

Memorial Day 2003

Nothing beautiful in this world is ever really lost. Those we cherish will always live on in memory. . .
On Memorial Day, the Tucson Gay and Lesbian Community remembers its brothers and sisters . . .

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UPDATE

Tucson's Largest Employers Sign On To DP Initiative

TUCSON (ON) - Two of Tucson's largest employers have signed on to support the effort to enact a domestic partners registry in the city of Tucson.

According to the City of Tucson Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Issues, Raytheon and the University of Arizona have sent letters of support for the commission proposal, stating that it would be "good for business."

Their proposal would provide a uniform definition and identity for "domestic partners." In addition, providing benefits such as: family leave, bereavement, use of company facilities and attendance and company events, and health care benefits, hospital visitation and decision making abilities. More than 50 U.S. governmental entities, on the local, county and state levels have such registries.

Mile High Pride Held In Prescott

PRESCOTT - The third annual Mile High Pride event was held Saturday, May 17, at the Community Pride Center on Josephine Street, with several hundred attending, enjoying the day-long music, food, raffles and the various events.

According to Phil Grogan and Kathleen Stacey, co-Presidents of the Pride Center, plans are currently in the works for a new and larger facility to service the GLBT community in the area.

This year's attendance was a marked improvement over the 2002 event, mainly because of the forest fires that ravaged the area, according to both Stacey and Grogan.

WDVP Potluck & Forum May 29

TUCSON - On Thursday, May 29, 6 - 8 p.m., please join Southern Arizona's Domestic Violence Service Provider Community as we come together, at 300 East Sixth Street, to break bread, share information about our services, and examine the roots of violence together.

There will be a community potluck followed by a very special free screening of "Tough Guise Violence, Media & the Crisis in Masculinity" featuring Jackson Katz, Directed by Sut Jhally (director of Dreamworlds: Gender/Sex/Power in Rock Video), and interactive discussion of the first part of the award-winning documentary.

This event is sponsored by the Wingspan Domestic Violence Project (WDVP). For more information, call Wingspan (520) 624-1779.

Fourth Friday, May 23

TUCSON - Start your Memorial Day weekend festivities at Hotel Congress, 311 East Congress Street, on Friday, May 23, from 5 to 8 p.m.

With summer quickly approaching, Fourth Friday is an alternative place for guys to meet and greet new friends and old. So if you are looking for a put you in a good mood for the holiday weekend, add Fourth Friday to your list of holiday weekend events.

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.

Reveille's 'On With The Show!' Is On Its Way

By Renata Tebaldi

TUCSON - It's heating up out there, and Tucson will get hotter when Reveille hits town for its last concert of the season, "On With The Show!"

Broadway classics and current favorites will be featured, along with an exciting mix of gospel, folk and pop as the boys take over the Temple of Music and Art on Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31 at 8 p.m.

Dazzling solos by the likes of Reveille's Paul Robeson, Jose Iglesias, Judy Garland and Barbra Streisand will highlight the evening, and Reveille's artistic director, Linus Lerner, the Boy from Ipanema, will treat you to an Afro-Brazilian classic, 'Estrela e lua Nova'. The New Reveillettes will make a brief appearance singing Billy Joel's 'Lullaby (Goodnight My Angel)'. From 'Ol Man River' to 'Master of the House', this concert has it!

And, if that's not enough, an exquisite, handmade quilt will be raffled off at each performance. Raffle tickets are available from chorus members or at the door.

Tickets for "On With the Show!"? Buy them in advance at Antigone's, Wingspan, Desert Pride, from any Reveille member, or call (520) 617-3100. Tickets will also be available at the IBT's Beer Bust on Sunday, May 25. All advance tickets are \$18. Tickets at the door are \$20. Remember, all you who love music and/or Gay men, it's "On With The Show!", May 30 and 31 at the Temple of Music and Art.



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IN MEMORIAM



Roger A. Radabaugh
August 8, 1952 - May 16, 2003

On Friday, May 16, our beloved friend has gone to rest.

Roger, the jokester and our handyman electrician, loved animals especially dogs. He considered dogs to be angels. Well, as luck would have it, he was not alone when he left us. He had an angel by his side.

Known throughout the Gay community - at local friendly gatherings and of course, local bars. He will be remembered, somewhat, as our "Norm" from Cheers. He would walk in, and you would hear, "Hey Rog" or "Hey Roger what's up." If someone didn't know him and ask who he was, the response was "That's Roger."

Roger is survived by his mother, Betty Radabaugh, two brothers, Wes and Sherman, one sister, Bonnie, a brother-in-law, a sister-in-law and many, many friends.

A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, May 23, at the home of Bob Petty, 530 E. Flores St., 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call (520) 884-9220. A morning breakfast memorial will be held Saturday, May 24, 9:00 a.m., at the home of Dan Russo, 207 E. Adam.

Position Open At Wingspan

TUCSON (ON) - Wingspan is looking for a qualified, capable individual for the following position with the organization:

Office Manager (OM): The OM is responsible for supporting Wingspan's overall operational needs including the development of processes and systems needed to maintain an effective, smooth running office. Salary: \$19,000 - \$22,000 depending on experience. Benefits included

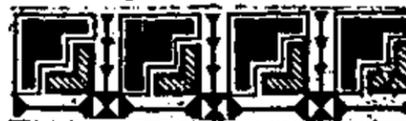
Send Resumes to Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Tucson, AZ 85705 or fax to (520) 624-0364 or E-mail to wingspan@wingspan.org No calls please, and the job closes on May 30. AA/EOE

Pride Parade Fund Raiser Launched

TUCSON - Raffle tickets are currently on sale through June 29, the day of Tucson's annual GLBT Pride Parade.

Tickets are \$10 each, available at EON, Wingspan and Antigone Books presently and the proceeds will go to help defray costs for the Pride Parade.

For more information, E-mail: tucsonpride@yahoo.com.



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Six In Ten Americans Okay G/L Unions Research Supports Openly G/L Soldiers

NEW YORK, NY - A May 2003 Gallup poll shows that a majority of adult Americans accept the idea that same-sex relations between consenting adults should be legal and that homosexuality is an acceptable way of life, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Results of the poll show that the concept of legal acceptance for Gay relationships has reached the 60 percent level, up from 52 percent last year and 43 percent when Gallup first began asking about homosexuality in 1977. But when it comes to the concept of comparable rights for Gay couples as compared to straight married couples, opinion is evenly divided.

Although a majority of Americans have consistently opposed the total concept of "Gay marriage," when asked if they favored a law that would "allow homosexual couples to legally form civil unions, giving them some of the legal rights of married couples," the breakdown was 49 percent in favor, 49 percent opposed. In May 2002, when asked the same question, 46 percent were in favor, while 51 percent said they were opposed.

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC), that nation's biggest Gay rights group, applauded the results of the survey, and pointed out that many local and state laws do not reflect changing public attitudes.

"In spite of the overwhelming support for equal opportunity in the workplace, it is still legal to fire someone based on their sexuality in 36 states. The time is long overdue for meaningful workplace protections for this country's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community," said

HRC Political Director Winnie Stachelberg.

The survey's most dramatic result came from people's attitudes about treatment in hiring. The survey found that almost 9 out of 10 Americans agree that Gays and Lesbians should have equal rights in terms of job opportunities. In 1977, 56 percent of the people polled felt Gay people should have those rights, while in 2003, the number hit 88 percent, up two percentage points from the May 2002 results. When asked if they felt homosexuality was an acceptable lifestyle, a small majority, 54 percent, approved while 43 percent disapproved. This is up from a 34 percent approval rating in 1977.

"What we see here is a steady groundswell of support for Gay and Lesbian Americans. As more and more Gay men and Lesbians come out and live their lives openly, and more Americans realize that Gay people are their family, friends, co-workers and community members -- they are better able to understand the issues facing the Gay community," said HRC Communications Director and Senior Strategist David M. Smith.

Results of the poll are based on telephone interviews conducted May 5-7 with a national sample of 1,005 adults, with an error of plus or minus three percentage points.

WASHINGTON, DC - According to top military analysts, there was no adverse impact on combat effectiveness when military forces with conflicting policies on openly Gay troops fought together in Iraq.

In interviews conducted by the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military, a think tank at the University of California, Santa Barbara, military experts suggested that when U.S. units, which bar openly Gay soldiers for fear of undermining unit cohesion, fought with British units, which allow openly Gay soldiers, there were no apparent problems.

Personnel from both armies were exchanged in several instances, according to Lt. Gen. Gregory S. Newbold, a vice president at the Potomac Institute. And in preparation for the coalition fighting, the two forces trained together before going into combat. "If you're going to provide combat forces [for each other]," he explained, "you would absolutely want to train together, and generally we do that." He added that American and British forces "have trained together a great deal, so that relationship is a very easy one to carry into combat."

Glenn Truitt, a former U.S. submarine officer, said it was no surprise to him that American soldiers could work effectively with the Gay-friendly British military. He knew of Gay soldiers on his command,

and he said their professionalism rose to even higher levels than that of straight soldiers. "The homosexual men I knew in the military were much more professional about their sexuality than the heterosexuals," he said, "if only because they had to be" to gain full acceptance.

Maj. Gen. Bill Nash (Ret.), a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, added that "most of the issues about women and Gays take place when the bullets aren't flying. When you're fighting, you've got other things on your mind." He seemed to imply that problems with integrating Gays and Lesbians reflected more generalized social concerns, not performance ability. "There are a lot of disciplinary issues that, unless they are directly related to combat performance, are not addressed on the battlefield," he said.

Recently U.S. representative Martin Meehan (D-Mass.) argued that the success of coalition fighting in Iraq is further proof that the American military's antiGay policy is unnecessary. "The adherents to the ban have never been able to produce any evidence that allowing Gay men and Lesbians to serve openly and honorably would harm the effectiveness of our military," said Meehan, a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee and a leading critic of the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy. "The Iraq war demonstrates that the morale and cohesion of our forces is simply not affected by the presence of openly Gay soldiers."

Twenty four nations, including the United Kingdom, allow Gays to serve openly.



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Report: More G/L Rights In Workplace

WASHINGTON, DC - Fifteen cities and counties -- up from just eight a year earlier -- prohibited workplace discrimination in 2002 on the basis of sexual orientation, according to a report released by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation's WorkNet project.

The annual report, fourth of its kind, also said 16 jurisdictions added protection on the basis of gender identity last year, up from five in 2001, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut Network.

Altogether, 119 cities and 23 counties across the United States have so far outlawed workplace discrimination, according to the "The State of the Workplace for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Americans."

"City ordinance is the only form of protection in states where discrimination at the workplace is allowed," Daryl Herrschaft, associate director for HRC WorkNet and chief author of the report, told the Gay.com/PlanetOut Network.

He said though the progress was tremendous and the majority of Americans support equal treatment, "vast majority of states, cities and counties still do not protect GLBT workers."

Herrschaft said, "Ignorant and uninformed religio-political activists who erroneously believe sexual orientation is something chosen have invested significant wealth and time into stymieing progress."

His senior colleague, HRC Education Director Kim I. Mills, who oversees WorkNet, said, "While federal law continues to lag, local and state legislators are stepping up and fixing some of the inequities."

Overall the improvements were significant. The number of employers offering domestic partner health insurance bene-

fits grew by 16 percent in 2002, compared to 24 percent the year before; the number of employers with sexual orientation nondiscrimination policies rose by 7 percent, compared to 17 percent in 2001.

Said Herrschaft, "The fact that both indicators grew as much as they did is perhaps the clearest indication that these policies are good for business and that they have become a fact of American commerce."

The report also noted that 15 Fortune 500 companies had nondiscrimination policies covering gender identity at year end -- a three-fold increase over 2001; and 61 percent of the Fortune 500 included sexual orientation, up from 51 percent in 1999.

It said 20 Fortune 500 companies implemented domestic partner health insurance benefits in 2002, accounting for a total of 169 by the end of 2002. The new ones on the list include Pfizer, Procter & Gamble, Sears, Roebuck and Raytheon.

The number of large corporations that publicly endorsed the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), a federal bill to ban anti-Gay job bias, jumped from 60 to 90 -- an increase of 50 percent from 2001. These included Agilent Technologies, Apple Computer, BP, Capital One Financial, Cisco Systems, Coors Brewing, IBM, John Hancock Financial Services, J.P. Morgan Chase, Levi Strauss, Nationwide, Nike, Shell Oil, Verizon Communications and Worldspan.

In 2002, New York became the 13th state to prohibit sexual orientation discrimination in the workplace, while Alaska became the ninth to prohibit such discrimination against state employees.

Thirty-seven U.S. states allow discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and 44 on gender identity, according to the HRC.

G/L Couples In Economic Mainstream

WASHINGTON, DC - Breaking a long-standing stereotype that Gay couples were better off economically than their heterosexual counterparts, a study of Census Bureau data released reports that median wages earned by Gay and Lesbian couples stood at about \$32,000, roughly equal to married couples.

The \$32,000 figure compares to the \$24,000 median earned by unmarried opposite-sex partners.

Rates of home ownership between same-sex and married households gave married couples a small economic advantage. About 64 percent of same-sex couples owned their homes, compared with 78 percent of married partners and 41 percent of heterosexual unmarried couples.

The analysis commissioned and released by the Human Rights Campaign, reports that 35 percent of people living with same-sex partners had a college degree in 2000 compared with 28 percent of married people and 19 percent of opposite-sex unmarried partners, said a Gay rights advocacy group.

The data was compiled from the 15 states that reported the greatest number of Gay and Lesbian partnered homes in the 2000 census, including California, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Florida and Texas.

The 2000 census was the first in which the bureau extensively analyzed data for unmarried partners, regardless of sexual orientation. The HRC's David Smith said the study shows Gay couples are "a mirror

image of the majority of families in the country" who should have the same benefits and protections.

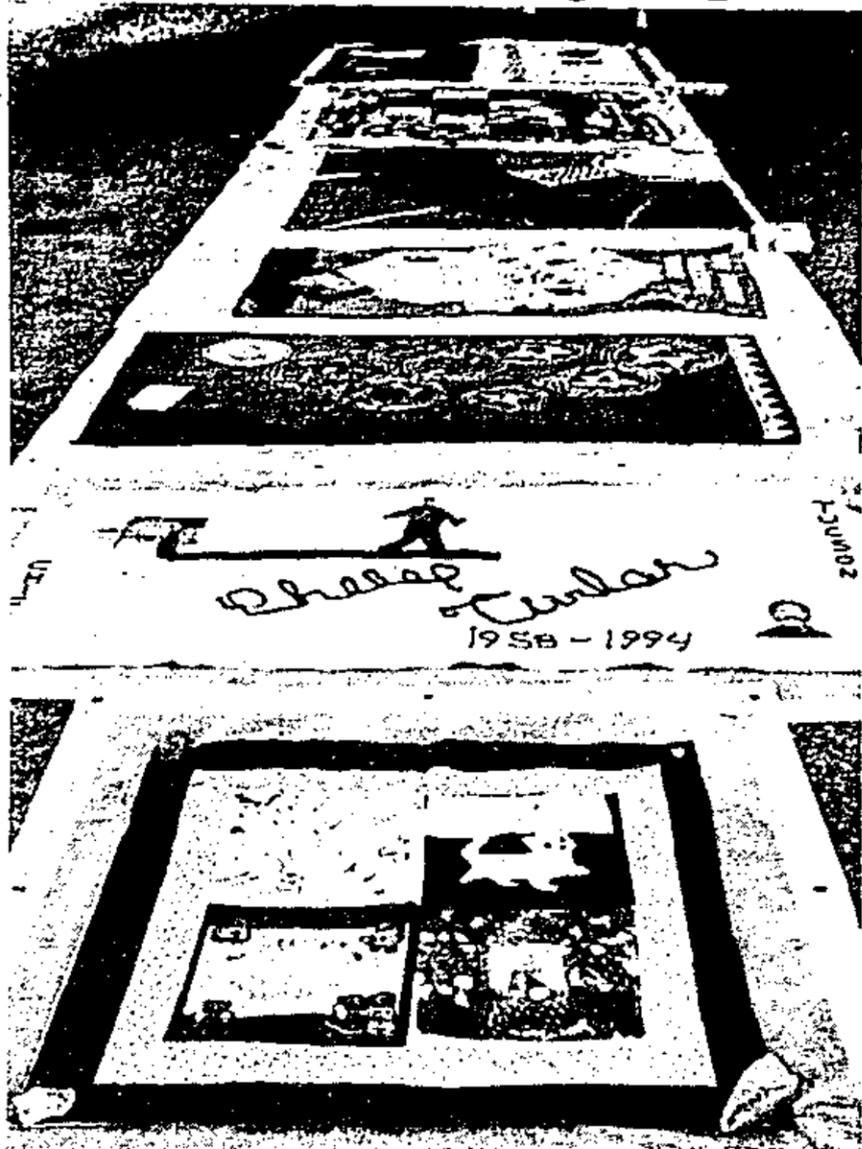
Data released two years ago revealed there were 594,000 households headed by same-sex partners - about 1 percent of the nearly 60 million households in the United States led by couples. The vast majority of those homes - over 54 million - are headed by married people.

Differences in homeownership may arise because same-sex couples especially Gay men, tend to cluster in urban areas, where home prices are more expensive, said Urban Institute demographer Gary Gates who conducted the analysis.

The median property value for a home owned by a Gay couple was over \$162,000 -- \$25,000 more than the median for Lesbian and married couples, and \$50,000 more than for opposite sex partners. Lesbian couples are more likely to have children than Gay men and are concentrated more in suburbs, where housing is cheaper, Gates said.

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away"
Henry David Thoreau

Twentieth AIDS Candlelight Vigil Held



TUCSON - On Sunday, May 18, candles were lit in the Old Pueblo and towns across the nation and globe for the twentieth time marking the 20th anniversary of the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial.

This was more than just a tribute to those who have died from the disease, it also served as a forum for discussion and as a beacon of hope and support for those who have AIDS or are HIV-positive.

More than 100 people attended the event, held at Himmel Park, near Tucson and Speedway boulevards, sponsored by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Alliance and Wingspan.

Statewide, 4,551 people with AIDS have died since 1981, more than half of the people diagnosed with the affliction, according to the Arizona Department of Health Services.

Steve Zack, a 46-year-old actor on disability, spoke at the vigil about being an AIDS patient. Zack was found to be HIV-positive in 1984 and his AIDS was diagnosed 10 years later.

"I can face the fact that my body is dying and the truth that my spirit will live on," Zack said. "I am comfortable with death."

Pictures of this event can be found on page ten of this issue of Observer.

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Egging Incident

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located in a free speech area on campus," Bugenig said in a statement submitted to police, "and I guess you could say that this was my attempt to express my opinion, which, obviously, I went about in totally the wrong way."

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Around The USA

Philly Dedicates GLBT Memorial

PHILADELPHIA, PA - The city of Philadelphia dedicated a 7,500-square-foot mural Saturday, May 17, that pays tribute to Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Transgendered people.

Titled *Pride and Progress*, the mural—the city's 2,353rd—is one of Philadelphia's largest. It stretches almost a block long alongside a downtown community center that serves the Gay community. At 150 feet wide and 50 feet tall, the mural depicts a composite of 1960s Gay civil rights marches in Philadelphia and New York, a festival on cobblestone streets with a multicultural throng, and segments of Independence Mall, all under a moody sky with the hint of a rainbow. "I wanted to create something beautiful and atmospheric," said Ann Northrup, 54, an artist whose design was chosen for the mural.

Northrup, along with 10 assistants and 10 volunteers, began work on the mural in August, using more than 50 gallons of latex paint to create the panoramic scenes. Jane Golden, who founded the city's mural arts program in 1984, said the idea of a mural for the Gay community was first brought up three years ago. Golden noted that in researching the project, no one had been able to locate another public mural in the country paying tribute to the Gay community. "I think it's the first...and certainly the largest in the country about this theme," she said. Northrup added that people in the neighborhood were supportive during the work process. "One guy came up, and he was crying. He couldn't speak," Northrup said. "You really get appreciated out here."

PFLAG License Plates Voted Down

BATON, ROUGE, LA - Members of a Louisiana house committee said the state already has too many specialty automobile license plates as they voted down a bill to provide a plate commemorating Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Melinda Schwegmann (D-New Orleans), would have assessed a special \$25 annual fee on top of the normal vehicle registration fee. The proceeds from the added fee would have gone for scholarships, educational programs, and advocacy.

Rep. Jim Tucker (R-Algiers) was among the opponents. Tucker said the ever-growing number of specialty plates can cause headaches for law enforcement. Problems are cropping up with repetition of numbers on various plates, he said. "I think we need to go back and look at some of the ones we have already approved," Tucker added. The Reverend Grant Storms, spokesman for Christians Conservatives for Reform, asked the panel to reject the bill as being part of the "homosexual agenda."

Miami-Dade United Way Drops Scouts

MIAMI, FL - The United Way of Miami-Dade will no longer give nearly a half-million dollars a year to the local chapter of the Boy Scouts of America, citing the chapter's failure to provide Gay sensitivity training for its leaders.

At a private meeting, the United Way's board of directors voted unanimously to discontinue the annual \$480,000 grant after the agency's current fund-raising campaign ends June 30. The funds represent

about 20% of the Scouts' South Florida Council's operating budget. Most of the money goes to programs in the area's poorer communities. "It's a serious blow to the council's ability to deliver scouting programs," council spokesman Jeff Herrmann said.

At least 50 other United Way offices nationwide, including those in Seattle and San Francisco, have pulled their contributions since a 2000 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that upheld the Scouts' right to bar Gays as members or leaders. Miami-Dade's United Way based its decision to suspend funding on its belief that the Boy Scouts agreed in 2001 to implement training to help Scout leaders be sensitive in dealing with children who have trouble coping with sexuality issues. Herrmann said the Boy Scouts never agreed to such a deal. "Sex education and sexual orientation are not part of our program, and we're unwilling to make them part of our program," he said.

Stabbing Suspect Arraigned

NEWARK, NJ - At the same time that a man was appearing in court after being charged with stabbing a 15-year-old girl to death after she told him she was a Lesbian, supporters of the dead girl were making plans to help other Gay teens.

Richard McCullough, 29, was arraigned Friday, May 16, in New Jersey state superior court on murder, bias intimidation, and weapons charges. He was ordered held on \$500,000 bail.

Sakia Gunn was stabbed in the chest early May 11 at a Newark bus stop at the city's busiest intersection after she and several girlfriends returned from a night out in New York City. The Reverend Jacquelyn Holland, pastor of the Liberation in Truth Unity Fellowship Church in Newark, said she and other community leaders hope to establish a neighborhood drop-in center where Gay teens can come for counseling, employment help, and reassurance. "We want to let them know it's OK to be who they are," she said. "She didn't do anything wrong by being a Lesbian."

Civil Rights Charges Levied In Egging Incident

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA - Two college students who threw eggs at a Gay student club's booth at Cal Poly on February 13 now face charges of civil rights violations.

District attorney's office spokeswoman Michelle Goula said crimes of that nature are cited from the same section of the state penal code as hate crimes, even when they are not labeled as such. One of the attackers, William Bugenig, 22, expressed remorse for the incident. "I didn't mean any harm to anybody," Bugenig told The [San Luis Obispo] Tribune. "Anyone that was there, I totally apologize for it. I know I was in the wrong."

Bugenig, who lives in Morro Bay, and Nicolas Taliaferro, 20, who lives in San Luis Obispo and attends Cuesta College, are charged with one count each of violating civil rights and damaging property. The two are to be arraigned June 9. If convicted, each could face up to one year in jail, a \$5,000 fine, and 400 hours of community service for the misdemeanor charge. Court and police records show that Bugenig and Taliaferro each threw two eggs at a booth staffed by the group Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals United. "I viewed the booth to be

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POLITICS 2003

'BLAME'

Arizona Senate President, Ken Bennett, R-Flagstaff, said it was all Democratic Governor Janet Napolitano's fault for the current failure of the third proposed state budget, drafted again by the GOP legislative leadership and the Republican chairs of the respective chamber appropriation's committees.

On this, the third proposal, there was again, no input from Republican rank-and-file legislators, and of course the legislative Democrats and Governor Janet Napolitano were not even offered a "place at the negotiating table," despite promises otherwise made by the Republican leadership, especially Bennett.

In the third proposal, spending for social and health programs, such as the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, would be slashed. For ADAP, it would be either \$500,000 as reported or \$625,000, according to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and would jeopardize Arizona's Ryan White federal funding, totaling \$6.8-million, since Arizona would need to maintain current funding, \$1-million, to get the federal matching funds. While slashing spending for health care, the Republicans made sure that \$2-million would be earmarked for cattle ranchers in matching funds for a federal program that pays ranchers not to graze federal lands.

So what else can Bennett blame Napolitano for?

High gas prices; Arizona's hot Summer weather;

Phoenix's perennial traffic jams on it's freeways and the ever-present smog;

Bad football teams at the University of Arizona;

Lame programming on the television networks;

Iraq's purported weapons of mass destruction; or

Perhaps the fact that Governor Napolitano came up with a sound solution to deal with the \$300-million shortfall, due to the Republicans, in the current fiscal year's budget for the state and didn't slash social and health programs (like ADAP), as well as a very credible proposal for the upcoming fiscal year that deals with the billion-dollar shortfall, again, due to the Republicans, that preserves funding for programs, again like ADAP at their current funding levels, not jeopardizing the federal matching funds, to continue helping those Arizonans living with AIDS. Paul Allvin, a spokesperson for Governor Napolitano reiterated that she will accept nothing less than the \$1-million for the state's ADAP program.

Since the beginning of this dreaded epidemic, more than half the Arizonans diagnosed with AIDS have lost their battle with this awful disease, according to the state health department which shows the importance of the ADAP program and the need for this funding. People's lives are at stake but it is interesting that Bennett,

speaker for the GOP legislative and committee leadership, who drafted this "unconscionable" proposal, tries to shift the attention for their past mistakes and present actions to someone else, who has played no part in the creation of the current problems, like Napolitano or now the Senate Democrats,

instead of acting like real leaders and dealing with this crisis that affects everyone.

If there is blame, Bennett, as well as the GOP leadership should look in a mirror and cast aspersions since they value cattle more than the well-being of the citizens, especially those in need, of this state.

WHAT MAKES OUR TOWN TICK

Bowing Out Gracefully

Hello readers! This is the time of the year when we see the turning of many aspects of our year. We say farewell to the warm weather and introduce the heat that makes our town so special. We view our televisions as they give us a maximum dose of programming to end their season in the hopes of our return. And in the academic field we participate in the commencement ceremonies that will launch our friends, family and neighbors into the workforce and out of the classroom. Congratulations are in order to all those who have graduated this year. The one true nugget you can receive from that usually long speech at your ceremony is that this is just a beginning of something else.

This week we were witnesses to three individual endings. Though none were related to each other, I found it interesting that they were performed in their own special manner. The way we choose to terminate a moment or event in our lives has an impact on future events. If it's for convenience, necessity, or just a way to ruffle some feathers, the way ones says goodbye is recorded all the more than one's entrance.

The first of our farewells goes to White House press secretary Ari Fleischer. After 21 years of serving the Republican party, Fleischer has decided to spend more time with his new bride and return to his roots of plush suburban New York. Those of us who have endured the last two years of all those press meetings on television have had the run of emotions thanks to Fleischer. His ability to not answer a question will definitely be a model for future White House personnel. He was there center stage after the September 11th attacks, as well as during the last two "wars" conducted by the Bush administration. He will be remembered in both comical and angering lights as the voice of the president. My hope is that Fleischer does not take his love of speaking to a level that will have him on our Sunday talk circuit. The pauses of dead air might collapse the network that hires him.

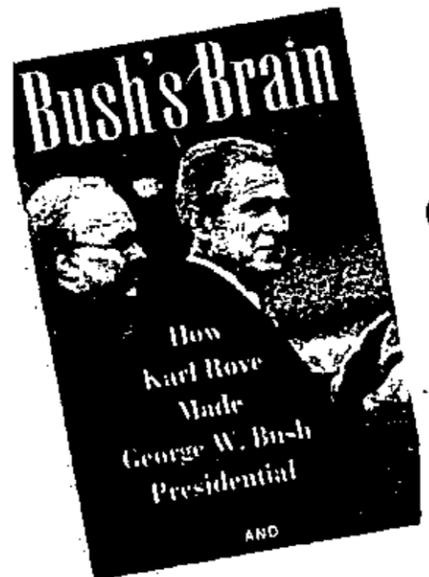
The next of our leavings is not so much a good bye as it is a skirting of the issue. I use that pun with all the intention it deserves when I speak of Vijay Singh. Singh made waves this past week when he voiced his opinion regarding female golf sensation Annika Sorenstam and her admission to an upcoming PGA event. I'm not in the least a fan of golf, but when a man says that a woman has no place where he roams, I tend to pay attention. Singh vowed to not play if Sorenstam was paired with him in the coming event. Well he put all those fears to rest when he decided to not even enter the event in question. The word coward is a powerful and straight to the point label. I can not find any other title to give the action that Singh has performed though. I am sure he will live with the shadow of his words for quite some time.

I saved the last adieu for the most deserving. After 16 years and countless performances, Broadway said good night to Les Miserables for the last time. The story based on Victor Hugo's huge novel was a dream that materialized into its own entity. Les Mis is still one of the most powerful sights to see on a stage. Adding the heart of Broadway to the atmosphere only made it a

legend instantly. I was fortunate enough to witness the Broadway production and will treasure its memory in me forever. My thanks to the cast and crew that has endured world change and turmoil, while still giving light to those who believe in the impossible. Have a great week!

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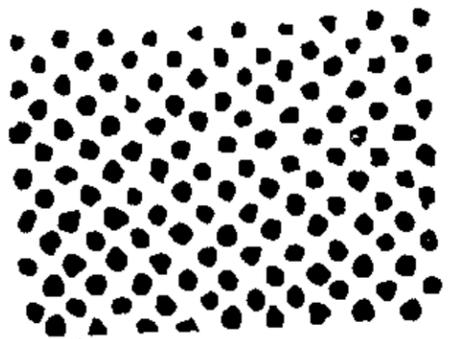
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HOROSCOPES

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ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Friends and fun are a costly combination during the Mercury / Mars / Jupiter grand cross. Gay Rams find that prudent fiscal policies go out the window in order to finance grand social schemes. Try not to fall into debt over a cheap and tawdry time, cousin and expect to be overcharged for what you get in food, drink or what have you now. Ah but what a way to go!

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

The Mercury/Mars/Jupiter Grand Cross pounds a few stakes in your personal soil and you may feel too intense for human company. Chalk it up to a temporary re-alignment of the planets and personal epiphany. Wherever your orbit takes you, it becomes clear that you will live according to your own happiness and not compromise to a family brand image. So just do it!

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

The Mercury/Mars/Jupiter Grand Cross has you booked on a solo flight. Perhaps it's because you're particularly mouthy and demanding and fellow travellers make other vacation plans. Pink Twins shouldn't feel abandoned or ignored. The planets often serve the meal you nutritiously need. Obviously it's time to explore your own backyard rather than escape from it.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Queer Crabs want to spend spend spend but shopping till you drop doesn't begin to fill your personal space. This planetary Grand Cross creates a tug of war between what you have and what you enviously covet. Before you scheme to aspire to join a particularly exclusive clique, check to see if they click with you. The group think may not always think pink like you.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Mercury redirects and upsets carefully laid plans when Mars and Jupiter get in the way. Your professional superhighway is clogged with traffic as pushy partners demand that you choose or lose. Add to that your own personal misgivings about "selling out" and proud Lions find themselves at a crossroad. But don't junk your corporate card yet. Green compliments lavender....

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Queer Virgins might become pincushions for every backstabber when Mercury double crosses Jupiter and Mars. Secret enemies try to make inroads when your back is turned or send you travelling off the edge on a fool's journey. This spiritual ying yang may take the wind out of your sails but rely on your innate common sense. By next week you'll be calling the shots again.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Remember that beauty is only skin deep but nights playing hearts with friends last forever (or seem to...) Cheap and tawdry sex is in play for pink Libras who succumb to the Mercury /Mars / Jupiter Grand Cross. Lusty excesses abound in any fun related enterprise and you are elected Most Likely To Succeed. Share and share alike; it can be lonely at the top... or the bottom.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Proud Scorps try to balance the opposing needs of home and career with the Mercury/Mars/Jupiter Grand Cross. You have the midas touch professionally but partners are decidedly unimpressed. Alas, life is not meant to run smoothly now; the higher you climb up the corporate ladder, the less time you have for you-know-who. My advice: Juggle both balls as best as you can.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

You can put Machiavelli to shame this week when feisty Mars opposes Jupiter and squares Mercury. Pridelful Archers are amazed at how their grand and clever schemes can take on a global life of their own. Great ideas need to be implemented quickly and crummy ideas should be scrapped. How can you tell the difference? How the heck should I know?

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Pink Caps are not the most sensuous folks but during the Mercury/Mars/Jupiter Grand Cross, sex is a overflowing champagne bath...and about as expensive. Wining and dining doesn't come cheap and neither will you. Face it lover, you'll just have to pay the piper, so to speak, to have a good Gay time. Avoid alcohol and drugs, though to keep your thoughts firm and erect.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Sartre said that in love one plus one equals one. As Mars opposes Jupiter and squares Mercury, you'll have to see if everything adds up in your current relationship. Balance is everything in this life, dear, Aquarius; Do you need a room of your own before you decide to share it with a significant other? Are you happy with who you are? Check yourself inside Out first.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Guppies reach for the Outer limits when Mercury / Mars / Jupiter form a celestial Grand Cross this week. Participate in community outreach and spread the word. Just don't over commit or stretch yourself thin. As much as you think you can accomplish, there will be so much more to do. Pink Fish can overdo. Solution: Recruit someone to ...ahem...work under you.

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By Joy L. Childress

Where Can I Go?

Grieving a loss is something I had never really experienced before to the depth that I am experiencing now. Grieving is tremendously personal, and yet at the same time, it is a collective experience with others who have shared the same loss. Others who share the loss, however, are more on the fringes of the grief than the person who has suffered the loss.

Let me put it this way: one of my friends whose husband died with the same disease as my partner shared with me what a grief counselor told her—that the grieving person is in a room looking out a big window. There is no one else in the room—so the grieving one is totally alone, watching people who are outside of the room moving on with their lives while the one in grief is standing still. Other people are on the fringes and can't come inside the room and share the loss in an intimate way. That is an aloneness that is extremely painful. My loved one is not here anymore to share my life. There is an emptiness, a hole, that is too deep, too high, too wide to fathom or to explain to anyone.

I am blessed with wonderful friends and my church family who have been so loving and supportive during this time of losing my love. They are certainly the life-line I need to open that window and test the outside atmosphere to see if I can exist with peace and happiness. My life of the past 25 years is forever gone. My whole life is now changing. When I come home at night, the house is so empty—void of precious shared moments, void of laughter,

void of love.

This is the very personal grief that others cannot share or take away. So where can I go to escape the loneliness, to fill the emptiness, to adjust to living alone? There is no escape; the grief must be faced, felt, experienced, and worked through. That is what I am trying to do. Yesterday, while I was driving around town on some errands, I put a cd in the cd player. The cd is one of Marsha Stevens'— a powerful singer who just happens to be a Lesbian and a Christian. The words and music hurled me into a floating high, like my feet had taken wings and then flew me above my grief. The song reiterates the truth that there is no where I could go but to Jesus. Jesus is the One Who can share my grief when I come home at night to an empty house; Jesus is the One Who can fill that emptiness and help me struggle through the pain. He became more real to me in that moment of exhilaration, and I knew, then, that that is where I must go—to Jesus. My life as I knew it is gone, but I still have Jesus. Anyone who is reading this and is in the throes of grief, Jesus can become your Comforter. There is no where else to go.

"Oh, Lord, where else would I go if I sought to leave Your path behind? If I look around, see the hate abound, No one else would take the time to find me. No, there is no where else to go."

"After all is said and done and gone, I'll still have Jesus then." - John Hocking; sung by Marsha Stevens.

GENDER WORLD

BY JOHN N. ROSE

Not long ago a high-ranking U.S. Senator made some very unpleasant comments about Gay people. There was an immediate outcry from the Gay community all over the nation. There were calls for the Senator to resign, and most politicians other than conservative Republicans distanced themselves from the Senator's remarks.

Some time before the above incident, a well-known comedian and talk-show host made some demeaning remarks about a transsexual. A few national gender organizations protested. Otherwise no one paid much attention; and only those who were watching at the time even heard about it.

A few weeks after the Senator made his speech, a nationally syndicated Gay columnist ridiculed people who "choose" to be Transgendered and then insist on being addressed in the gender they identify with. When many transpeople, including this writer, informed the columnist that we found his remarks unfunny and demeaning, instead of apologizing he blamed us for being too sensitive and said that in addition to sexual reassignment surgery we need "a humor transplant." He never apologized for his remarks, and I don't think any of the Gay periodicals he writes for have censured him nor dropped him as a columnist.

The social disease of homophobia has been all but quarantined to the Religious Right. But gender-variant people are still fair game—among straights and Gays alike, perhaps. I've had a number of incidents during the past year, several involving apparently Gay men, to remind me of that reality.

Some of my Tri-Ess sisters think we should turn our backs on the Gay community and go our own way. While I understand where they're coming from, I dis-

agree. We're a tiny minority, and highly stigmatized. We need to seek allies wherever we can, particularly among the GLB community.

I'm personally grateful that a newspaper like The Observer will carry a column like this. Not all Gay periodicals will, believe me. And it's fantastic that Wingspan has so many programs about gender; I don't think I've seen that anywhere else.

On the other hand, the worst incidents of sexual harassment, of nasty comments, and of people yelling obscenities out their car windows at me have occurred within a few blocks of Wingspan. When men harass, abuse, or ridicule me because of my gender, I don't stop to worry if they're straight or Gay. I'm too concerned with what they're going to do next. Will they walk away, spit on me, beat me up, or rape me?

I realize I have no right to hold Gay men to a higher standard than straight men. In both cases they range from sweet angels to sexist bigots. It's not so much the sexual orientation that makes the difference as the openness of a person's mind. The same could potentially be true of women, though in fact I've had few problems with them of this nature. Lesbian or straight, women know what it's like to be second-class citizens.

The cultural mythology we live with perpetuates the delusion that there are two "genders": men and women. Thus some people find those of us who don't fit into that dichotomy very threatening. Some respond with hostility and aggression. Others have the courage and integrity to confront their own prejudices and denials.

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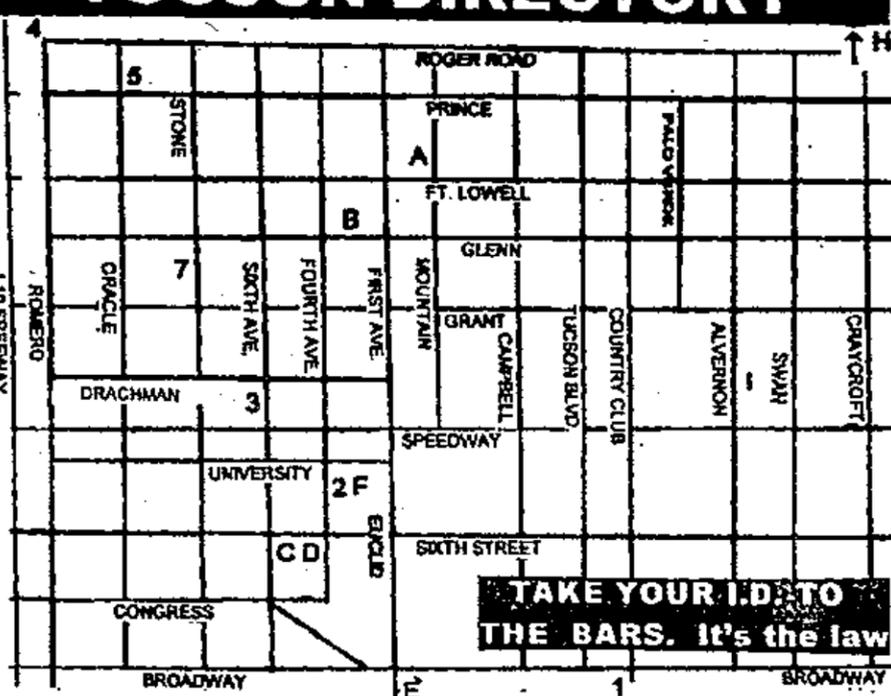
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Dear Dr. X,
 I would love to be able to eat cum, but I'm sort of hesitant as to the taste. Do you have any suggestion for eating cum? I'm going nuts over this. I want all that cum in my mouth, to savor it and then swallow it. If you have any hints, I'd appreciate it very much.

Nut-buster

Dear Nut-buster,
 I E-mailed my good friend Martha and she had a great suggestion. Why not use a sweetening powder (like NutraSweet or Equal) on your cum right after you shoot. The powder dissolves instantly, and all you will be left with is all the sweet goodness. She says that she keeps a packet of sweetener under her bed, (jail cell bunk?) and when she's stroking off her man she sprinkles the powder over the man's stomach and chest (from an antique crystal saltshaker!) so that when the man shoots off, his cum will mix with the sweetener. Some men like the taste of cum right away, and others have to "acquire" a taste for the stuff. The more you eat, the more you'll get used to it and start to crave it. It's a good thing!

Dear Dr. X,
 I'm totally in lust with my best friend's dad. He is one of the most attractive men I have ever seen. He is so nice to me and seems to really like me. There are a few things keeping us apart; he's married and he also doesn't know his son and I are Gay. How can I make this work?

Likes Older Men

Dear Likes Older Men,
 I don't know your age but I'm assuming you're in your late teens or early twenties. I want you to think about your own relationship with your father.

Is he involved with your family? Is he supportive of you? Is he distant? Ask yourself if this man is a substitute father, maybe the father you wanted but didn't have. It is not uncommon for young Gay men and young women to develop relationships with much older men. The main motivation is to replace or add a father figure in their life. The hope is to provide guidance and support and love in a way a lot of fathers can't supply their children.

If this sounds like you, think of how you can incorporate this into your friendship with this man. If this is not the reason, that's okay, too. A lot of young men are attracted to older men. This is cool except you get into generation gaps and social differences that can ruin a relationship. Sometimes you can't choose who you feel attracted to. If your heart and mind are telling you this is the path you should take than go for it. But there is also a chance that this relationship can sour quickly when a father figure stops acting like a lover and starts acting like a father.

[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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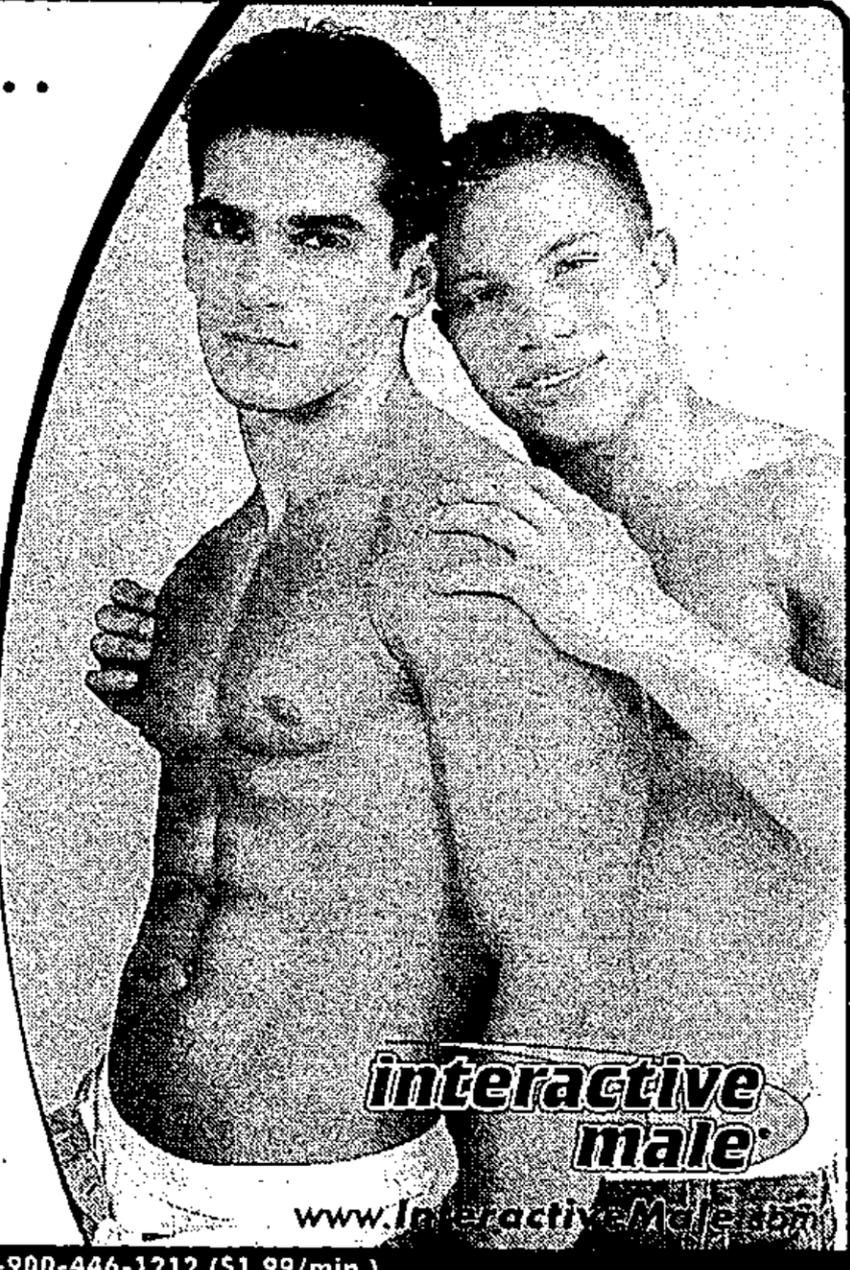
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Gender World
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At 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, the Wingspan Domestic Violence Project will host a potluck supper, followed by the showing of the film, "Violence, Media, and the Crisis in Masculinity." There will be a discussion on the impact of masculinist social values on our greater society. That kind of discussion could go on all night!

Meanwhile, if you're going to hear Alix Olson at Solar Culture this Thursday night, be sure to go early. Local trans-songstress Namoli Brennet will open. You go, girl!

Joni had another blond moment last week and got the phone number wrong for the Dhamma Kyaung Samgha and the Buddhist Peace Fellowship. It's 247-2867. Please correct it before somebody gets furious at us!

There's a rumor that Joni is leaving town next month. Assuming the rumor is true, there will be a going-away potluck, followed by live music, on Friday, May 30, at 5:30 p.m. The location will be announced. Tune in next week, or watch for the announcement at www.sagatucson.org. Or write Joni at desertwordsmith@yahoo.com. Take care, Sweetie!



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NON-BAR CALENDAR

GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Karl for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Karl at 740-9017.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 22

7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The Men's Relationship Group meets. It includes a video on tantra. A great way to meet new men. Fee. Call Marc, 681-4582, to reserve a place at the Man-to-Man Club.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

#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 continuing series "Queer As Folk". For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

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

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

SUNDAY, MAY 25

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. T. Jay invites you to join him for music under the stars as the Tucson Pops play a series of free summer concerts at Reid Park. For more information, please call T. Jay at 881-7919.

Tucson Prime Timers Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Chaffin's Family Restaurant, 902 E. Broadway, Just East of Euclid on B'way

MONDAY, MAY 26

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. The Triangle Tribe is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 318-1650.

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

TUESDAY, MAY 27

#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 Jim for Bridge Night. If you don't know how to play, the guys are willing to teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Jim at 790-8735 or 885-5408

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

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.

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THURSDAY, MAY 29

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FRIDAY, MAY 30

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join the guys of MSN for Hearts Night - a fun card game (and we teach if you don't know how to play). For directions and reservations, please call Jim at 749-1142.

SATURDAY, MAY 31

#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.

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Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

IBTS - 9:00 p.m., The Divulicious Show starring Bunny FuFu, Janee Starr and Tori Steele.

THURSDAY, MAY 22

VENTURE-N - Steak Nite here from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Hip Hop Nite with lots of drink specials and \$1.00 Hot Sex Shots all night! No cover. Music starts at 8:00 p.m.

IBTS - Memorial Day Weekend Party begins tonight with live jazz on the patio with Susan Arzamas from 6 to 9 p.m. then GoGo boys show their stuff from 10:00 p.m. to close.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

IBTS - Memorial Day Weekend continues with flavored Martinis from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. dance to the music of DJ Q.

VENTURE-N - Memorial Day Weekend here continues with Drink Specials from Noon to 7:00 Beach Party 6:00 p.m. to closing includes a swim wear party and contest at 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 25

IBTS - 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., Beach Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to Revville Gay Men's Chorus. The Sissy Bingo at 8:00 p.m. hosted by Lucinda Holliday and Ajia Simone. 9:00 p.m. sign up for the Wet Shorts Contest, \$100 for first place! (minimum 4 contestants).

MONDAY, MAY 26 - MEMORIAL DAY

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz Annual Memorial Day Cook-In. Free Food served from 4:00 p.m. until it's gone! Free Pool from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. No Cover.

IBTS - Memorial Day Weekend winds down today. 11:00 a.m. Monday Morning Madness. Tucson's most decadent show! Show Host Lucinda Holliday and stars Faith Michaels, Veronica Hadlowell, Vanocia and Heather Box.

VENTURE-N - 5:00 TO 7:00 P.M. Memorial Day Bar-B-Que: Grilled Chicken Dinner from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

WOODY'S - 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Celebrate Memorial Day at Woody's annual Community Bar-B-Que - Hamburgers, Salad and Chips plus Hot Volleyball!!!

SATURDAY, MAY 31

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Latino Night. Latino Men's Health Project Fiestas de Mayo presents Fiesta Primavera. Food, dancing, door prizes, raffles and variety shows.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

YARD DOG - Graduate Family Reunion. Wear a Grad T-Shirt for or present a Grad Diploma for a drink special. Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) Beer Bust. Pot Luck 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Special drinks for non-drinkers. PLUS a Grad-style drag show at 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

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#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Carl for the Investment Club. For directions and reservations, please call Carl at 331-4238.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bruce 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 722-8531.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the guys for a Dinner Out at the Eclectic Café. For directions and reservations, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

#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 Potluck and Social Gathering where we invite you to have dinner and get to know the nice guys of MSN. It's a nice, safe setting in which to meet new men and great old friends. For directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

JUNE 26 - JULY 21

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Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers Bud or Bud Light. Latin Music with DJ H4 9pm to close. Drink & Shot specials all night.

IBTS - 10am-6pm \$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 - Bar opens at noon. 10 oz Miller draft 75¢ all day. From 12-8 Bloody Marys \$1.50 or Domestic beers \$1.75. From 6-10 \$1 kamikazes and \$1.50 JellOs & Mimosas. 9pm Latino Dance with DJ Rafael.

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

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestics and well 2-7pm. Free pool 8-10pm. 50¢ cups draft Bud & Bud Light 8pm to close.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm. \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm Undie Mondie-Happy Hour prices for those in their undies 9pm-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 Noon. Happy Hour until 9:00 p.m. \$1.75 Domestic Beer or \$1.50 Bloody Marys. Free Pool 8pm to close. \$1.50 JellOs & Mimosas 6pm to close.
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

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

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

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestic beer & well 2-7pm. Pool/tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, bar matches pot. Country music 9pm to close. \$2 bottled Bud products 8pm to close.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm 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-Energy Dance 9pm to close w/DJ-Q.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Bar opens noon. Happy Hour noon to 9pm. \$1.75 domestic beers & \$2 all wells. Fried Chicken Dinner \$4.99 5-8pm.

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, Mal Tai's.

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

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-4-1 domestic beer and well from 2-7pm. 80s retro music 9pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8pm to close.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 9pm "Divulicious" show w/Lucinda Holliday and guests. HINRG

Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon-1am. Happy Hour noon to 6pm plus drink specials. 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-leash-leather nite with Michael \$1 off your favorite drink. Chili dogs or bowls \$1.

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

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Karaoke 9-close, with \$2 Kamikazes and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBTS - 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 noon-8pm. Happy Hour noon-6pm. 10oz Sirloin Steak w/potato & salad 5:30-8pm, \$6.99. HI NRG dance music with DJ Rayman 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 6am 50¢ off any Bourbon til 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Music with DJ Hil 9pm - close. Shot and drink specials all night. No cover.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. 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 noon-6pm. Fish or Shrimp Dinner \$5.99 11am-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.

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

Saturday

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

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon-1am. Margaritas \$3 8pm-close. Latino Nite. Drag Show 11/3rd Sat. 10:30pm. Free HIV testing by SAAF.

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

WOODY'S - Open 11am \$2 well or domestic beer. Til 8pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm. \$1.75 well or domestics. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Filet Mignon or Swordfish BBQ with all the trimmings \$5.

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

NOTICES

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), 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 299-6647.

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 Anabeli 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 tyan@thenver.com and request guidelines.

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Sunday from 7-8 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI.

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 Girlz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Desert Boyz meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAE mail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagaemal

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 890-9565 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 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 615-6436 for more info.

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 6pm. Tucson Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OTOBERFEST. Inquires 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 TPJ website at www.tucsonpride.com

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AIDS HOTLINE - 325-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), 6:00 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)745-9059 (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 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) 745-0775 for current information.

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 8809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.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 (606 North 4th Ave.) as a social outing. For more information call the church at 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

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

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGCLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpgclcc.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 TG, TG, and Gender-varient communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnetarizona.org - e-mail address: aigoodnum@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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at 4639 E. First Street. Call Jessa 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 5:30-6:30pm at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4626.

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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. 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 6:30 to 8pm. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Donan 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.

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 WORLWIDE** 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.

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. Elise 581-8850 or Ron 968-2384.

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 624-6789.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9456 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 323-7943.

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. Want to join? E-mail: www.desertvoices.org or call 791-9662.

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

GLBT Buddhist meditation group meets Sundays from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the Wingspan annex space, 739 N. 4th Ave. Please be willing to sit for two twenty minute sessions in silence. All are welcome.

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

Picking On Bennett

The entire Western World has decided to dump on conservative commentator and former Secretary of Education William J. Bennett — for the wrong reason!

This is the guy who gave the infamous speech at a Republican National Convention a few conventions ago, the speech that attempted to legitimize anti-Gay bigotry.

The Democrats were dancing in the streets and even Bennett's fellow homophobes thought he'd blown it. Nobody, not even the religious nuts, thought it was in the long-term interests of the Republicans to become the party that legitimized bigotry.

Big Bill dropped out of sight for awhile and the Republican spin doctors got busy on TV saying that nobody paid — and nobody should pay — any attention to convention speeches, except of course for the acceptance speech of the presidential nominee.

But attention was paid. Bennett's argument was essentially that it was appropriate to discourage homosexuality because homosexuals had a hard time in today's society. Very fortunately for Bennett, he never got around to specifying exactly which forms of discouragement he favored. We'll never know what fantasies of discouragement were dancing around within his dementia.

The reason that Bennett should be reviled is that he's never come off that position, although he's been smart enough not to elaborate it. He's written books on morality in which he's notably silent about the immorality of legitimizing bigotry.

But the world isn't dumping on Big Bill because of his real sins. It's dumping on him because he likes to gamble. He's being called a hypocrite because he writes books on morality by day and plays the slots by night. The only problem with all this is that nobody's bothering to make the case for the proposition that gambling is immoral.

If you attempt to condemn Bennett's gambling on religious grounds, you're barking up the wrong religion. Bennett's a Catholic, and Catholics not only condone gambling, they conduct it right on church property. I can personally attest to playing their wheel of fortune at more than one Feast of Saint Rocco. The sausage and pepper sandwiches were great, but the house rake was outrageously high by Vegas standards.

If you happen to practice a religion that condemns gambling and you go after Bennett on those grounds, you're basically attacking him for practicing his religion instead of yours.

If you can't get him on religious grounds, how about making a case that civil virtue requires an abstinence from gambling? Fine. All you have to do is explain away all the state lotteries, the state-sanctioned dog tracks and the good ole ponies.

They're saying that high-stakes gambling leads to neglect of financial obligations to one's family and to one's community. The problem is that no one claims Big Bill's been stinting on either his kin or his charities.

They're saying that anyone who plays the slots at \$1,000 a pull has a psychological problem and that Bennett is immoral for not seeking help. The problem is that

this player earns \$50,000 for giving a speech that lasts about an hour. If I make \$20 an hour, my pulling the handle for forty cents is as proportionally extravagant as Bill's \$1,000 pull.

A guy who writes an ethics column for the New York Times said on TV that Bennett's recent statement that he's going to stop gambling is proof that Bennett realizes there was something wrong with what he was doing. It apparently never occurred to this ethicist that if you're being hammered by the whole of Western Civilization you might want to stop whatever the hell you're doing simply because you want the hammering to stop.

Mr. Bennett is an unrepentant hate monger and anti-Gay bigot. His infamous "discourage homosexuality" speech helped his party lose a presidential election. He hasn't changed his views and I'm pretty sure they haven't invited him back to give another convention speech.

The nicest thing you could say about the man is that he likes to gamble.

'Falsettoland' Rehearsals Underway For Pride Week Showing

TUCSON- Rehearsals for the Tony Award winning musical "Falsettoland" are underway. The show will be presented June 26 - July 12 here in Tucson, at the Zuzi Little Theatre.

According to director Kevin Johnson "The cast is amazing. We have the best of Tucson talent, as well as talent from the Broadway stage - Marsha Bagwell will be playing Dr. Charlotte. She is known for her many Broadway roles including 'Momma' from the original Broadway cast of the musical Chicago starring Chita Rivera and Gwen Verden - and directed by Bob Fosse. Mickey Nugent, who plays Mendel, is known for many Broadway tours including roles in Cats and Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat".

Arizona Onstage Productions is working with ZUZI Move-It Dance Co on this production - a not for profit venue. All donations to this production are entitled to a receipt of gift for tax purposes. "It is going to be amazing" says Johnson, of the upcoming show. "I hope that we can start a

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