

Wingspan Announces 2001 Honorees

TUCSON - At its sixth annual Benefit Dinner and Awards Ceremony, September 13 at the Tucson Convention Center, Wingspan will be presenting its 2003 awards to the following recipients:

The 2003 Godat Award will be given, posthumously, to Alexander John Goodrum. The Godat Award recognizes an individual who has given a lifetime of outstanding contributions to Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender communities.

Alexander Goodrum's untimely death last year left the GLBT community and its allies to mourn and to remember his outstanding contributions as an advocate, public speaker, writer, and educator. The impact of his work extended throughout the local community, the state, and the nation. Goodrum was one of the original members of Mayor Miller's Task Force on GLBT Issues formed in October 1998, in response to the murder of a young Gay man, Matthew Shepard, in Wyoming. That Task Force led to the formation of the City of Tucson Commission on GLBT Issues, of which Goodrum became a member and then its Co-Chair.

Another major accomplishment was Goodrum's creation of TGNet Arizona, a Transgender advocacy organization through which he developed the At Work Project, a training model to help employers understand the issues, needs, and rights of gender-variant employees and job applicants. The value of the At Work Project was recognized and supported by funders including the Gill Foundation, the Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona, and the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona.

Educating both the Gay and Lesbian community and the general community about Transgender issues was another of Goodrum's major contributions. As part of this effort, he published *Gender Identity 101: A Transgender Primer*, which has been hailed as a concise yet comprehensive document of essential facts about the Transgender population.

Goodrum was also active in the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance and was a former member of the Board of Directors of Wingspan and of Desert Voices. He was an Activist/Panelist for the Funding Exchange's OutFund for Gay and Lesbian Liberation. And before moving to Arizona in 1996 Goodrum was an activist in GLBT and social justice issues since 1980 in Chicago and San Francisco.

Past recipients of the Godat Award include: Ken Godat (1998), Jean Baker (1999), Colette Barajas (2000), Ana

"Bertie" Lozano (2001), and Bob Ellis (2002).

Rev. David Wilkinson, Senior Minister at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, is this year's recipient of the Community Ally Award. The Community Ally Award recognizes a straight ally who has shown outstanding support to southern Arizona's LGBT community.

Rev. Wilkinson has been an outspoken leader in the faith community urging acceptance and support of GLBT people and people with HIV/AIDS. Through his leadership, St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church became a "Reconciling Congregation," that is, a church that officially proclaims a welcome to Gay and Lesbian people. St. Francis in the Foothills was likely the first Reconciling Congregation in the state of Arizona. Through Rev. Wilkinson's leadership, the congregation at large was educated about GLBT and HIV/AIDS issues and the church was made available as a gathering place for the GLBT community. Rev. Wilkinson was also responsible for the formation of a weekly support group at the church for GLBT people to meet safely and to deal openly and honestly with their sexuality.

Rev. Wilkinson was a significant figure in the formation of TIHAN, the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network, a coalition of 29 congregations that provides HIV education to the community and support services to people living with HIV/AIDS. TIHAN originally started out as an AIDS committee at St. Francis, formed to provide in-home non-medical care for congregants with HIV/AIDS. As this committee grew to become TIHAN the church made office space and support services available for several years at no cost during the agency's formative years. TIHAN would not exist but for the support and leadership provided by St. Francis and by Rev. Wilkinson.

The influence of Rev. Wilkinson and of St. Francis is further exemplified by their sponsoring a team that goes every year to the United Methodist Church national conference to provide education about GLBT issues and the pernicious effects of prejudice and discrimination.

Past recipients of the Community Ally Award include Ernest Portillo Jr., columnist for the Arizona Daily Star (2001), and former Mayor George Miller (2002).

The 2003 Hall Award will be

Episcopalians Elect Openly Gay Bishop

MINNEAPOLIS - The Episcopal Church voted Tuesday, August 5, to approve the election of their first openly Gay bishop, a decision that risks splitting their denomination and shattering ties with their sister churches worldwide, the Associated Press reported.

After a delay caused by an allegation that he inappropriately touched another man and was affiliated with a Web site that had a link to porn, the Episcopal General Convention approved the Rev. V. Gene Robinson as bishop of the Diocese of New Hampshire.

Robinson had been cleared of the accusations a few hours before the vote was taken.

Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold said the bishops voted 62-45 to confirm Robinson's election. Two bishops abstained from voting, but their ballots under church rules were counted as "no" votes.

American conservatives and like-minded overseas bishops who represent millions of parishioners have said confirming Robinson would force them to consider breaking away from the church.

The Episcopal Church, with 2.3 million members, is the U.S. branch of the 77 million-member global Anglican Communion, which has been debating the role of Gays for decades. A win by Robinson was expected to build momentum for other policy changes that would be favorable to homosexuals.

The Episcopal Church has no official rules — either for or against — ordaining Gays.

Some Episcopal parishes already allow homosexual clergy to serve and Gays who did not reveal their sexual orientation have served as bishops. But Robinson is the first clergyman in the Anglican Communion to live openly as a Gay man before he was elected.

In 1998, Anglican leaders approved a resolution calling Gay sex "incompatible with Scripture." Bishops who hold that view believe that allowing Robinson to serve would be a tacit endorsement of ordaining homosexuals.

Robinson, a 56-year-old divorced father of two, has been living with his male partner for 13 years and serving as an assistant to the current New Hampshire bishop, who is retiring. Parishioners there said they chose Robinson simply because he was the best candidate.

Under church rules, a majority of

bishops, clergy and lay people serving as convention delegates had to ratify Robinson's election.

On Sunday, the House of Deputies, a legislative body comprised of clergy and lay people from dioceses nationwide, approved Robinson by a 2-to-1 margin; a committee endorsed him by secret ballot Friday. The House of Bishops voted to do the same.

The final vote had been scheduled for Monday but was delayed at the last minute for an investigation of the claims against Robinson.

Bishop Gordon Scruton of Western Massachusetts, who conducted the investigation, determined Tuesday that there was no need for a full-blown inquiry and the debate on Robinson proceeded immediately after.

Scruton said the touching incident "was in public view and was brief" and happened at a church meeting where Robinson put his hand on a man's back and arm while engaged in a conversation.

The claim of inappropriate touching was e-mailed to Vermont Bishop Thomas Ely by David Lewis of Manchester, Vt. A family friend said Tuesday that Lewis never intended the allegations to go public. Scruton said Lewis told him he did not want to file a formal complaint.

The other concern was a pornographic link found on a Web site of Outright, a secular outreach program for Gay and Lesbian youth. Robinson helped found the Concord, N.H., chapter of the group, but Scruton said the clergyman ended his association with the organization in 1998 and "was not aware that the organization has a Web site until this convention."

"In both allegations it is my conclusion that there is no necessity to pursue further investigation," Scruton said in a speech to bishops.

If conservatives do decide to break away, it is unclear what that would mean for the Episcopal Church. Some parishes could split from their dioceses and refuse to recognize clergy who support homosexuality, but stop short of a complete separation.

A full schism would trigger, among other things, bitter fights over parish assets and undercut the global influence of the U.S. church.

Griswold and Archbishop of

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UPDATE

Trial Delayed In Local Hate Crime Murder

TUCSON - The trial of a man accused of beating another man to death in part because he was Gay has been pushed to next year, the Tucson Citizen reported.

David Augustine Higdon, 21, had been scheduled for trial Aug. 19 in the baseball bat killing and robbery of Philip A. Walsted, 24. Tucson police labeled the attack a hate crime.

Superior Court Judge Frank Dawley Monday granted the prosecution's request for more time and set the trial for Feb. 3.

But Dawley set a Sept. 15 status conference to discuss attorneys' schedules and the possibility of moving the trial up.

Deputy County Attorney Teresa Godoy asked for the delay because she did not have enough time to study evidence still being gathered by the defense.

Defense attorney Richard Parrish requested Higdon's \$1 million bond be lowered to allow for release so he would not "vegetate" in jail. Dawley quickly denied the request.

Walsted, 24, was killed June 12, 2002. The American Airlines reservations worker was found at 4:50 a.m., lying on the street at East Fifth Street and North Hoff Avenue, about a block and a half from his home.

Desert Voices Seek Accompanist And Board Members

TUCSON - Desert Voices is currently seeking an accompanist for their upcoming 15th season.

The GLBT/SATB chorus rehearses on Monday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at MCC. Anyone interested in applying should contact the chorus at (520) 791-9662, go to their website at <http://www.desertvoices.org> or email them at info@desertvoices.org.

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The fun starts at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 9 at Vaudeville Cabaret located in downtown Tucson at 110 East Congress. There is a \$5 cover, and 100% of the proceeds will benefit the work of TIHAN. For more information contact Darren Clark, (520) 884-8455 or Scott Blades, 299-6647.

County Where Fred Phelps Resides Bans Anti-Gay Discrimination

TOPEKA - In Shawnee County, Kan., home Westboro Baptist Church and its anti Gay pastor, Fred Phelps, commissioners on Monday, July 21, unanimously approved a ban on discrimination in county employment based on sexual orientation.

The commission heard more than an hour of testimony from people on both sides of the issue, including accusations from opponents that the ban would create a protected class for Gays and Lesbians. Commission chairman Vic Miller said he decided to introduce the policy after the U.S. Supreme Court threw out state sodomy laws such as one on the books in Kansas. He said he had been reluctant to introduce the matter while the state had a law making Gay sex illegal, even in the privacy of the home. Miller said there was a misunderstanding about the extent of the county resolution, which he said carried much less weight than a similar-sounding measure the Topeka city council debated last year.

There was no official response from Phelps or his followers after approval of the policy. But in a letter to commissioners prior to its passage, Phelps said, "Homosexuals are not a legitimate class either needing or deserving such protection. They define themselves only by their deviant sexual conduct."

John Green

TUCSON - John Green, a long time member of the Tucson LGBT community, passed away after a decade and a half battle with HIV.

John moved here from Baltimore approximately 10 years ago and has been active with SAAF and various other organizations in Tucson throughout that time. John died in hospice with his family and good friend Mark Muchmore present.

A viewing and service took place on August 6 and 7. John will be missed by many.

Washington Post Publishes G/L Marriage Announcement

WASHINGTON - The Washington Post on Wednesday, July 23, published the announcement of Deb Price and Joyce Murdoch's wedding—their legal marriage in Canada—one of the first announcements of a legal same-sex marriage to run in a major U.S. newspaper.

The move was also the first placement of a same-sex couple's wedding announcement on the Weddings page by the Post. The Post's rule has long been that the Weddings page is open only to couples who are announcing an engagement to be legally wed, have just been legally wed, or are celebrating the anniversary of their lawful marriage. Other sorts of announcements, including civil unions, run on the Post's Celebrations page. Wednesday's announcement ran on the Weddings page.

Deb Price and Joyce Murdoch were married at 10:30 a.m. on June 27 in Toronto City Hall's wedding chapel by officiant George McConnachie. A couple since 1985, Price and Murdoch met at The Washington Post, where they both were employed as editors. In November 1993 they became the first registered domestic partners in their hometown of Takoma Park, Md. In May 1995, on the day of their 10th anniversary, they were denied a marriage license at the Montgomery County, Md., courthouse. On July 2, 2000, they were united in a civil union by Justice of the Peace Keith Goslant in Plainfield, Vt.

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Backlash On Rights Issues

Seen In New Poll

PRINCETON - Responding perhaps to the avalanche of news reports exploring the significance of the Supreme Court's June 26 decision legalizing sodomy, two new polls conducted by the Gallup organization reveal a significant drop in the percentage of Americans who consider Gay relationships acceptable.

Gallup pollsters note that mainstream American acceptance of the notion that "homosexual relations between consenting adults" should be legal had -- until July of 2003 -- slowly increased, from a low point of 32 percent recorded in 1986 to the high point of 60 percent this May.

Two recent polls conducted by Gallup reveal a dramatic reversal of this trend. From the May high of 60 percent, a July 18-20 poll found 50 percent of Americans saying that Gay and Lesbian relations should be legal. A just completed July 25-27 poll suggests continued erosion, with only 48 percent taking that position now.

Gallup notes similar shifts in the stated support Americans are now likely to give to the idea of Vermont style civil unions. When asked if same-sex couples should be able to "legally form civil unions, giving them some of the legal rights of married couples," 49 percent said yes in May compared to just 40 percent now.

This is the lowest mark of public support for a civil equivalent of marriage since Gallup began asking the question in October 2000.

The slump in public support surrounding Gay issues appears across the board. Asked in May, 54 percent of Americans said that "homosexuality should be considered an acceptable lifestyle." Only 46 percent say so now.

Analysts say that critics of the Supreme Court decision in the nation's media have been able to frame the impact of the decision as leading inevitably toward the legalization of Gay marriage.

Many speculate that in contemplating dramatic changes in American society have moved people into a more conservative stance on the issue -- but most analysts see this a brief interruption in a much larger social trend toward social liberalization on Gay issues.

And a poll taken by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press in late June and early July found that opposition to Gay legal rights had been declining in recent years. Those who strongly opposed Gay marriage had declined from 41 percent in 1996 to 30 percent, and those who supported it had increased from 27 percent to 38 percent.

"As this has become more of an issue, there appears to be some backlash against it as (conservative) leadership has taken up the cudgels," said Andrew Kohut of the Pew Research Center, referring to Republican-led efforts on a proposed constitutional amendment banning Gay marriage. "The issue has become politicized."

Bravo Sets More Records With Gay Programming

NEW YORK - The Bravo cable channel's new hit show "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" pulled in a record number of television viewers on Tuesday night, beating the record set during its premiere earlier this month, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

The show, featuring five Gay men out to remake a "fashion-challenged" straight guy, became the highest rated in Bravo's history with 2.8 million people watching the 10 p.m. program.

"We couldn't be more pleased with the results, and Bravo is on its way to becoming destination television," said Bravo president Jeff Gaspin.

"Queer Eye" is doing so well that Bravo's parent company, NBC, wants a piece of the action. A half-hour version of the premiere episode was shown after "Will & Grace" on the network last Thursday. Now, after record setting ratings on Tuesday night, the New York Post said NBC is also considering re-airing this week's episode.

Bravo actually has two hits on its new Gay-themed Tuesday night lineup. The premiere episode of the reality show "Boy Meets Boy" gathered 1.6 million viewers. While the total number watching "Boy" was slightly smaller than the premiere of "Queer Eye," it still considerably boosted Bravo's average viewer totals for the 9 p.m. time slot.

"Boy" is a show similar to ABC's "The Bachelor," only in this case it's a Gay man who has 15 possible mates to choose from. The show makes life more difficult for the leading man because he doesn't

know which of his suitors are Gay or straight.

Despite the Gay-themed appearance of Bravo's lineup, Gaspin said the target audience is actually women and that Bravo is absolutely not becoming a Gay network. "Not that there's anything wrong with that," Gaspin said, quoting a famous "Sienfeld" episode.

NBC's cable news channel MSNBC reported on its Web site that there was internal debate at Bravo over how to market the shows. The network decided to drop Gay viewers to the number two slot and spend the majority of its marketing dollars on women. The network said the reason for the decision is that Gay viewers are not tracked by television ratings company Nielsen.

The shows are being carefully screened by GLBT groups like the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD).

"Bravo is being very inclusive, and we hope to see more from them," GLAAD entertainment media director Scott Seomin told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network. "What the ratings prove is that Gays and Lesbians are starved to see themselves in the media."

GLAAD however does have some concern over the "straight" twist on "Boy."

"The fact that this is TV's first Gay romantic reality show is interesting enough," said Seomin. "The straight twist seems unnecessary and even cruel to the show's leading man."

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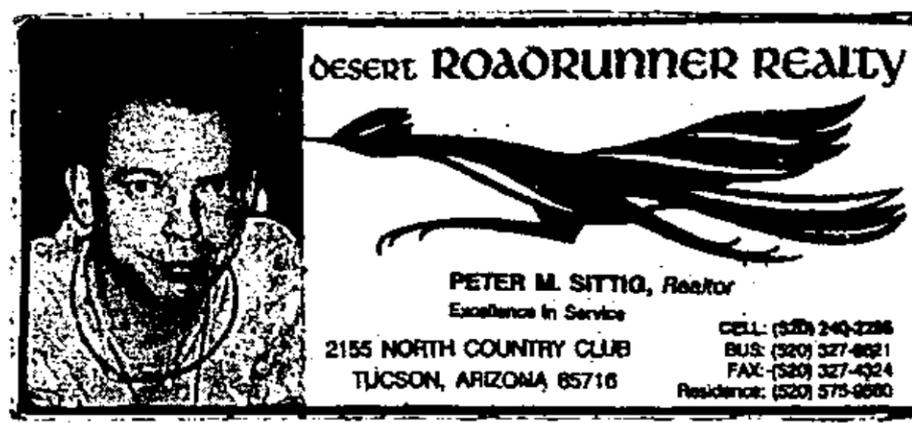
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Bush Rejects G/L Marriage; Activists React

WASHINGTON - In one of his rare news conferences since taking office, President George W. Bush tried on Wednesday, July 30 to steer an innocuous middle course on the subject of same-sex marriage but failed, the *Gay.com/PlanetOut.com* network reported.

Within an hour or so of his brief comments on the subject, he was denounced in quickly drafted press releases from major activist groups, including the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force (NGLTF) and the National Stonewall Democrats.

Asked about his "view on homosexuality," Bush replied: "Yeah, I'm mindful that we're all sinners. And I caution those who may try to take the speck out of their neighbor's eye when they got a log in their own. I think it's very important for our society to respect each individual, to welcome those with good hearts, to be a welcoming country."

"On the other hand," he went on, "that does not mean that somebody like me needs to compromise on issues such as marriage. I believe in the sanctity of marriage. I believe a marriage is between a man and a woman. And I think we ought to codify that one way or another. And we've got lawyers looking at the best way to do that."

Watchdogs at GLAAD immediately called on the media to "scrutinize" the president's comments, questioning his use of the religiously charged word "sanctity," in reference to the civil status of marriage. Further, GLAAD observed that the president "seems to ignore or demonstrate a lack of awareness of existing federal law." The 1996 Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) defines marriage for federal purposes as a union between a man and a woman, and

also gives states the right to set their own policies for recognizing same-sex marriage.

HRC was similarly confused by the president's use of the word "codify."

"We ask the president," said Political Director Winnie Stachelberg, "to explain to the American people why DOMA does not already meet the objective he set this morning."

At NGLTF, Executive Director Matt Foreman took issue with the implication that Gay men and Lesbians were "sinners," and like his counterparts, noted that the administration has "taken weeks to come up with the idea of proposing legislation that was passed into law in 1996."

Because of DOMA, limitations on same-sex marriage are already codified in federal statute, although many legal experts believe the act is vulnerable to constitutional challenge once same-sex marriage is legalized in an American state. As such, the most ardent opponents of same-sex marriage are advocating for a constitutional amendment, which would pre-empt state and federal courts from striking unequal marriage laws. Bush has worried the Christian right by declining to support the amendment, telling the press earlier this month that he wasn't sure it was "necessary as yet."

With Wednesday's remarks, Bush may have mollified his conservative base. Yet it is clear from the various reactions that many in the Gay community were not appeased by Bush's "welcoming" preface, and that activists are not prepared to let him off the hook on same-sex marriage. With many predicting that same-sex marriage will be a major issue in the 2004 election, the instantaneous backlash against the president may be an indication of things to come.

World Responds To Vatican Message

NEW YORK - Many of the daily newspapers in the capitals of the world's leading democracies, took pointed issue with the Vatican, when it called on Catholic lawmakers to campaign against the recognition of Gay unions and families.

The Vatican's new guidelines -- which characterized same-sex unions as "deviant", "evil" and "gravely immoral," and compared the raising of children in loving Gay households as tantamount to committing "violence" upon them -- piggybacked on a news cycle spurred by President George Bush's comments opposing marriage equality.

Germany's Sueddeutsche Zeitung condemned the "sharp, anti-Gay text" as another example of the Vatican's distorted thinking on sexuality in general, and homosexuality, in particular. Austria's Der Standard was even more frank. "Let us not beat about the bush," said the daily, "the Catholic Church is a hopeless case."

El Mundo, published in Madrid, expressed alarm at the church's behavior. "What the Vatican is trying to do - and not for the first time - goes far beyond a pastoral decree. It wants Catholics to mobilize themselves to hinder the legislative process in secular, democratic countries."

The Irish Independent, published in Dublin, expressed disquiet with language that its editors felt was needlessly harsh, but the newspaper found "nothing surprising in the document." It was, said the paper, merely "a reiteration of the traditional catholic teaching against homosexual acts and homosexual unions."

Eileen McNamara of the Boston Globe wrote that while she had no problem with the Pope telling Catholics how the church sees marriage between Gay people, it was unacceptable for him "to order Catholic policy-makers to work to defeat what more and more people accept as a fundamental civil right."

London's Guardian pointed out that Britain's Gay couples will be offered the same legal rights as heterosexual married couples by 2010 and said that while the Church of England debates the role of Gay people in the church, the Roman Catholic's unmovable stance is making Gay sexuality "Christianity's next Darwinism."



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POLITICS 2003

'Bashing GLBT Citizens & Their Rights Is The Issue, Thanks To The GOP'

In a July 30 interview for Tucson's afternoon newspaper, U.S. Representative Jim Kolbe, R-CD 8, actually expounded on the topic of homosexuality but what he said didn't quite pan out.

"Republicans, including President Bush," Kolbe said, "are not likely to enter a debate brewing over a Supreme Court ruling that could open the door for Gay marriages, and that he 'expects Democrats to make an issue of the White House's silence on the issue in coming campaigns.'"

Kolbe goes on to actually state, "There will be some that will attempt to raise it, but I think the vast majority is going to try very hard not to get into this debate."

Will somebody please explain to Jimbo that this is the "bread and butter" issue for the Republicans, his supposed standing as a Member of Congress, and a Republican, not withstanding, since he's either clueless, hadn't received the memo from Karl Rove yet, or watched the Republicans favorite channel, the Fascist News Channel owned by Rupert Murdoch.

Gee Jimbo, what about the bile that spilled out of Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, a Republican that "caring" doctor from Tennessee, who said an amendment banning any recognition of a same-sex union was needed to protect our society from this threat?

What about the GOP's "Occupier-And-Thief", residing at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, said this past week that marriage is between a man and a woman and that he has his lawyers looking into a way to codify this bigotry and imposition of ingrained religious thought into law?

So was the Defense of Marriage Act, enacted in 1996 and which Kolbe voted in favor, just a walk in the park?

Then there is Arizona's junior

Senator, Jon Kyl, someone you think Kolbe would be familiar with and who just happens to be a Republican, and chair of the Republican Policy Committee, who after the momentous Supreme Court decision, *Lawrence v. Texas*, drafted a 12-page document, dated July 29 and entitled, "The Threat To Marriage From The Courts."

Kyl's document warns that same-sex marriage is a "threat" and must be dealt with by the U.S. Senate and offers a strategic road map on how to curb marriage equality and states that "nothing will stop determined activists and their judicial allies from pursuing this agenda - only a constitutional amendment can do that."

This policy paper is considered the official position of the Republican Leadership, a fact that Kolbe should know and was taken to heart by another Member of Congress.

This past week, U.S. Senator John Cornyn, R-DubyaVille, said he will "investigate" whether new laws should be passed to strengthen the federal definition of marriage as an opposite-sex union.

"I believe that we must take care to do whatever it takes to ensure that the principles defined in the Defense of Marriage Act remain the law of the land," Cornyn said, probably warming the cockles of Kolbe's heart, since he voted in favor of this in 1996.

Recently, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force released a poll conducted at pride events in New York, Washington D.C., and Los Angeles which stated that 76% of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender voters plan to cast their ballot for the Democratic presidential candidate, 12% would cast their vote for a third-party candidate and only 5% would vote to actually elect Dubya, to no surprise with all that has transpired, something someone should tell Jimbo about.

Changing The Subject And Breaking A Promise

by Barney Frank, D-Massachusetts

For anyone who was wondering, President Bush's press conference makes clear that Karl Rove is not on summer vacation.

Faced with bad news on virtually every important policy front - Iraq, North Korea, Liberia, the deficit, unemployment, congressional deadlock on prescription drugs - President Bush has taken the advice of his chief advisor, Mr. Rove, and tried to change the subject, even though it means repudiating a position taken by vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney at the height of the presidential campaign.

Incredibly, Mr. Bush is trying to persuade the country that instead of persistent high unemployment, one trillion dollars in new federal debt over the next two years, continued American deaths in Iraq, unhindered progress towards a North Korean nuclear capacity and a bogging down on his agenda in Congress, Americans should be seriously worried about the prospect that two men who love each other might be allowed to become legally and financially responsible for each other.

If the tactic seems familiar, it's because it is. In 1996, faced with Bill

Clinton's popularity, the Republicans rolled out the Defense of Marriage Act, asserting - wholly falsely it is now clear - that a tidal wave of Gay marriages was about to surge out of Hawaii and engulf America.

With President Bush's popularity dropping and the serious problems confronting America worsening, the Administration seeks to divert attention by demagoguing on the issue of same-sex unions. This is a far cry from October of 2000 when, seeking votes from supporters of equal rights, Dick Cheney told a national television audience that the question of same-sex relationships should be left to the states, and that there should be no federal policy on the matter.

Now, with the votes gained from that appeal safely in hand, and with political troubles mounting, Mr. Rove has prescribed a little demagogic dishonesty. As with the war in Iraq, we are now told that Mr. Cheney's campaign assertion is to be filed under the heading of "never mind," and the American people are to be persuaded that repelling the threat of same-sex couples rivals unemployment, trillions in new debt, and a quagmire in Iraq as problems facing the nation.

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March to a different drummer this week as August delivers Mars, Uranus, Neptune and even Mercury all retrograde. Retrogrades change the course of things. Tables turn and paths shift. Good thing too comrade; life is much more interesting when view from a different position. How about prone?

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

There is no telling what the planets will deliver to you this August, rainbow Rambo. Experience a party punch concoction of pals, pleasure and places yet to be explored. The only thing that is guaranteed is that there are no guarantees. Will your summer end with a lurid wilde romance? Does it involve zippered leather masks and velveta? Oh, we can only hope so!

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Queer Bulls are apt to get off course professionally this August as a rampage of retrograding planets have other plans for you. Randy rollicking compadres tempt you to ignore long term professional goals as they set you on a different orbit in an entirely different galaxy. But before you blast off, check to see if the accommodations are to your liking. Twin beds? Fuggetaboutit.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

August has a way over over-exposing your cinematic debut. Pink Twins may be trying to hard or may be too trying rather than too hard. Retrograde Mars and Uranus make your every move earthshaking and upending, especially around those in power. Will you break a few eggs? You can stir it into a fluffy omelette if you can toss off your yoiks and get cooking!



CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Although pink Crabs seem to lack confidence this August, this is only a charade. You actually possess great hidden reserves of power and the month-long parade of retrograde planets can help you wrench open up a few locked boxes of treasure for you. The world is your oyster and every speck of dirt is a potential pearl. Create a strand and lets see how cultured it is.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

A few missteps may have you thinking that you have lost your intuitive capability but that is all nonsense, proud Lion. It is just that you have your head in the clouds and cannot see all the potholes with all these retrograding planets. Although your pick of the litter may ultimately be the runt, there is much to recommend the pint size version. Size doesn't matter. Or does it...?

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Queer Virgins have the gift of gab, at least until Mercury retrogrades and turns your bon mots into old cheese. Better make your case before the 28th, cousin. Quickly set a new course, go in a new direction and meet new people. Who knows? This August may bring a new perspective on old relationships. Out with the old and in with the new? How about just plain Out?

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

There is more than meets the queer eye when all these planets retrograde through your chart this August. Some folks think Gay Libras are all surface and no depth, but you prove the skeptics wrong. Both retrograding Mars and Uranus show how deep one can probe before they hit bedrock. Prepare to break a few drill bits in the process. Anyone we know??

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Fun can take on a netherworldly life of its own this August so be warned proud Scorp. You take things to excess and enough may never be enough. As you party hearty, retro Mars and Uranus have a few surprises that may come as a shock to you. Your antics may spill over into your homelife if you are not careful. Or maybe, just maybe, it was all part of the plan??

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

The ground continues to tremble as August brings a new emphasis on home and family issues. Proud Archers have a few dramatic changes in mind when they purchase a demolition ball but I can think of better things to do with hard balls. Let the clouds clear and allow heated emotions to settle down before you take action. And maybe the best action is inaction?

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Hang on while mysteries unravel and secrets are revealed. Pink Caps will experience a very exciting August as a gaggle of retrograding planets ignite your imagination, inflame your speech and blast your thoughts and opinions globally. Contemplate your next move, pardner, and weigh your words before you bleat. You want to make a strong shout not a weak whisper.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

You think you look fabulous but, with retro Neptune in your sign, it is best to ask the opinion of a trusted advisor before you venture out. A bunch of retrograde planets has Aqueerians wondering why their best moves do not quite do the trick. If you fail to please, don't panic. Wait until others discover your true genius on their own. Tell them to pack a magnifying glass.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

There may be a tendency to squander your efforts this August when Uranus, Mars, Neptune, Pluto and Mercury retrograde and stir your pot into a feeding frenzy. Guppies think they are on top of things but the planets have a way of making you the bottom. Don't drive yourself crazy trying to control the forces. Lie back and enjoy the rest of the summer. Bring on the tanning oil!

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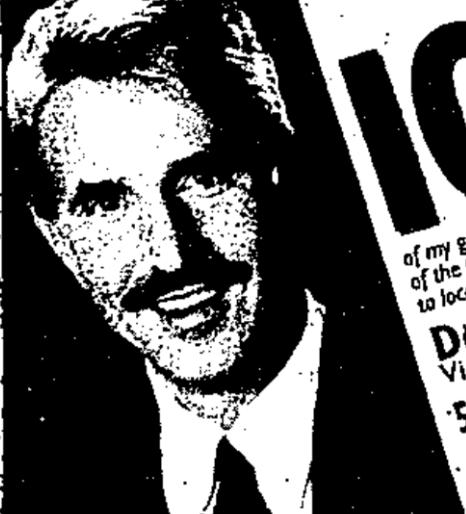


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Most human rights outfits are all business. They're dead serious. They focus on certain kinds of clients and/or certain types of cases because specialization results in the most efficient expenditures of time and money, the biggest bang for the buck.

If you're a victim of a human rights abuse and you fit the profile of one of these organizations, you've got a shot at getting some free help to redress your grievance.

All this is as it should be. Human rights are good. Efficiency is good. And far be it from me to knock productivity. But given the current setup, there are tons and tons of human rights abuses that fall through the chasms.

Take the old drunk who was beaten to death in the Pima County Jail a couple of Decembers ago for no apparent reason. In my admittedly romantic and voluptuous view of human rights, his were violated at least three times: first by the person who actually killed him, then by the prosecutor who refused to charge that person, and finally by the mainstream press who failed to question the prosecutor's malfeasance. But the old drunk never became a human rights issue because he didn't fit any human rights outfit's criteria for a likely project.

Or take the indigent Tucson City Court defendant whose recent request for a free lawyer was denied despite the clear language and clear intent of a State law that entitled her to have one. The Chief Magistrate pointed out in a letter to me that no higher State court had instructed the City Court that it couldn't make such denials. I replied that I didn't find it very surprising that indigent defendants denied trial counsel hadn't hired pricey appeals lawyers to get those denials overturned. But here again we have a case that doesn't fit any human rights group's agenda.

Consider the human rights of the victims of the City's notorious porn-shop extortion racket wherein people are spied upon and arrested for masturbating behind the locked doors of one-person booths whose only conceivable purpose is to provide a private place with erotic visual stimulation in which to masturbate. And once again no human rights group seems particularly interested in going after municipal extortion.

What we need in this town, in

addition to whatever efficient, cost-effective targeted human rights operations we may have, is a whimsical inefficient unpredictable human rights group. A good name for it might be Dilettantes United For Human Rights. DUFUR, pronounced "doofer," would make a nice soft ineffectual sounding acronym.

DUFUR's mission would be to poke into human rights issues that don't fit anybody else's profile. Its methods wouldn't involve hiring powerful lawyers to file expensive suits. DUFUR could do a lot more good by creating publicity for and political agitation about human rights abuses that are going unnoticed.

Twenty people writing twenty individualized letters asking local news outlets why they've been turning a blind eye to some official malfeasance would have an enormous impact. Twenty letters to each City Council member demanding a justification of the aforementioned porn-shop extortion racket would likely put said racket out of business.

The media have an overwhelming desire to get into bed with the elected officials and bureaucrats who can give them or deny them easy access to news. They get into those beds knowing that they're violating their journalistic ethics by doing so and hoping that nobody will notice. A DUFUR group screaming, "Get out of bed with that prosecutor, sheriff or council person!" would trigger a guilt reaction more salutary than a score of unreported lawsuits.

Letter writing campaigns can be very effective when they are done with individualized letters instead of the same one with nothing changed but the signature block. The same is true of concerted bunches of phone calls. And also with concerted appearances at public meetings. All these highly effective methods are dirt cheap.

A small number of dilettantes working at the leisurely pace that befits them, picking their shots, using creativity, surprise and just a dash of moral indignation, could change the way this town does business, especially the way it does business with the defenseless.

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

What Makes Our Town Tick?
 Calabazamusic@yahoo.com By Jerry D.

Hello readers! Those of you familiar with my column know that this time each year I take a moment to reflect the loss of my sister Nancy. It was only 1999 when she passed on at the very young age of 26. There is not a day that goes by where I do not think of what she could have done with her life on this plane. But I also reminisce about how she truly lived a full life in that short span. I have since met many cancer survivors and tell each of them the story of my brave little sister taking on the disease. If her story can help just one person, then her life was truly with a purpose no one will ever measure.

Another cancer survivor, Carly Simon, got a short blurb in this weeks news that I found interesting. At her home on Martha's Vineyard, Simon held an auction

that was truly original. She raised money for her Martha's Foundation, which helps cancer survivors, by auctioning one of music's best-kept secrets. The sum of 50,000 dollars sounded the gavel on the identification of which Simon is singing about in her 1972 hit "You're So Vain".

The release of "Your So Vain" was not at its time as press worthy as this auction is today. Simon released the song at a time when she was in charge of the music scene. Before there was a "soft rock" category, and long before the title "diva" was thrown around, Simon had a lock on both terms with her smooth style. Her sultry voice and sexy persona made for a perfect marketing machine. Men wanted her, and

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women wanted to be her. The song was quickly accepted by the masses and became one of Simon's best chart toppers.

Along with it though, came the controversy of whom it was she was singing about.

At a time when television news was still restricted to one nightly broadcast, the question of the mystery person in the song did not raise much of a fuss. Circles in the music industry fueled the fire of the controversy, mostly in part to Simon's backup singer on the song, Mick Jagger. The other prominent names that were whispered of were Warren Beatty, whom Simon dated, and James Taylor, who she would later marry and have children with. The song rolled down the charts and the question remained a radio station staple whenever the hit was played.

Simon did not make headlines again until a couple of years ago. She was diagnosed with breast cancer and decided to make that as public as her music. Her bravery and conviction to remain private in a public world inspired other stars to reveal their own battle with the disease. She has since had a mastectomy, and lives cancer free today. Her music has gone from songs

about affairs to songs about survival and the pain that only the person with the disease knows about. Her Martha's Vineyard based organization has raised money for years with little press and advertising.

Carly Simon will reveal the mystery person to Dick Ebersol, the head of the sports department at NBC. The one stipulation from his purchase is that he not reveal the name to anyone, ever. Irony takes its place when a television executive is given a piece of information he can not announce. Simon has used the press to her advantage since she came on to the music scene over 30 years ago.

If you get a chance, get a copy of "You're So Vain". In an era where even remotely mentioning someone in song or print is grounds for law suits, its nice to hear what rock and roll was like back then. Listen to Mick Jagger singing in the background and wonder if its him she is evaluating. You can get as many opinions from as many people you ask regarding who it is. I have my own view, but like Simon, I would just rather listen to the tune and enjoy the melody. Rock music has aided in war, famine, political unrest and conflict. It's nice to have it help against a dreaded disease too. Have a great week and remember to register to vote!



EDITOR:

As a US citizen, it is distressing to me that a (s)lected leader of a country founded on the principles of Freedom of Religion and Separation of Church and State, would stand on the White House lawn and openly base a political decision on his muddled understanding of Christian scripture-bearing in mind that many US Americans are not Christians.

But, even if I follow Bush's convoluted Christian political rhetoric, because I am a woman who loves another woman, Bush judges me a sinner and not deserving of the same right as a heterosexual US American—the right to marry the person I love. If Bush would read his Bible more closely, he would learn that Jesus never said anything about homosexuality. However, Jesus and the Bible are very clear about murder—Thou Shalt not Kill.

During George W. Bush's bloody reign as governor of Texas and President of the United States, he has needlessly attacked and taken over two countries, killing nearly 250 US and British soldiers and thousands of Iraqi civilians—and though the "war" has officially ended, every day more US soldiers and Iraqi civilians die in Bush's name. He is the first president in decades to execute a federal prisoner; and as Governor of Texas, he oversaw over the execution of over 150 human beings.

If there really is a Heaven, and Bush and I are standing in line, I know the love and sweetness I share with my partner will enter the Gates long before Bush's destruction and desecration of human life.

Cathy Busha
Tucson

EDITOR:

I wanted to express my sincere gratitude to David Huff, Frank Schepis, and the staff of IBT's for once again hosting Wingspan at their weekly Sunday barbecue.

This is just one of the many ways that Dave and Frank offer leadership for our community. Over the years, they have supported every important issue affecting

the LGBT community and they have done so with grace, wit, and charm.

Tucson spirit would be poorer without them.

Kent Burbank
Executive Director - Wingspan
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EDITOR:

It's too bad that groups like Wingspan and the Lambda Legal Defense don't support couples seeking marriage licenses in Arizona at this time. Their argument says we must wait for the perfect strategy with the perfect couple in the perfect state. Only then can we proceed with our civil rights cases. But, I don't think the groups representing the community understand the mood of people these days. If you're waiting for the perfect state and the perfect couple, you had better get a move on it. (Aren't their any queers in San Francisco who want to get married?) Those of us who see marriage licenses as the next logical step wonder what everyone is waiting for!

The Texas couple who's recent suit lead to the overturning of sodomy law at the Supreme Court were from the most conservative state in the country, with the most conservative court ever assembled. Had they waited for the perfect strategy from our community groups, they would still be in Texas paying a fine.

It's a shame that our community groups feel the way you do. Everyone should be supported who has a valid claim for civil rights. Our community center and legal groups are not there to control the community but to support it. If someone has filed for a marriage license and is then denied it, then we all must stand with these people until they get that license, no matter where they live.

It's time community groups and the community center took the lead rather than waiting around for the perfect case, because I have news for you, we're not waiting.

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Officials Defend Plans For GLBT High School

NEW YORK - City officials on Thursday, July 31 defended the creation of a new public high school for Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered students after the head of the state Conservative Party threatened to file a lawsuit against the school.

At a City Hall news conference, supporters of Harvey Milk High School said it is needed to protect Gay and Lesbian students from harassment and physical attacks. "These kids are the most likely to be hurt or to hurt themselves," said city council speaker Gifford Miller. Councilwoman Margarita Lopez said students who will attend Harvey Milk "are there because they have been brutalized. This program provides them with a safe haven and a chance to get an education."

State Conservative Party chairman Michael Long, a vocal critic of the school, said the school illegally discriminates against students based on sexual orientation. He said he's looking into filing a lawsuit against the city to shut the school down. The city has spent \$750,000 to expand the school. "The issue is whether taxpayers' money should go toward segregated schools and promoting the Gay lifestyle," Long said. "We are looking at taking many angles against this."

The school is an expansion of a two-classroom public school program that began in 1984. A Gay rights youth advocacy group, the Hetrick-Martin Institute, has managed and financed the program since its inception. Renovations will be complete in the fall, and officials at the school said it is open to any child threatened in school, straight or Gay.

Earlier Thursday more than 80 Hispanic ministers voted unanimously to back Long's effort to file a lawsuit. "Every child suffers violence, not only the Gay children," said the Reverend Ruben Diaz of the New York Hispanic Clergy Organization. "You do not fight violence through segregation; segregation in this country is over."

Diaz said that separate schools may be needed for students with physical disabilities but not for students of different sexual orientations. "These people are normal," he said. "Normal people do not need special education."

Episcopalians Elect Openly Gay Bishop

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Canterbury Rowan Williams, the leader of the Anglican Communion, each issued pleas for unity before the national meeting began.

Those who support a wider role for Gays in the church contend that conservatives exaggerated the potential for a split, and note that among the bishops threatening to leave are some who pledged to walk away before over issues such as ordaining women — then did not follow through.

But many Episcopalians believe the debate over homosexuality has been more divisive.

Bishops from Africa, Asia and Latin America, representing more than a third of Anglican Communion members worldwide, took the unprecedented step this year of severing relations with a diocese

that authorizes same-sex blessings — the Diocese of New Westminster, based in Vancouver, British Columbia.

One of the leaders in that split was Archbishop Peter Akinola, head of the Anglican Church of Nigeria, which serves 17.5 million people and ranks second in size to the mother Church of England among 38 Anglican branches.

Some conservative American parishes had already formed breakaway movements, such as the Anglican Mission in America, which remains within the Anglican Communion but rejects the Episcopal Church.

The American Anglican Council, which represents conservative Episcopalians, said before Monday's vote that if delegates approved Robinson's election, opponents would hold an "extraordinary meeting" in October to decide their next move.

Wingspan Announces Honorees

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presented this year to Lavina Tomer. The Hall Award is named after long-time Wingspan supporter, Stephen Hall, who died of AIDS-related complications in September 2001. The Award recognizes an individual who best embodies Steve Hall's commitment and dedication toward advancing the mission, values and work of Wingspan.

Lavina Tomer created the Wingspan Domestic Violence Program in 1993, just one year after leaving an abusive Lesbian relationship. The counselors she worked with during her recovery did not understand Lesbian domestic violence, and were unwilling to recognize that it was just as serious and traumatizing as in heterosexual relationships.

Lavina began speaking out in the community about Lesbian and Gay domestic violence, bravely telling her own story and talking about the need for services. She published several articles in local magazines and newspapers. Soon the organization had an advisory committee, a working board, and a fiscal sponsor. It began fundraising, and hired a DV advocate to carry a beeper and answer crisis calls.

Through constant publicity, community dialogue and involvement, Lavina built a network of allies within the existing DV support structure in Tucson. Eventually, she gained enough support on the City DV Commission, and they began to print WDV's phone number on their brochure. Similarly, Lavina got the Project's number added to the cards that policemen hand out to crisis victims. The project began training staff members from local shelters and forming relationships with these organizations that have grown into solid collaborations.

Now, nearly 10 years later, thanks to Lavina's hard work and vision, the project has three staff members and is recognized as a model for other communities. It received the Arizona State Attorney General's office's 2000 Distinguished Service Award as well as the 2000 Victim Witness Award. Lavina's efforts have changed the lives of thousands of LGBT victims of domestic violence over the years. Additionally, the advocacy efforts that she began have influenced governmental and institutional policies profoundly, including expanding the state law regarding domestic violence so that LGBT victims can receive orders of protection and other rights.

Last year's Hall Award recipient was Jim Sincox.

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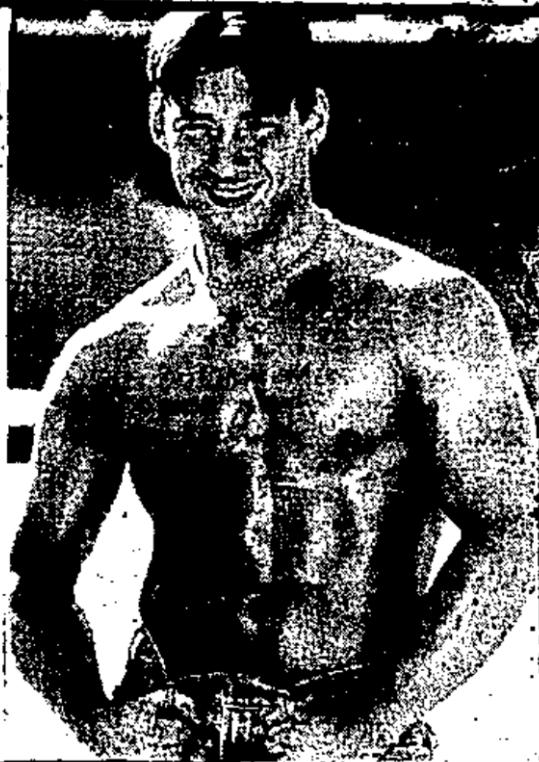
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COMMENTARY

Overreaching By Rome

Panicky Vatican has issued a warning to Catholic politicians not to support growing efforts to allow Gays the right to civil marriage.

church has lost its moral authority, since it ignored, condoned, and covered up a generation of sexual assault

Last week President Bush also waded into the debate over Gay marriage, opining that "we're all sinners"

The language in the document -- issued with the approval of Pope John Paul II -- is not just strong and committed but in some cases needlessly hurtful.

In 1980, Cardinal Humberto Medeiros warned the 2 million Catholics in the Boston Archdiocese not to vote for Democrats Barney Frank or James Shannon

Particularly galling is the language regarding the adoption of children by Gay people, which is already permitted in Massachusetts and elsewhere.

The common sense of the voters in the Fourth and Fifth congressional districts -- many of them Catholics -- overruled the church's meddling, and both Frank and Shannon won.

When it comes to doing violence to children, it seems obvious that the

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A View From The Rock

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For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, That whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. - John 3:16

"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

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John 3:16

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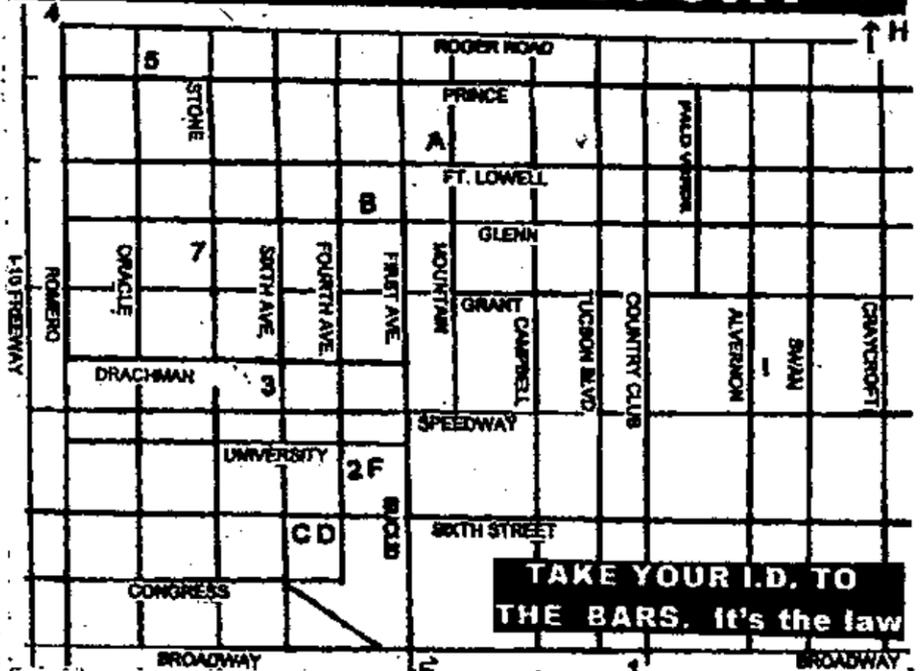
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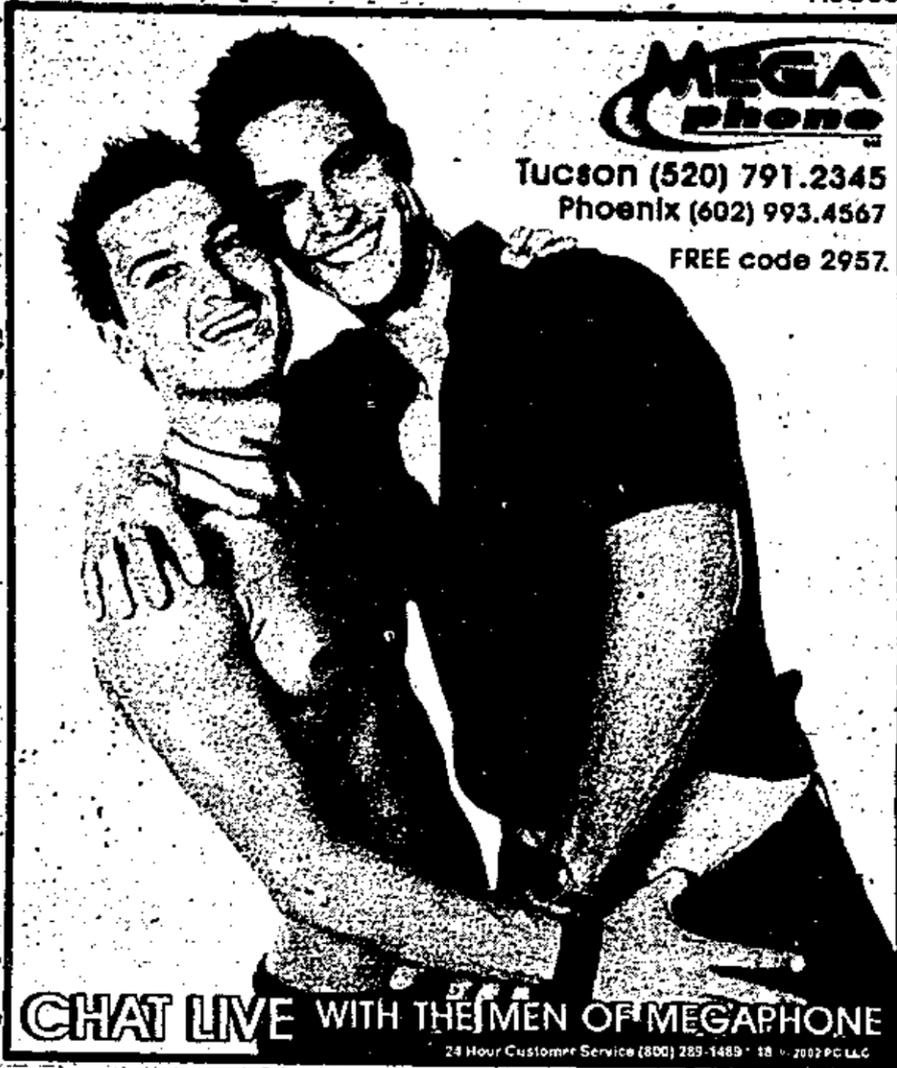
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"DR. X HAS ANSWERS"

Dear Dr. X,
 I have never really needed a doctor before but feel the need to get one. Any ideas on what to look for when choosing a doctor? I would like a gay or gay friendly doctor, as this would help me talk about stuff that I am embarrassed to talk about with a straight doctor. Any help is much appreciated.

Signed, Doctor Doctor

Dear Doctor Doctor,
 Gay men have issues that are unique to them and need to be able to discuss these issues openly and honestly without fear of judgment. I would recommend getting an Internist instead of a Family Practitioner, as an Internist deals mainly with adult medicine. When you look for a doctor you need to look into his availability. If the first available opening is a month away, this is not a good sign. It could mean that when you do get to see your doctor he'll be in and out of your room faster than your last "trick." It's very important to communicate with your doctor and ask questions. This is your health and your body that you're dealing with. Remember, he is there to help you, not judge you. Wingspan has a listing of gay friendly professionals that may also help you in your search. Good luck.

Dear Dr. X,
 Life seems to suck lately and nothing is going right. My friends seem to be stabbing me in the back; work is really

stressful; even sex seems emptier than usual. Am I depressed? I have heard that being bored and lonely are symptoms and I'm both of those. What can I do?

Signed, Down in the dumps

Dear Down in the dumps,
 It's true loss of interests and feelings of loneliness can be signs of depression, but you may just be in a low point or a "slump." Everyone goes through times in their life when work is stressful, friends suck and you just have no interest in anything. Here are a few tips you may want to try to help yourself out of your funk. Get plenty of rest and eat healthy foods. Talk to a family member or a good friend. Do something you enjoy. Go see a few movies. Try to avoid alcohol, since it is a depressant and will only multiply your feelings. If these things don't help and you stay in the state you're in for more than 3 weeks, I would suggest that you seek help from a professional. If you have health insurance through work you should look to see if a counseling program is offered. If not, check the yellow pages under Counselors/Mental Health Services. If you do seek help but you don't feel comfortable with the person you chose, try someone else. Good luck.

[Send your questions to Dr. X at gmhp@saaaf.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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Ad Campaign Targets Military's G/L Ban

WASHINGTON - A national ad campaign to be launched on August 1 will ask Congress to repeal the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which prohibits Gays and Lesbians from serving openly in the armed forces.

The "Lift the Ban" campaign is the work of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network and will feature Transgender activist Calpernia Addams, whose boyfriend, Pfc. Barry Winchell, was bludgeoned to death while he slept in his barracks at Fort Campbell, Ky., in 1999. The campaign will use postcards and print ads to ask constituents to visit www.lifttheban.org and urge Congress to repeal the antiGay policy. It features a photo of Addams with the headline "Soldiers Murdered Her Boyfriend. Now You Can Help." "Pfc. Barry Winchell was brutally murdered by fellow soldiers who perceived him to be Gay," the ad says, "because of his relationship with Calpernia Addams, a Transgender woman he met while serving in the Army. The time has come to end discrimination in our armed forces."

The campaign will launch as a postcard ad in Washington, D.C., and will be featured in publications throughout the country. "As a veteran, I know that every American, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, is touched by 'don't ask, don't tell,'" said Addams, who was the subject of Showtime's recent film *Soldier's Girl*. "This campaign honors Barry, the dedication of his parents, and the work of SLDN. It continues, together, our important campaign to repeal the military's unjust and discriminatory policies."

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NON-BAR CALENDAR GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Canasta Club meets to play this fun card game. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Marty at 722-8531.

The Gertrude Stein Salon, Tucson's group for LGBT Jews, hosts a Potluck Shabbas Dinner on Friday, August 8 at 7:30 pm. All LGBT Jews and their partners, families and friends are warmly invited to attend. We will greet the Shabbas Queen at 4514 E. Water Street (from Grant, north onto Goyette, East onto Water). Please RSVP to Meredith Trauner at 405-4841 or mtrauner@yahoo.com.

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

10:00 p.m. The Men's Relationship Group meets that includes a video on tantra. A great way to meet new men and make friends. Call Marc 881-4582 to reserve a space.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Tucson Prime Timers Brunch - 12:00 p.m. Molina's Restaurant, 3601 N. Campbell Ave.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

7-9 p.m. Mastering Masturbation. Intro to Tantra, bring some juice to share. Call 881-4582 for information.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

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

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

3:30 - 6:00 p.m. the Men's Group Massage meets. A great way to meet new men and make friends. Be nude dude and have some clean fun. Fee. Call Marc at 881-4582 for information and to reserve a place.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

10:00 p.m. The Men's Relationship Group meets that includes a video on tantra. A great way to meet new men and make friends. Call Marc 881-4582 to reserve a space.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner - 6:00 p.m. Maxim's Chinese Restaurant, 6440 E. Broadway

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Tantra Workshop 3-6 p.m. A new approach to sex. Discover a safe/better sex approach for fun and relationship. Call Marc a 881-4582.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Food & Drinks - 5 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

IBTS - 9:00 P.M., The "DivaLicious" Show hosted by Bunny FuFu and starring Saché, Chantelle Douglas and guests.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

VENTURE-N - Patio opens at 6:00 a.m. with Nic serving Mimosas, Bloody Marys and Screwdriver.

YARD DOG - Breakfast served here at 10:00 a.m. Tucson Knight Ows (TKO) Beer Bust 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

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. 3:00 p.m. still close, Sagnia Party \$2.50 Sangrias. Karaoke Party with Michael D. on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to Wingspan. 8:30 p.m. it's a special National Capitol Cities Show starring Ms. NCC 2003 Regina Gizelle, Mr. NCC 2003 Roosevelt Beliman, Janee Starr, Teri Aki, DJ Q and Jalissa Andrea Michaels.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

VENTURE-N - "Full Moon" Spaghetti Night 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. - \$2.00 with Chuck's 'fabulous' sauce.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - 50¢ UV Shots. \$2.75 Smirnoff Ice. Give-Aways 9:00 to 11:00 p.m. Hip Hop with DJ Senna 9-1.

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. DivaLicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Janee Starr, Tori Steele and Veronica Halliwell.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

VENTURE-N - Tom-N-Tattered Party 6:00 p.m. to close.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Hip Hop Friday and Shot Specials every half hour, \$1 Hot Sex Shots or Puckers all night! @ DJ Hill 9:00 to close.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

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. 3:00 p.m. still close, Sagnia Party \$2.50 Sangrias. 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 TIHAN. 8:00 p.m. it's Sissy Bingo with Ajia Simone. 9:00 p.m. Special Benefit Show for Bunny FuFu candidate for Miss Gay America starring Bunny FuFu, Janee Starr, Faith Michaels, Veronica Halliwell and Teri Aki.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

IBTS - The DivaLicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Samantha White, Lady Ashley and Janee Starr.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

VENTURE-N - Jungle Party 6:00 to close. Contest at 11:00 p.m. Free Lincolns. Jungle Juice Specials.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

VENTURE-N - Steak Night 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. \$5.00. Your meat or theirs. They provide the sides.

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Live Theatre Workshop presents "The Fourth Wall" by A.R. Gurney. Peggy has redecorated the living room. Her usual good taste has been tossed out the window. She has been driven to re-do the living room as if it were a stage. Everything faces one wall...the "fourth wall". Unable to handle the strange behavior of his wife any longer, Roger invites an old friend, Julia, up from New York to help him cope. Julia agrees that the situation is desperate and suggests that Roger call 976-NUTS and have Peggy put away which would also allow the two of them to have the affair they have never before thought about. Desperate to save his wife and marriage, Roger makes one last ditch effort and calls in the help of Floyd, an Assistant Professor of Dramatic Literature at a local college. Roger's plan backfires when Floyd, instead of bringing Peggy's "play" to a close, becomes completely wrapped up in her passion and inspires her to follow in St. Joan's footsteps, do what she must do, and break the fourth wall!

Show times are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinee at 3:00 p.m. only. Tickets range from \$14 - \$12. Call 327-4242 for reservations and information.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

Casino del Sol Amphitheater presents Earth Wind and Fire. Show starts at 8:00 p.m. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. TicketMaster 321-1000.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

Casino del Sol Amphitheater presents The Go Go's, Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo with special guests Green Vinyl Cream. TicketMaster 2321-1000.

Drinks

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

IBTS - 10am-8pm \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screws or Mimosas. Sangria Party \$2.50 from 4-1 Benefit Bar-B-Que 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 T.C. Wildman. 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Bar opens at noon. 10 oz Miller High Life draft 75¢ all day. From 12-8 Bloody Marys \$1.50. Drag Show (last Sunday of the month)

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Pabo 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 Pabo Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Beach Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger w/salad 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.75 from 10am - 1pm. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm-7pm. Dinner and live jazz 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 Monday-Happy Hour prices for those in their undies 9pm-close. Queer As Folk shown beginning at 8pm. Hot Dancing follows with Johnny DJ. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open Noon. Happy Hour 4-7pm. \$1.75 Domestic Beer. Free Pool 8pm to close. \$1.50 Jellos & Mimosas 8pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Pabo 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm. 4-8 \$2.25 Martinis

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Karaoke w/Michael D. 8-1

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

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

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Bar Opens noon. Happy Hour 4-7pm. \$1.75 domestic beers & \$2 all wells. Ladies Night 9-close \$1 Kamakazi, Jellos. 70s/80s music

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Pabo 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8

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

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

Wednesday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-4-1 domestic beer and well from 2-7pm. 90s retro music 9pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8-1.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holliday and guests. H.NRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon-1am Happy Hour 4-7pm. plus drink specials. Shrimp Fry Dinner 5-8pm \$5.99. Karaoke 8pm-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Pabo 5pm. Specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Volleyball games start 7pm. Underwear- fetish- leather nite w/Gary and Chris along with GMHP. \$1 off any drink or bottled beer. (Excludes draft & schnapps) for all in leather or underwear.

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

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

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-8. 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 4-7pm. 10oz Sirloin Steak w/potato & salad 5:30-8pm, \$8.99.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Pabo 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 BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Music with DJ Hill 9pm - close. Shot and drink specials all night. No cover.

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10:30am-1am. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Fish or Shrimp Dinner \$5.99 11am-8pm. Country Western Dance with Libby & Pat 8pm-closing.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Pabo 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. Pabo 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 BIZ - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 8:30pm \$3 entry. Bar matches pool. \$2 pitchers for pool players. DJ Hill 9pm-close. Drink & Shot Specials all night.

IBTS - 10am-5pm \$4 Martinis and Daquiris. 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. Grill open 1-7pm. Margaritas \$3.69pm-close. Latino Nite. Beer Bust (1st Saturday of the Month) Drag Show (last Saturday of month). Free SAAF HIV testing.

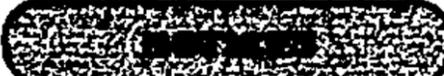
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Pabo Bar open at 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Pabo Beer Bust 3-7pm.

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

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TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN) is 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 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 838-3975.

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyan@denver.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 Gutz (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. SAGAE-mail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagae-mail

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 681-4582 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 815-6436 for more info.

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at 845 S. Graycroft Road at 6pm. Tucson Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OUTBERFEST. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 822-3200 or visit the TPI website at www.tucsonpride.com

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7063.

AIDS HOTLINE - 325-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BISEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 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, 806 N. 4th Ave.

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ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 8523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4605.

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)792-8424

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)534-8219 (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) 745-9775 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.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 (GPGLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpglcc.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, Conto, AZ 85652.

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-9020

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

REVEILLE 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.

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

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

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. 622-4626.

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 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 Dorian Easty. 682-7723 Facilitator.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

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

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

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 615-3491, 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.botop.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. Elsie 881-8850 or Ronn 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 824-8768.

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 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.

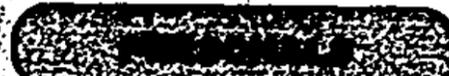
LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS: Workshop at 7:00 p.m. third Wednesday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4737.

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.

THE MAN TO MAN SOCIAL/EROTIC EDUCATION CLUB is the tantric men's group that offers passionate friendships, fun activities, and sex education. Marc - 881-4562



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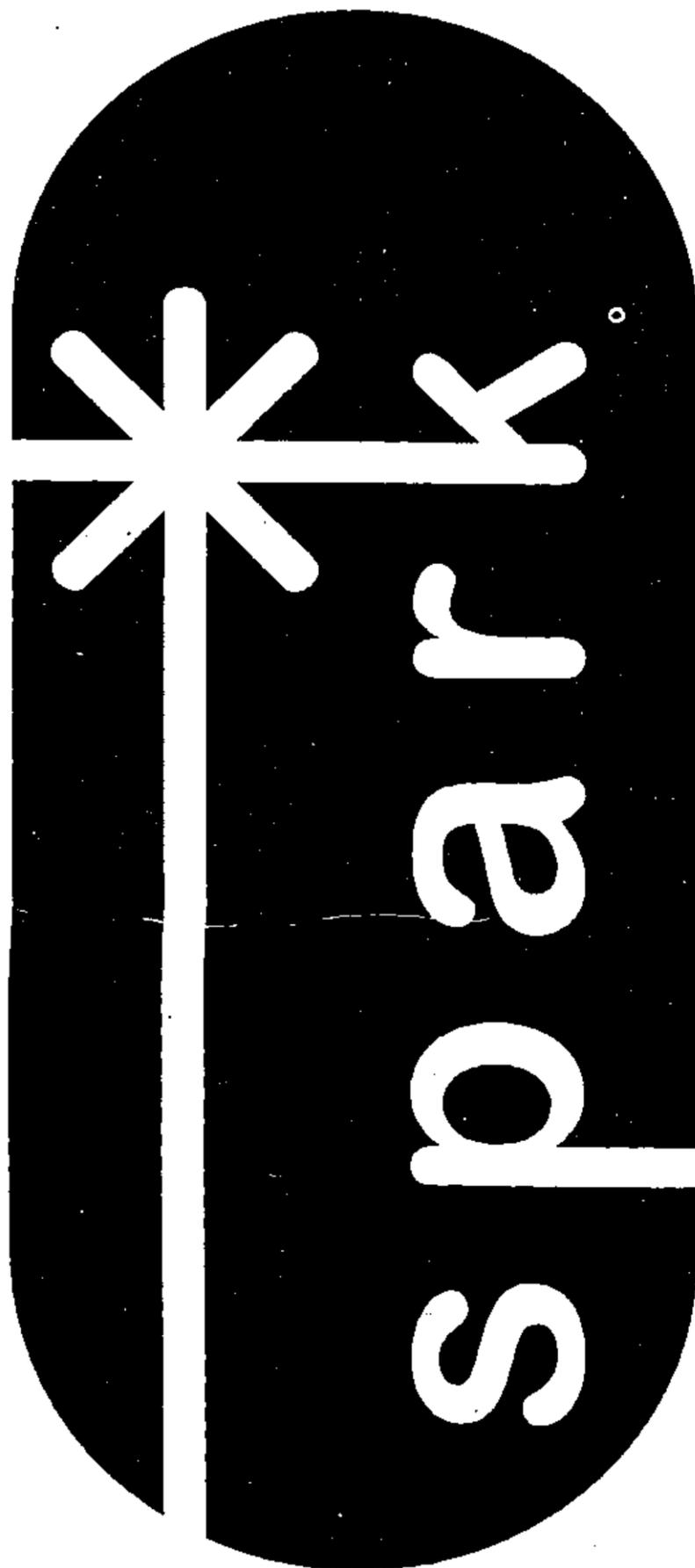
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