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Prosecutors Appeal For Murder Rap In Dog Mauling Case

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Prosecutors asked an appellate court Friday, April 11, to reinstate Marjorie Knoller's murder conviction for a San Francisco woman's dog-mauling death, arguing that the trial judge improperly second-guessed jurors by reducing the verdict to involuntary manslaughter.

In papers filed with the state Court of Appeal in San Francisco, the state attorney general's office said Superior Court Judge James Warren exceeded his authority by overturning Knoller's second-degree murder conviction in June.

Warren used the wrong legal test for murder, substituted his judgment for the jury's assessment of Knoller's truthfulness on a key issue, and should not have compared Knoller's guilt to that of her co-defendant and husband, Robert Noel, a state lawyer argued. The attorney general represents the district attorney's office in appellate cases.

Knoller and Noel, both lawyers, were charged with murder in the January 2001 death of Diane Whipple, 33, a neighbor in their Pacific Heights apartment building. Whipple was killed by two large Presa Canario dogs that Knoller and Noel were keeping for their owner, a prison inmate whom they later adopted as their son.

After hearing evidence of numerous incidents in which the dogs had tried to attack other people or animals, a jury convicted Knoller of second-degree murder on the grounds that she knew the dogs were dangerous and exposed Whipple to the risk. Noel, who was not at the scene of the mauling, was convicted of involuntary manslaughter.

But Warren, while describing the defendants and their conduct as "despicable," ruled last June that the murder verdict was not supported by evidence that Knoller knew the dogs were likely to cause death.

The judge said Knoller had repeatedly lied in her testimony - but the one time he believed her was when she said she had no idea that Whipple would be killed. He also said he considered Knoller less guilty than Noel, who had left the dogs in her care despite knowing she couldn't control them.

Both were sentenced to four years in prison, the maximum for involuntary manslaughter. They have appealed their convictions. Second-degree murder carries a sentence of 15 years to life.

In their filing, Deputy Attorney General Amy Haddix said Warren wrongly assumed that a murder conviction required

proof that Knoller knew the dogs were likely to kill. Haddix said the state Supreme Court has ruled that only an awareness of the likelihood of serious injury is required to support a murder conviction.

That standard is easily met in this case, said Haddix, who quoted Warren as saying both Knoller and Noel "were fully on notice that they had a couple of wild, uncontrollable and dangerous dogs that were likely to do something bad . . . that somebody was going to be badly hurt."

Haddix also said Warren had neither legal authority nor factual support for his conclusion that Knoller was telling the truth about her state of mind. That assessment should have been left to the jury, Haddix said, and was inconsistent with the evidence and with Warren's observation that Knoller had repeatedly perjured herself.

The "overwhelming evidence of Knoller's willingness to lie under oath" included her assertions that she had never seen either dog act aggressively toward people, testimony contradicted by seven witnesses, Haddix said.

Donald Horgan, a lawyer for Knoller, disputed the state's arguments. He said past rulings have made it clear that Warren was "entitled to distinguish between parts of her testimony that he finds credible and parts he does not, because he's sitting as the 13th juror." He also said the judge used the proper standard for murder.

Horgan said that written arguments from the defense are due in a month and that the court could hear the case this summer, along with the defendants' appeals.

Ex-Gay Leader Exits 'Focus On The Family'

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO - "Ex-Gay" spokesman John Paulk said he is stepping down from his leadership role in Focus on the Family's campaign to "convert" Gay people to heterosexuality.

Possibly the most well-known "ex-Gay" man in the United States, Paulk said that he plans to move his wife and sons to the Pacific Northwest from Colorado to be with extended family. Focus on the Family (FoF) said Paulk was looking at a "new ministry opportunity," but neither he nor FoF were specific about his plans.

"My time at Focus on the Family has been the most rewarding professional and ministry experience of my life," Paulk

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John Waters Wows Tucson Audience



TUCSON - Legendary film director, John Waters was in town last Saturday, April 12, where he performed his "World Of Trash" to a standing-room-only crowd at the Club Congress. The large crowd was entertained with a rapid-fire myriad of tid bits about his unusual and raucous career.

Waters, who has directed such cult and camp film classics, "Pink Flamingos", "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 the many other people and characters people who worked with him, all told in a stand-up comedy format and kept the audience laughing throughout the evening.

For those individuals who purchased Gold Circle tickets, Waters presented a special 'meet and greet' session to about thirty people sitting around in an intimate setting prior to his performance. Waters candidly answered every question presented to him from this special group and in his whimsical fashion captivated the group.

Pictured above are Tucson Observer's Gary Clark and Bob Ellis with John Waters. For those who were not able to attend this unique person's performance, if the opportunity arises, be sure to attend if he comes in the area again. A most entertaining and unusual evening for those who for fortunate enough to attend.

Gay Man Can File Wrongful Death Suit As Spouse

NEW YORK, NY - In what is believed to be an unprecedented decision, a New York judge has ruled that a Gay man can sue a hospital as spouse of a man who died a year ago. John Langan can proceed with his wrongful death lawsuit against St. Vincent's Hospital in connection with Neal C. Spicehandler's death, Nassau County supreme court justice John P. Dunne said in a decision released.

Adam Aronson, a lawyer for the Gay rights group Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, said the ruling is the first in the nation to treat a same-sex couple joined in a Vermont civil union as a married couple. The group represents Langan. "This is a significant building block toward secur-

ing full equality for same-sex relationships," Aronson said.

Michael Fagan, a spokesman for St. Vincent's, refused to discuss the case, saying the hospital does not comment on pending litigation.

Langan and Spicehandler exchanged vows and rings in a civil ceremony in Vermont in November 2000, soon after such unions became legal. They had been together 15 years before their civil union ceremony. Spicehandler was struck by a car on February 12, 2002, and taken to St. Vincent's, where he died three days later of

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Domestic Partner Registry Forum April 29

TUCSON - What is the proposed domestic partner's registry for the City of Tucson purpose, and what will it cover and not cover? These questions will be answered at a community forum, Tuesday, April 29, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at 301 East Sixth Street.

This event is being co-sponsored by Wingspan, Arizona Human Rights Fund-Tucson and the City of Tucson Commission on GLBT Issues.

Get informed, get involved and see what you can do to help pass a domestic partner registry in Tucson by attending the forum. For more information, E-mail: lucindayoungaz@yahoo.com or k-felan@ahrf.org or call (520) 990-3714.

Fourth Friday April 25

TUCSON - Spring is here, and Fourth Friday has become a great place for guys to meet and greet new friends and old.

So if you are looking for a fun way to start the weekend, make Fourth Friday your first stop by joining other GBT men at Hotel Congress, 311 East Congress Street, on Friday, April 25, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Fourth Fridays is an alternate place to socialize with GBT men in a relaxed atmosphere. 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.

Comerstone Fellowship Easter Services

TUCSON - Comerstone Fellowship will be hosting three services over the Easter weekend.

Services will begin on Good Friday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. The Easter Sunrise Service on April 20 will be held at 6:30 a.m. in the Memorial Garden, followed by breakfast in the Social Hall. The Easter Worship Service will then be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Pastor Paul Chanbliss and the members of Comerstone Fellowship would like to invite all to attend. Comerstone Fellowship Church is located at 2902 N. Geronimo. Please call (520) 622-4626 for more information.

Outright Radio Reception April 17

TUCSON - Join Outright Radio on Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m., at 300 East Sixth Street, for an evening of LGBT story-telling as this national radio project based here in Tucson premieres its Series 2003.

These extraordinary radio specials are produced locally and aired on Public Radio International for gay pride month in America. This year, host David Gilmore will present the fascinating stories of Ann & Bonnie Jones in a show called, "Why Am I Still Single/Why Am I Still Married?"; then the touching stories of Tucson's Hannah Blue Heron and Maurice Grossman in a show about our "Elders"; writer Rob Zonfrelli talks about his irrepressible feminine manner in a show called "Butches, Femmes and the Question of Gender"; and David tells his own story about leaving the Bay Area for Arizona in a show called, "Leaving the Gay Ghettos."

Outright Radio was the recent recipient of two Siegenthaler awards for excellence in journalism from the National Lesbian & Gay Journalists' Association (NLGJA). All of Outright Radio's shows can be previewed on the web at www.OutrightRadio.org.

MCC To Host Several Holiday Services

TUCSON - The Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) is gearing up for a week of renewal & the blessings that go along with the resurrection of Our Savior Jesus Christ. There are many opportunities to pay us a visit. Select one or all of them.

Starting with Palm Sunday at the Sunday Service on April 13, 10:15 a.m. Then there is the Maundy Thursday Service on April 17, 7:00 p.m. The Good Friday Service is on April 18, 7:00 p.m. The traditional Sunrise Easter service begins at 7:00 a.m., April 20, followed by a huge Easter Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. The regular Easter Worship Service begins at 10:15 a.m.. So many events to choose from.

Rev Joyce Cook invites all of Tucson to share in this special week. While you are at it, check out the new sanctuary. After the remodel, the church has never

looked or felt better. Water of Life MCC is located at 3269 North Mountain Avenue, between Prince and Ft. Lowell Roads. All are cordially invited to attend services every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call (520) 292-9151

SAGA Update

TUCSON - Five months after the death of Transgender rights activist and TGN Arizona founder Alexander John Goodrum, TGN's Advisory Board announced plans to merge with another local Transgender advocacy group, the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA).

The newly merged organization is now working to incorporate as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization separate from its fiscal sponsor. Both organizations were highly successful and rapidly growing grassroots groups under the fiscal sponsorship of Wingspan. All programs, projects, and publications developed by TGN Arizona are now under the SAGA umbrella, including the nationally recognized Arizona Transgender Workplace Project (AT-WORK), a groundbreaking employer outreach and education program.

"At our annual retreat in January, we had to look at what we were already doing and what we wanted to do and make some big decisions. Our volunteers have reached maximum capacity," stated Dr. Kevin Maxey, SAGA's President and Founder. "We have to take the next step up, even to maintain our current commitments, let alone grow the organization to better serve the many needs of our community."

Aside from Goodrum's part-time position as Director of TGN Arizona, both organizations have been 100% volunteer-driven since their founding. A recent grant from the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona has given SAGA the opportunity to fund a part-time staff position to help the organization accomplish its goals. The Board hopes to establish enough financial stability to support a full-time staff within the next year.

Tucson Transgender activist C. Michael Woodward has been hired to serve part-time as SAGA's first Executive Director. He will manage the business functions of the organization and coordinate programming and development efforts. Woodward, a close friend of Goodrum, assumed much of the responsibility for TGN's operations following Goodrum's suicide. A female-to-male transsexual man, Woodward has served on both the TGN Arizona and SAGA boards and has appeared as a guest speaker at venues all over Tucson, Indianapolis, and other cities. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Public and Corporate Communications from Butler University in Indianapolis and works full-time as Corporate/Foundation Relations Coordinator for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. In his previous career as a technical writer, Woodward also authored or contributed to more than a dozen computer books.

"I'm completely excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for SAGA. The trans community in Tucson is blessed with a unique combination of talented and experienced individuals, positive energy, and supportive allies," Woodward said. "SAGA and TGN have both already accomplished so much. We're making significant differences in the lives of Transgendered people. I'm certain that the best is yet to come."

For more information, call SAGA, (520) 867-0083 or go online to saga-tucson.org.

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Federal Court Boosts Gay Student Rights

LOS ANGELES, CA - Public school officials who fail to take effective steps to counter anti-Gay harassment may violate the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection of the law, a federal appeals court ruled.

The 3-0 ruling by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals said that having an anti-discrimination policy is not enough to protect the district from legal action if teachers and administrators do nothing to enforce it. The ruling covers school districts in California and eight other Western states.

Six students - one male and five females - filed suit in the Northern California town of Morgan Hill, where they say they were severely harassed from 1991 to 1998 and that school officials failed to take corrective action.

Justices noted that Alana Flores, one of the parties to the suit, found pornography and notes that read "Die, dyke bitch" inside her locker. When the student complained to an assistant principal, he told her, "You need to go back to class. Don't bring me this trash any more." Actions such as these undermined the intent of the anti-bias law, the court said, and violated the constitutional rights of the students.

James Morante of the California School Boards Association said the body currently advises all of its 1,000 districts to immediately intervene in situations in which a student is being harassed or discriminated against owing to their sexual orientation. But, Morante said, not all districts follow the guidelines.

Morante said the ruling is important because it underscores "one of the primary responsibilities of a school district - to ensure the safety of its students [and] provide a good learning environment" free of discrimination.

In its decision, the court wrote the evidence presented indicates the school "failed to adequately train teachers, students, and campus monitors about the district's policies prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation."

Pro G/L Immigration Bill Gets 100 Sponsors

WASHINGTON, DC - A bill in the U.S. House of Representatives that would grant same-sex couples the same benefits afforded to legally married couples under U.S. immigration law now has the support of 100 cosponsors. James Greenwood, a Republican congressman from Pennsylvania, was the 100th House member to sign on to the bill.

To mark the occasion, New York representative Jerrold Nadler, the bill's initial sponsor, has written Indiana representative John Hostettler, asking him to hold immediate hearings on the bill in the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border, Security, and Claims.

"The legislation is just common sense," Nadler said. "That's why it has reached the triple-digit mark in co-sponsorship two Congresses in a row-and bipartisan cosponsorship at that."

The most prominent feature of the the Permanent Partners Immigration Act is

allowing U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents who are in a permanent partnership to sponsor their partners for immigration purposes, just as any legal spouse would. Currently, because marriages of same-sex couples are not recognized under immigration law, many binational permanent partnerships are torn apart when one partner moves to the United States and the other is not allowed to immigrate.

Gay Couple Seeks Asylum In Australia

SYDNEY, Australia - Two Gay men from Bangladesh are appealing for Australia to grant them asylum because they fear persecution and violence if they are returned home.

The couple is under a deportation order. Their applications for asylum to the Australian Refugee Review Tribunal and the Federal Court of Australia were rejected. The case is now before the High Court, Australia's final court of appeal.

In turning the couple down, the Review Tribunal said that the men would face no persecution at home "if they were discreet about their homosexuality."

Their lawyer, Bruce Levet, told the High Court justices that the tribunal's decision was tantamount to arguing that Holocaust victim Anne Frank was safe from Nazis in World War II as long as she continued to hide in an attic.

Levet said the men began living together in Bangladesh in 1994. He told the court that the men were stoned and whipped for their sexuality and that the local Islamic council had issued a fatwa against

them. Four years ago they fled to Australia and applied for protection as refugees.

The lawyer for the immigration ministry, Ann Duffield, said the government believes "homosexuality is not a valid reason for seeking asylum under the U.N. Convention on Refugees."

A ruling is not expected for several months.

Michigan Prisons Stop Identifying Orientation

LANSING, MI - The Michigan Department of Corrections will stop identifying a prisoner's sexual orientation on its forms after a civil rights group questioned the practice.

The department conducted an internal investigation after the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan sent a letter expressing concern that identifying a prisoner as a homosexual puts the prisoner at greater risk for violence.

Russ Marlan, a spokesman for the department, said a question regarding sexual orientation had been included on four forms, including prisoner transfer forms and presentencing reports, for several years, though it wasn't known for exactly how long. It was put there to identify prisoners who might be preyed upon, Marlan said. But the ACLU said identifying people as Gay on forms and records would have the opposite effect.

Marlan said the department doesn't see a need to continue the practice and is changing the forms.

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GLBT Bill Passes In New Mexico

SANTA FE, NM - Governor Bill Richardson on Tuesday, April 8, signed into law bills that add extra penalties for hate crimes and outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Richardson had promised to sign the measures, which Gay rights advocates have sought for years. The governor scheduled a ceremonial signing of the bills for Wednesday, April 9.

The hate-crimes law, which becomes effective July 1, allows a judge to give extra prison time to an offender whose crimes are determined by a court to have been motivated by hate. A first-time offender could get a year--and a repeat offender, two years--added to his or her prison sentence. Hate crimes are those committed

because of the victim's actual or perceived race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

The antidiscrimination law, also effective July 1, broadens the state's Human Rights Act to cover sexual orientation--heterosexuality, homosexuality, or Bisexuality--and gender identity. It makes it illegal to discriminate against Gay, Bisexual, or Transgendered people in matters of employment, housing, credit, public accommodations, and union membership. Businesses with fewer than 15 workers are exempt from the employment discrimination provision. Supporters of the new law say it is necessary because it is currently legal to refuse to hire someone--and legal to fire someone--because he or she is Gay, Bisexual, or Transgendered or perceived to be so.

Mile-Plus Pride Flag To Be Unfurled

KEY WEST, FL - The artist credited with creating the rainbow flag as a Gay and Lesbian symbol is sewing a 1.25-mile-long, 16-foot-wide version of the banner to be unfurled in Key West, Fla., on June 15, the final day of the city's PrideFest event.

Gilbert Baker's mammoth creation is to be displayed along the entire length of Duval Street, the island's main thoroughfare, which stretches from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico.

Baker created the original rainbow flag in San Francisco 25 years ago as a symbol of Gay pride in response to anti Gay activities.

As well as honoring the banner's birth, the 2003 flag will re-create Baker's original eight-color design. The 1978 flag lost two original colors--pink because it could not be commercially reproduced at that time and turquoise for logistical reasons, Baker said.

The two colors will be represented in his Key West flag, along with the traditional red, orange, yellow, green, indigo, and violet.

"Some of my friends call me the Betsy Ross of the Gay community," Baker said Friday evening, after he and about 60 Key West residents stretched out a 100-foot test section.

The flag's debut will also kick off rainbow flag 25th-anniversary events around the United States. Sections of the banner are to travel to 100 cities, including New York, Chicago, Boston, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Seattle, and Washington, D.C.

Baker, a San Francisco resident, estimates the flag will require approximately 17,600 linear yards of fabric and weigh more than three tons. More than 25 miles of seams must be stitched before the project is completed, he said.

Because of the weight of the fabric, Baker and two assistants work together to form each seam. About 3,000 people will be needed to deploy the flag, he said.

"To figure out how to pack it and how to deal with the volume of fabric, I studied the way fire hoses are folded and loaded into trucks," he said. "It has to be folded very carefully so it will never twist."

Fortuyn Killer Gets 18 Years

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands - The killer of Gay populist Pim Fortuyn has been jailed for 18 years for the Netherlands' first political assassination in more than three centuries.

Volkert van der Graaf, 33, an animal rights activist, had admitted shooting Fortuyn at point-blank range nine days before a May 2002 election that swept the politician's party into power, saying he saw Fortuyn as a danger to democracy, reported Reuters.

"The accused deliberately and premeditatedly robbed Pim Fortuyn of his life. After calm consideration he shot five bullets into the neck, back and skull of Fortuyn who died from his wounds," judge

Frans Bauduin said. The brutal way Fortuyn was killed and the impact on the democratic process were factors the three judges said they took into account in determining sentence.

"Though the court does not believe the attack endangered democracy, the crime undeniably violated a democratic process as important as the elections of May 15, 2002," judges found.

The public prosecutor had demanded a life sentence for Van der Graaf, saying Fortuyn's murder was an attack on democracy. Defense lawyers had argued against life in jail for a single murder committed by someone with no previous convictions.

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Arizona's new Governor, Democrat Janet Napolitano has been in office, as of press time, for 100 days and the reviews, by Arizona's starving political press have been coming in, for which they've been positive about the former Arizona Attorney General serving in the state's highest post.

Indeed, Napolitano has done an excellent job, getting the Republican-controlled state Legislature to agree to her plan to cut the current fiscal year's budget by more than \$300-million (protecting the current funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program), and setting up a low-cost prescription drug program for seniors, naming two of the many successes of the new administration.

Arizona's Legislature are in the process of wrapping up business for their regular session. Of course, common sense measures like protecting the employment rights of all Arizona workers, ending censorship of HIV education, ensuring that all students, straight, Gay or otherwise have a fair and equal opportunity at an education in the state's public school system and expanding the state's bias crimes sentencing guidelines to cover misdemeanors didn't see the "light of day," but asinine measures dealing with guns, restricting voting rights made it through the legislative hurdles, thanks to the Republican leadership in both chambers.

Since the Legislature is wrapping up business for the regular session, one would presume Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Arizonans won't have an issue but that is far from the case, in fact, far from the truth.

A looming task faces Governor Napolitano and the Arizona Legislature: next year's budget and the projected billion dollar budget deficit. Napolitano has come up with a bold proposal, receiving many positive editorials in Arizona's daily newspapers, which protects spending for social service, health and educational programs and balances the books.

On the other hand, the Republicans, led by Legislative Appropriation Committee Chairs, Senator Bob Burns, R-Glendale and Rep. Russell Pearce, R-Mesa's proposal, is "Social Darwinism" at it's worst, slashing funding for state programs and in fact, many programs would be eliminated, especially those covering health, like the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), to name one of the several HIV/AIDS programs that would lose its funds.

If the Burns/Pearce proposal is approved, ADAP would lose the \$1-million that the state gives annually but also the \$6.8-million the federal government provides since the state would be in violation of their guidelines.

So think of it, \$7.8-million alone for ADAP would be gone. Then consider other programs facing the budget ax, such as the state's health care system for the indigent (AHCCS), which would lose \$80-million in funding if the Burns/Pearce budget is the one accepted.

Do you honestly think that the AIDS Service Organizations, such as SAAF and TIHAN, naming two locally, would be able to deal with such a catastrophe as this?

Does a service organization, such as Wingspan, have the financial ware-with-all to help poor GLBT citizens with their

health care needs?

No walk-a-thon, dinner, silent auction or dip in some gelatin would be able to make up for such a financial loss, as well as the emotional loss of losing so many who rely on these programs, and that is why we must get involved with our issue: health-care, and make sure our voice is heard, loud and clear to Arizona's Legislature to support Governor Napolitano's budget, lock, stock and checkbook and to say no to Pearce/Burns.

What follows is the mailing address, telephone numbers and web sites for all state legislators. So get in contact and let them know that you don't believe in Social Darwinism but in the common sense approach by Governor Napolitano. Lives are depending upon it.

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE
by Lee Thom

Memo To Volgy

Tom Volgy is going to run for mayor again. He was mayor once before, but I have to confess that I don't remember if he was any good at it.

I do remember that, unlike most university professors who win elective office, he really dressed the part. We had ourselves a very dapper mayor indeed.

As of 10:30 a.m. on April 1, his campaign staff hadn't developed any campaign literature. I asked them if they knew what he was going to run on and the first two things of the long vague list they recited were health care and education.

I hope I just caught them off guard and got their knee-jerk response. As much as we all love health care and education, city governments have little impact on either. On the other hand, there are some very ripe issues that anyone running for mayor could easily make use of (Hint! Hint!).

The biggest one is the lack of a growth plan. The State made Arizona cities come up with ten-year growth plans and our current government came up with one that doesn't commit it to doing anything. I'm not exaggerating. If all our city officials dropped dead today and were not replaced, at the end of the ten-year plan nobody could claim that they had failed to comply with it. There's simply nothing to comply with.

Of course this non-plan was a massive gift to developers. It says, "Hey guys, the bazaar is open. Anything goes. Let the mutual back-scratching continue. Bring cash."

The next biggest issue might be the lack of a viable transportation plan. The one that was recently voted down featured those stupid underpasses at major intersections, "stupid" because the city's own engineers knew they wouldn't work and "stupid" again because the politicians didn't anticipate their engineers telling any journalist with the price of a drink that they wouldn't work.

Another big issue could and should be the continuing Rio Nuevo nonchalance. This massive urban renewal project was based on an aquatic center that was supposed to bring in 500,000 visitors a year and be the financial engine for the whole deal. Several months ago the planners decided that the big fish tank wasn't financially viable. As of 10:00 a.m. on April 1, nobody has any ideas for what's going to replace it.

In a way you just have to stand in awe of the city's nonchalance. The very heart, the reason for being, the driving engine of their gigantic project falls apart and they say, "What, me worry?" The Rio Nuevo people told me that if they ever do get an idea to rescue the plan they'll put it on their website. Well, okay. That'd be good.

Turning to admittedly smaller issues, smaller but still important to tender-hearted people, inmates get beaten to death by staff at the county jail for no apparent reason. You may say it's the county's problem, but if the victims are Tucsonans and the county intends to ignore the matter, it wouldn't take a devilishly clever politician to make it a city issue, especially if the victims were solid citizen types.

And how about professionalizing the police force? Starting salaries for TPD

are more than enough to permit them to demand that applicants have college degrees. Why don't they make that demand? Chief Miranda is unable or unwilling to say.

City Court judgeships are still political patronage jobs. You can qualify for them without demonstrating any knowledge of the law. That may have been okay in 1860, but in the age of the internet when their incompetence can permanently damage the job chances of the wrongly convicted, it's time to let merit play a part in their selection.

And then there's the city's notorious porn-shop extortion racket that's so embarrassing to our sitting pols that not one of them will even acknowledge an inquiry about it. The scam turns cops into peeping toms to humiliate law-abiding citizens enough to relieve them of a few hundred bucks. There's probably not another town in the United States that will stoop this low for small change; at least I haven't been able to find one.

A person could go on and on. To paraphrase a military expression, Tucson is an issue-rich environment. Almost makes you wish you were young and pretty enough to run for mayor yourself

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

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GLBT Satellite Radio Channel Beams In

NEW YORK, NY - A nationwide satellite radio channel focused on the interests of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender radio listeners has started, thanks to Sirius Satellite Radio, gfn.com reported.

The new 24-hour-a-day news, music and talk service, called OutQ, is replacing the Outdoor Life Network on Sirius's 104-channel network. Subscribers will pay \$12.95 a month to receive Sirius radio programming right to their cars, boats, recreational vehicles, planes and trucks. Home service will be available soon, says the company.

Sirius, which provides the original programming, uses three satellites to broadcast 104 streams of music, sports, news and entertainment to the radios of about 30,000 current subscribers nationwide.

Besides music, talk radio and entertainment, OutQ will offer listeners financial segments from GFN.com, including twice-a-week market analysis from founder Walter Schubert, called "From the Floor"; "Financial Focus" segments from the company's president Frits Abell; and weekly updates on influential Gay and Lesbian executives and GLBT-friendly publicly traded companies.

The radio system is similar to home TV dish systems, where, in addition to a monthly fee, subscribers need to buy a special receiver and antenna to get the channels. Unlike traditional radio service, though, satellite radio is commercial-free and its signal does not fade from coast to coast.

the Gay community. "It's truly remarkable - I really love it," says Pam Smith, a Wells Fargo executive in Los Angeles, who had the system preinstalled in her new Thunderbird.

Smith regularly makes the 2-hour trip from her house in the Hollywood Hills to Palm Springs, where she and her partner share a vacation home. "The signal never fades and the sound is glorious - for anyone who drives a lot, it's great."

However, Smith is using Sirius' competitor, XM Satellite Radio for \$9.99 a month, in her car. Would she switch to get the OutQ channel?

"I'd considering switching, depending on the content. For me, good music isn't necessarily Gay, but good talk radio geared for Gays would be a lure."

Sirius, based in New York, is hoping that the new channel will provide a lift in its competition with XM, which began broadcasting in 2001, and currently dominates the market. XM, based in Washington, is expected to announce that it passed the 500,000-subscriber mark last week. Sirius did not finish rolling out its service until last summer and had just under 30,000 subscribers at the end of 2002.

"It's estimated that there's 20 million Gay people in the United States, and [they haven't been] served well on radio," Larry Rebich, Sirius' vice president of programming and marketing development, told the Hollywood Reporter. "Nobody has done this."

most radiophiles, an idea whose time has come and is here to stay. However, the enjoyment of commercial-free, signal-perfect radio, no matter where you travel, comes at a price beyond the nominal monthly fee.

Besides the \$12.95-a-month charge that Sirius charges - there are three components necessary to receive the signal: the satellite-ready radio, the receiver and the antenna. The radio and the receiver may or may not be one and the same, depending on the model you choose. And just slapping on a satellite antenna will not bring the signal into your old car stereo.

As with all electronic components, the prices vary greatly, depending upon the seriousness of your listening habits and the size of your wallet.

On the low end, you could get a Clarion SIRFM Sirius Satellite Radio Package for about \$200. That doesn't, however, include the necessary antenna, which will set you back, depending on the model, around \$80.

For only a little more, you might want to bump up to the Sony DRN-XM01H2 XM Satellite Radio receiver, for \$270.

Unless you have money to burn, you may want to stop reading right here. For a wallet-busting \$750, you could be the proud owner of an Alpine CVA-1003 Satellite Radio-ready CD receiver with a 6.5" motorized LCD. This price also does not include the antenna.

prices to drop as the demand for satellite radio grows and the service becomes as commonly subscribed to as cable or satellite TV.

Suspects in Murder Of Gay Man Remain In Jail

SALINAS, CA - Three people arrested on suspicion of murdering a missing Salinas, Calif., man, in part because he was Gay, remained jailed with bail set at \$1 million each.

Police have not formally identified the victim, but the mother of a Salinas resident who has been missing since mid December told reporters she thinks it's her son, 30-year-old Robert Alan Maricle.

Authorities said a witness in a missing persons investigation led them last week to a makeshift grave in northern Monterey County where they uncovered a man's body.

The witness also told investigators that one motive for the murder had been the man's sexual orientation.

Police believe the two men and the woman who were arrested killed the man at a home in south Salinas before burying him in the rural location.

Detectives are working to identify a cause of death as well as to determine the link between the victim and those arrested. They were identified as Dominique Daniel England, 19, of Salinas; Daymon Douglas Schrock, 20, of Seaside; and Jeanne Soja, 29, of Angels Camp.

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Cuddly Venus "squares" hard-hearted Saturn this week, leading us into delicious temptation and rapping our knuckles with a ruler afterwards. This sado-masochistic tango may do the trick for some of us, but for the rest here's a piece of advice; Choose your desserts wisely.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Let actions speak louder and prouder than words when altruistic Venus squares practical Saturn. Volunteer for a worthy community cause (is there any other..?). Do good Gay deeds behind the scene and don't jump to take credit. Saturn confounds communications; anything you say could be held against you. There are better things than words to be held against you, Gay Ram.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Friendships may require more attention than usual, queer Bull. Blame the added agita on the Venus / Saturn square which brings friends to your door in droves without cab fare. It may be that your current social circles do not mesh with your values and personal aspirations. If that is so, Saturn recommends that you either change your tune or your randy band.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Lavender Twins wander along their merry way in their career, oblivious to the hungry pinstriped sharks lurking around the corner. Lunch is served when stern Saturn squares guileless Venus. Examine the personal compromises you make for the corporate prize. Sometimes all we need is a small dose of reality to get us back on the right track, stronger than ever.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Venus squares Saturn and unleashes an inner dilemma for all expansive pink Crabs; The more you learn, the less you feel you know. Continue to drink heartily from the well of knowledge even if it tests your inner equilibrium and makes you intellectually tipsy. How else will you achieve affirmation and a strong sense of self? Just remember not to drink and drive.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Just when you thought it was safe to jump in that hormonal hot tub, Venus square Saturn throws in a tray of ice cubes. If your current social group no longer fulfills your deep inner needs, don't fret; Sociable proud Lions soon find a balance between the yin and yang. You'll entice a few hot prospects into the water after all. Use body warmth alone to keep the tub raging hot.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Queer Virgins are betwixt and between when sweet Venus collides with meanie Saturn. Which needs your attention more - business or personal relationships? Partnerships appear to be on course but even a small breeze can your careen your catamaran now. Pay attention to the small details cousin and don't trade love for money (unless of course you're into that kind of thing).

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Even energetic Gay Libras feel a little weary when lovely Venus squares diabolical Saturn. You may have to curtail your more expansive wanderings now but take heart; eventually you'll move full steam ahead on

any plans. Saturn is simply handing you a roadmap so you can find the shortest route. The secret is to plan an escapade with someone verrry energetic.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Romantic Venus knows no limits and parties with reckless abandon while Saturn hands you car plugs, a house robe and fuzzy slippers. Perhaps its best to chug a lug a warm glass of milk until this transit blows over. Proud Scorps go the distance when they are aroused. Now, however, it is advisable to cool your ardor and allow saner minds to prevail. That is, until next week!

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Venus square stubborn Saturn is a lesson building transit. (Lucky you...) Proud Archers may be trying to balance partnerships with family expectations - now to no avail. If relatives are unable or unwilling to accept you for who you are, Saturn gives you the green light to do what is necessary to attain happiness and personal affirmation. Heck, make it a lavender light.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

If work becomes more of a burden than usual, blame it on a compliant Venus square implacable Saturn. Granted, being a rat on a treadmill may have it's monetary rewards but who wants to work when the inner artist cries for attention? Pink Caps need to speak up if they want a little free time to emote and create. Hey but what's your motivation?

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Putting your money where your mouth is could have some unanticipated consequences when cuddly Venus squares solid Saturn. Aqueerians should get the party bill in advance or at least count the empty bottles at the end of the evening. At any rate, you may find that fun costs much more than anticipated. Oh what the heck; keep partying until you get it right!

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

You look fabulous. So why change who you are because of some moth-eaten family opinion or prejudice? Mystical Venus squares uncompromising Saturn and motivates all Guppies to heed the motto; "To thine own self be true and others will simply have to adjust." Solid Saturn puts you in the drivers seat. Rev up your engine and clear a path for yourself.

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WHAT MAKES OUR TOWN TICK

Greeted At The Gates

Hello readers! As the calendar rolls on, another Holy Week is upon us. My upbringing included many a time when this week would see me practically living in my community church. I was witness to the volunteers and clergy putting in the extra effort to welcome those who visit a place of worship only during this time. The community was on their best behavior it seems, and differences were shoved to the side so that the message of peace and resurrection would take precedence.

This past week gave us many memorable sights in the war being conducted in the Middle East. Sights reminiscent of cities like Berlin and Port Au Prince were remembered, as our troops appeared to liberate an entire nation with the conquering of Baghdad. There were celebrations and words of praise from nearly every corner of the globe. Suddenly it appears as if men who knew the outcome, prior to sending the first troop into Iraq are running the present administration.

As I sat in church (yes I do go to church from time to time), I could not help but tie the visions of the past week with the message conveyed on Palm Sunday. For those of you not familiar with the tale, Jesus enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and is greeted with open arms by the town's citizens. He rides in on a donkey and upon entering the gates of the city, is treated to fanfare which includes palms being waved at him.

The sight of the people of Baghdad resembles what it might have looked like all those years ago. There are the town folk, waving any red, white, and blue material they had on hand. The few who know some words of English were up front to most cameras, proclaiming victory and the end of tyranny. Our soldiers were the saviors of the people pictured in the past week. The only issue I had with all the celebrating was the hidden thought of what was to come.

Now I am by no means comparing Jesus to the United States military. As much as I have protested this conflict and still do, I am proud of those who have fought in circumstances not warranted by their own hand. I did however find myself in a mood that questions the actions of the events unfolding in Baghdad. I am reminded of the

terrible situation in Somalia and the way our brave troops were paraded and abused in front of our own eyes. I know that there is a "cautious optimism" about the entire event thus far. I can't help but wonder though, how the people of Iraq will treat us in the future when its time to really step up.

If you believe your bible studies, the only person who knew the outcome of the week after Palm Sunday was Jesus himself. He knew the outcome of his life and how his suffering was inevitable. Our brave men and women do not have that luxury. They live day by day, wondering while in the heart of the danger, what comes next. A lot of them rely on faith and the belief that what they are doing is for the good of everyone. I am sure that some of them, attending what makeshift services were provided, thought as I did about the scene in Baghdad. Their thoughts of course were of the outcome not being the same as in their biblical text.

It is easy for us to take written word and give our own take on what was said. If you have ever attended any book club meeting you would know that for every 10 people who are members, there are about 15 opinions. Truth comes in many forms, and sometimes is masked by ulterior motives and subliminal suggestion. Our brave men and women have a job to do, much like you and I. The only difference is that their job has a danger quotient most of us will never experience. They just do their job, and most to the best of their abilities. This is the reason that supporting the troops is a no-brainer, unlike the views you may have about the conflict in general.

Most of us take this week to reflect on our faith. Why we are here is the never ending question that religion attempts to answer. Just like the different answers you would come across, we are all in our own mind when it comes to what we believe the outcome of our existence will bring. Easter is not only the end of the Lent season, it is the conclusion of a period of the year that faith has set aside. Weather you believe or not, faith does drive us and give us more questions than answers.

So if you pray, pray for the troops. Ask whatever deity you praise to help them return safely and without repercussions of what they have experienced abroad. You can bet your life that I will be the first person raising a ruckus if this conflict does not end both soon and without major disaster. It is too late to hope for the better unfortunately. Lets greet the troops just as they were supposedly greeted in Baghdad. Only this time, the folks they have represented will greet them, which I am sure is more important to them than anything else.

A couple of quick plugs to warn you fairly. I am going to be attending the Easter celebration at the Yard Dog this week. There is a dog fashion show that will surely be the hit of the day. The previous evening is the annual prom with this year's theme being "Bunny Hop". You will be in for a sight if you attend that event, which's all I am going to divulge at this time. One more item, Sunday May 4th is the annual Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza at Woody's. The event raises money for SAAF and is one of the Old Pueblos wildest fundraisers. I have been recruited to participate in one of the matches. If you see me around town I will have my pledge envelope available, so be prepared for a sales pitch. As always contact me via email for any information mentioned above. Have a great week!

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A View From The Rock

By Joy L. Childress

Easter is just a few days away and many have already made their plans for a nice luncheon or dinner with friends and family. No doubt kids will be outside on Sunday morning hunting for Easter eggs and hoping for baskets filled with chocolate, jellybeans and stuffed toys.

I personally don't have a problem with any of these things (who could hate candy) but I do have a problem with the distraction they provide. Let me explain. Easter is about Jesus but we have so commercialized it that many think Easter is about get-together, bunnies and cards. The true meaning or purpose for Easter is the remembrance of what Jesus did for us. Jesus Christ was crucified as ultimate payment for our sins. Because He died you and I don't have to give our own lives as payment for our many sins.

But the story doesn't end there. Jesus rose again from the dead. In so doing

He demonstrated His power over evil, even death. Now here's the really great part. The Bible tells us if we will believe Jesus is the Son of God, that his death was payment for sin, and He did rise from the dead, then we are promised eternity in heaven. The significance of that is we have something so much better to look forward to. We no longer have to live with fear in our lives especially fear of death. And we are given a special power for living productive, joyful lives here on earth until God calls us "Home". As we better understand what Easter is about, it becomes so clear why we should celebrate. So as the kids hunt eggs or you eat that luscious meal take time to remember all that Jesus has done for you. And if you don't know for sure that Jesus had you in mind when He gave his very life, just pray for Him to help you better understand. Asking Jesus into your life to be your Savior is the greatest decision you will ever make. My each of you have a happy and blessed Easter.

GENDER WORLD

BY JON K. ROJE

This past Friday evening I met with Trans-New-Mexico, the gender support group that meets weekly at the Albuquerque MCC. They're the social-support network.

The activist group is called NM-GAIN, the New Mexico Advocacy and Information Network. They're the ones who lobbied successfully to include gender protection in the GLBT civil rights bills that Governor Richardson signed last Wednesday. That means that not only is it now a hate crime in New Mexico to physically attack someone because of his or her gender presentation, but discrimination in jobs and housing on the basis of gender presentation is also prohibited.

New Mexico's gender activists have good cause to celebrate that their hard work has paid off. Only two other states have such comprehensive protection for Transgenderists, and in some respects this legislation is unprecedented. Needless to say, Arizona is not one of those two other states. In fact New Mexico is the first Southwestern state to pass civil rights protection for gender-variant people. Even California is still struggling to catch up.

New York State recently passed civil rights protection for GLB people, but they deleted the part about gender to get it through, and now New York gender activists are lobbying to get a second bill passed including gender protection. So New Mexico has suddenly leapfrogged to the front of the pack regarding GLBT civil rights.

As for the Friday night Albuquerque support group, they seem to be diversifying. Not only were there more people than I've seen before, but for the first time there was a vocal FTM presence, which I've heard isn't even true in Phoenix. So they're catching up to Tucson in that respect. And when will Arizona catch up to New Mexico with respect to legal protection for GLBT people? When we finally elect a state legislature and governor like theirs who really care about people like us. Don't hold your breath!

Sorry, Sweeties, but I've got to cut this week's column short. I'm traveling on a tight schedule, and won't be back in Tucson for another week. See you then! Meanwhile, you can still reach me at desertwordsmith@yahoo.com.

La Conexión Latina

Salud es Poder

Playing Russian Roulette

[Note: The writers of the column have decided this week to alternate writing Salud in both Spanish and English.]

Do you know which is the game of Russian roulette? Not it's very simple. You load a revolver with one bullet; spin the bullet without knowing where the bullet is, and point the gun towards your self. It is possible that if the bullet had been in the wrong chamber when you pull the trigger, it could shoot yourself, possibly killing yourself. Of course, there is also the possibility that the bullet would be in an empty chamber so when you pulled the trigger nothing happened. Surely you have seen the previously described scene in one of the cowboy movies that show men that likes to play with the death. But I believe that you are not one of those people; that only happens in movies. However, it is possible that you have been playing something similar to the Russian roulette game each time you have unprotected sex with someone you do not know well.

sound extreme is valid. However, let me clarify four points that you need to keep in mind when comparing the Russian roulette game, with the risk of acquiring HIV. First, HIV is not a death sentence as the Russian roulette analogy might imply. Second, lets keep in mind that HIV + people are not guilty of their status; there might be other factors involved. Third, people are not bullets consequently, HIV + people are not killing other people as the analogy might suggest. Finally, HIV is not transmitted each time there is intercourse with a person who is HIV +.

With these points clarify; lets start analyzing some points that possible fit in this analogy. Each time you have unprotected sex you are putting yourself at risk of getting the virus that causes AIDS. Despite the fact that this disease is not killing people as quickly as it was several years ago, don't forget that today; there is still no cure. But what is the comparison of Russian roulette with the possibility that I can get infected

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Dear Dr. X,

I need to be in a relationship. I need to have a man in my life at all times. I love relationships but they all seem to go bad and end so soon. After they end I go crazy and can't handle it until I meet another guy. It also seems that the guys I "click" with seem to end up as sexual relationships, not romantic ones.

Signed, Needy, Needy

Dear Needy, Needy,

I have a feeling your problem is that you are not taking the time to get to know these guys before you fall for them. I will admit it's a fantasy to find Mr. Right and live happily ever after, but life is not always going to comply with your dreams. I think you need to figure out what you are looking for and concentrate on that. If you meet a guy who asks you out on a date before he gets you into bed, he is probably more interested in you as a person and not a notch on his belt. As a wise old man once told me (ok it was a drunk 26-year-old at IBT's who wasn't wearing a shirt), "People shouldn't get into relationships until they are comfortable being by themselves!" When I heard this, it shocked me and made me look at my own relationships and dating history. My suggestion is to date yourself for a while and find your inner happiness. Once you get to a point where you are comfortable with yourself, then start looking for a relationship. When you do find someone you're interested in, I would suggest going on a few dates before you fall head over

heels with him. If and when your relationship ends, keep your cool, look forward and take some time for yourself.

Dear Dr. X,

I have a question regarding oral sex and HIV. Some of my "friends" are HIV+ and so most of them have stopped having sex or make sure they use a condom when they do. However, I have a friend that is HIV+ and insists that you can't get it from having oral sex as long as I spit and do not swallow. Is this true? I really want to be intimate with this one person, but I am afraid and don't know the consequences. Are there ways my HIV+ "friend" and I can have fun so that I won't get it?

Signed, Needy for Love

Dear Needy for Love,

For a long time the saying among Gay men went something like this, "On me, not in me," meaning you should keep semen out of your body. Over the years people have come to think that swallowing semen is a low-risk activity. Your stomach acids will kill any traces of the virus that is in the semen. What you have to be careful of is that if you have any sores or cuts in your mouth, it is a perfect opportunity for the virus to get into your bloodstream. In my opinion, if you feel like this is something you need to do, do it but be aware of the consequences.

[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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The purpose of this article is not to scare you about sex, neither to tell you to sleep only with one person. Those are decisions that only you can make. The only thing I want to remind you is to take care of yourself using a condom each time you have intercourse. Life is to live it and when you live it with responsibility, surely will be lived better. Remember, in the same way you use the seatbelt each time you are riding in an automobile, use a condom in each sexual intercourse. I invite you to participate in our trainings to learn more on how to protect yourself from HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. Call us for more information at (520) 628-7223 and ask for Jose, Rafael or Ernie. You can also email us at salud@saaf.org.



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GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Karol for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join John and Carlos as they'll Pizza Night. For only \$5, you get pizza, salad, drinks and desserts. For reservations and directions, please call John or Carlos at 327-3135.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

#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. Karol will host Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Karol at 744-9017.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch/Business Meeting - Noon The Hometown Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd.

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Jerry & Les invite you to join them for a potluck Easter Dinner. For directions and reservations, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 3:00 p.m. After our Easter Dinner, we'll show the classic film "The Day the Earth Stood Still". What happens when an alien comes to Earth with a message of peace? For reservations, please call Les at 690-9565.

MONDAY, APRIL 21

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

#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. Join Perry for Bridge Night. If you don't know how to play, the guys are willing to teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Perry at 321-4387.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

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.

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

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 6:00 p.m., Ernesto Pujol will be the presenter. Pujol, a Cuban-American who lives in Brooklyn, is a conceptual artist who describes himself as a cultural worker, producing objects, photographs, and installations about memory, masculinity, and whiteness. Aerospace & Mechanical Engineering Building Auditorium, Room S202, 1130 N. Mountain Ave., at the northeast corner of Mountain Avenue and Speedway Boulevard, parking available.

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.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

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

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 p.m. Jerry & Les show the film "Under One Roof", which is about a closeted young man who is put to the test when a new border town out to be gay. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. the "Divalicious Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Miss Gay Tucson America Veronica Halliwell, BunnyFuFu and Faith Michaels.

VENTURE-N-Full Moon Party here tonight from 6:00 p.m. to closing. Get here early and Party!!!

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

WOODY'S - Bears of the Old Pueblo Beer Bust from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. \$1.00 for 16 ounces of Bud or Bud Light!

YARD DOG - It's the Dog's Annual Prom Night 2003 here beginning at 8:00 p.m. "The Bunny Hop!". It's also the final day for voting on the Best Easter Basket! Check out the bulletin board and choose your favorite and vote!

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

IBTS - Annual Easter Egg Hunt and party begins at 11:00 a.m. Complimentary Easter Egg with your first drink. Party line-up includes Troy's 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 the Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP). 8:30 p.m. (Special Show to benefit GMHP starring Janea Starr, Teri Akki, Lady Ashley, Miss Saigon, Stella Virgin and Deora Le Blanc. Followed by Hot Dance Music.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - 8:30 p.m., Special Easter Show with the November Girls. Show features Diana Flair, Mama Riena and Jasman Bouvier. After the show dance music with DJ Raynman.

WOODY'S - 8:30 P.M. Easter Bonnet and Easter Basket Contest. 8:30 p.m. sign-up. \$50 first prize for the best bonnet and \$50 for the best basket!!! (Minimum of three (3) contestants.

YARD DOG - Easter Party begins at 11 a.m. with Brunch being served until 3:00 p.m. See their ad this issue for the complete menu. It's a lot for the \$5 donation they are asking. Then at 4:00 p.m. it's time for the Pet's Easter Parade with prizes for 1st-2nd and 3rd. \$5 entry fee with funds going to Pet Watch. Sign up now. Sponsored by the North Tucson PetCo.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. the "Divalicious Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Angeja Dodd, Samantha White and Janea Starr.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

WOODY'S - The 16th Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling extravaganza from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Be a wrestler and help a great cause. Volunteer by calling Call Amy at SAAF 628-7223. All proceeds benefit the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

A rummage sale sponsored by Reveille Gay Men's Chorus starting at 7:00 am will be held at the Rincon Congregational Church Parking Lot, 122 North Craycroft (just north of Mervyn's). Reveille will provide free pickup for those wanting to donate items. For information, please call 617-3100 and leave a message.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Marv will host Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Marv at 745-0304.

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 12:30 p.m. Join Lloyd for our semi-annual trip to the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch for a wonderful lunch. For reservations and directions, please call Lloyd at 792-8537.

MONDAY, APRIL 28

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

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Tucson Prime Timers Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. The Egg Connection, 3114 E. Ft. Lowell @ Country Club

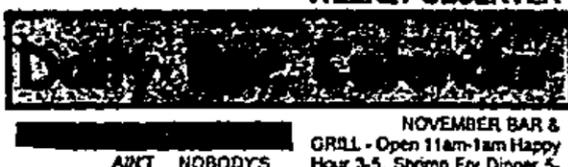
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

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 Terry at 577-2396.

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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, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Anabel 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 838-3875.

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyan@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 888-8010 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 Gitz (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/sagaemail

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

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave. 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 690-9565 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 299-6647.

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

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

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 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 OuttoberFEST. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit the TPI website at www.tucsonpride.com

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 8 weeks. 694-7063.

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 psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 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.

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

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DESERT DOMINION, whose focus is providing information and education for people interested in the BDSM lifestyle, meets monthly for group discussion and social events. Visit our web site http://www.desertdominion.org or call (520)792-6424

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

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS: a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-8059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6219 (Phoenix)

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

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 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 293-6624.

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

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

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

RAINBOW SUPPORT GROUP: LGBT and supportive friends meet for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Support meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 42. The 3rd Thursdays of the month, the group will meet at 7:30pm at Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse (806 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 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpgcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

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

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

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

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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.

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

"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

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

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HALLELUJAH RECOVERY DRUG & ALCOHOL 12-STEP. Every Thursday 5:30-8:30pm at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4628.

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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. 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 38284, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

TUCSON GLBT AL-ANON GROUP meets Wednesdays at 7:00 pm 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 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

THE MAN TO MAN Social/erotic education club is the tantric men's group that offers passionate friendships, fun activities and sex education. Marc 881-4582

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at www.bolop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Bonita St. between St. Marys and Congress.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the Hotline at 888-5541

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. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 891, 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. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 669-7299.

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

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 8:30 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, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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Court Hears Cohabitation Case

HARRISBURG, PA - The Pennsylvania supreme court will decide whether a man whose ex-wife is living with another woman can stop paying alimony to her.

The justices heard arguments in the case of Anthony and Robin Kripp, who divorced in 1998. Anthony Kripp has argued that he is no longer required to pay his ex-wife alimony because they agreed that the payments would stop after two years if she were to "cohabit."

"These two people knew what 'cohabit' meant to them...they knew when they were drafting the [divorce] agreement that it would terminate if she was living with anyone," said Anthony Kripp's attorney, Carolyn Mirabile.

Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy questioned whether the definition would apply if the woman were living with her mother; Mirabile said that it would. "So his real concern was not her cohabitating with this certain female?" Cappy asked. "Absolutely not," Mirabile said.

Anthony and Robin Kripp married in 1982, had three children, and separated in 1996. Anthony Kripp filed for divorce, and Robin moved to Kentucky and began living with another woman, according to court documents. Under a property settlement agreement negotiated by the couple, Anthony's \$1,000-per-month alimony payments would end after two years if his ex-wife were to "cohabit." After two years he stopped payment, saying his obligation had ended because she was living with another person.

She sued, seeking to have him held in contempt for stopping the payments. The Chester County court of common pleas

denied her petition in October 2000, accepting Anthony Kripp's testimony about what the pair meant when they used the word "cohabit." Robin Kripp was not present at that hearing. The case was appealed to the state superior court, which disagreed with the lower court ruling, saying that Pennsylvania case law has consistently regarded cohabitation as involving two members of the opposite sex living together as husband and wife.

In its September 2001 ruling, the superior court also said that the county court erred by accepting evidence from Anthony Kripp about what both parties allegedly intended by using the term. Robin Kripp also said her ex-husband failed to prove a sexual relationship with another person. The judges agreed—but said they did not have to consider the issue because of their ruling that same-sex partners could not be in "cohabitation."

"They didn't say whether it meant cohabiting as husband and wife, as girlfriend and girlfriend?" Justice Ronald D. Castille asked. "In the 1900s it meant one thing. In the 2000s it means something different."

Robin Kripp's attorney, Michael J. Reed, said the case has little to do with sexual relationships and much to do with contractual agreements. Anthony Kripp "did not provide a definition," Reed said. "He's the source of the ambiguity."

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medical complications. Langan sued the hospital as Spicchandler's spouse, alleging that Spicchandler's treatment by medical professionals was negligent and reckless.

The hospital argued that the men's civil union was a "narrow circumstance," allowing for an exception under the federal doctrine that requires states to recognize each other's laws.

In his 25-page decision, Dunne said that state law allows a common-law spouse from another state to sue for wrongful death and that same right should be afforded to a same-sex partner joined by Vermont's civil union law. He noted that state law does not define "spouses" as being of different sexes. Dunne cautioned that he was not ruling whether Langan should be considered Spicchandler's spouse in New York "for all purposes." The judge limited the ruling to his spousal status for purposes of the lawsuit.

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said in a statement. "I will always have a heart for men and women struggling with homosexuality, but after working 16 years on this contentious issue, it's time for me to pursue other endeavors."

He will leave his post as manager of the Homosexuality and Gender Department at FoF, based in Colorado Springs, on May 6.

Paulk and his wife, Anne, who claims to be a former Lesbian, were the centerpieces of a 1998 ad campaign that consisted of full-page ads in newspapers like the New York Times and Wall Street Journal with messages about "overcoming" homosexuality. The couple was also on the cover of Newsweek, and they've been featured on "Oprah," "60 Minutes" and other shows.

Three years ago, Paulk caused a scandal after being spotted and

photographed in a Washington, D.C., Gay bar. He claimed that he had gone in to use the bathroom, but other patrons said he spent nearly an hour at the bar. The incident was a major setback to the "ex-Gay" movement, and Paulk was removed as chairman of Exodus International, a pioneer "ex-Gay" group, reported Gay.com/PlanctOut.com.

Paulk is the author of "Not Afraid to Change: The Remarkable Story of How One Man Overcame Homosexuality" and co-creator of FoF's "Love Won Out" seminars.

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