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## GOP Weighs Anti-G/L Plank For 2004 Elections

WASHINGTON - Ed Gillespie, chairman of the Republican National Committee, said in an interview published Tuesday, September 23, that Gay activists are guilty of bigotry, and he suggested the GOP will promote the traditional notion of marriage as a part of its 2004 platform, the [Gay.com/PlanetOut.com](http://Gay.com/PlanetOut.com) network reported.

Gillespie said this "bigotry" comes in the form of Gay activists using the government to protect their lifestyle.

"I accept people for who they are -- and love them," Gillespie told the Washington Times newspaper. "That doesn't mean I have to agree or turn my back on the tenets of my faith when it comes to homosexuality. I think when people say, 'Well, no. That's not enough that you accept me for who I am, you have to agree with -- and condone -- my choice,' that, to me, is religious bigotry, and I believe that's intolerant. I think they are the ones that are crossing the line here."

Gillespie added that the Republican Party is considering a constitutional marriage amendment -- which has already been introduced in the House -- as a key part of the Republican platform for the upcoming election. The GOP leadership hopes that by forbidding states from recognizing Gay marriages they can energize conservative voters.

Across the country Republicans are rallying against same-sex marriage. On Monday, September 22, California state Sen. Pete Knight sued to stop a wide-ranging domestic partner bill from becoming law. Knight claims the bill violates Proposition 22, the law he authored to define marriage as strictly between a man and a woman. A hearing on the injunction is scheduled for October.

But Gillespie said the deciding factor for the GOP plank may be a ruling from the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, to determine whether the state's refusal to recognize same-sex marriages violates the 14th Amendment rights to equal protection.

In his Washington Times interview, Gillespie said a win for Gay couples in Massachusetts could force other states to recognize Gay marriage. "Does the 'full faith and credit' clause of the Constitution mean that if Massachusetts ordains Gay marriages, then someone can go there (to marry), then move back to Virginia or some other state that does not recognize homosexual marriages and that state would be compelled to recognize such marriages?"

Gay political groups quickly responded to Gillespie's remarks on Tuesday.

"The last thing the GOP needs to do is to pattern the 2004 Republican

Convention after the 1992 Houston Convention which started a culture war in America," said Patrick Guerriero, executive director of the Log Cabin Republicans. "Log Cabin exists today because of that debacle in Texas, led by Patrick J. Buchanan, which led to the defeat of President George H.W. Bush."

David Noble, the executive director of the National Stonewall Democrats, also criticized Gillespie: "Suggesting that someone is a bigot because they want the legal right to visit a dying partner in the hospital is wrong, and frankly, disgusting."

In order to add an amendment to the U.S. Constitution, a resolution must first be passed by two-thirds of each chamber of Congress. It must then be ratified by three-fourths of state legislatures, who have up to seven years to approve any such amendment.

## Strong Opposition To Marriage Amendment

WASHINGTON - A recent poll conducted by ABC News says that while most Americans oppose giving full marriage rights to Gay and Lesbian couples, strong majorities also oppose a constitutional amendment outlawing their recognition.

An ABC News poll asked respondents if they supported extending marriage rights to same-sex couples: 37 percent said they did, while 55 percent said marriage should be restricted to one man and one woman. This result was in line with other national polls.

However when Gay marriage opponents were asked if they supported a proposed Constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage, a 60 percent majority said no. As the Boulder Daily Camera observed over the weekend, if most foes of same-sex unions oppose the Federal Marriage Amendment, "simple arithmetic would suggest that the national majority against a constitutional amendment is overwhelming."

Most opinion polls conducted on marriage equality have posed the issue in a single question, grouping people who opposed Gay marriage with those who also favor amending the Constitution. The ABC poll asked about the two issues separately. The poll also asks respondents if it's "worth" amending the Constitution, inviting consideration of the lengthy amendment process.

A bill proposing a constitutional amendment to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman has the backing of more than 80 Republicans in the

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## OUToberFEST October 11<sup>th</sup> Key Volunteers Sought

TUCSON - OUToberFEST 2003 will take place Saturday October 11 at the Demeester Outdoor Performance Area in Reid Park, on Country Club Road north of 22nd Street. The hours of the event are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Entertainment will feature Digital Soldiers, Leann Savage and the Audacity, Kristi Martel, Yvonne Perea, Mark Weigle, BMT - Tom Maza, Curt Beal and Rey Tester, Desert Voices, Reveille Gay Mens Chorus, Outrageous, Tucson T-Squares, La Fuerza Latina Travesti Show, Diana Flair and Tucson's Best Drag Show.

Food of many types, beer and other drinks will be available all day. Commercial and non-profit exhibitors will have displays and merchandise for shopping and browsing. A dance tent will be in operation from Noon to 8 p.m. featuring DJs from IBTs.

Volunteers are needed for

OUToberFEST. A two-hour time commitment for volunteering will get you in to the event for free, as long as you are in the Tucson Pride volunteer database prior to the event. Tucson Pride is continuing its tradition of "Volunteer for Dollars" and will make a cash donation of \$8 per hour to the charity of your choice for volunteer hours worked. A few "key volunteers" are needed who are willing to be area managers, and make a four-hour time commitment for volunteering on the festival day. Tucson Pride will make a bonus donation to the charity of choice for these key volunteers - and you'll have more fun and meet more people with this extended volunteer commitment! Please contact volunteer coordinator Nancy Robinett at: [Nancy.Robinett@azbar.org](mailto:Nancy.Robinett@azbar.org) or at (520) 591-9435.

For further information about OUToberFEST: [www.tucsonpride.com](http://www.tucsonpride.com), [pride@tucsonpride.com](mailto:pride@tucsonpride.com), (520) 622-3200.

## Attorney Appeals Gay Man's Death Sentence

CHARLOTTE - The defense attorney for a North Carolina Gay man who is scheduled to be executed next week said on Thursday, September 25, she will appeal the death sentence based on the Supreme Court's ruling that sodomy laws are unconstitutional, the [Gay.com/PlanetOut.com](http://Gay.com/PlanetOut.com) network.

Heather Wells told the [Gay.com/PlanetOut.com](http://Gay.com/PlanetOut.com) Network she will appeal the sentence against her client, Edward Hartman, by citing the Lawrence v. Texas decision before the North Carolina Supreme Court in Raleigh on Monday, September 22.

On Wednesday the Northampton Superior court denied Wells' request to stay the execution, which is scheduled for Friday, October 3.

According to court testimony, Hartman said he drank 16 cans of beer before shooting Herman Smith in the head while the two men watched television in 1993. The two men were sharing a home at the time in rural Northampton County, but they were not romantically linked. In fact, Smith had been dating Hartman's mother.

The issue of Hartman's sexuality came up during the sentencing phase, after the defense argued Hartman did not deserve the death penalty because he was affected by sexual abuse he suffered as a child. Hartman's mother detailed the sexual abuse Hartman had endured as a child at the

hands of older male relatives.

Court records show that former District Attorney David Beard subsequently asked if her son was Gay. In post-conviction proceedings, Beard explained his line of questioning by saying, "It's a little bit different for someone being a practicing homosexual in his real life, as opposed to someone who said he had been assaulted at some point in time."

The trial ended with the jury sentencing Hartman, 38, to death.

But Hartman's attorney thinks the Supreme Court's landmark Lawrence v. Texas ruling in July will help her client.

"Just as the state cannot single out homosexuals for criminal punishment based on their sexual orientation, the state cannot use a person's sexual orientation to enhance their punishment to death," she told the [Gay.com/PlanetOut.com](http://Gay.com/PlanetOut.com) Network. "And Eddie Hartman was singled out for the death penalty because he was Gay."

Wells also plans to call on North Carolina Gov. Michael Easley to commute Hartman's sentence to life in prison because his sentence was secured using anti-Gay bias. She said she is meeting with the governor on Tuesday, September 30.

If North Carolina's Supreme Court denies her request, she is prepared to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Voter Registration October 6  
for November Elections**

# UPDATE

## Voter Registration Deadline Oct. 6

TUCSON - Monday, October 6, is the last day to register to vote for the City of Tucson general election, November 4.

Tucson's Mayor and two City Council seats, for Ward One and Four, will be decided at the November general election.

Early voting, for those registered already, for the Tucson election will begin Thursday, October 2 and run through Friday, October 31, ending at 5 p.m. that day.

For more information about registering to vote, call (520) 791-4213. Voter registration forms are available at Wingspan, Antigone Books and the Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse.

For more information about early voting, please call (520) 884-8683.

## Meet The Candidate Forum October 14

TUCSON - A forum featuring the candidates for Tucson Mayor and the City Council seats up for consideration will take place Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the American Friends Service Committee Meeting Room, 931 N. 5th Ave.

This forum is co-sponsored by Wingspan and the Arizona Human Rights Fund.

Organizers said this event will give members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community and our allies an opportunity to ask questions of the candidates running for Tucson Mayor and City Council.

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

## Local Casting Call

TUCSON - Calabaza Productions is seeking performers for a new production of a play to be staged in the Old Pueblo.

"Hearts are Wild," is a western musical comedy written by Jerry D. & Cindy D. of Calabaza Productions. Characters and corresponding songs are:

Rosie - ugly saloon owner (Those Were the Days); Ringo - Elvis-like antagonist from big city (Evil / It's Now or Never); Kitty - beautiful dance hall girl (I'm Tired / Why'd You Come In Here); Chief Grabstien - Jewish Indian merchant (Indian Outlaw); Wade - Gay rancher (Rawhide); Bogg - rancher who loves his horse (Rawhide); Rich - silent bartender; and, Rusty - piano player (The Gambler / Piano Man)

Come prepared, Friday, October 3 and Saturday, October 4, 7:00 p.m. at the Yard Dog, to sing (karaoke style) and read lines.

## Registration Available For AIDSWALK 2003

TUCSON - Registration materials are available for AIDSWALK 2003, October 19, at Rillito Downs.

AIDSWALK is produced by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), and is a benefit walk to support people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS, and raises awareness and the needed funds to fight this disease. Walkers participating will solicit contributions from individuals while also sharing information about HIV/AIDS with their family, friends and colleagues.

Registration is easy through the AIDSWALK website, [aidswalktucson.com](http://aidswalktucson.com) or by calling the hotline, (520) 791-9255. Walking as a team is encouraged and provides a fun way to raise money and show support for a healthier community.

For more information, call (520) 628-7223.

## Lesbian Looks: 'Cornucopia Of Shorts' October 4

TUCSON - The Lesbian Looks Film and Video Festival continues its 11th annual season with a screening of a "Cornucopia of Shorts". The screening begins at 7:30pm, Modern Languages Auditorium, U of A, is open to the public, and is free of charge.

Kiss and Tell (Michaline Babich, 2002, 8:30) Straight gals consider the merits of kissing women.

Afterschool Delight (Eve Bregman, 2003, 10:00) Twelve-year-old Scout and her best friend Angie spend an afternoon getting into and avoiding trouble.

Camouflage Pink (Carolyn Caizzi and Laura Rodriguez, 2002, 16:00) A tough, militant dyke wants to go to the prom in a girly pink dress and must contend with her own feelings of identity and conformity

Peeling (Heidi Bollock, 2002, 13:00) A teenage girl still living at home struggles with her mother and her desire to come out

The Fair and the Weak (Lauren Cook, 2002, 8:00) Wry meditation on the perils of unrequited love

The Devil on Her Mind (Annie Wright, 2002, Holland, 4:00) A stalker hunts her beloved prey

Butch Mystique (Debra Wilson, 2003, 35:00) The joys and tribulations of African American butch/stud women, and the femmes they love. Winner of the Best Short award at this year's Frameline Festival in San Francisco.

## Keep Cool And Be Gay!

TUCSON - Desert Voices, Tucson's only GLBT/SATB chorus, and Alegria, the (mostly) Women's Comedic Barbershop Quartet, will take the DeMeester stage for OUToberFEST on Saturday, October 11th at 11:25 a.m. with songs of Gay Life and Pride.

Desert Voices will be shaking its collective finger at George 'Dubbya' (a.k.a. the Shrub) about the Marriage Amendment with songs like 'Wait a Minute Mr. President', and 'Chapel of Love'. Alegria will present their own 'twisted sister' versions of oldies and goodies, including their smash hit, 'PMS'. (Well, okay, it's not really a smash hit, but a lot of people think it's very funny.)

For more information, call the Desert Voices office at (520) 791-9662 or go to our website, '[www.desertvoices.org](http://www.desertvoices.org)'. If you are interested in singing with this group, call right away, as membership will be closed after 9/29/03 until we begin work on our next show in January of 2004.

## Anti-Violence Project Launches Oct. 9

TUCSON - Wingspan marks the five-year anniversary of Matthew Shepard's murder with the launch of an Anti-Violence Project that will assist victims of hate crimes, Thursday, October 9 at Wingspan's Main Office, 300 East Sixth Street.

This kick-off event will include a reception, explanation of the AVP's new services, and a preview of the documentary, "Laramie Inside Out" by local filmmaker Beverly Seckinger.

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# Bush's Tumble

For the first time in since the attacks on 9/11, a second term for George W. Bush no longer looks assured.

We can't say this fact leaves us much in the mood for gloating. Especially when it's taken the steady spilling of American blood to rouse the country from a fog of patriotic complacency. But we can take heart in noting that after nearly three long, dark and dispiriting years, we may at last be nearing the end of the most wantonly destructive administration in modern American history.

The war in Iraq is shaping up into what so many people warned it would become: a long, expensive and bloody occupation. Despite the glass half-full happy speak coming from the same worried officials that landed us there, the situation will likely not improve much in a year's time -- and could, in fact, grow substantially worse.

This realization coupled with the nagging suspicion in growing numbers of people that the country was misled about the nature and immediacy of the threat our soldiers were sent in to neutralize spells deep and serious trouble for the Bush administration. If the coming months reveal the hurried timetable for war was shaped (as many believe it was) by base political considerations, there may be no limit to how far Bush's numbers could fall.

It didn't have to be this way. George W. Bush could have been a great unifying force in the country and the world -- all the things he, in short, promised when he was campaigning for office. He displayed truer colors on taking office, but in those monstrous early days after September 11, the country stood, as the slogan boasts,

united. The war in Afghanistan had solid national and international support, the first battle in a global war against terrorism. From there things went terribly wrong.

The build-up to war in Iraq was a manufactured crisis and seen that way by most of the world. But since foreign countries don't vote in American elections, their opinions were dismissed as irrelevant or ridiculed and ignored. American voices were also sidelined; Democratic politicians were co-opted or bullied into silence. And in a series of calculated and cynical moves history will one day justly condemn, Bush used the country's faith in him to ram through a series of deeply divisive social, economic and security policies of which an elective and unnecessary war in Iraq was only the most outsized example.

Smiling and waving all the while, pay backs and favors to political supporters in the form of corporate handouts and tax breaks were rolled through Congress. Regulatory agencies that constrain the abuse of public lands, public safety and public finances were stripped of their enforcement capacity. Polluting industries were given regulatory rollback packages with Orwellian titles like "Clear Skies" and "Healthy Forests." The nation's courts and social service agencies were filled with reactionary conservatives.

And while a thin sliver of rich Americans now grows progressively better off, middle class entitlements that enriched the lives of millions of people are cut outright or slowly starved of funding. It is little wonder the numbers of Americans living in poverty has posted another year of double-digit gains.

Against the backdrop of war, many of the people most hurt by his policies continue to give the president their trust and support -- political capital he exploits with ruthless energy. Many still believe Bush when he says the hundreds of billions of dollars diverted to the wealthy will one day lead to a better living wage for their families, better access to health care, affordable college tuition and a host of other universal goods -- but there's been precious little to show for it so far.

And there are signs that promises made and broken are taking their toll on the president's credibility. Bush's tumble from public favor has been astonishingly swift and steep: 20 points in four months. Solid majorities now assert the country is moving in the wrong direction and are voicing second thoughts about given him another term.

Conservatives point out the administration still enjoys the backing of one Americans in two and that Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton both had far less than a 49 percent approval rating before they were handily re-elected. But as columnist Josh Marshall pointed out this week, Reagan and Clinton were on the verge of a steady rebound, Bush's problems suggest that he is not.

"I'm hearing many conservatives say now that the White House political office is off their game," Marshall writes. "But I see no real evidence of this. The problem is more fundamental. For quite some time this White House has functioned like a heavily leveraged business, an overextended investor that suddenly gets a margin call. To extend the business

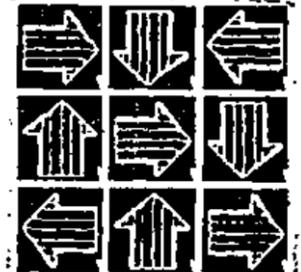
metaphor, the White House has been surviving not on profits but expectations of future profits or, in other words, credibility. The White House has been able to get the public to sit tight with a lot of objectively poor news (a poor economy, big deficits, bad news from abroad) on the basis of trust.

"But a combination of the manifest incompetence of the planning for post-war Iraq and the dishonesty of the build-up for the war have become increasingly difficult to defend or deny."

This reversal of fortune might not be so alarming were it not for the simultaneous appearance of a candidate in the Democratic race Republicans cannot so easily dismiss. Howard Dean and John Kerry are fine men, but it is former General Wesley Clark that scares the chowder out of Karl Rove & Co., which by our reckoning, is an especially good reason to cheer him on.

The fight is certain to get a whole lot uglier before even the main players in this game are decided upon some seven months from now, but for the first time in three years, it looks like a real fight is what we'll have. And that is surely something to celebrate.

[This was an editorial that appeared on Datalounge, datalounge.com on Wednesday, September 24.]



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by Clark

### A REVIEW.. "THE QUEST".. A DOG BOWL PRODUCTION



Cast members and crew of the new dinner theater company, Dog Bowl Productions

AS I SEE IT: By Clark

Hey! Dinner theater in a Gay bar in Tucson, give me a break! I mean in the last thirty years, I've seen everything this town had to offer coming down the pike: the 70's old Hair Tiz Bar; the Razzle Dazzle Days; who didn't, to the saucy mouthings of comedian Cissy Goldberg at the Graduate, who did; and naming another of the many, Ricky Norman Productions at J.T.'s, and for the Observer benefits, which always starred Candace and her performers - events that were always enormous in scale, scope and sometimes bigger than the city.

Now with the current crop of "entertainment", you realize that going to see a show that, more often than not, will result in being hit with the tithing plate to send the latest someone to the next Miss "Whozits" and Miss "Whatzit's" pageant.

Okay, maybe I am cynical or even jaded about the current "entertainment" levels but dinner theater at the Yard Dog?! Okay, I'll bite. Every dog must have their day. Heel, either bark or whimper!

Last weekend the "dog" glowed in the patio with style, charm and quiet intimacy at a beautifully surrounded, manicured table settings, as "soft" music played in the background. Yes that's right, "soft" music which was so good for the digestion! The complimentary champagne in stemware, real, not plastic, was putting on the dog! This sumptuous meal was prepared by Ray Gregg, co-owner of the Yard Dog, and the servers of this wonderful meal were members of the cast and crew of the production. In a nutshell, they created a relaxed atmosphere for myself and those in attendance.

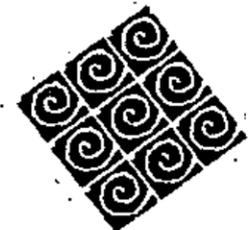
This production was the first venture and feature, by the cast, crew, staff. "The Quest", the name of this production, is based on the Broadway musical "Man of LaMancha" - first produced on Broadway in 1965 and is enjoying a current revival on the Great White Way.

Directed by Ric Reyna, with a cast of local, unknown performers, you would not believe they could pull this off but they did, with a disciplined but whimsical approach, very imaginative, especially since this production had no sets. One of the most magical parts of "The Quest" for this reviewer, was the Windmill, reminding me of the "Joke Wall" from the 1960's innovative television show, "Laugh In".

Those unknown performers: Dan Russo as the Narrator, Robert Petty as Quixote, Kory O'Malley as Sancho Panza, Jorge Reyna as the lovely Aldonza, David Yurick as the Innkeeper, Arnold Arenas as the Barber, Glen Rust as the Padre, Diana Flair as Antonia, Cindy Diaz, Gary Flower as the Housekeepers, and Jerry Diaz as the Muleter showed a confidence, professionalism and dedication to the production, entertaining the audience and making those in attendance that night, smile, happy and putting a song in their hearts.

Up next for the troupe is "Hearts Are Wild," an original Western Comedy Musical, written by the team of Jerry and Cindy Diaz of Calabazas Productions, running January 22-30, 2004. Tickets will be going on sale soon. You will need to purchase them quickly as the word of mouth will spread about this production.

Dinner theater in a Gay bar in Tucson. I bit and had a dog gone good time as the rest of Tucson's GLBT community will in the upcoming productions by Dog Bowl Productions.



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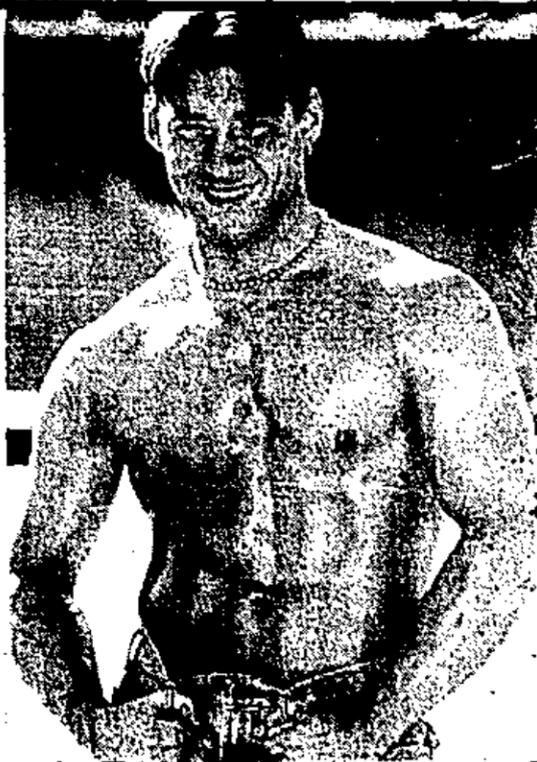
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**A Wish** By Gabriel

It is almost the end of a year, where Christmas somehow becomes somewhat of a shopping spree frenzy. You know, that "One Toy," that makes the top ten list and lines form as far as an eye can see, and just maybe that kid will wake up and dream that Santa had brought that one toy just for me. All wrapped with paper, and a ribbon so big that kids now forget what the meaning to a true Christmas really is.

I hope it isn't too early to make my Christmas List, a will to where the world won't forget that I even existed. I believe that there is a higher power of some sort only because I am afraid of the dark, and heaven always seems to have their lights on... My doctors, which I like to call my own "Angels", have delivered the message that I only have a few weeks to live now... I have been fighting cancer since I was 12yrs. old, and now I am almost turning 21 (in December)...

I have always wanted to make a "Christmas List," but my faith faded as I grew up... It's sort of a miracle, I have come closer to being a kid again inside. So before I lose that kid again, I want to make my wishes known that maybe, just maybe someone can start to feel the warmth of Christmas again- just like they were a little kid with cookies and milk for Santa to eat as his Reindeer are left with celery or carrots instead. My wishes are quite simple as I have thought about them during this whole journey through life:

I wish for every one to find a mere sense to be loved, but never alone...

I wish for the elderly man that stuck up for me in the restaurant, after holding the hand of another man... I wish you, Thanks!

I wish the world would be more calm, just like a day to a setting sun.

I wish this certain kid the very best, in his journey to success... He moved down from Las Vegas, from a city of sin, and lives here in Tucson, after extending my life to live. It's funny he never told me his name, I didn't even think to ask... But somehow he always seemed to make me laugh. He told me he was training to be a registered nurse... But to me, he's like my own guardian angel and the world to never see. I wish that kid the world, because that

is what it felt when he visited me!..

And to my Mom, I wish that my spirit will remain by her side and always. When Christmas time comes around I hope I will be here to wish her a "Happy New Year", but if not, and time runs out, I pray that I will be able to be her own special Christmas Angel with out no doubt..

And last but not least my love. For all the things in my life I am sorry for is to leave you.. It's like the song from Nat, "Too Young". Everyone had their doubts that we would never be able to handle the test of pure and true "LOVE," but we did. You stood by me with no reason to benefit from... You gave me unconditional love, when I had my bad days.. You always had the words to capture my heart and rekindle my spirit.

So for my love, I want to let the world know that I was loved by another man of the same sex and our passion for loving one another was greater than a simple law to signify that we were a couple... No church, that looks down upon same sex marriages, can ever take away my love that I hold for my other half... And my God has a plan for those that don't allow it, for those are the ones that are wicked, and have made up there own Gods and Law s to life...

I wish for peace for everyone and God help America!

These are my wishes for the world to see... And in hope that Santa may be able to send them to everyone to read. I loved my life and my other half. I have no regrets, and pray that someday we can all be understood as to race, color, religion, and also sexuality - people need to remember the statement to "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit to Happiness"... I think those rights have not been clarified to those that are ignorant such as our own President, and the vast majority of the world.

Thank you, Observer, for expressing our own freedom to speech and to cover articles that move us forward into reading what is of importance.. And that will someday have others boggled to why it has taken this long to change simple things as to just being "Gay and in Love"... Smooches to all my brothers and sisters within the Gay Community here in Tucson, and of the World.

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

**Another Town That Ticks**

Hello readers! I took last weekend to celebrate my birthday in another town. Nothing against the Old Pueblo of course, but everyone needs to get away sometimes and I picked a perfect time to do so. I took the drive Westward across the desert to the city that Balboa discovered almost 500 years ago. It has definitely changed since I first landed there back in 1983.

San Diego was the anti-Los Angeles back then. I got to live in the city for a little over a year and enjoyed the time there. It was relatively unknown then, with most residents keeping a very guarded secret for the sunshine state. East coast dwellers knew of Los Angeles and San Francisco as the places that made California, but the secret was out soon after, and San Diego became a force all its own. Along with

larger cities in our nation, San Diego houses its own little GLBT community within the city limits. The Hillcrest district covers about a square mile, filled with shops, bars, restaurants and history. The center of the neighborhood is marked by a place simply named "The Center", San Diego's GLBT community center. They have recently moved to a brand new location and are about to have a ribbon cutting ceremony this month to mark the move. The building is pristine and holds offices, a banquet room and even a gym for the entire community.

I had the pleasure of visiting The Center while on my visit. I came in as a representative of the Old Pueblo and this very newspaper. I was greeted warmly and

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## NOTE FROM THE PERSONAL SIDE

### Real Estate Calls

Live in Tucson long enough and at some point you'll feel an almost irresistible urge to become a real estate agent. No one knows what causes this. The water, of course, is a prime suspect.

In spite of my shunning water in favor of beer, I felt the real estate urge in the late 1990s and, as with most temptations I've been faced with in life, I immediately succumbed. I worked very hard for a little over a year and didn't make any money -- so much for suspense -- but I did learn a lot of stuff that is utterly useless to me and potentially useful to the reader who has not yet taken the real estate plunge.

One thing that makes the prospect of being an agent in Tucson so attractive is that you can take a swing at it for not much money. You only have to go to school for about 90 hours. The schools cost around \$500. About 90% of the people who finish the course succeed in passing the licensing exam. Looks pretty good compared to the costs of preparing for most other professions.

Another plus is that there's no problem finding a job. Brokers positively compete for new agents and give them useful additional training once they're hired.

Yet another plus is the type of people you work with. Old agents tend to be friendly and helpful to new agents. The exception is that they can become a little grumpy if you keep asking them how to find things on the computer.

The real estate schools themselves will tell you right off the bat that you're entering a competitive business. The school I chose told us incoming students that for every 15 people who got a real estate license only one bothered to renew it two years later. On learning this the more astute students started asking themselves why prospective customers were going to choose them to be their agent.

I would urge anyone tempted to enter the business to take that question very seriously.

What is it about you that people will prefer above 14 of your competitors? The best answer that I heard came from a successful agent who said that he had an enormous extended family in town who would choose him because he was a relative and because he spoke Spanish. Business from his family wasn't enough to base his practice on, but it was enough to get it started.

Another question that you need to ask yourself is how you're going to pay your bills until the first commission checks come rolling in. A good rule of thumb is that you're not going to make any money during the first few months.

I felt I had a little advantage over the competition because I'd learned something about real estate by having invested in it for a few years. I also thought I had an advantage in that my financial situation at the time allowed me to spend some money on mailings and ads to promote my practice. But hard work and a little extra knowledge and a little extra money got me nowhere. Even my old experienced broker was awed by the profundity of my failure.

My efforts had been spent in a very congenial office with about 30 fellow agents who were quick with a word of encouragement and tips on sound professional practice. The atmosphere was positive and over time I got to know some of my colleagues fairly well.

But it wasn't until I was almost ready to throw in the towel that I learned from my coworkers the most important single fact about being a real estate agent in this place at this time. When we'd gotten to the point of familiarity where we were talking about our misspent youths and our former drinking problems, it slowly became clear to me that of these 30 hardworking agents, intelligent attractive people who always put in far more than 40 hours a week, only three or four of them were making a living at selling real estate!

The other 27 were literally not making subsistence pay. They all had spouses who supported them, or pensions, or investment income, or something else that paid their bills.

Why people, hordes of people, sell real estate full time, year in and year out, for less money than they need to live on? I couldn't bring myself to ask. But if the real estate bug ever bites you, they're your competition. Good luck.

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

### SAAF Needs Massage Therapists

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) needs massage therapists to volunteer at their Bodywork clinics for people with HIV/AIDS.

SAAF provides all the tables, linens, lotions and a professional office space to work in.

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## Turnabout For TIHAN A Diva-Licious Success

TUCSON - The sounds of disco filled the air as Tucson's LGBT bar employees and special guest performers wowed a packed house for September 21st's seventh annual "Turnabout for TIHAN" benefit show, held at the InnSuites Hotel and Resort, featured glittering performances from staff at IBT's, Woody's, and November Bar'n'Grill, along with co-hosts Lucinda Holliday and Ajia Simone.

As of press time, the evening brought in over \$9,100 to support the AIDS education and direct support services of the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN).

The hard work of the show's producers, performers, employees from Tucson's GLBT clubs and their special guests paid off well, not just in terms of financial support for TIHAN's programs, but also in terms of a fantastic night of entertainment for the crowd of more than 250 people in attendance. The entertainers did their "turnabout" from male to female and then treated the audience to a set of performances focused around this year's theme of "Studio 53 1/2: The Last Days of Disco."

As the attendees arrived, they were greeted with a fabulous buffet, coordinated by Daniel Davis with the help of local restaurants and a host of volunteers. After being greeted by Scott Blades, TIHAN's Executive Director, who came out to welcome the audience and talk about TIHAN, the crowd was treated to one excellent performance after another, ranging from "Car Wash" to "Last Dance" and other disco classics as the glitter ball hovered over the crowd, many of whom were decked out in retro 70's clothes.

"I'm very pleased this year's show was a success," stated co-producer Marc Brunelle. "The Tucson community really came through again with generosity and support, and I look forward to next year's show!"

The \$9,100 was raised through community members pledging money to support their favorite bar staff, as well as through tips, sales of raffle tickets, admission tickets, program advertising, and a new feature of this event—a silent auction organized by George Laos.

Upon hearing the amount raised from the benefit, Tim Barth, one of the show's co-producers, commented, "Once again, Tucson proves that they can come through to raise money for such a worthy cause. Congratulations, Tucson!"

Blades expressed his thanks to the producers and performers, as well as to those in attendance for the benefit show. "Our community, and our organization, are very fortunate to have such generous friends in the LGBT community who devote their time and energy and money to make sure we can keep providing the services that TIHAN offers," he said. "These are challenging economic times, and the money raised through Turnabout—our second largest fundraiser of the year—helps us continue to make a difference in many lives as it sustains TIHAN's programs of AIDS awareness and advocacy, support services for people living with HIV, as well as compassion and understanding, care and support."

Some of the many highlights of the evening included Lucinda Holliday's tribute to Mamma Reyna, who was recently killed in an automobile accident, and a moving farewell to Scott Seitzberg, one of three

co-producers of the show for the past eight years, who is relocating to Los Angeles. TIHAN's Executive Director surprised Seitzberg with a presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation for "the hundreds of hours he's spent on this event over the years, for the thousands of dollars he's raised, and mostly for just giving his heart to this benefit, to this cause, and to this community."

Seitzberg thanked the community for their generous support of him and of the Turnabout benefit over the years, and encouraged the community to continue this event in the future. "This show is a huge undertaking, and it has raised tens of thousands of dollars to support TIHAN's programs. It's been a blessing for me personally to be involved and to contribute to our community. Now, since I am leaving, I invite others to step up and join our great team and be involved next year to keep this great tradition alive and well and able to support TIHAN's efforts."

### What Makes Our Town Tick

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given enough information to fill my next month's columns. The staff of The Center exudes an example of pride that can surely spread out throughout the entire community. They were in the middle of organizing the weekends Latino Pride events that night but still took the time to make me feel at home the entire visit.

Hillcrest can take on The Village and Castro when it comes to making itself an intricate part of its respective cities. It's nice to see a neighborhood for the GLBT community inside a major city thrive and grow as this one has. I like that our own community is spread through Tucson, but when I travel it's easier to find where I will feel most at home without making a scavenger hunt of it.

Hillcrest is a part of San Diego as much as Balboa or the military base. If you are in the mood to travel and don't want to go too far, think of making San Diego a stop in your itinerary. Visit Hillcrest and definitely check out The Center. Tell them you are there from Tucson, and they will give you as much information as you can handle for your stay there. Have a great week and remember to register to vote; I am sure the folks of San Diego have for their upcoming Governor race!

### Marriage Amendment

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House and the support of Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee. President Bush said in July marriage should be between a man and a woman, and "we ought to codify that one way or the other."

As many critics of the president have since made clear, the so-called Defense of Marriage Act which was signed into law in 1996 already prohibits federal recognition of marriage rights between Gay and Lesbian couples. Some 38 states have passed similar bans.

Legal experts note that the amendment as written not only bars Gay marriage but also prohibits states from extending to Gay couples the benefits available to married couples - a step that could preclude states from granting same-sex partners access to health insurance, legal adoption or estate rights.

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### POLITICS

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case for extending the FMLA to same sex couples.)

sexual orientation?

Do you support modifying the Social Security System to pay survivor benefits to the same-sex partners of Gay and Lesbian people?

BRAUN: Support.

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Do you support fair and equal tax treatment of same sex couples on the same basis as married couples?

Would you support the Permanent Partners Immigration Act (H.R. 832) which would enable an American citizen to petition for immigration sponsorship for a same-sex partner, and the INS would treat the relationships between opposite and same-sex couples in the same manner under the immigration code?

BRAUN: Support.

Many Gay and Lesbian people serve in the federal government but do not receive the same health insurance and other employee benefits of married couples. Do you support domestic partner coverage for Gay and Lesbian employees of the civilian federal workforce?

BRAUN: Support. Comments: As a United States Ambassador, I know the difficulties immigration laws may impose on a loving and committed couple. There are enough obstacles for couples of differing nationalities without the arbitrary, discriminatory failure to recognize same sex couples.

BRAUN: Support.

While 47 states allow Gay and Lesbian people to adopt children, some legislators are pushing to prohibit capable, committed adults from adopting because of their sexual orientation. As president would you support giving appropriate judicial authorities the full authority to make decisions on adoption based on the best interest of the child, without bans based solely on

Would you support a congressional repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy which would allow Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual soldiers the right to serve openly in the military as is currently the policy in nearly every NATO country?

BRAUN: Support.

For more information, visit her website: [carolforpresident.com](http://carolforpresident.com).

Carol Moseley Braun, the former U.S. Ambassador to New Zealand and former U.S. Senator from Illinois is the only woman in the ten-person contest for the 2004 Democratic Presidential nomination, and her responses to the Human Rights Campaign questionnaire are featured this week.

**POLITICS 2003**  
by Mark P. Kent

**So Where Do They Really Stand?  
Carol Moseley Braun**

In 36 states, no laws protect Americans from employment discrimination based on sexual orientation, like the federal laws that exist on race, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability. As president, would you support and work for passage of a federal bill that would prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation?

**BRAUN: Support.** Comments: I was a co-sponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

As president, would you support and work for passage of a federal bill that outlawed discrimination in the workplace based on gender identity and expression?

**BRAUN: Support.** Comments: When I was the United States Ambassador to New Zealand, Georgina Beyer—a transsexual—was elected to Parliament there. She works hard for her constituents, and has earned the respect of her peers. Georgina's gender identity does not matter in her difficult job in New Zealand; why should an American citizen's gender identity matter here?

Currently federal hate crime laws do not cover sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. Would you support the inclusion of protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity to the law passed in 1968 which covers the categories of race, religion and national origin?

**BRAUN: Support.** Comments: In 1998, I co-sponsored Senator Kennedy's bill to extend hate crimes to cover crimes motivated by antipathy for a person's sexual orientation.

New treatments have improved the quality of life for those living with HIV/AIDS, but those treatments are expensive, and not available to everyone who needs them. As president, would you support: Increased funding for the Ryan White CARE Act?

**BRAUN: Support.** Comments: I was a co-sponsor of the reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act in 1995.

Allowing low-income Americans better access to treatment through the Early Treatment for HIV Act (ETHA)?

**BRAUN: Support.**

Increased funding for HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and research?

**BRAUN: Support.** Comments: I have a long record of supporting funding and research for HIV/AIDS prevention, and for making HIV/AIDS medications more available and affordable.

Comprehensive and age-appropriate sex education for America's students that includes science-based prevention methods?

**BRAUN: Support.**

Currently, no state recognizes any legal form of marriage for same sex couples. Do you believe the civil institution of marriage (with absolutely no requirements imposed on religious institutions) should be made legally available to two committed adults of the same sex?

**BRAUN: Support.**

If you do not believe that civil marriage for same-sex couples should be made available to same-sex couples on the same basis as opposite sex couples, is there any legal construct you do embrace that would extend legal recognition to same sex couples?

**BRAUN: N/A** Supports full civil marriage. Comments: The concept of "separate but equal" was properly rejected as inherently problematic by the Supreme Court in the landmark school desegregation case, Brown v. Board of Education. While I applaud the Vermont civil unions law, I am convinced that ultimately inequities will arise if there is one set of laws governing marriage commitments for heterosexuals and another set of laws governing marriage commitments for homosexuals.

If a state has taken the steps to recognize same sex couples (and their families) for purposes of state-based benefits, rights, privileges and responsibilities, should the federal

government recognize the state's legal recognition of such couples and families for purposes of federal benefits and tax treatment?

**BRAUN: Support.**

Gay and Lesbian Americans pay federal taxes. According to a 1997 GAO study requested by Judiciary Chairman Henry Hyde, there are over 1000 benefits, rights and privileges provided to married couples and their families in federal law. Same-sex couples cannot access such benefits, rights and privileges because same sex couples are not allowed to marry in any state in the union. Do you support extending federal benefits, rights, privileges and responsibilities to same-sex couples (and their children) provided the partnership meets certain federal standards of commitment and mutuality of interest?

**BRAUN: Support.** Comments: In those states that allow same-sex marriages or civil unions, I would require that a homosexual couple actually be married (or "unioned").

Specifically, do you support the expansion of the Family and Medical Leave Act to cover domestic partners and their children?

**BRAUN: Support.** Comments: When I was a Senator, the very first bill I voted on—I was a cosponsor—was the Family and Medical Leave Act. I believe it was a good idea then, and should be strengthened now. The reasons that FMLA was good policy for heterosexual couples are equally strong for homosexual couples. (In fact, because of the additional legal obstacles we require homosexual couples to navigate makes an even more compelling

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Is it October already? We don't need the Fab 5 to rummage through our closet this National Coming Out month. We can do very well on our own, thank you very much. There are golden opportunities to make necessary changes, especially as Neptune redirects and rowdy Mars opposes gigantic Jupiter. Don't be a shrinking violet - it is time to blossom and bloom.

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

You are outed at work this October and good thing too! As pushy Mars pokes Jupiter, Gay Rams can no longer contain their pride. Even small actions can result in immense and lucky changes so don't hold back. At the same time, Neptune redirects on the 23rd and encourages pals to provide a pillar of strength to your efforts. Well its a pillar of something anyway....

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Queer Bulls are on a rampage this October as unstoppable energy cascades from all corners. Don't try to stop the leakage. Mars opposite Jupiter is a welcome rush of power that shortens the term of your long term goals in fun and creative ways. Meanwhile Neptune redirects and ejects your professional prospects into the stratosphere. Will it travel on its back?

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Instead of sitting at home and contemplating your naval, pink Twins are well advised to apply themselves to their career goals this October. Set your best professional plans in motion and push them along if necessary. You can no longer hide in the shadows dreaming about "what if". Do the ends justify the means? By all means! And you know just what I mean.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Communication hits a high note this October as pushy Mars opposes expansive Jupiter and hands you a megaphone. Speak Out loud, proud and queer pink Crab. Make waves and push some needed reforms forward. There are many people who need a piece of your mind. Thankfully you have some to spare. Neptune says don't be tied down (unless that is your thing).

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Hot and sexy Gay Lions receive a welcomed jolt from Mars and Jupiter this October. Don't waste this sizzling energy on the undeserving many. Lavish it, several times, on the very deserving few. It's National

Coming Out month babe so trash your "straight" jacket and become a proud royal randy beast. Grr. Do you have a tiger in your tank? I'll never tell!

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

This National Coming Out month will hearken in a time when you have to make a few decisions for yourself. Queer Virgos find themselves at a crossroads where what they want out of life may conflict with certain relationships. Partners try to push their agendas as Mars and Jupiter create a push me / pull you scenario. Hmmm, maybe that is not such a bad idea after all...

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Diligent (ha!) pink Libras seem to be hard at work this October but lets take a closer look. Beneath that serious exterior is a wilde spirit aching to break free. Don't let an ever increasing pile of obligations weigh you down. There are planets that inspire you and those that can lead you into wasteful, dissipated pastimes. Just follow your planetary leader, sweetheart!

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Look to friends for inspiration and jubilation this October, Gay Scorp. Rowdy Mars opposes jolly Jupiter and increases your fun times without decreasing your energy. Hey how great is that? But all play and no work may become pretty boring after a while. Neptune redirects on the 23rd and strongly suggests that you attend to home-related issues. Is that molding or just mold?

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Proud Archers are not the stay-at-home types and yet there may be times this October when you are quite content to lounge around the house in your pajamas. Maybe that is because so much is happening in your career that the last refuge from all the madness is your sofa and tv. Mars, Jupiter and Neptune conspire to put your talents to the test. Just how talented are you?

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Political Gay Caps can make some meaningful gains in their personal plans during the fabulous National Coming Out month festivities. This is the time to get involved in the flow of events and make your mark on the world. You shimmer and shine. Mars, Jupiter and Neptune have a great deal to say and you are the messenger with the message. Make it in all caps.

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

They say money talks but I think it whispers seductively. You tell me Aqueerian when Mars opposes Jupiter this National Coming Out month. Suddenly you see that there are certain wheels that need greasing and you happen to have ample grease. Ah, but can money buy true love? Neptune redirects on the 23rd and takes off your rose colored glasses. Put 'em back on!

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

You are a spitfire this October, Guppie. What a change of pace! There is a gathering of planetary forces that propel you into new adventures and spicy new beginnings. You will not have to navigate the cosmos alone compadre when Neptune redirects on the 23rd. It is time to come on Out and see what magic you and a certain special someone can conjure. Hey is that a magic wand?

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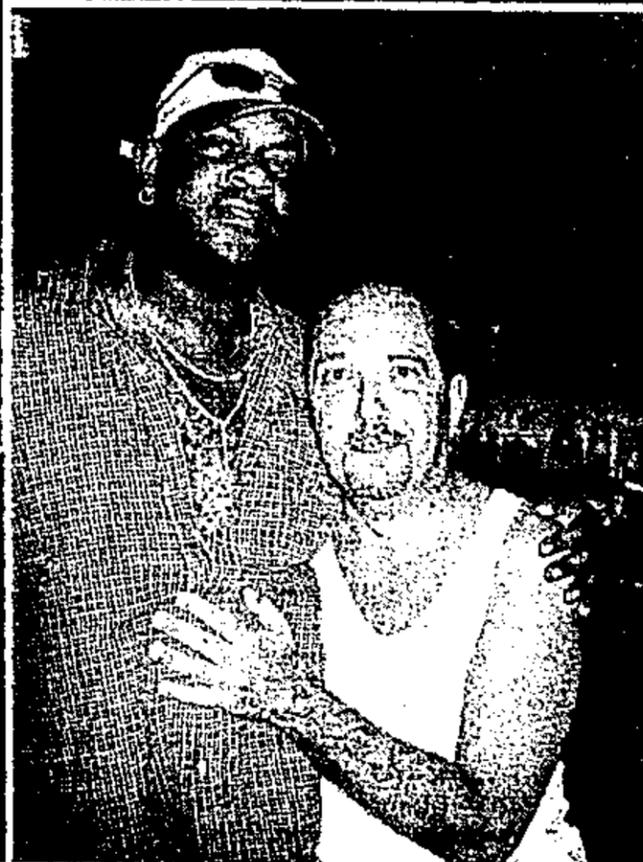
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## Love Casts Out Fear

When I was 12 years old, my mother answered an ad in the "Help Wanted" section of the Denver Post newspaper. The job was for a camp cook at a square dance, round dance, and folk dance camp on top of Lookout Mountain in Golden, Colorado. People from all over the U.S. came for a week of dancing instruction, dancing parties, and culminated at the end of the week with a buffalo steak cook-out. The camp operated for 8 weeks during the summer, with a new group of dancers coming in each week. My mother was hired to do the job, and I went with her. This was the summer I fell in love with a woman. Her name was Edna Ritchie from the "Ritchie Family Singers", a well-known folk-singing group from the hills of Kentucky. I stood in awe of this woman. She was warm, funny, graceful, and had a beautiful singing voice. Each evening before the dancing would start, she would lead the singing in our "sing-alongs". I remember her sitting by the piano, with her dulcimer (a Kentucky mountain string instrument) on her lap, wearing a blue square dance dress, and the light from the ceiling shimmering down onto her blond hair, turning it golden and making a glow above her head, giving me the impression of an angel. She was MY angel, and I fell in love; deep, hard, fast, and all-consuming in that onslot of mixed emotions that sweep over a pre-teen that has just experienced the lightning bolt of first love. She was my idol, my heroine; and my heart knew nothing else but this woman. She wrapped her warm, humane demeanor around me, and I felt safe for the first time in my life. I would have given my life for her.

one who fears is not made perfect in love." Her love, kindness, and understanding towards me cast out all the fear that I had had. At that time in my life, I was made perfect in love. Edna was a Christian, and she showed me a Christ-like love, and my fear left. We as GLBT Christians need to show that kind of Christ-like love to others in our community, so that their fear of rejection, of being punished for being GLBT, will be cast out, and they can see that Jesus loves them. When all of us in our community experience the pure love of Jesus Christ, we all will be released from our fear of rejection and condemnation.

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

## Brandon Teena Killer Loses Another Appeal

LINCOLN - Convicted killer John Lotter, one of two men charged in the murders of Brandon Teena, Lisa Lambert and Philip DeVine that inspired the film "Boys Don't Cry," has lost another appeal before the Nebraska Supreme Court, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

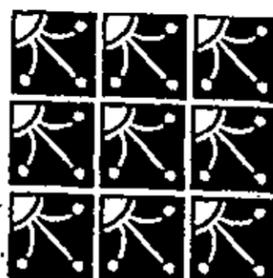
Lotter, who is on death row for the homicides, asked the court to reopen the case in order to test evidence for DNA. Lotter claims that DNA testing would reveal that his friend Marvin Nissen lied at trial, and was actually the triggerman. Nissen turned state's evidence in exchange for a life sentence, and testified that Lotter fired the fatal shots.

On Friday, September 26, the Associated Press reports, the court ruled that DNA testing would shed no new light on the case. The presence of Nissen's DNA on the murder weapon would not necessarily establish Nissen's guilt, particularly since prosecutors say Lotter used Nissen's gloves to wrap the gun and knife at the scene of the murder.

Nissen and Lotter killed Teena in late 1993, just days after discovering the 21-year-old was transgender and raping him. Although Teena reported the rape to the local sheriff and named the rapists, the sheriff ridiculed Teena, and made no effort to arrest the two men. Teena's mother later won a civil suit against the county and the sheriff for negligence.

Lisa Lambert, 24, and Philip DeVine, 22, were with Teena when Nissen and Lotter tracked him down in a remote farmhouse. They were killed for witnessing the murder.

Last summer, Lotter made another fruitless attempt to lift his death sentence. After the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that juries, not judges, must make the sentencing decisions in capital cases, Lotter asked the Nebraska justices to commute his sentence, which had been handed down by a three-judge panel. The court declined.



I look back on this episode in my life and realize that I had experienced the truth in 1 John 4:18, "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The



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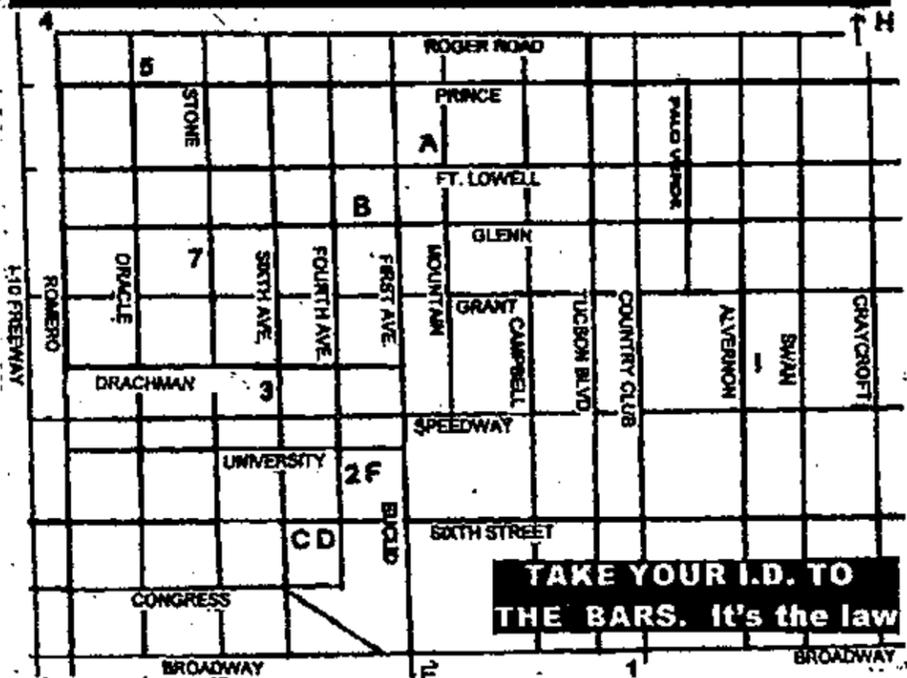
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DR. X HAS ANSWERS.

Hey Doc,

Some guys like to do drag. That seems to be a well-known facet of the gay scene, and seems to be universally accepted in our circles. Recently I've started becoming interested in what is known as a "furry" lifestyle. I like to dress up as an animal, in my case a wolf or a dinosaur. This is known as fur suiting. My man thinks this is really strange. Strange to the point that he won't talk about it, but he thinks doing drag is okay. Why is putting on a dress OK, but putting on fur too much? Thanks,

Dino (fan)

Dear Dino,

You are comparing apples and oranges. Although they both involve dressing up and maybe some role-playing, we live in a society where there are usual and unusual roles to play. Drag is a gender based role-playing to entertain or deceive the eye, or fulfill a persons need to seem as the opposite sex. You are clearly into the fetish category with this. I'm curious to know if you dress this way around the house with your partner, or just for sexual episodes. Is your sex intensified by this dressing up, and how? Do pictures of wolves or dinosaurs arouse you, which brings this into bestiality. Would you dress this way in public or at home for friends? Does your "furry" lifestyle include Bears (hairy and or big men celebrating their size and hairiness), or are you just a wolf and Dinosaur guy? I'm also confused about which if any of the sauro pods were hairy. The wooly mammoth

which is much later and a mammal is the main one to come to mind. Back to your boyfriend: do you present this as a game or fetish or are you serious business about your role-play? His discomfort may stem from what he feels is (in)appropriate on your part in timing and disclosure. Maybe it is too intense for him. Is your boyfriend simply overwhelmed by the unusualness? If he isn't able to explore you and your life, and love you with all your eccentricities, than the problem is not in the fur. This is a most unique fetish but certainly no odder than fisting, tattoos or piercing. Maybe its your approach or maybe your man is just a little too vanilla. I think you are tapping into a wonderful side of manhood and human behavior that I refer to as the primal side. I may need a little introduction but I don't think I would be totally put off by your fetish. Write back and give me more information. Woof, woof!

Hi Dr. X!

I've got a question about my relationship. My partner likes to top and I generally enjoy being a bottom. The problem is I don't always like to do the same thing, whereas he usually seems to like screwing one-way and that's it. Occasionally he will let me top, but it always seems like this big deal to him like, "Oh, I'm not clean enough, let me take a shower first.", and so on. I haven't been out all that long (a couple of years), so I haven't had a chance to be with many guys. How am I supposed to gain experience doing it with a guy that's a reluctant bottom? I should add that we're monogamous. So I can't go to the bar and pick someone up. Am I off base in my expectation of my partner and men in general? Or is this the start of what might become a problem?

Sincerely, Rap

Dear Rap,

This is already a problem. You are not fulfilled by your boyfriend's idea of sex. You deserve equal time as the top in any relationship (in my opinion), assuming that is what you want. Some couples are satisfied with set roles for years at a time, others have no roles at all.

If you want to be on top you might discuss with him if he has power or control issues about bottoming. Maybe he needs you to be a passive top by lying on your back and letting him get on you, until he is comfortable and then you roll him over. You might also have to work with the cleanliness thing and try fingers with latex gloves or dildos first to get him comfortable. He may not be very exploratory, and this may require some patience on your part. If you are having sex at all, and it is good that you do, that is half the battle. Fine-tuning and negotiating so everyone gets to be boss sometimes takes communication and work.

If he can't bargain and grow in time than I would suggest a couple's counselor because the problem is about control and withholding. Some guys are just not good in bed because they haven't been taught or they don't know how to explore themselves freely. I definitely don't think you should trick on the side just to get more time in. Fix it, or end it. And please don't think you are inexperienced or missing anything because you haven't logged enough Top hours. A kind, patient lover is always the best in the bedroom! Keep me posted of your progress.

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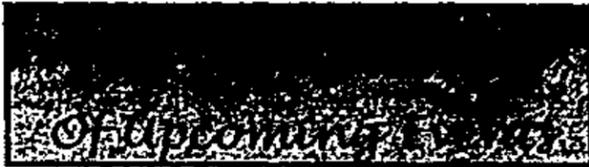


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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

OUToberFEST - Tucson's 'Part in the Park' - Reid Park 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Food, beer, drink and entertainment all day. Vendors, drag, DJ dance, Different stages, Headliners. \$5.00 requested donation for admission.

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

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

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

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Mongelli's Italian Restaurant, 2829 E. Speedway (Between Tucson Blvd. and Country Club)

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

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

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 11:30 a.m., Shogun Japanese Restaurant, 5036 N. Oracle Rd. (Oracle and River NE corner)

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# Arts & Entertainment

### NOW PLAYING THRU OCTOBER 4

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### OCTOBER 4 - NOVEMBER 9

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### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Chris Le Doux "Cadillac Ranch", "Trick Pony", "Pour Me" and Emerson Drive; "I Should Be Sleeping" appear on the stage tonight. Gates open at 5:00 p.m. with the show starting at 7:30 p.m. TicketMaster 321-1000

### OCTOBER 5 - DECEMBER 7

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## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

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. to close. Sangria Party \$2.50. 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 THAN. 8:00 TO 10:00 p.m. it's Smirnoff Twisted Party with games, prizes and \$2.50 Smirnoff any flavor. 9:00 p.m. to close hot dance with DJ TC Wildman.

WOODY'S - New here - Chef Leno's Omelette Brunch served from 11:30 until 2:30 on the Patio. \$5.00 includes 1 Mimosa, Screwdriver or Bloody Mary.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. The "DivaLicious" Show hosted by Faith Michaels and starring Lady Ashley, Miss Saigon, Stella Virgin and Ajia Simone.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

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WOODY'S - Post-OUToberFEST Party 5:00 p.m. Bratwurst Sandwiches and draft beer specials.

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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

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## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 - HALLOWEEN

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YARD DOG SALOON - Halloween Monster Ball. Watch for details.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

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From New York, the Emerson String Quartet presented by the Arizona Friends of Chamber Music. The group will perform at 8:00 pm. At the Leo Rich Theater at the Tucson Convention Center. General Admission tickets are \$20 Students are \$8. Call AFCM at 520-577-3769 for more information.

### FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 & 11

Invisible Theatre present The Reduced Shakespeare Company in "All The Great Books (abridged)" at the Berger Center for the Performing Arts, 1200 W. Speedway. The literary canon-explodes as the Reduced Shakespeare Company, the bad boys of abridgement, return to Tucson to unleash a brand-new comic outrage. America's best loved comedy troupe takes you on a ninety-eight minute roller coaster ride through its compact compendium of the World's Great Books. Buckle up and hop aboard as the Company's modern day Marx Brothers zip through everything you didn't get around to reading in school. Performances Friday at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. \$35 for all performances. Call 520-882-9721

### OCTOBER 10-11-12 / 17-18-19

Desert Players Theatre presents "Caught In The Net" by Ray Cooney. Bigamist taxi driver, John Smith, is back. He is still keeping two families one in Wimbledon and one in Streatham. Its is 18 years later and John now has a son by Barbara and a daughter by Mary. The two siblings meet on the Internet and have found that their fathers have a lot in common. They are determined to meet each other in person. When John finds out about this, mayhem follows and things get increasingly out of hand as John tries to hide the truth. Cabaret Theatre at the Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott. Oct. 9th Preview 8pm. Oct. 10-11-17-18: 8:00 p.m. Oct 12 & 19: 1:30 p.m. For reservations or more information call 733-1076.

### 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 - Open Noon \$1.75 Bloody's, 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 2pm. Bloody Marys \$2.00. Free pool all day.

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 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 Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Theme Dance Nite with Johnny DJ. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Free Pool 8pm to close.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm Karaoke w/Michael D. 9-11

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 tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, bar matches pot. Country music 9pm to close. \$2 bottled Bud products 8 to close.

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Bare Chest Nite- Bare it and get happy hour prices from 9 to close. Progressive/Retro '80s dance with DJ Q. 9 to close

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Bar Opens 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. \$1 Kamakazi, Jellios.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic til 7pm. Bartender Calls til drink specials.

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. Hip Hop or Dance w/DJ Shorty or Senna 9pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8-1.

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm, 9pm "Diva-Licious" 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 4-7pm. plus drink specials. Shrimp Fry Dinner 5-8pm \$5.99. Karaoke 8pm-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 5pm. Specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Free Hot Dog Buffet 5-11pm. Underwear-fetish-leather nite w/Gary and Chris along with GAMP. \$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.

### AIN'T NOBODY'S

BIZNESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Karaoke 9-close. \$2 Kamakazis and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. HINRG video dancing with Johnny DJ 8-1 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 8am. 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 7pm. Free Pool 8 to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

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

### Friday

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

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. GOGO Boys and 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 8am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Happy Hour Buffet 5-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Martini Party - Well Martinis \$2.00 4-8pm. Call Martinis \$3 from 4-8pm. Complimentary Shrimp Cocktail 4-8pm. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

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

### Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 8:30pm \$3 entry. Bar matches pot. \$2 pitchers for pool players. DJ Hill 9pm-close. Drink & Shot Specials all night.

IBTS - 10am-5pm \$4 Martinis and Daquiris. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. Dance Party 9-11 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. Dancing w/Dr. Carlos. Free SAAH HIV testing.

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 7pm. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Steak or Mahi Mahi 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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty. 882-7723 Facilitator.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 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 21 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 881-3794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed 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.

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

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

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

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

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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 or 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. Ellic 581-8850 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 624-6768.

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. Geranimo (near IH 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 323-4737.

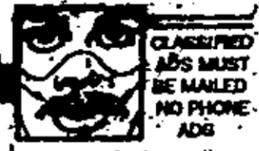
DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus. Want to join? E-mail: www.desertvoices.org or call 791-9662.

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

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave. All alcoholics welcome.



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MENS 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 MENS 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 OUTtoberFEST. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit the TPI website at www.tucsonpride.com

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

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 ryan@thenetver.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 Girls (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Desert Boys 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/sagameet

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.

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

DESERT DOMINION, 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).

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HALLELUJAH RECOVERY DRUG & ALCOHOL 12-STEP. Every Thursday 5:30-6:30pm at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geranimo. 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.

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.tgasaftball.org

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

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

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

TGNetArizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnetarizona.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 85733-0445

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

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

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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Ex-Health Official Denies Spreading HIV

SAN FRANCISCO - A former San Francisco health commissioner pleaded not guilty on Thursday, September 25, to a felony charge that he deliberately exposed two people, including an ex-boyfriend, to the virus that causes AIDS, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

The criminal case against Ronald Gene Hill, 46, hinges on a 1998 California law that outlaws intentionally exposing others to HIV. Only one other person has been convicted under the law, according to the Associated Press.

If convicted, Hill faces up to eight years in prison.

Hill was arrested on Sept. 12 after being indicted by a grand jury. During the panel's hearings, at least two men testified that Hill deceived his sex partners about his HIV status. One of those men, Thomas Lister, is an ex-lover of Hill's who claims he contracted the virus from the former health official.

San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown appointed Hill to the city's health commission in 1997. During his three-year tenure on the commission, Hill was forthcoming to fellow commissioners and the media about being HIV-positive. But in 2000, while Lister and Hill were boyfriends, Lister learned of Hill's true HIV status by reading the newspaper.

Lister, 38, has testified that he and Hill were monogamous during their relationship, and he tested positive in October 2000, just two months after they broke up.

In 2001, Lister was awarded \$5 million in a lawsuit against Hill for lying about his HIV infection.

Hill resigned from the health commission in 2000 after being arrested for allegedly writing bad checks.



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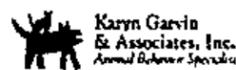
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For More Information Call the PrideLine at 520-622-3200  
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