until next month.

City Manager James Keene, at the March 17 meeting, had urged the council to adopt the regulations quickly so the police could use it to control activity in the streets along North Fourth Avenue in the possible event that the University of Arizona men's basketball team makes it to the Final Four of the annual tournament.

The proposed regulations would have allowed the police chief to deny a parade permit if they think the turnout would be too large for the police to manage with the available personnel, or if it might block emergency vehicles, and take place during rush hours.

A permit could not be denied, supposedly, because of the purpose of the event which one leads to wonder if the police chief could use one of the other excuses provided for in the proposal.

Demonstrations or rallies on sidewalks wouldn't require a permit, but police could shut down an event if multiple demonstrators stepped into the street or if the group failed to provide sidewalk access to other users. When Wingspan held their community rally, they would have been in violation of the proposal since more than 100 or so people turned out in front of Wingspan's main annex, located at 300 East Sixth Street.

A slew of protestors were heard at the St. Patrick's Day meeting, stating that there had not been enough time to review the proposal, which was only ready that day and raising objections that the City Manager and City Attorney, who had drafted the proposal, had linked an alcohol-fueled riot with a parade, event such as the Fourth Avenue Street Fair, demonstration or protest.

After more than an hour of public comment, the Council had voted to hold a

special public hearing on Wednesday, March 26, and a special Council meeting, Monday, March 31. Both of which was rightfully postponed at the March 24 meeting. Several Council members expressed the opinion that there was still not enough people aware of the ordinance to hold the special hearing or consider the proposal.

"My fear is that we were going to ram something through without enough public comment," Councilmember Jose Ibarra said. Indeed, our fears too.

During the March 24 meeting, Mayor Bob Walkup said a majority of Councilmembers support the ordinance and that public comment is necessary "just to be sure that we are right."

Several Councilmembers, during both meetings, expressed skepticism over this proposal, especially since had just been brought to the table for consideration.

Also at the same time this being discussed before Tucson's Mayor and Council, it was reported in both newspapers that Tucson's Police Department had begun training to make sure another Fourth Avenue riot, which occurred in 2001, doesn't happen again.

In addition, according to the City of Tucson Website, the Tucson Police Department has written a policy on how they will deal with a potential situation on Fourth Avenue on April 5 and 7, the dates of the Final Four games, if the Wildcat Basketball team gets that far.

Tucson's Mayor and Council, with at least one exception, wisely put the brakes on this Ashcroftian proposal to restrict the rights of free speech but they must act, prudently, taking the time to rework the ordinance to protect the rights of free speech and the police's ability to deal with situations, so that no one's hands are tied.

Call (520) 791-4700, Tucson's Mayor and Council comment line and tell the Mayor and Council to reject this proposal and to take the time to rework the ordinance. You can also get your message across by E-mailing them at mcweb@mail.ci.tucson.az.us.

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It's More Than You Think.....

Around The USA

John Waters Brings 'World Of Trash' To Tucson April 12

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - Legendary film director, John Waters is bringing his "World of Trash" to the Old Pueblo, Saturday, April 12, at the Club Congress, 311 E. Congress, 7:30 p.m.

Waters, who has directed such cult and camp film classics, "Pink Flamingoes", "Female Trouble", "Mondo Trasho", "Polyester", "Lust in the Dust", and "Hairspray", starring entertainer extra ordinaire, Divine, "the filthiest woman alive", as well as Edith "I want eggs" Massey and Mink Stole and other favorite films, "Serial Mom", "Cecil B DeMented" and "Pecker", making Patty Hearst a household name for other reasons, will be performing his one man show for one night only at Club Congress, starting at 7:30 p.m.

"The World of Trash," details Waters ground-breaking career in a rapid-fire, stand-up comedy format, the only way this film genius' life could be told.

After which, Waters will also hold a Q&A with the audience after his performance, even maybe to answer those age old

questions about what really happened to the "Pink Flamingoes" trailer, the famous Lobster scene from "Mondo Trasho", the mysteries of Odorama from "Polyester", and that burning question, did Lainie Kazan and Divine do their own stunts, especially during the bar fight scene in "Lust in the Dust"?

Waters was recently seen on television as host for the Independent Spirit Awards, and has made numerous appearances on "Politically Incorrect," and is one of the many celebrities who were animated for posterity on "The Simpsons", in one of the classic episodes of the long running series. Currently, the musical version of "Hairspray," starring openly Gay actor Harvey Fierstein, is breaking records on the Broadway stage as is considered a favorite to win many awards at this year's Tony's.

For those individuals who have purchased VIP Gold Circle tickets, \$75, Waters will be present at a special meet and greet, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., General Admission tickets are \$28.

For tickets, visit www.ticketweb.com or call (866) 468-3399.

Ettelbrick To Helm IGLHRC

NEW YORK, NY - The International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) announced that Paula L. Ettelbrick, a longtime civil rights activist and lawyer, has been named the group's next executive director.

on May 1. She succeeds Surina Khan, who stepped down in December.

"We're delighted to have Paula's range and depth of experience as IGLHRC charts its next stage in building a global grassroots LGBT human rights movement against discrimination based on sexual

orientation, HIV status and gender identity," said Nicky McIntyre, board chair of the San Francisco-based organization.

"Paula's reputation and background in fighting for human rights will assist us in increasing IGLHRC's effectiveness within the United Nations and with other non-governmental human rights organizations around the world," McIntyre added.

Ettelbrick was the first staff attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and served as the group's legal director from 1986 to 1993. Under her leadership, the New York-based Lambda

Legal doubled its staff and opened offices in Los Angeles and Chicago.

She has also held senior positions in the National Center for Lesbian Rights, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Empire State Pride Agenda, the largest Gay rights group in New York. She has taught law at New York University, Columbia University and other law schools.

"I am so pleased to be joining IGLHRC's staff and board," Ettelbrick said in a statement. "The world may feel ominous right now, which is why a strong effort to protect human rights is most critical."

Court Rules Against Rainbow Flag Burners

COLUMBUS, OH - An Ohio appeals court has overturned a lower court ruling that a flag-burning was protected by the Constitution, saying a city has a right to regulate open burning.

The 10th Ohio district court of appeals ruled Thursday in the case of two men who burned a Gay pride flag during a parade in Columbus in 2001. The men—Charles Spingola, 47, and Thomas Meyer, 49, both of Newark—had been charged with open burning, a first-degree misdemeanor punishable by as much as six months in jail. But former Franklin County environmental judge Richard Pfeiffer ruled that the flag-burning was protected under the First Amendment guarantee of free speech. Tom Condit, attorney for Spingola and Meyer, said it is a "virtual certainty" he will appeal the case to the Ohio supreme court.

conduct places only a minor restriction on free expression," visiting judge William Harsha wrote for the court in a unanimous opinion. The fire code does not prohibit flag-burning, he said, but does ban ceremonial burning without a permit. The appeals court sent the case back to Franklin County environmental court judge Harlan Hale.

Ray Vasvari, legal counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio, said that as long as the fire code takes no position on the message a flag burner is trying to convey and spells out the reasons a permit can be approved or denied, then it is constitutional.



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POLITICS 2003

by Mark R. Kent

'Honoring A Hero'

On Thursday, April 3, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Arizona's Human Rights Fund (AHRF), the statewide Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) rights organization will be hosting its annual Tucson membership drive at the Tucson Botanical Garden, 2150 N. Alvernon.

tee's by then House Speaker Jim Weiers, killing it in that form.

Elected officials, past and present, from around the state, across Pima County and from the City of Tucson, as well as candidates for Tucson's upcoming city elections will be probably be present for the event raising political awareness and funds to help AHRF in its goals to secure, protect and defend the rights of GLBT Arizonans, especially in Arizona's Legislature, not known to be too friendly, especially from January to May, June, or in this year's case, until July 1.

Flash forward a couple of months and HB 2668 had been attached to a criminal omnibus bill, SB 1141, and who was in the forefront in the fight for this when it had come to the House Committee of the Whole for consideration, none other than state Representative Linda Lopez.

This event, in conjunction with several others held during the year helps AHRF in their efforts to get more openly GLBT or straight supportive candidates into office and one of those is being honored this year for her work in the Legislature, state Representative Linda Lopez, D-Tucson.

In fact, despite her very busy schedule as an educator, a teacher and serving on the Sunnyside School Board, Linda made sure she was there, even cancelling a live television interview, to speak out and to lobby for passage of SB 1141, moving and motivating her fellow legislators to the point that the bill got over 60% of the House members present, affirmative vote, 28-17, 31 was needed for passage.

State Representative Linda Lopez has been a tireless worker, speaking out for the rights of women, minorities, the poor and GLBT Arizonans in the state legislature which is fine but she has also gone the "extra mile" for us.

State Representative Linda Lopez is a tireless advocate, hard worker, community leader for us all. AHRF has honored such luminaries as former Tucson Mayor George Miller, and Arizona Attorney General now Governor, Janet Napolitano, at past events and this year's will be no exception, saying thank you to an elected official who was there for all of us when it's needed most then, now and in the future.

During her tenure, elected to the Arizona House in 2000, Lopez has sponsored, cosponsored or supported legislation to:

Membership levels (ticket prices), are as follows: Student Level, \$15; Voter Level, \$25; Committee Level, \$50; Legislative Level, \$100; Governor Level, \$300; Cabinet Level, \$600; Presidential Level, \$1,200. Memberships are not tax deductible since AHRF is a political organization. Any membership over \$100 can be considered couple memberships and will include your partner's name.

protect the rights of GLBT workers at their place of employment;

To RSVP, make checks payable to "AHRF," and send them to Arizona Human Rights Fund-Tucson, POB 3512, Tucson, AZ 85722. For more information about this event or other AHRF activities statewide or in Southern Arizona, visit their Web site at ahrf.org, or call Kristen Felan, (520) 990-3714.

GLBT youth to make sure they get a quality education in Arizona's schools;

On Thursday, April 3, GLBT Tucsonans have the chance to honor a hero who helps us out, a rare opportunity and one that shouldn't be missed.

end censorship on what can be said about HIV/AIDS in the public school system;

stop the erosion of rights of people wanting to be tested for HIV/AIDS; and,

have the government to recognize the committed relationships of Gays and Lesbians, to name several but there is one issue where Linda stood out in this reporter's eyes.

In 2002, during the height of the Opela situation, with the off-duty Tucson Fire Fighter who had been convicted of assault an openly Gay man outside a local restaurant, this reporter made the effort to get legislation drafted to extend Arizona's bias crimes law to cover misdemeanor offenses, getting a lot of promises but nothing in writing.

Then openly Gay state Representative Ed Poelstra, R-Tucson agreed to help this reporter draft legislation and "drop it in the hopper" to start the uphill process, with only one week to file the bill.

One of the legislator's this reporter contacted was Linda, and in an E-mail, I pleaded with her to sign on to the measure, explaining what this bill would do, despite the fact the language and had not been finalized, and she agreed with no questions asked and was one of the seven sponsors of the bill, HB 2668, from Southern Arizona.

HB 2668 was unfortunately "triple-dipped," assigned to three difference commit-

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL JIB

Stay and Play

HBO is currently rerunning its mini-series called "The Wire". I was tempted not to watch it because my memories of the original presentation are so completely satisfying that I didn't want to risk tampering with them.

There was a lot of talk about the realism of the show's language on the first go-round. In fact it's not realistic at all. The writer has taken the vocabulary and diction of the police/criminal vernacular and sculpted them into a form whose concision and clarity raise it to the level of poetry.

There are several speeches in "The Wire" that deserve preeminent places in our dramatic literature right next to "To be or not to be." To name just three: the hero's declaration of appreciation for his partner; the police executive's vow of revenge against the hero; the police sergeant's explanation of the hero's character.

But "The Wire" is much more than stunningly beautiful dramatic poetry. It's a very compelling and unusual argument about the nature of the human animal. To understand the argument, one must first appreciate the frighteningly accurate portrayal of urban life that serves as its background.

The portrait is one of the RATIONALITY of corruption in our hyper-materialistic and hyper-hypocritical society. The rational street kid asks himself why he should go to school when he can make more money dealing drugs and he could make even after graduating from any number of schools. The rational cop asks himself why he shouldn't supplement his meager pay by stealing and/or taking bribes from drug dealers. The rational judge and the rational politician ask themselves similar questions.

But the really big corruption, in terms of the numbers of people involved, is not that of the players who are directly making and taking the drug money. The big corruption is that of the cops, bureaucrats and pois who ask themselves this: "Why is it my job to disrupt the totally corrupt system and get myself into big trouble for doing it?"

Our non-corrupt hero wades into this pervasive miasma of corruption and the drama's central issue appears: How can the little man so spic-and-span stay clean when

the caca hits the fan?

What saves our hero in a world where rationality equates with corruption is his complete and utter possession of an identity that doesn't disgust him. He is, in his own words, "good police." And that, amazingly, turns out to be enough.

"The Wire" is making a novel argument for a rejection of rationality in favor of an identity that doesn't make you puke all over yourself. Our hero is going to be severely punished for being "good police." He is going to miss out on the material benefits of corruption. He is going to be reviled by many of his co-workers. He is going to get a very unpleasant job assignment. But he is going to remain whole.

The overwhelming power of this drama rests in large part on the elemental nature of the question it poses, a question that even substantial stupidity does not permit us to evade: Who are you? Those of us who don't like the answer to that question lead difficult lives. Those of us who like the answer can skate or even dance over horrendous difficulties. It doesn't seem fair.

"The Wire" argues that, even in a society whose materialism and hypocrisy have mired it in unfathomable corruption, you can still save yourself. You can do it by adopting what amounts to an irrational identity.

Our hero adopts the irrational identity of "good police," irrational because he knows that it won't pay off and that it will lead to punishment. The good news is that he can look at himself in the shaving mirror and that he can still be in the game to some extent.

Dramatic literature is full of heroes who take their marbles and go home. They see that the game is rigged and the players are dirty, so they make their big score and retire to their mountaintop. Literature is also full of principled heroes who make their noble stands and get crushed by the corrupt system. "The Wire" invites us to stay and play. It gives us a hero who gets hurt without getting crushed, and without giving in.

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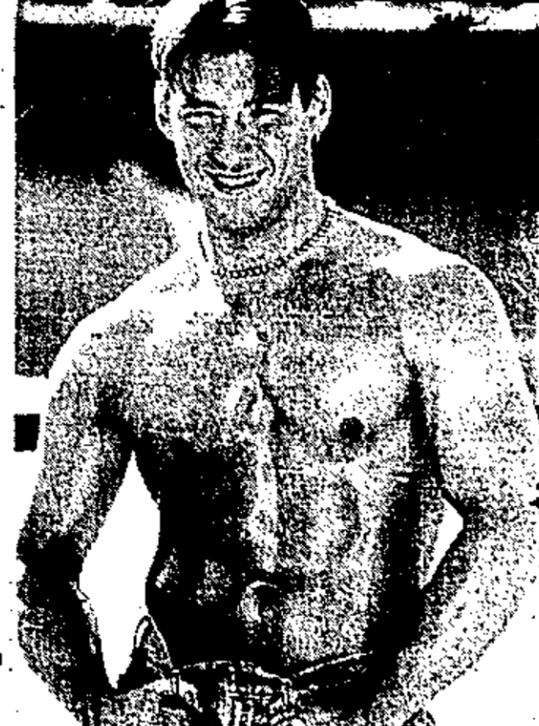
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Both Mercury and the Sun trot into rowdy Aries this week heralding in a rambunctious and energetic spring. This is no time to hide in your shell comrades; this is the time of year to let loose and dance naked in the sun. For those of us who didn't tone and buff enough this winter, dance loosely.

other. Put on your rosy Sun glasses, gaze into the abyss and see a bubble bath. For those single Scales who ache for a large package, this is the time to weigh in.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20
Happy Birthday Gay Rambo! Both Sun and Mercury amble into your own sign now. You are blessed with good insights and meaningful communication and you deliver it with personality plus. Make good use of time. Set your sights on new opportunities and go get 'em, buster. Before you know it, the planets move on and you will be just another schlub with a vacant grin.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22
If you have been feeling like a order-taker worker drone, the Sun and Mercury in Aries will have you overthrowing the oppressive capitalist system and taking your demands to the street. Toss off your shackles, Gay Scorp. There is an opportunity for you to shed your old skin and emerge wet and refreshed to tackle new tasks. Hey get me a cup of coffee, will ya?

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21
What will you divine when Sun and Mercury coast into Aries this week? You have choices - you can volunteer for a great Gay cause, undertake a monumental transforming project or maybe even find some old time religion. Queer Bulls angle for an angle and seem to possess a third eye to help steer them on the right path. Rub a crystal ball to expand your possibilities.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22
Playful pink Archers feel in their prime when both the Sun and Mercury slide into zesty Aries. You are inspired, energized and full of fun and spit. There seems to be a party every hour and you simply cannot get enough good times now. Eat drink and be merry, compadre, for tomorrow you will have to diet and take afternoon naps to conserve your energy. How very sad.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21
There is something about the Sun and Mercury in rollicking Aries that has rainbow Twins juggling their blackberries. If you find that your personal stock hits an all time high, don't sell yourself short. Fill your dance card to the margins, expand your social circle to a globe and see how far your good looks and charm can carry you. Let's hope they carry you to Maui... first class.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20
Sun and Mercury enter Aries and focus your attention on home related projects. Queer Caps can expand and enhance their realm so don't chintz on the chintz. As long as you are feeling benevolent, try to open a new line of communication with a certain relative. Who knows? You may find a point or two of light. If not, don't curse the dark; flip a switch and go your own way.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23
For those self-effacing pink Crabs who have toiled in the backroom, the Sun and Mercury in rowdy Aries focus a magnificent spotlight on your career efforts. Step up and claim your gold ring and corner office, cousin; payback is here and it is sweet. But don't forget to share your rewards and maintain your humility. They say it is lonely at the top. Or is it lonely as the top...?

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19
If you have something to say, say it loud and queer when the Sun and Mercury cascade into no-nonsense Aries. Aquerians are usually full of self-important opinions and now you can be very persuasive. Bleed your screed on the front pages or phone a legislator and get your vote in. It's time to move a few mountains and mow them down into molehills. Steamroller anyone?

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23
Curiosity may have killed the cat but not the proud Lion! Seek new horizons and see who and what is Out there when the Sun and Mercury traverse Aries. Make your mark on the world and discover new and exciting people and places. If money is tight, satisfy your wanderlust with the Internet and some tasty foreign fare closer to home. But if you have the dough, go go go!

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
Your finances take a dramatic turn for the better when both the Sun and Mercury cash into Aries. The money seems to effortlessly roll in and Guppies feel the need to go and splurge on some long awaited treat. But an ever better use of this transit is to use it to plan for future retirement. Sooner rather than later! Take charge, and I don't mean credit card, pal.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23
Prim and proper queer Virgins loosen their lace collars when the zesty Sun and creative Mercury heat up in heated Aries. Sizzle with the sensation and start frying with oil. Do I smell someone burning?? And yet there will be some contrarian pink Virgos who will try to rein in their wilde desires. Only rein them in with leather straps and a zippered mask, cousin.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23
Proud Libras yearn for harmony and balance in a relationship and now, as the Sun and Mercury enter Aries, you can maintain your poise and aplomb while connecting on a more intimate level with your significant

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WHAT MAKES OUR TOWN TICK

by Jerry D.

A Room Full Of Actors

Hello readers! When times get tough, such as they have been lately, it's good to have an escape. I can remember as a young boy walking into the Marcy Theatre and viewing what I considered a world unlike my own. There on the large screen were the adventures and situations that I could only dream about. A lot of our upbringing was contoured by the movies. Somehow it still has an effect on us today. Each year, those dreams and fantasies are honored with an award show. The stars and star-makers gather together and thank folks we will never know about otherwise.

The hype over this year's telecast of the annual awards gala was large. Hollywood has always been known as the Mecca of those who do not conform to rule of thumb. With our nation's leader giving the green light on war, it seemed to draw the buzz of the awards night to a new kind of pitch. In the same auditorium were going to be different opinions, with a stage to amplify it. The telecast was as always sent via satellite to every country that wanted to show it. Movies are universal, and so this night would be a snapshot for all to see. I anticipated the moments that I thought were to come.

Officials of the awards show thought it would be symbolic if the traditional red carpet march of the participants were cancelled. They feared it would be too much glitz to show when at any moment news of tragic events could interrupt it. The ideology was done with good reason, but in my view, not the direction they should have gone. The theatre was set and the opening credits gave way to host Steve Martin. I was almost excited as he took the stage, wondering the direction the show would take.

For those of you who don't know, Steve Martin got his start as a writer for comedy shows. One of his earliest jobs was writing the Smothers Brother's Show in the late 1960's. I thought that he would draw back when he protested Viet Nam and helped make the Smothers show the model for televised controversy. Martin was not in that form though, opting to joke about Hollywood and its shortcomings instead. I thought, maybe I will see the show of protest in the stars in the audience.

Given fair warning, most of the stars on hand for the event chose to take a toned-down approach to the evening. Almost every man donned the obligatory black tuxedo, while the ladies were not showing parts of their anatomy seen in previous years' awards. The lack of tabloid fashion at the event was enough to quiet the mighty Joan Rivers. Her annual pre-awards show was cut short. When Rivers did have a chance to lampoon a star's garb, she could not zing in her usual manner. I thought to myself, there has to be someone who will make this evening worth the 4-hour marathon.

Then came the actual awards show. There were a few surprises when the winners were read, but most speeches were reserved for family and production company. I thought that the community I so love was going to let me down, and not show force for all that is going on in the world. How could those in the limelight not express their views on what is going on? I would have even listened to someone who is for the war at this point. I thought the evening was going to be a total bust. Then the award for documentary feature was presented.

I have never been in a public situation where the name of Michael Moore did not cause a near riot. The man is the creator of documentaries that most in the government would not want the release of. Moore is a true believer in freedom of speech, but that does not mean that he will agree with those out there ragging the constitution. This year, Moore's film "Bowling For Columbine" was one of the nominees. The film is a documentary that lets you think about this nation's stance on gun control from the eyes of the town where the worst high school killing took place. It is a film that every person should be witness to prior to his or her 21st birthday, but that's just me.

Moore's name was read as one of the production team that created "Bowling For Columbine". As he approached the podium, I felt a sudden surge in the air of revolution that most talk of. It was like we had been waiting for him the entire evening. Along with Moore, standing on the stage,

were all of the nominees of the documentary category. Moore invited them to the stage in a moment of true solidarity and protest. His words rang true in the anger and disgust that a lot of the people I know truly believe. His only difference was the stage to pronounce it and Moore did not disappoint.

The moment became totally surreal when the camera panned the stars in the audience. At the moment that they saw the red light of the mobile camera, their cheers, and yes some jeers, were replaced by total silence. It was as if something in their head, in the voice of their agent, told them to stay neutral. The sound of the boos and cheers could be clearly heard, but not to be seen by the camera trying to capture history. At that moment I was both proud and ashamed of the Hollywood community at the same time. In total though, sadness filled me as a moment that could shape our nation's direction was snuffed out by the modern technology of a hand-held video camera.

If you ask anyone who was witness to the time, they would agree that the stars of that day helped shape the war in Viet Nam. It was their voices, their songs, their views and their ideas that were brought to the attention of those in charge of an illegal and immoral war. I am afraid that the small shining hope of that happening disappeared on Sunday night. Media should be a vehicle, not a domicile. It should take you somewhere, not keep you from harm. To those not brave enough, I give my annual "Did Nothing About It" award. Who knows though, there might be a movie in the works about the real protesters of this current war, then suddenly there would be a line at the casting room. Have a good week!

Los Angeles May Bid For 2010 Gay Games

LOS ANGELES, CA - Nearly two dozen civic and business leaders from Los Angeles gathered in West Hollywood to begin the process of bringing Gay Games VIII to Los Angeles in 2010.

"We're very excited about our prospects and confident in our ability to succeed, especially considering those who are already on board and interested in joining this effort," stated Shamey Cramer, executive director of Los Angeles 2006 Inc., the organization that was responsible for the unsuccessful bid to bring the games to the city in 2006. Montreal won that bid.

Attending the meeting were representatives for state senator Sheila Kuehl, state assembly member Paul Koretz, Los Angeles County supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, and city council member Eric Garcetti, among others. The bidding process for 2010 will commence later this year, with the final selection being announced in 2005.

"Los Angeles would be proud to host the Gay Games," said Los Angeles mayor Jim Hahn. "Because of our 2006 bid effort, we already have the necessary structure in place for a host organization to work in tandem with our local government agencies to create a truly memorable and financially successful event. We think it's time that the Gay Games comes to the City of Angels. We were ready to host the games in Los Angeles in 2006 and will be for the 2010 games."

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A View From The Rock

By Joy L. Childress

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

When I was 12 years old, my mother answered an ad in the "Help Wanted" section of the Denver Post newspaper.

The job was for a camp cook at a square dance, round dance, and folk dance camp on top of Lookout Mountain in Golden, Colorado. People from all over the U.S. came for a week of dancing instruction, dancing parties, and culminated at the end of the week with a buffalo steak cook-out. The camp operated for 8 weeks during the summer, with a new group of dancers coming in each week. My mother was hired to do the job, and I went with her. This was the summer I fell in love with a woman.

Her name was Edna Ritchie from the "Ritchie Family Singers", a well-known folk singing group from the hills of Kentucky. I stood in awe of this woman. She was warm, funny, graceful, and had a beautiful singing voice. Each evening before the dancing would start, she would lead the singing in our "singalongs". I remember her sitting by the piano, with her dulcimer (a Kentucky mountain string instrument) on her lap, wearing a blue square dance dress, and the light from the ceiling shimmering down onto her blond hair, turning it golden and making a glow above her head, giving me the impression of an angel. She was MY angel, and I fell in love; deep, hard, fast, and all-consuming in the onset of mixed emotions that sweep over a pre-teen that has just experienced the lightening bolt of first love. She was my idol, my heroine; and my heart knew nothing else but this woman. She wrapped her warm, humane demeanor around me, and I felt safe for the first time in my life. I would have given my life for her.

One day, I asked her about her dulcimer, where it originated, how it was made, and how to play it. She started teaching me to make simple chords on it. She let me practice on it one night while she and her sister (who was married to the owner of the camp) went down the mountain into Denver. We both bunked in the same cabin, and I sat on her bed, feeling her presence while I practiced on her dulcimer. I was trying hard to master the position of my fingers on the strings of the dulcimer, when one of them snapped back at me, and I knew that the string had broken because I had

wound it too tight. I was so scared, man, oh, man! Was I ever scared! I wrote a note to her, explaining that one of the strings broke and that I had wound the strings too tight. I wrote that I was sorry. Then I went to bed. She didn't get back to camp until very late that night. I couldn't sleep, but when she came in the room I pretended to be asleep. I was trembling with the fear that she would not love me anymore. I just knew that she would come over to me, shake me, yell at me, and then turn her back on me. To a 12 year old, this type of rejection would be devastating. I cracked my eyes open, and I saw her read my note; and I still pretended to be asleep. I was terrified of her rejection, and I just knew she would be mad at me and hate me. Instead of yelling at me, she came over to me and kissed me on the cheek.

I was so surprised; I didn't react, I just kept on pretending to be asleep. But I'm sure I didn't fool her. The next day, she went down the mountain and back to Denver and came back with a new set of strings. She re-strung the dulcimer, showed me how to put the strings on, and gave me the dulcimer back to me to practice some more. I no longer was afraid of her wrath, because she showed love and kindness to me instead of anger.

I look back on this episode in my life and realize that I had experienced the truth in 1 John 4:18, "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love." Her love, kindness, and understanding toward me cast out all the fear that I had had. At that time in my life, I was made perfect in love. Edna was a Christian, and she showed me a Christ-like love, and my fear left. We as GLBT Christians need to show that kind of Christ like love to others in our community, so that their fear of rejection, of being punished for being GLBT, will be cast out, and they can see that Jesus loves them. When all of us in our community experience the pure love of Jesus Christ, we all will be released from our fear of rejection and condemnation.

"Jesus knows how you feel—hurt, scared, alone—and He's always with you to wrap you in His comfort blanket of love."

GENDER WORLD

BY JONI K. ROSE

George Bush the First was ridiculed as a wimp. The caricatures were offensively sexist and especially unforgivable given the source. A bigger-hearted person would have told those liberals that his masculinity or lack of same had nothing to do with his ability to govern. Instead George I proved his manhood at the expense of 100,000 Iraqi lives.

Masculinity hasn't been in question with George II. From the moment he seized power after the majority of Americans rejected him, he's been looking for butts to kick. Saddam is a convenient target, whom no one likes anyway. Never mind the hundreds of thousands more lives that are being lost. You and I may complain as loudly as we can. Yet so long as Americans continue to regard manliness as an essential quality in a leader, the gunboat diplomacy will continue.

Even though our government isn't listening now, other people will, so we must continue to act. This week we'll have the usual peace vigils: from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday in front of the Federal Building on West Congress, plus the Women in Black vigil Friday at 5 p.m., at Speedway and Euclid. But the big rally this week will be at 10 a.m.

Saturday at Mission Manor Park on Twelfth Avenue just south of Drexel Road. See you there!

I wish I could say the Gay community is an exception to our society's machismo cult, but it rarely is. Just look at some of the ads in this and other Gay publications. That's why I love drag shows: I find it a special treat to see Gay and bi males celebrating something beside their manhood. Of course we can enjoy drag shows every Wednesday night at IBT's, and every Thursday night at the November Bar and Grill. But the big event that's coming up April 6 is Miss Gay Tucson America. Remember, you get a discount if you buy your ticket in advance: HRHFUFU@aol.com. I'll have more on the pageant next week.

The Southern Arizona Gender Alliance will be busy next month too, starting with the Gender Outlaws discussion group on (No fooling!) the first. Then on Monday the seventh, the night after the pageant, Dr. Daniel Boone, speech therapist, will be talking at the SAGA monthly meeting. Be sure to attend if you're active in the drag or trans communities and you'd like to learn how to raise or lower the pitch

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of your voice. Especially since this guy charges like \$100 an hour for private sessions. And on Thursday April 10 there will be a special question and answer forum with some of our local transsexuals. All these SAGA events are open to all and happen at 7 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street.

Anyway, if you guys must celebrate your manhood (regardless of your



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Dear Dr. X,
 I have a double problem. The first thing is that I am HIV positive and I am not sure when to let someone know when I think I am interested in hooking up. I don't want to scare them off but I want to get it out of the way. The second problem is I have had an AIDS diagnosis for a few months but this may be temporary. I've changed my medication and within the year I should be back to just being positive (based on the 200 and over T-cell count and a low viral load). Do I tell someone I have AIDS or just HIV? I think it sounds a lot different. Does it or not?

Sincerely, Positive Thinking

Dear Positive Thinking,
 I want to give you credit for trying to communicate about your status ahead of time. My personal policy is to disclose before leaving the bar. Springing it on them in the bedroom can be disastrous. We often say things like what are you into, top or bottom, etc. so why not what's your HIV status? People think it kills the mood but believe me it won't be any easier to discuss it after sex. So many people play that game in their heads that if no one brings it up then everything is fine. It is a joint responsibility to talk about HIV status. I usually zing it right in when I feel a pick-up happening. I might say "I'm usually a top but I have been a bottom, that's how I got HIV!" I don't know the best answer in regards to having an AIDS diagnosis. When we are wearing those shoes the differences in numbers and terminology mean a lot to how we think of

ourselves. If you continue to identify as HIV positive you are letting the partner know that you have the virus that causes AIDS. So the rest is really semantics. Playing safe for HIV means being safe period. It may sound dumb but you don't get infected with AIDS you get infected with HIV.

Dear Dr. X,

When I urinate, I always shoot all over the place and hardly ever straight. Is this normal or not? If it is not, then how can I sort it out?

Not a Straight shooter!

Dear Not a Straight Shooter,

Some men have blockages or scar tissue in their urethra (the tube that carries urine through your penis). This can make your urine spray. Another possibility is dried seminal secretions (if you ejaculated earlier) that cause the urethra to stick together in places. This will cause spraying until the force of the urine opens the urethra back up. If you find yourself spraying all over, try and massage your urethra and this should open up any of the places that are just stuck together. Unfortunately, it won't help if you have a stricture or scar. If you are worried you should see your physician or urologist. A sign of a more serious problem is frequent urinary tract infections or a penile discharge. This can sometimes signify an STD. If you've experienced any of these symptoms, again, you should get checked out.

[Send your questions to Dr. X at gmhp@saaf.org or mail them to SAAF/GMHP, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719. You can also check out Dr. X online at www.gmhp.org.]

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NON-BAR CALENDAR

GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

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 Marv at 745-0304.

The Committee on Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Studies at the University of Arizona presents "Race, Gender, Sexuality & Identity in Visual Art." This is one of a series of three by queer visual artists. A reception will follow the lectures. Tonight at 8:00 p.m., Alma Lopez will be the presenter. Lopez is a Chicana who lives in Los Angeles. Her digital print "Our Lady," a contemporary interpretation of the Virgin de Guadalupe, included in an exhibition at the International Folk Museum in Santa Fe in 2001, was the target of censorship attempts that received the attention of the national press. Aerospace & Mechanical Engineering Building Auditorium, Room S202, 1130 N. Mountain Ave., at the northeast corner of Mountain Avenue and Speedway Boulevard, parking available.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bill hosts a seminar on planning for retirement. In today's volatile market, it's never too early to think about your retirement. Nothing will be sold at this seminar, it is for informational purposes only. For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 546-7539.

The Men's Relationship Group meets and includes a video on tantra. A great way to meet new men and make friends. Fee. Call Marc 881-4582 to reserve a space.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join the guys of MSN for a great Lunch Out at Las Vegas, a Nogales favorite that now has a new restaurant here in Tucson. For directions and reservations, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

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

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

MONDAY, MARCH 31

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 - 12:30 p.m. Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

#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. The investment group, Tucson Stockmen, meets. Currently there is one opening available. For information, please call Carl at 331-4238.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Marv for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Marv at 745-0304.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 3

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SATURDAY, APRIL 5

#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. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pollock 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.

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner - 6:00 p.m. Mongelli's Good Food Place, 2829 East Speedway Blvd. (Between: Tucson Blvd & Country Club. Reservations: Don: 622-1835

Tucson Prime Timers Food and Drinks at 5 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

Bar Calendar

of Heterosexual Events

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. the "Divulicious Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Teri Akki, Aja Simone and Veronica Hallwell.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Start Hides of March weekend early here with a Torn and Tattered Party. Kickoff the weekend in shreds!

FRI-SAT-SUN, MARCH 28-29-30

VENTURE-N - Hides of March!!!! Plus a Pet Watch Yard Sale on the 29th. Need we say more. See the bartender for schedule of events. Mark the calendar and get there!

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

VENTURE-N - Hides of March is here! The welcoming Reception for those leathersmen coming from Arizona and all around the country will be from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

VENTURE-N - Hides of March really gets going today with a full program today. 6:00 a.m. the patio bar opens. There'll be a Pet Watch Yard Sale from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Bring donations to the bar please. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Breakfast will be served. From 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. there will be games, prizes and a BDSM demonstration. At 3:00 p.m. TKO will hold a benefit Car Wash. From 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Beer Bust and from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. a Chicken Dinner will be served. Stay around though there'll be a Wet Jockey Shorts Contest at 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

IBT'S - Party line-up includes Dennis' Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. Karaoke Party with Michael D. on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to Wingspan. 8:00 p.m. Sissy Bingo hosted by Lucinda Holiday and Aja Simone. 9:00 p.m. it's a special Fund Raising Show for Venecia, a candidate for Miss Gay Tucson-America. Show stars Venecia, Lucinda Holiday, Janee Starr, America and Suzette.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Chaz and Larry - the November GoGo Boys will be on at age starting at 9:00 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Hides of March winds down today with another full day - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Breakfast. 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Beer Bust; 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Boos Burgers are on the grill and at 7:00 p.m. a 50/50 raffle drawing.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. the "Divulicious Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Samantha White, Lady Ashley and Janee Starr.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

IBT'S - Annual Easter Egg Hunt and party here. Watch for more details.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Miss Gay Tucson America 2004 Pageant takes place tonight at Holiday Inn Palo Verde (4550 S. Palo Verde Rd.) 7:00 p.m. There will be no pre-judging. Tickets are \$12 for general seating; \$20 VIP seating in advance sale (\$15 and \$25 at the door). For tickets or more information call David Dawson 631-4502 or e-mail: HRHFUFU@aol.com

MONDAY, APRIL 7

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch at 12:30 p.m., Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

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IBT's - 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 or 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 12pm - 12am. DJ "Rayman" High NRG dance music 8-close. "November Girls" 2nd/4th Sundays.

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

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

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Undie Mondie- Happy Hour prices for those in their undies 8pm-close. Queer As Folk show beginning at 8pm. Hot Dancing follows with Johnny DJ. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 12pm - 12am. Happy Hour 3-5. Pool Tournament 7pm. Free pool 9pm-close.

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

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Tuesday

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 12pm-12am. Happy Hour 3-5. Chicken BBQ Dinner \$5.99 - 5:00-8:00pm.

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

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

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 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 8pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8pm to close.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 8pm "Divulicious" show w/Lucinda Holiday and guests. HINRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 11am-1am Happy Hour 3-5. Shrimp Fry Dinner 5-8pm \$5.99. Karaoke 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 nite with Michael \$1 off your favorite drink. Chill dogs or bowls \$1.

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Thursday

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IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9. HI NRG video dancing with Johnny DJ 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon. Grill open 12pm-1am. Happy Hour 3-5pm. 10oz Sirloin Steak w/potato & salad 5:30-8pm, \$6.99. Techno 9pm-close.

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 8am. 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 8pm - close. Shot and drink specials all night. No cover.

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10:30am-1am. Happy Hour 3-5. Fish or Shrimp Dinner \$5.99 5-8pm. Country Western Dance with Libby 8pm-closing.

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.

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Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Bar matches pot \$2 pitchers for pool players. DJ Hill 9pm-close. Drink & Shot Specials all night.

IBT's - 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 12pm-1am. Latino Nite. Drag Show 11:30rd Sat. 10:30pm. Free HIV testing by SAAF.

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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 Footprints Church, Swan and River Road, Room 42. The 3rd Thursdays of the month, the group will meet at 7:30pm at Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse (608 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 (GPGCC) P.O. BOX 2067, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2067. E-mail: webmaster@gpgcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5855. Leave message. TucsonSources@aol.com

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

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

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

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-8565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-8847.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS and updates on Gay Games 2002, contact 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 is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6438 for more info.

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 7pm. Tucson Pride produces Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OUTOFEST. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit the TPI website at www.tucsonpride.com

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.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 Dorian Easty. 882-7723 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 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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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 GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Elie 581-6850 or Ronn 988-2384.

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

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

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. Gerónimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9488 or Ray at 749-5247.

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

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 323-7843.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 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 write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC provided daily by the Pima County Health Department. Gay friendly. Confidential. Treatment and Medication too! Any questions? Call 624-9272

TUCSON GLBT AL-ANON GROUP meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. Call 624-1779 for more information.

YOUNG AND GAY?

GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 690-4613, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 881-1784 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

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

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at St. Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. 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 293-8024.

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 Kathy Quinn, (520)742-7895 or go to our web site http://www.tgsa softball.org

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

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us! Call 617-3100 for more info.

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

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

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

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 791-7676.

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, 1435 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info, Call Anabell at 325-0892

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Jennifer at 838-3975.

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail lyand@theriver.com and request guidelines.

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

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 889-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Desert Girls (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Desert 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. SAGA Email@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sageemail

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 802-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at 4839 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, 806 N. 4th Ave.

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

DESERT DOMINION TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational, Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. For more info call (520)792-6424 or http://www.desertdominion.org

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

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, PWB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

The **MAN TO MAN** social/erotic education CLUB is the tantric men's group that offers passionate friendships, fun activities and sex education. Marc 681-4562

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Madonna's The Big Winner/Loser At The Razzie Awards

LOS ANGELES, CA - Gay icon Madonna didn't get much love from the Razzie Awards—or she got too much, depending on how you look at it.

Her movie *Swept Away*, directed by husband Guy Ritchie, took home five Golden Raspberries at the 23rd annual Razzies, the Oscar spoof that "honors" the year's worst cinema. *Swept Away* was named worst picture of 2002, while Madonna took home worst actress (in a tie with fellow singer Britney Spears in *Crossroads*) and worst supporting actress (for her brief cameo in the James Bond movie *Die Another Day*).

Swept Away also got nods for

worst director, worst screen couple (Madonna and Adriano Giannini), and worst remake or sequel. This year's haul brings Madonna's career take to nine, tying her with Sylvester Stallone as top Razzie winner.

Other Razzie "honors" bestowed this year include worst actor (Roberto Benigni, *Pinocchio*), worst supporting actor (Hayden Christensen, *Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones*), worst screenplay (George Lucas and Jonathan Hales, *Star Wars Episode II*), worst original song (Spears's "I'm Not a Girl, Not Yet a Woman," from *Crossroads*), and most fatulent teen-targeted movie (*Jackass: The Movie*).

Barney Frank Considers Bid For U.S. Senate

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. representative Barney Frank (D-Mass.) said Thursday that he would seriously consider running for the U.S. Senate if Sen. John Kerry wins the presidency.

The only thing that could deter him, Frank said, is if the Democrats regain control of the House of Representatives, giving him chairmanship of the Financial Services Committee. Otherwise, Frank said, "I'd give it very serious thought."

"If it looked like we were going to stay in the minority, I would be very inclined to do it," said the 12-term congressman. If elected, Frank, 62, would be the first openly Gay member of the Senate.

Kerry, 59, is one of nine Demo-

crats who have announced plans to challenge President Bush in 2004. The Massachusetts Democrat is in his fourth term in the U.S. Senate.

Academy Award Winners

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nation of gun violence in America, also condemns U.S. policies and intervention overseas.

"We kill each other at an enormous rate, more so than virtually any other country on this planet," Moore said backstage. "What was the lesson that we taught the children of Columbine this week? This was the lesson, that violence is an acceptable means to resolve a conflict."

For a change, Oscar organizers

moved the show along swiftly, bringing it in at just over its scheduled 3 1/2-hour time. Some past Oscar shows, including last year's, topped four hours. Here is a complete list of winners from the 75th annual Academy Awards:

Far From Heaven swept the Independent Spirit Awards on Saturday, March 22, gathering five awards, including Best Feature.

Far From Heaven also won honors for Best Director for out filmmaker Todd Haynes, female lead for Julianne Moore, male supporting lead for Dennis Quaid, and cinematography for Edward Lachman. The movie stars Moore as a wife whose picture-perfect domestic life crumbles after her husband begins an affair with another man and she has a platonic dalliance with her black gardener.

Out screenwriter Mike White was honored for his screenplay for *The Good Girl*, and the Gay-themed *Y Tu Mamá También* won in the foreign film category.

The nonprofit Independent Feature Project/Los Angeles-presented awards honor movies that have been at least partially independently financed.

Nominees are expected to have original and provocative subject matter, been produced economically, and show a "uniqueness of vision." Openly Gay director John Waters served as master of ceremonies, with actress Halle Berry as honorary chair. Elvis Costello performed during the ceremonies, held in a tent on the Santa Monica beach.

G/L Rights Bill Gets Green Light In New Mexico

SANTA FE, NM - A proposal to outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation won final approval in the New Mexico legislature and was sent to Gov. Bill Richardson for his signature.

Earlier, the legislature approved a hate-crimes bill that includes protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Richardson has promised to sign both pieces of legislation.

The anti-discrimination measure will extend protections to Gays and Lesbians, making it illegal to discriminate against them in matters of employment, housing, credit, public accommodations, and union membership. The legislation will broaden the state's Human Rights Act to cover sexual orientation—heterosexuality, homosexuality, and Bisexuality—and gender identity. The measure cleared the legislature when the senate voted 22-20 to accept a house-passed version of the bill. The house had approved the proposal 32-26. The proposal will exempt businesses with fewer than 15 workers regarding employment discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

Supporters say the measure is needed because it is now legal to fire someone or refuse to hire someone because he or she is Gay—or because of the perception that the person is Gay. Opponents argue that passing the measure will invite lawsuits as well as burden businesses.

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