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By Candace Gingrich

Don't Come Out Alone This Oct. 11

"Are you trying to tell me something?" my mother asked as she held a copy of the "Lavender Letter," a central Pennsylvania Lesbian newsletter she had found in my room. It was the summer of 1987, and I had only recently acknowledged to myself that I was a Lesbian. I was on my coming out journey, and it was important that my mom come with me.

My mom passed away last month at the age of 77. As I look back, I remember her as someone who once told me that they "didn't have Gay people" when she was growing up and, for a time, insisted that my being Gay was just a phase.

But I also remember her as someone who grew with me because we were family. She accepted me for who I am, invited my partner to family gatherings and debated who was and wasn't Gay in Hollywood. Not someone who hesitated to speak her mind, she also spoke out for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender equality.

Back in 1996, she appeared with Coretta Scott King, Barry Goldwater and Christine Todd Whitman in a television ad sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign that called for support of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, a bill for which we are still fighting that would outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation in the workplace.

What made her do it? The same thing that makes the parents, siblings and friends of so many Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender person stand up and support equal rights for all GLBT people every day. Someone they love has come out to them.

In a July 2003 poll commissioned by the HRC Foundation, we found that 36 percent of those who said they didn't know anyone Gay approved of granting "civil marriage licenses to Gay and Lesbian couples, with the same rights, responsibilities and protections given to other married couples." But 81 percent of those who had a close family member or friend who was Gay, Lesbian, bi or Transgender supported civil marriage equality.

The lesson is clear: The single most powerful thing any one of us can do to win GLBT equality is to come out to family members and friends.

That is why the HRC Foundation's National Coming Out Project has declared the theme of this National Coming Day, Oct. 11, "It's a Family Affair."

It's time we celebrate ourselves as families — couples, parents and children, families of our own choosing — and invite our parents, siblings, grandparents and friends to join us in our quest for equality for all.

So don't come out alone this Oct. 11. Come out as a family.

Tell your family members that there are same-sex couples in 99.3 of all counties nationwide and that one out of three Lesbian couples and one out of five Gay male couples are raising children. But make sure you also tell them that none of our families can rely on the same basic protections available to heterosexual families.

Let them know that we are denied basic Social Security survivor benefits, the ability to make decisions on a partner's behalf in a medical emergency, the right to petition for a partner to immigrate, access to medical leave to care for a seriously ill partner and the right to give our children two legal parents in many states.

Remind them that, as family, their silence hurts — but their support heals.

Ask them to visit and sign the petition in support of civil marriage equality for all.

And encourage them to learn more about your life. Send them to the Human National Coming Out Project, at www.hrc.org/nco, and the HRC Foundation's FamilyNet project at www.hrc.org/familynet.

[Candace Gingrich is manager of the Human Rights Campaign's National Coming Out Project.]

Bush Joins Campaign Against G/L Marriage

WASHINGTON - Endorsing a campaign by such anti-Gay groups as the Southern Baptist Convention, the American Family Association, and the Christian Coalition, President Bush on Friday, October 3, proclaimed October 12-18 "Marriage Protection Week."

In his proclamation, Bush said,

"Marriage is a sacred institution, and its protection is essential to the continued strength of our society. Marriage Protection Week provides an opportunity to focus our efforts on preserving the sanctity of marriage and on building strong and healthy marriages in America."

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OUToberFEST Arrives This Saturday, Oct. 11

By Bob Bowers

TUCSON - OUToberFEST, Tucson's Pride Festival, is Saturday, October 11. The event is located in Gene Reid Park in the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Area on Country Club Road north of 22nd Street. Gates open at 10 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. and admission is \$5.

Current weather forecasts have some hurricanes lurking down in Baja which will affect Tucson's weather this week. On Saturday, there is a chance of rain. But Tucsonans know that doesn't mean it will rain, or affect the whole city, and, if there's anything always true about the weather in Tucson, the forecasts are always changing. So, come on out, and bring an umbrella if it's cloudy.

There will be ATMs at OUToberFEST if you're short on cash for shopping. Security regulations for the event will not permit coolers and ice chests to be brought into the festival grounds. No outside food or drink may be brought in except unopened bottled water, and exceptions for things needed for babies. If you wish to picnic with your own food and drink, you will be permitted to leave and return to use park facilities near the Festival

entrance. There will be plenty of food and drink for sale inside the Festival grounds.

Tucson's local folk/rock group BMT, Curt Beal, Tom Maza and Rey Tester, open the entertainment venue on the Main Stage at 10:15. Desert Voices will perform at 11. Kristi Martel takes the stage at 11:50, followed by Mark Weigle at 12:45. Reveille Gay Mens Chorus will sing at 1:30. Yvonne Perea is on at 1:50. Tucson T-Squares will present a square dance demonstration at 2:35. Ever popular Lee Anne Savage will rock your souls and hearts beginning at 2:55. Headliners Digital Soldiers take the stage at 4:10 for an hour of up-beat rocking techno pop song and music. Tucson's Best Drag stars at 5:30 and continues until the event closes with La Fuerza Latina Travesti Show followed by Ladies with Flair. Emcees are Alotta Whoremomans (Brian Fox) and Diana Flair.

The Dance Tent will feature HI-NRG music from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. with Deejays from IBTs. There will be many retail and non-profit exhibitors presenting merchandise and information.

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Melinda Brown Succumbs To Cancer

PHOENIX - Popular Arizona Businesswoman, Melinda Mae Brown, 55, passed away at her home on the evening of October 5, 2003.

Melinda was born in Boone, Iowa and moved to Arizona four years later. She is survived by her life partner Carolyn Karbo; mother Edna Jacobs; brother Richard Brown, his wife Vicki; step-brothers Keith and Kevin Jacobs; six nieces; two nephews, and countless friends.

Owner of Ain't Nobody's Bizness, 3031 E. Indian School in Phoenix, and 2900 E. Broadway in Tucson, Melinda had worked in the bar industry for over 30 years.

Melinda loved people and had a talent for making them feel special. Her generosity was unbounded. She never missed the opportunity to extend a kindness, an encouraging hand, or to brighten someone's day by telling her newest and/or her oldest jokes. Melinda enriched the lives of all who knew her.



Melinda Brown

Family and friends will gather to celebrate her life at The Living Water Lutheran Church, 9201 East Happy Valley Road in Scottsdale on Saturday, October 11th at 2:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the Lesbian Cancer Project or Hospice of the Valley.

UPDATE

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.

Desert Voices Update

TUCSON - Desert Voices, and Alegria, the women's barbershop quartet, will be performing from the main DeMeester stage starting at 11:25 a.m., October 11, for OUToberFEST

The set will open with a 'Flagwaver Medley' and several other numbers, including 'PMS', from Alegria. Then Desert Voices will be singing songs of Pride, and a couple of 'Oldies' tunes that were 'slightly twisted' to take aim at the Marriage Amendment (like Chapel of Love...).

Desert Voices hopes the Rainbow Community will come out to the park to hear the concert and stop by their booth. They will be giving away free copies of our Holiday CD, 'Traditions', to the first 200 people to sign up on our email list, and also great, colorful magnets that show this season's schedule.

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



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services, and a preview of the documentary, "Laramie Inside Out" by local filmmaker Beverly Seckinger.

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

MCC Welcomes Interim Pastor

TUCSON - The Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) welcomes its Interim Pastor and her partner, Reverend Gale Rawson and Jess McMaster, to Tucson with a reception on Saturday, October 18, 2 to 5 p.m. at Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain.

Rev. Gale, who began her service in Tucson on September 1, has already started counseling couples for commitment ceremonies, became involved with CBA, a Multi-Faith group, and has delivered several heartfelt sermons. Prior to coming to Tucson, Rev. Gale was ordained at the MCC in San Diego, California. Being part of a Christian denomination that has been on the forefront of many human rights campaigns, it is not surprising to note that Rev. Gale is one of more than 50% of the clergy who are women in the MCC denomination.

All of Tucson is welcomed to come and meet this dynamic woman. For more information, call (520) 292-9151.

Candlelight Vigil October 12

TUCSON - On Sunday, October 12th beginning at 6 p.m. at Sunset Park, Wingspan will sponsor a special community gathering and candlelight vigil to remember Phillip Walsted, Richard Heakin, Matthew Shepard, and all the others who have been harassed, assaulted, or murdered by hate.

This special gathering is open to all who support non-violence in Southern Arizona. Please culminate your weekend of Pride with a moment of reflection and unity. There will be an opportunity for community members to speak and share their stories of sadness, remembrance, hope, and vision for a hate-free Southern Arizona. Please feel free to bring pictures and mementos of loved ones to share.

Sunset Park is at 255 W. Alameda (between Church and Main) in front of City Hall, across from the Tucson Museum of Art, just west of Presidio Park. Street parking is available on Sunday nights.

If you have any questions about the event, please call (520) 624-1779. If you or someone you know is a victim/survivor of violence, please call the Anti Violence Project 24-hour crisis line at (520) 624-0348 or toll free, (800) 553-9387.

AIDSWALK 2003 Highlights AIDS Quilt Panels

TUCSON - AIDSWALK 2003, Sunday, October 19 at Rillito Park, the largest fund raising special event for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) will highlight 9 panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt Project as well as the local Tucson AIDS Remembrance Quilt. Five of the panels are for Tucsonans who lost their battle with AIDS.

In 1987, the AIDS Memorial Quilt began, as a response by Gay men, Lesbians, and their friends to the devastating impact of AIDS. Today, the Project reaches out to

everyone affected by the epidemic, worldwide, who have sent panels to become part of the Quilt. Tucson's AIDS Remembrance Quilt started in 2000, as local residents wanted the opportunity to create panels and keep them present in the community, and to display at AIDS related events.

Proceeds from AIDSWALK 2003 help SAAF provide critical services for people living with and affected by AIDS. To register to participate, to give a donation, or for more information, call (520) 791-9255, or go online to aidswalktucson.com.

UofA Pride Alliance Sponsors Coming Out Week

TUCSON - Pride Alliance, the University of Arizona GLBTQ, and straight supportive student group will be sponsoring a series of events on the campus to mark National Coming Out Week.

MONDAY, October 13: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Ally Day (on the stage North of the Union by the 2nd street garage). 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Multicultural Speaker (UA Education Building, Room 211).

TUESDAY, October 14: Noon.-1 p.m. Ask a Gay a Question Day (on the stage North of the Union by the 2nd street garage)

WEDNESDAY, October 15: Noon - 1 p.m. Coming Out Party with 93.7KRQ (hosted by Ken Carr) (on the stage North of the Union by the 2nd street garage). Walk through closet door activity (on the stage North of the Union by the 2nd street garage) 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Diva La Paz (in La Paz dorm)

THURSDAY, October 16: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hatred Awareness Event (on the stage North of the Union by the 2nd street garage). Gay Wall Sculpture (on the stage North of the Union by the 2nd street garage). 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Cross Dress Cabaret (in the Cellar Restaurant, 1st floor, at the Student Union).

For more information, you can contact the Pride Alliance Events Coordinator, mjadams@u.arizona.edu.

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 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.

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Gay Briefs. . .

Sexuality Is Set Before Birth

LONDON, UK - A new U.K.-based study claims to prove that sexual orientation is decided before birth, being "hard-wired" into the human brain along with other key traits., reported Gay.com UK.

The report, a combination of work between the University of East London (UEL) and the Institute of Psychiatry, investigates sex differences in the startle response -- the eye-blink reaction to sudden loud noises.

The researchers announced on Friday in a press release that there may be a notable difference between homosexual and heterosexual subjects in terms of their brain circuitry. Since being startled is an involuntary reaction, rather than a product of environmental conditioning, researchers claim it is a strong indication that sexual orientation is determined before birth.

The research involved a technique known as prepulse inhibition (PPI), which measures the strength of response to loud noises.

Results showed clear differences between the groups, with Lesbians showing a markedly stronger inhibition (a PPI of 33 percent) compared to straight women (just 13 percent).

Although the difference between heterosexual men and Gay men is less extreme, 40 percent vs. 32 percent, respectively, researchers claim the difference is still significant.

"The startle response is pre-conscious and cannot be learned," UEL's Dr. Qazi Rahman explained. "It is mediated by an ancient region of the brain called the limbic system which also controls sexual behavior."

Dr. Rahman added that the findings could have a large impact on the way sexuality is treated, both culturally and during health programs.

Gay Inmate Executed

RALIEGH - A Gay man convicted in a 1993 shooting death in Northampton County, N.C., said just one word in the final minutes of his life, turning to greet one of his lawyers and then turning back to stare at the ceiling of the death chamber.

Edward Hartman, 38, was executed, Friday, October 3, by injection at Central Prison in Raleigh. He was pronounced dead at 2:14 a.m., Department of Correction spokeswoman Pam Walker said. Hartman was sentenced to die for the slaying of 77-year-old Herman Smith Jr. in the community of Pinetops. Smith had been a former boyfriend of Hartman's mother, and Hartman was living at his house.

Hartman's attorney, Heather Wells, had tried to stop the execution by arguing that Hartman had received the death penalty because of anti-Gay bias by prosecutors during his trial. The U.S. Supreme Court turned down an appeal Thursday that alleged discrimination based on Hartman's homosexuality. Gov. Mike Easley denied clemency for Hartman on Thursday, declining to reduce Hartman's sentence to life in

prison. During the original trial a prosecutor repeatedly referred to Hartman's sexual orientation, even though it had nothing to do with Smith's death, Wells said. "From jury selection through the cross-examination of several penalty-phase witnesses, the prosecution repeatedly made references to Eddie's homosexuality," Wells said. "Eddie's homosexuality has no relevance to the crime or the circumstances surrounding the crime and no relevance to whether he should live or die." Gay rights groups protested the sentence, and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights asked the U.S. government to intervene so the commission could investigate.

"This is a case where the victim was 77 years old and killed in his home," Northampton County prosecutor Valerie Mitchell Asbell said. "This killing was premeditated. It was a horrible killing."

Hartman told authorities he drank 16 cans of beer before he shot Smith in the head at close range while the man sat in a recliner watching television. Hartman told a friend that Smith carried thousands of dollars in his pocket, court records show. He took the man's car and left the body in the chair. He eventually buried the body in a horse stable and led authorities there after learning he was a suspect.

Hartman issued no final statement before his execution. He appeared to say "Hi" or "Hey" to attorney Wells through a window shortly after he was brought into the death chamber and then smiled before turning away. None of Hartman's family witnessed the execution. Larry Smith, Herman Smith's son, watched stoically. He and the other witnesses declined to comment after Hartman's death. About 100 people opposed to the death penalty

gathered outside the prison late Thursday, many holding candles and singing. Eight or nine protesters sat in a driveway blocking traffic into the prison. No arrests were reported. North Carolina has executed four people this year and 27 since the death penalty was reinstated in 1977.

Sportswriter Comes Out

BOSTON - Ed Gray, a prominent sportswriter for the Boston Herald, outed himself Tuesday in a column in the newspaper.

"I'm out because I no longer, in good conscience, choose to ignore the unabashed homophobia that is so cavalierly tolerated within the world of sports," he said. "I'm out because the silence of a closeted Gay man only serves to give his implicit approval to bigotry. I'm out because I refuse to continue hiding from the truth that an openly Gay man has as much right as a straight man to play sports or report on them."

"In the cases of both a Gay athlete and a Gay sportswriter, homophobic athletes always come up with the same sorry excuse to justify the perpetuation of prejudice on the basis of sexual orientation--the locker room," Gray continued. "What, exactly, does a straight athlete have to fear from a Gay teammate or sportswriter? Any man secure in his heterosexuality should not have a care in the world when a Gay man is present in the locker room. He is there only to earn a living, not to infiltrate the locker room in a covert operation to 'convert' straight athletes. There are infinitely more friendly and healthy environments in which a self-respecting Gay man would prefer to explore his sexuality than a locker room full of straight guys."

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Laramie Remembers Matthew Shepard Attack

LARAMIE - Five years ago Tuesday, an openly Gay college freshman named Matthew Shepard was tied to a fence and beaten into a coma. His death five days later left Peter Moran shaken about Laramie, Wyo., a community of 27,000 and where he grew up. "It was the worst possible thing you could hear about your hometown," Moran recalled. "Laramie is a nicer town than this," he remembered telling his wife.

Today, Laramie seems to be more tolerant and understanding of Gays. There are seminars on Gay issues, diversity workshops, and an annual walk to raise money for AIDS/HIV organizations. "In Laramie and throughout the country, it's all gotten better," said Travis, a University of Wyoming senior and executive board member of Spectrum, the campus Gay and Lesbian group. Travis asked that his last name not be used because he doesn't want his parents to know he is Gay. Gay Awareness Week has turned into Gay Awareness Month, and the university is supporting the Rainbow Resource Center, where Gay students can hang out.

Credited with creating the more-open atmosphere is university president Philip Dubois. "I wasn't one of the people...looking to find in Matthew's murder some explanation in the hearts and minds of our community," Dubois said. "Having said that, I think one has to acknowledge that anti-Gay attitudes live everywhere among some people, and I think we've done a reasonably good job here of keeping the dialogue about social justice alive."

Shepard was attacked by two men he met in a bar. They talked him into their pickup truck and drove him to a sheep ranch, where they tied him with clothesline

to a log fence. Using their fists and the butt of a pistol, the assailants struck Shepard at least 18 times, then robbed him of \$20 and his shoes so he couldn't walk back to town. Condemnation of the crime came from around the world. Candlelight vigils were held. Debates ensued over the treatment of Gays, and measures were passed adding sexual orientation as a protected classification to anti-discrimination laws. The attackers were caught, convicted, and sentenced to life in prison.

In the days and weeks after the attack, Laramie was unfairly portrayed, said Moran, an assistant education professor at the university. He believes the Shepard murder received more attention perhaps because it occurred in a rural area. "The images that I can conjure up—the fence, the mountain vista beyond—it's not the same as a dirty alley in Chicago," Moran said. "You can still see those images plain as day."

Dee Swanson rejected what she felt were unfair stereotypes about her hometown. "We're more than just a rural community, which we're portrayed as," said Swanson. "We accept people... We're tolerant. The people are more verbal now about being tolerant." Dan May, a graduate student from Casper—Shepard's hometown—said that because of Wyoming's small population, 499,000, "you don't get a lot of diversity, so in that sense it made it clear to the people of Wyoming we have diversity, and it's something we need to talk about more."

Some people, though, still haven't gotten the message, said construction worker Kevin Young. "People still joke about it," Young said of Shepard's death. "I have heard people make bad comments about it. They're already that way, and it's going to be hard to break them from it."

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He continued, "Marriage is a union between a man and a woman, and my administration is working to support the institution of marriage by helping couples build successful marriages and be good parents."

The proclamation drew strong criticism from Gay and Lesbian activists. "We are shocked, appalled and immensely saddened that President Bush has sanctioned the so-called 'Marriage Protection Week' with an official proclamation," said Matt Foreman, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "Contrary to his statement, this 'week' has nothing to do with 'building strong and healthy marriages in America.' Rather, it is a bald campaign to demonize and defame Gay people and our families, a shameful mixing of religion and politics. This attack is about even more than denying our families equal civil rights and responsibilities that are associated with marriage, but also seeks to deny any legal recognition whatsoever to our families."

Added Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign: "It is reprehensible for a president who claims to be compassionate to pander to a coalition of extremist groups by joining their assault on Gay families. The American people want to see politicians in Washington concentrating on the real threats to our families—an unstable economy, high unemployment rates, and uncertainty in Iraq—not guaranteeing that same-sex couples are left without more than

1,000 rights, responsibilities, and protections under federal law."

"The Bush administration has issued a direct attack on millions of American families on behalf of antiGay organizations," said Dave Noble, executive director of the National Stonewall Democrats. "President Bush has failed to address even one of the thousands of issues that negatively impact our families, yet he has chosen to grant discrimination a federal blessing with this proclamation."

Meanwhile, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation called on the media to examine Bush's support of the far-right agenda on denying Gay people marriage rights. "President Bush has just endorsed an organized agenda of bigotry, discrimination, exclusion, and intolerance," said GLAAD executive director Joan M. Garry. "It's critically important that the media ask the Bush administration and its supporters to defend their association with professional homophobes who seek to target, undermine, and destroy American families. Such attempts to deny protections to some American families are in fact an attack on all American families."

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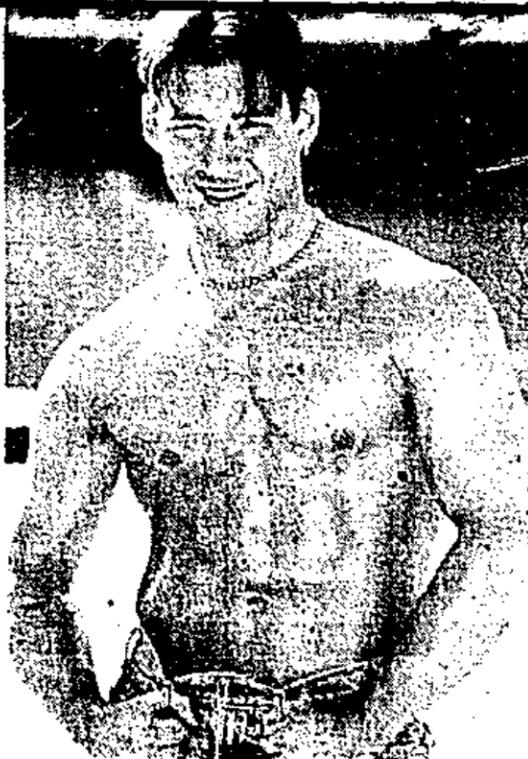
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The G/L Affluence Debate: Myth Or Marketing Hype?

NEW YORK - Are Gays and Lesbians more affluent than their non-Gay counterparts? As originally reported on GFN, the question provides a surprising answer.

The ideological turf in question pits the Gay community against itself, with one side saying: not only do Gays make and spend more money - and therefore should enjoy the targeted advertising efforts of Fortune 500 companies - but the fact of Gay affluence portends better living for Gay Americans.

The other side says "Gay affluence" is a pernicious myth, dangerous to the Gay community. They say the false suggestion of affluence gives ammunition to the Religious Right, who use the appellation as a lever to lobby some legislators to vote against rights for Gays who appear to be more affluent than the average American.

"What was needed was a yardstick to accurately measure the impact of Gay and Lesbian consumerism," said Jeffrey Garber, president of OpusComm Group, the man behind some of the largest studies of the consumer habits of Gay men and Lesbians, with early 9,000 people participating in the 2002 census. Garber's proclamation, though, offered two years ago when OpusComm did their first online census, suggested to some full or accurate studies hadn't been done until his census.

That sentiment created a rumble within the Gay community that, for some, called into question the validity of OpusComm's Gay/Lesbian Consumer Online Census.

The "yardstick" Garber used was an online survey, in which respondents were queried on a range of subjects related

to income, living, education and spending habits.

To induce people to take a 40-minute survey, OpusComm appealed to reader's sense of civic pride to "stand up and be counted." If that didn't work, respondents also knew they'd become eligible for a prize, like a trip to Los Angeles or New York City if they finished the survey.

A sampling of the results from the 2001 survey, in which 6,351 respondents participated, revealed the following:

Nearly 60 percent of Gay male households and 46 percent of Lesbian households showed a combined income in excess of \$60,000.

Gays have excellent voting habits. Nearly 9-out-of-10 Gay and Lesbian people are registered voters, with an impressive 79.8 percent claiming to have voted in the 2000 presidential election.

Gays spend big on entertainment. 41% spend between \$100-\$299 monthly on entertainment, the most popular being magazines, cable, movies and books.

"This means well-heeled Gay and Lesbian couples, sharing two incomes... can plan to be actively courted in the near future by industry and services anxious to open up this "new" market," said Syracuse University Professor Amy Falkner, one of the authors of the online surveys' questions, and an expert in targeted advertising and how different groups use the Internet.

"You'll be seeing many more large corporations "coming out" as friendly to Gays, once they see what a positive image in the Gay community can do for sales,"

said Cary Gilbert, president of Gay entertainment/media company GSociety, one of the sponsors of the survey.

Lee Badgett, a social scientist with the Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies, or IGLSS, a non-profit, independent think tank on Gay and Lesbian issues, says the results of the OpusComm/Newhouse/GSociety survey do not portray a positive image of the Gay community, and also alleges the "census" is flawed in its methodology.

"They've surveyed an existing affluent group, by virtue of the fact of owning computers, they would naturally have higher incomes." The very ability to get online shows they're "well-heeled," says Badgett, and that alone skews the results.

Badgett, author of "Money, Myths, and Change: The Economic Lives of Lesbians and Gay Men," is also quick to cite studies - and her own documented research - that show the opposite of OpusComm's results: Gay men earn less than their non-Gay counterparts, and the story is even worse for Lesbians.

OpusComm's Garber says Badgett's research is outdated. "She cites studies that are, in some cases, 11 years old - and older. One of the studies she mentions, which was HIV-related, only represented 203 people. This was back in 1985, and it was unlikely that people would put accurate personal health information into an envelope and mail it off. An Internet survey offers complete anonymity."

Bob Witeck, president of Witeck-Combs Communications, a marketing and public relations firm in Washington, agrees with Garber on this point.

"More people will self-disclose online. It's a good way to do it when it's done right," says Witeck, whose company in association with Harris Interactive was one of the early adopters in gathering credible online data.

The larger issue, according to Witeck, is that companies like American Airlines are not interested in how much we make - but what we do with it.

"Gays and Lesbians are a defined market, just like African Americans. Advertisers and businesses don't advertise to blacks because of a perception of affluence. They do it because they're a definable market."

Common-sense must go hand-in-hand in evaluating all available information, says Kevin J. Noonan, a social scientist in Topanga Canyon, Calif.

"The big news from this OpusComm study is that partnered Gays make a combined income of roughly \$60,000. This is good news? asks Noonan.

"I don't know where these people live, but anyone living in and around any large city in American today, and making that kind of money, would hardly be called affluent. They'd be living paycheck to paycheck and wearing Dockers, not Dolce & Gabbana."

"But I take exception to Badgett's suggestion that only wealthy people would be able to do an online survey. That's not accurate, when a used PC can be had for a few hundred dollars. That's not a wealthy market segment," said Noonan.

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Groups Challenge Military's Sodomy Ban

WASHINGTON - Three of the Gay community's most powerful legal advocates teamed up to file a "friend of the court" brief on Thursday, October 2, in a challenge to the military's ban on sodomy, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Lambda Legal Defense, the ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project and the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network filed the brief in the case of Air Force Technical Sergeant Eric Marcum, who was convicted, among other things, of having consensual sex with another man in his own home.

Marcum's conviction on this particular charge is now under appeal from the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals to the military's highest court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. It is the first challenge to Article 125, the sodomy ban, to reach the military's high court since the Supreme Court struck the nation's sodomy laws on constitutional grounds in *Lawrence v. Texas* last June. Oral arguments are scheduled for Oct. 7, and the case could be decided as early as the end of this year.

Established in 1950, the Uniform Code of Military Justice governs discipline throughout the armed forces, and is adjudicated through the military courts. Article 125 bans "unnatural carnal copulation"

with another person of either sex, as well as bestiality. Although military law must conform to constitutional standards, courts often allow the armed services to limit constitutional rights based on national security concerns. This deference to the military, for example, has led several federal appellate courts to uphold the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, despite the apparent First Amendment violations triggered by that law.

In view of the *Lawrence* decision, however, the military will have a more difficult time defending the application of its sodomy ban to consensual acts, conducted off-base, in a private home, during off-duty hours. Neither national security, troop morale, good discipline nor unit cohesion seem to be threatened in the scenario under review. Without such rationales, the Supreme Court's strong defense of individual privacy in *Lawrence* would appear to govern the outcome.

In a joint press release, the friends of the court note that the former chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, Judge Walter T. Cox III, urged Congress to repeal Article 125's sodomy ban back in 2001. In a prior case, Cox upheld the ban based on the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Bowers v. Hardwick*, the precedent that was expressly reversed in *Lawrence v. Texas*.

Conservatives Escalate G/L Attack

WASHINGTON - A coalition of conservative political groups intend to make same-sex marriage the hot-button social issue of the 2004 election; the Associated Press reported on Thursday, October 2.

The Christian Coalition, the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Eagle Forum are among more than two-dozen organizations campaigning for a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriages in the United States. To promote their cause and rally voter registrations, the groups have declared the week beginning Oct. 12 as "Marriage Protection Week", reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.network.

They will supply literature about same-sex marriage to over 70,000 churches, and Christian radio stations are planning a barrage of programming on the issue.

"We want to make sure that homosexual marriage is not legal in this country," Sandy Rios, president of Concerned Women for America, told the AP. "This is the very underpinning of civilization. If we remove those foundations, our entire civilization will come crumbling down," she said.

Evan Wolfson is director of Freedom to Marry, a New York-based progressive organization fighting for marriage equality. Wolfson told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network that the two-sentence constitutional amendment, called the Federal Marriage Amendment, is designed not only to outlaw Gay marriages, but also to prohibit the recognition of any civil rights for same-sex or unmarried heterosexual couples, including civil unions or domestic partnerships.

"It's not a 'marriage amendment,'" Wolfson said. "It is a sweepingly broad attack on families under the guise of being about marriage."

"This is not just anti-Gay," he said. "It's anti a vision of the world that allows people to make their own choices about marriage, family, intimacy, love, sex and same-sex equality."

Wolfson views the anti-Gay amendment as a dangerous precedent. "The Constitution has never in the history of this country been amended to single out and discriminate against a group of Americans," he said. Constitutional amendments "have always been in the direction of supporting equality and inclusion, not ever to discriminate."

Winnie Stachelberg, political director of the Human Rights Campaign, a national Gay lobbying group, was equally critical of the conservative attack.

"It's time for these groups to stop misleading the American people by maintaining that they are 'protecting' families. What they're really doing is fostering discrimination against the GLBT community," she said in a press release on Thursday. "Gay Americans are tax-paying, hard-working citizens who deserve these basic legal protections," Stachelberg said.

Wolfson believes it is critical for Gay people and their allies to talk with non-Gay people about how discrimination in marriage hurts families, and how second-class citizenship for any American is wrong.

"We need to realize we're in a civil rights struggle, and we're not simply the helpless pawns of the right-wing's latest attack. If we would do these things, we would win this battle," he said.



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Continuing the series of 2004 Democratic presidential candidate responses to the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) questionnaire, featured this week is freshman, U.S. Senator John Edwards from North Carolina.

POLITICS 2003

by Mark R. Kerr

So Where Do They Really Stand? John Edwards

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?

EDWARDS: Support.

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?

EDWARDS: Comments: I believe discrimination is wrong. I am an original cosponsor of the Employment Nondiscrimination Act, which prohibits discrimination based on real or perceived sexual orientation.

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?

EDWARDS: Support. Comments: I am an original cosponsor of the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act, which adds protections based on sexual orientation to hate crimes legislation.

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?

EDWARDS: Support. Comments: I cosponsored legislation reauthorizing the Ryan White Act in 2000.

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

EDWARDS: Support.

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

EDWARDS: Support.

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

EDWARDS: 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?

EDWARDS: Oppose.

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?

EDWARDS: Comments: I support partnership benefits for Gay and Lesbian couples in committed, long-term relationships.

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?

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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?

EDWARDS: Comments: I support the extension of partnership benefits to Gay and Lesbian couples in committed, long-term relationships, and support a comprehensive review of the benefits you have mentioned.

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

EDWARDS: Comments: See above.

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

EDWARDS: Comments: See above.

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

EDWARDS: Comments: See above.

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?

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MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

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TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Mercury in Libra makes you even more balanced and organized than usual. Queer Bulls feel in control, can maximize their efforts with good planning and can stop any time-wasting leak. The secret to your success is to extend your excellent vibes into all areas of your life, not just work. All work and no play makes this randy Bull just another side of beef in need of tenderizing.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Do you feel the heated beat? It must be the thumping energy of manic Mercury in sassy Libra. Rainbow Twins are electrified and electrifying as fun and creative ideas merge and glow. Connect to a few community grids and see how hot you can burn. But take things as they come; surges in power can lead to a blackout... or a lost weekend. Ah, but what a way to go!

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Pink Crabs can happily settle in and nestle in their nest as Mercury enters luscious Libra. Your mind is sparked with great home decorating and entertaining ideas. Plan them out and put them into action. Libra energy also provides the social buzz so get your blackberry out and add a few sweetened dates. You'll be baking in now time. Who will be the first to taste a slice?

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

What is it about proud know-it-all Lions that lead them to think that their opinions

are the final word on the subject? I don't know but now, as wilde Mercury moves into Libra, you are certainly the mouth that roars. Libra gives you great charisma and attracts a willing and pliable crowd to your door. What ideas are percolating, pardner? Let them overflow. Hmm, sound familiar?

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Thoughts quickly turn to money and even more money as Mercury steps into spend-thrift Libra. Queer Virgins usually know how to stretch a dollar so use this time to stretch it to the outer limits and enjoy life a little. Even more, there is a part of you who longs to let loose and spend to the hilt. Display your considerable assets but be sure you get what you pay for.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

You score with the paparazzi when Mercury glides into your own sign this week. Smile! Gracious pink Libras seem to know exactly what to say at the exact right time to make the crowds roar with ecstasy. But because it comes so easily now, there is a

tendency to fall into lazy patterns and become an insufferable petulant diva. So this is this new?

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Mirthful Mercury ambles into flirty Libra and recharges your intuition. Proud Scorps suddenly feel that they have all the answers, as whispered to them by the wilde, untamed cosmic spirits. But before you broadcast these amazing insights to the general swirl, I would stop and consider the source. Frankly dear, I don't think Reverend Wildmon is dating Tom Delay.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

If the summer doldrums made you feel lonely and without your usual circle of pals, you will welcome the arrival of Mercury in sociable Libra. Gay Archers are suddenly on the top of every ones "must do" list and your social calendar fills to bursting. Be careful of what you wish pardner; you begin to feel like a slab of tired old rump roast. Pace yourself and remain a tenderloin.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Pink Caps always seem to have their beady eyes on the corporate prize. Now, as strategic Mercury climbs into charismatic Libra, you find that you can better fulfill your corporate manifest destiny with a few choice words to the right powers-that-be. Place yourself strategically in the center of attention and let your natural political abilities run free. A stuffed shirt is born!

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

There is nothing that eggs an aware Aqueerian on more than the opportunity to change the world. While I can't promise miracles, I can say that the current Mercury transit into Libra will enable you to turn more than a few heads and sway opinions. Consolidate your thoughts and present them globally through the internet or other mass media. Leave out the burps.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Dear Abby, I can't seem to be able to get sex off my mind and I can't concentrate on anything else, including my hygiene. It has gotten to the point that wealthy lovers avoid me and every stray animal with poor prospects tries to mount me. How can I attract the one with the best bottom ... line? Dear Guppie, Mercury is in shallow Libra. Don't worry, this shall pass.



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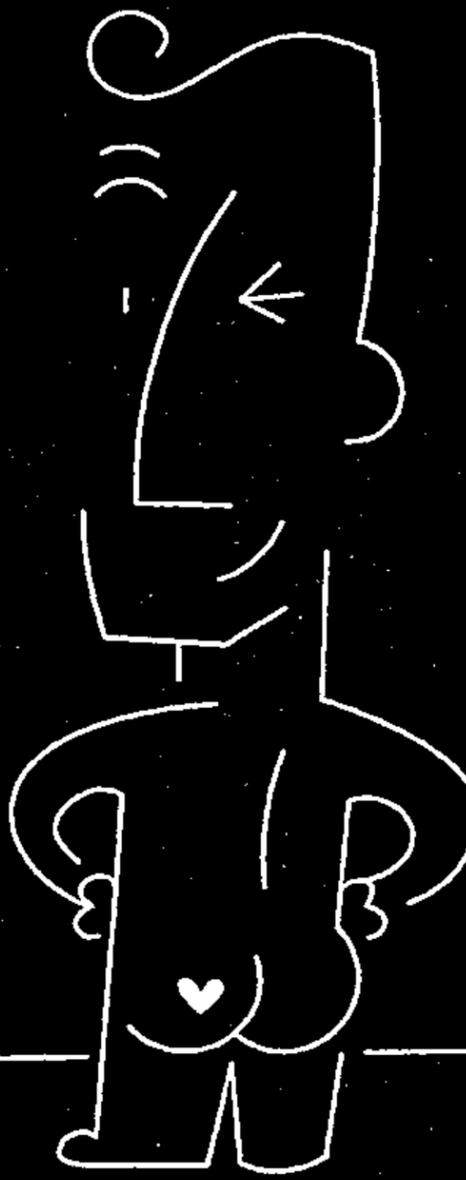
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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

Presidential Politics

American presidential politics is a wonderful spectator sport. Even folks who are fiercely partisan have to step back in awe at times and appreciate the crazy unpredictability of the game. One simple thing makes it great fun: Anything can happen at any time.

There was once a leading candidate from Maine who cried in public because someone said something nasty about his wife. He was out of the race the very next day. There was once a leading candidate from Michigan who gave a speech in which he used the phrase, "I was brainwashed." Gone the next day. Slick as a three-pitch strikeout.

And in a whole deck of wild cards, you also have the joker of changing times. That card tells us that publicly crying about your wife or admitting you were brainwashed would probably help a candidate today. There's a guy who's sensitive. There's a guy who can admit a mistake.

More changing times: The mainstream press knew about Kennedy's extra curricular activities. His Press Secretary flatly admitted them to a reporter. Years later along comes a candidate named Gary Hart who challenged the press to follow him around if they thought he was being unfaithful. They did, and they brought their cameras.

JFK's impish and ebullient press guy, Pierre Salinger, gave a TV interview, decades after the event, in which he recounted being confronted by a reporter with evidence of a Kennedy dalliance. Salinger told the reporter that the president needed such activities to relax and that a lack of relaxation would impair the Leader of the Free World's ability to make crucial decisions. All those years later, Pierre was still savoring his panicky improvisation and, even more, the fact that the reporter bought it.

But how do you really get into this great spectator sport to the point where you can appreciate both the big plays and the wonderful nuances, the inside baseball stuff, if your education has left you relatively ignorant of American history, political science, American government and the like? Not to worry — it's easy. All you need is a cheap little notebook and a pencil.

You start knowing nothing. No problem. You just wait until all the experts are saying the same thing about anything, until you can't turn your TV on or open your newspaper without seeing that everybody is on some bandwagon. Then you write that in your notebook and date it.

If you'd started this at the beginning of the current race you might have a record of everyone agreeing that a guy named Howard Dean couldn't have an impact on the race because of a guy named John Kerry, a fellow New Englander, who would completely overshadow him.

If you wanted to throw in California just for fun, you'd have an actor named Arnold staying out of the race because no one would take him seriously as a potential governor.

You might have the consensus that General Clark would be a second tier candidate at best because of his lack of political experience.

And you'd definitely have the metaphysical impossibility that a Senator Clinton of New York would ever get into the presidential race no matter what.

Not long after you start playing this game you realize that unanimity can be dangerous. When everybody starts seeing things the same way, there's a good chance that they'll be blindsided. You also start to wonder if you, a humble novice and non-expert, might be able to see some possibilities that the herd is overlooking.

Soon you don't content yourself with the possibility that the herd could be wrong. You start to ask yourself, "Why couldn't this happen?" You start to wonder about possibilities that no one else is even talking about. And when you get one of those things right, and you've got it in your notebook with the date you thought of it, and you're listening to the TV expert say, "Of course, no one could have imagined that," you feel very clever indeed.

Stranger things happen in every single presidential race than the Cubbies winning the World Series. All you need to play is a notebook and a pencil. Warning: one month of this may make you a political junky. And, if it doesn't particularly bother you that Americans die every day because they can't afford their prescription drugs, you can appreciate politics on the level that it's intended.

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

Clients Satisfied With Rapid HIV Tests

ATLANTA - A study by researchers at the AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta shows that the OraQuick rapid HIV antibody test, which can produce results in about 20 minutes, is being welcomed by at-risk individuals being screened for HIV infection, AIDS Alert reports.

The consortium developed a program called the Metro Atlanta Women of Color Initiative, which aims to boost testing and counseling for African-American women in the city. A survey of the women given the test showed that 99% said they preferred the rapid test to standard HIV antibody tests, which can take up to a week for results. All of the women surveyed said they would recommend the rapid tests to family members or friends. "The response from the community has been overwhelmingly positive," said lead researcher Melanie Thompson. Although the program targeted African-American women, 29% of the first 300 clients tested were at-risk minority men.

A separate study by researchers at the University of Minnesota showed that of 739 people in Minneapolis given an OraQuick rapid HIV test, all but one stayed to receive the results. As many as one third of all people tested for HIV antibodies with standard tests, and up to half in some locales, do not return for their test results, mostly because of the one-week waiting period, health officials say. The Minnesota test included people in chemical dependency programs, homeless shelters, halfway houses, and youth centers, which typically have the lowest levels of people returning for their HIV test results through standard testing methods.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO A GENEROUS COMMUNITY:

On behalf of all of us at TIHAN, I want to convey our thanks to everyone involved in the 7th Annual "Turnabout for TIHAN" 2003 benefit show. It was a great show, and we're thrilled to say that it raised more than \$9,200 to support the ongoing programs and services provided by TIHAN!

Several hundred people came out to the InnSuites Hotel for the event as staff from Tucson's LGBT bars joined together to put on a benefit show produced by M.A.V.elous Productions. As you saw from the pictures in the recent Observer, the evening was filled with wild costumes and makeup, wonderful food, great stage/set/room design, and hilarious performances all with the 70's theme of "Studio 53 1/2: The Last Days of Disco."

TIHAN and those we serve owe a huge debt of gratitude to all those who made this benefit such a success:

First, to the producers--Scott Seitzberg, Tim Barth, Marc Brunelle. Once again, you did good! Thanks so much for the many, many hours you poured into making this event succeed yet again. Congratulations! (Scott, best wishes in Los Angeles--we'll miss you like crazy!)

Second, to this year's co-hosts--Lucinda Holliday and Ajia Simone--thanks for your performances and for working the crowd so well to get their generosity flowing. Your commitment is amazing, and we are very grateful!

Third, to the participating GLBT bars in Tucson: I am grateful for your willingness to support and have your staff participate in this benefit show. Thank you IBT's, Woody's, and November Bar'n'Grill for supporting us and giving back so generously to the community that supports you.

Fourth, the bar employees who performed so magnificently: Marci Phillips (Marc Brunelle), Courtney Roxoff (Troy Terpening), Aubergine (Gary Rhine), Miss Vanna (Tim Barth), Columbia Jane (Tim Campbell), Dee Dee (Dave Huff), Doo Doo (George Laos), Alina Backer (Scott Seitzberg), Taylor Park (Roland Bayne), and to Lucinda Holliday, Ajia Simone, and all the backup performers as well. You all looked so "retro" and wowed us with your costumes, makeup, hair, and musical selections. You were amazing, as proven by the audience's roars of applause and generous tipping!

Fifth, to the incredible support team of volunteers, helping with every minute detail from makeup to lighting to food to ushering to raffle to money to auction to makeup and more! Thank you Daniel Davis, George Laos, Jeremy Smith, David Zinke, Rob Nail, Scott Twilford, David Wettstein, Penny Peters, Rosey and the girls, Tommy Novakowski, Laura Standards, Diana Flair, Veronica Hollowell, Kanella's, Janec Starr, Bunny FuFu, Robert Brown, Clint O'Daniel, Scott Sutherland, Brian Livermore, Stan Phalp, Zeke, Natalie Perry, John Moore, Kathy Ernst, Fran, and Teri Akki.

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Seventh, to folks from TIHAN who volunteered with the event: Steve Zack, Craig Witherell, Bill Kendall, Rowan Frost, Janet Smith, Cherwee Hughley, Dan Nunez, Del Sutton, Bill Eck, Jessica Zarling, Allison Dragony, Megan Dragony, Richard Zelens, Steve Laguna, Brian Chagnon, Nathan Clarke, Paul, Rebecca Zapien, and Sarah Pratt.

Finally, I want to thank all those who sponsored the performers and those who attended the show and tipped the stars so well, contributing thousands of dollars to the cause.

Because of M.A.V.elous Productions and the support of all these people listed above, the entire community will benefit from the additional AIDS education, awareness, and services made possible as a result of "Turnabout for TIHAN 2003." Our love and thanks to you all.

Scott Blades
Executive Director
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What Makes Our Town Tick?

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By Jerry D.

Hello readers! This time of the year is an early holiday present for those of us who are sports fans. Football is underway with teams at the collegiate level reaching for a national title, while the professional set is marking their territory for a trip to the Super Bowl. America's original pastime is of course at its apex with the playoffs and World Series days away for fans to view and marvel. This year seems as though there is a major shift in the routine of what has been before for so long. Times like that are just right for those pioneering moments.

At the present time, the pigskin pack is as mixed up as if it were occurring in the bizzaro world. Last season's champions of the AFC, the Oakland Raiders, can't seem to win a game to save their life. Teams such as Carolina and Denver are making a surprising stance towards their division titles, making for a championship that will include teams who last year were at the bottom of the heap. If the season remains on its current path, there are going to be a lot of bandwagon fans holding the seats at the championship game.

Over on the baseball side, the most unlikely of situations is becoming a very near reality. The Boston Red Sox and the Chicago Cubs are on their way to possibly being the teams in this year's World Series. There are weather broadcasters prepared to announce the freezing of Hell with the chance that these two teams would meet in the fall classic. The last time the two of them were involved in a championship was when Woodrow Wilson was the president, 1918. Boston won the series but hasn't since, possibly due to the curse of the Bambino. These two teams have a nation full of fans, so there will definitely be a major viewing population should they be the participants of the championship. That should make the Fox network all too happy.

With the odd direction that sport is taking this season, there should be one more front that can be taken on to make

history over it. The buzz is going around over this being the year that a player in one of our major sports comes out of the closet, thus breaking a barrier that has endured longer than any other in athletics. We all know that it takes only one to start a trend, and the person who would make that first step is definitely destined to be mentioned not only in books with statistics. And that would make for a season no one would ever forget.

There has been enough bashing this year regarding GLBT sport participants. Quotes have been printed from players stating their view on why no one should come out. Derogatory slurs have been hurled at players and coaches who might not even be Gay. We have seen enough of the negative; I think its time we combat that with a positive push towards someone coming out. I am sure that the global community will not be as harsh as our own here in this country, but I can not think of a better time to take that step than now.

This Saturday is National Coming Out Day. Our own city is host to its annual OUToberFEST, and visitors from near and far will be on hand to celebrate diversity Tucson style. In previous Coming Out days I have been witness to people both young and old proclaiming what they have lived with inside them for so long. I only hope someone in the sporting world takes advantage of the day and speaks to all of us. It would take bravery of the heroic magnitude, but it will be a Coming Out Day to remember.

I hope to see you there for the festivities Saturday. Remember the Old Pueblo weather and drink a lot of water if you are going to be there for any length of time. Show our visitors how friendly a town Tucson is, and hope that someone in the sporting world takes that step to help break yet another barrier. Have a great week and remember the coming mayoral elections November 4th!

THE BOOK REPORT

TPPL BOOK REVIEW

Tongue Tied By Richard Stevenson, (St. Martin's Minotaur, 2003). Reviewed by Laura Thomas Sullivan, Tucson-Pima Public Library

Donald Strachey is a Gay private investigator from Albany, New York, who rather reluctantly agrees to work for Jay Plankton, a right-wing Gay-bashing radio "shock-jock" in New York City. One reason he agrees is because he owes the NYPD detective in charge of the case a big favor. Another reason is because he once had contact with the Forces of Free Faggotry (FFF) that is claiming responsibility for perpetrating a series of nasty pranks against Plankton. It isn't long before Thad Diefendorfer, a Gay Artist farmer and former FFFer, joins the investigation.

The pranks quickly escalate from a tear gas grenade thrown into Plankton's studio to the kidnapping of one of the most abrasive members of the on-air staff.

Stevenson writes with great humor (e.g. "woolly cheese made from llama milk") and frequent cultural references, ranging from pop to literary - Howard Stern, George W. Bush, Marcel Proust,

Fritz Lang, Elton John, and Ricky Martin, just to name a few. The action moves, in well-described scenes, from New York City to Massachusetts and Long Island.

The characters are well developed. Plankton and his crew sling crude adolescent insults far and wide, even among themselves. Detective Lyle Barner is in the closet, but his lover is a younger officer who is out, and suffers unfortunate consequences daily in the NYPD locker room. Diefendorfer lives on a farm in New Jersey with his partner, a Lesbian couple and their child. Strachey is monogamous and happily settled.

Although this is Stevenson's eighth Donald Strachey mystery, it easily stands on its own.

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John 3:16

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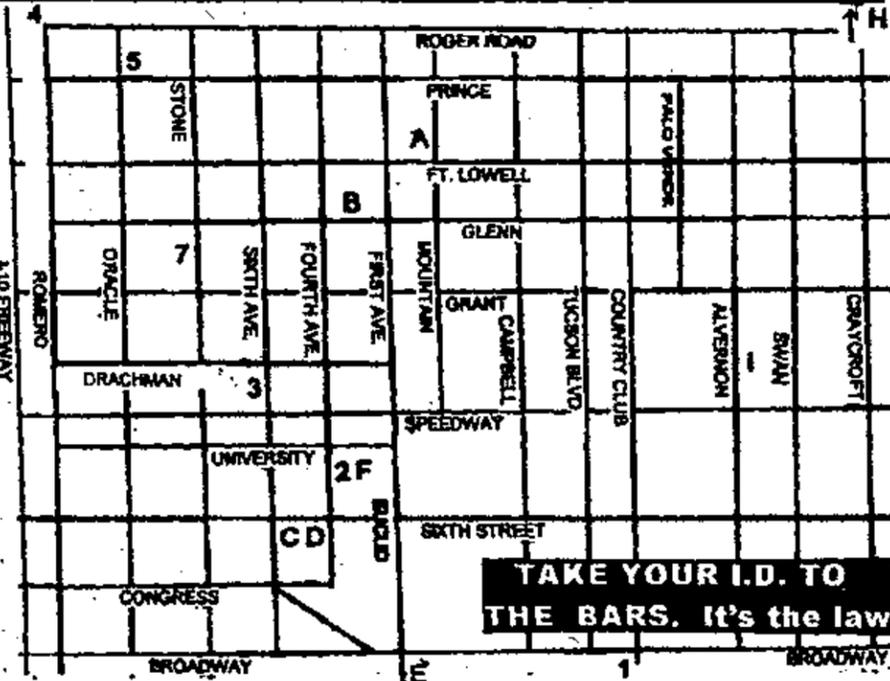
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POLITICS

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EDWARDS: 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 sexual orientation?

EDWARDS: Support.

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?

EDWARDS: Undecided. Comments: I would consider such legislation.

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?

EDWARDS: Support. Comments: As the recent discharge of Arabic language specialists demonstrates, the current policy does not serve our national security interests and should be changed. The military

WEEKLY OBSERVER should review the current policy and change it so that it treats people fairly and protects our security.

For more information about U.S. Senator John Edward, visit his website: johnedwards2004.com.

G/L Affluence Debate

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trying to make a name for themselves -- and there's nothing wrong with that -- but the data must be looked at objectively -- and the motivations of all parties involved deserve to be scrutinized."

The results of the first study released by OpusComm was met with enthusiasm from quarters outside the Gay community -- far right outside.

The anti-Gay lobbying organization, the Family Research Council, used the results of the study in their weekly member emails to malign the efforts of Americans interested in equal rights for the Gay community.

"[Instead of] suffering discrimination and the deprivation of the fundamental rights, privileges, and opportunities. . . Gays are far from discriminated against -- they're thriving," said one email.

It is this point that concerns Badgett. Through their legislative lobbying efforts the Family Research Council has, and continues to, negatively impact the efforts of equal rights for Gay Americans.

In her 1998 report, "Income Inflation: The Myth of Affluence among Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Americans," Badgett writes:

"Law professor Joseph Broadus testified before Congress against including sexual orientation as a protected category in civil rights laws, saying in part, "Homosexual households had an average income of \$55,400 compared with a national average of \$36,500. This is not the profile of a group in need of special civil rights legislation. It is the profile of an elite."

Justice Antonin Scalia, one of the justices who voted against removing sodomy laws in the Supreme Court's landmark decision last summer, used Broadus's dissenting opinion supporting an anti-Gay referendum only a year before that. Scalia noted that Gay people are politically powerful since "those who engage in homosexual conduct tend to have high disposable income."

Scalia would seem to be saying, in essence: how much people earn should be an indicator of whether someone is deserving of more or less rights. But would it occur to Scalia to make a similar conclusion about an African American person? Gay people are, through some eyes, still fair game when it comes to discrimination.

Whether Gay people are perceived as rich or poor or somewhere in between seems to be most important to marketers and social scientists, and less important to the people still experiencing discrimination in housing, at work, in the tax codes and in their efforts to enjoy a family life.

As social scientist Noonan suggests, surveys reporting on the lives of Gay people might be best viewed with one eye on the motivation of the people offering the survey and another eye on the people taking it. The interpretation of the results will likely depend on where you sit.

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Dear Dr. X.

My Mother is always on me about finding a nice guy and settling down. She is only 56 years old and the way she wants me coupled you would think she was going to die tomorrow. I live in Tucson and she lives in Chicago. Every visit or phone call she is working me to death about marrying some nice guy and buying a home. I am only 28 and I don't want to be in a long-term relationship right now. I am enjoying being single and exploring sex. She asks me if I go out and then she gets judgmental and overly persistent for details, and then she will say something like, "Stop being a gigolo and settle down." I need some advice on how to get her off my back until I'm ready to be a one-man kind of guy. Help!

Signed Mama's Boy

Dear MB

Most Gay men are partially ruled by mommy dearest. We can't help it. Most Gay men and their mothers are "girlfriends" for life. So you don't want to hurt her. First I think you should look at the bigger picture. Realize that you would probably be hearing this even if you were straight. She could be concerned that if you date around you will get HIV. This is primarily the worst fear for parents of all Gay men. She may think that if you find a guy and set up house that bad things won't happen to you, and she won't have to worry any more. My advice would be to tell her that you love her and are glad that she

wants you to be happy. Then tell her in your own way that you are happy with your life right now and she will be the first to know when and if those wedding bells ring. You gotta love a mom that is supportive of your lifestyle and cares that much about you. The bottom line is you are not a gigolo and it is fine to want your freedom right now. When and if you decide you have had enough you'll find someone and make you and your mom happy. So be clear with her on your feelings and about your sexual behavior. If you are being safe and staying informed you are good to go. Just remember how lucky you are to have a cool mom. Good Luck!

Dear Dr. X

I really enjoy being single with the freedom to come and go and do as I please and not having to compromise. However, I noticed in a brochure that even with oral sex there is the possibility of contracting Chlamydia, herpes, hepatitis B, gonorrhea, genital warts, syphilis, and something called NGU. I don't have any STD's and plan to keep it that way. How can I tell if someone has one of these STDs and how can I protect myself just to be sure?

Signed, Free, Happy & Single

Dear Free, Happy & Single

First of all, it's wonderful that you know just what you want and don't want from dating and that STD's don't have to come as a part of a sexual encounter. It is possible for you to come into contact with Chlamydia, NGU (non-gonococcal urethritis) and other STD's from oral sex. The correct use of a barrier (condoms, dental dams, etc.) each and every time you come into contact with another person's body fluids will certainly help reduce your chances of contracting an STD.

The fact is that many times STD's are not always visible and can have no symptoms. I hope that sores, warts and other visible signs like discharge, rash; etc will indeed catch your attention should you come across them. If the person your with has any of these, consider not coming into contact with that area at all. Do keep in mind that some STD's like HPV and Herpes are viral and shed from the surface of the skin. If the infected area is not covered and you rub skin to skin against it... you too can become infected.

Unfortunately, the lack of visible signs of an STD means nothing. Some disease or virus could be waiting for your warm moist body part even before you cross the threshold. Routine screening for STD's is an important part of your health especially if you have a variety of sexual partners and yearly exams in general for any man as a means of preventative health. Regardless of your ability to swim... life preservers add a certain amount of protection and safety, as do condoms!! Use them and enjoy being healthy, free, happy and single.

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

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NON-BAR CALENDAR

GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8
Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 p.m. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620

THURS-FRI-SAT, OCTOBER 9-10-11
The Southern Arizona Art Guild will present an open air exhibit of selected artworks at the L'art pour l'art courtyard, on the Southwest corner of Oracle and Ina Road, at the Casas Adobes Plaza. 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day. Featured artists will perform live painting demonstrations. For more info call 520-241-6409.

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)

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27
Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 12:30 p.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29
Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 p.m. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8
IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. The "DivaLicious" Show hosted by Faith Michaels and starring Lady Ashley, Miss Saigon, Stella Virgin and Aja Simone.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11
OUToberFEST in Reid Park. See the ad in this issue for all the fun details. It's a real experience.

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - After Pride Picnic Bash, Bar opens at 2:00 p.m. Dance music with DJ Hill 7:00 p.m. to close. No Cover. No Lines.

IBT'S - OUToberFEST official after party. 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Community Bar-B-Que and 8:00 p.m. Hot Dancing plus 9:30 to close Go Go's.

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

YARD DOG - Pre-OUToberFEST Breakfast will be served here beginning at 10:00 a.m. Get something in your stomach before you go to the park. Then stop by after for dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. and end up with a Polka Party at 9:00 p.m. A great Big Time to show your pride!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12
IBT'S - Party line-up includes Troy's Recovery from the Picnic Party from 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. Karaoke Party with Michael D. on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to Wingspan. 8:00 p.m. Sissy Bingo with Aja Simone. Great prizes and lots of fun. 9:00 p.m. It's a special OUToberFEST Weekend show starring Janee Starr, Teri Akki, Aja Simone and Lady Ashley.

VENTURE-N - Live music on the Patio with B.M.T.

WOODY'S - New here - every Sunday Omelette Bar Brunch 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. \$5 includes your choice of Bloody Mary, Mimosa or Screwdriver. Stop by today and recover from the Picnic!!!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15
IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. DivaLicious Show. Hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Teri Akki, Veronica Halliwell and Amberica..

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16
VENTURE-N - October Fest 6:00 p.m. to 7:77 with German Food and Beverages.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
YARD DOG SALOON - Jail House Rock 50s Party. Elvis Impersonation Contest \$200 first prize, \$100 second prize and \$50 third prize. Here's a chance join the contest and 'leave the building' with some cash!

SAT. & SUN., OCTOBER 25 & 26
IBT - Annual Black Out Party... More later!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 - HALLOWEEN
IBT'S - Annual Black and White Halloween Gala. Watch for their ad.

VENTURE-N - Spooktacular Halloween Party.

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

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Beer Bust 5-10. \$1.25 pitchers Bud or Bud Light. Latin Music with DJ Hill 8pm to close. Onk & Shot specials all night.

IBT'S - Open Noon \$1.75 Bloodys, Screws or Mimosas. Sangria Party \$2.50 from 4-1 Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5:30-8pm. Karaoke with Michael D on the patio 4:30-7:30. 8:30 shows or special events or Hi energy dancing w/DJ '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. Pato 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 Pato 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

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestics and well 2-7pm. Free pool 8-10pm. 50¢ cups draft Bud & Bud Light 8pm to close.

IBT'S - Open 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. 9-1

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

Tuesday

AINT 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.

IBT'S - 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 8-8

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

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

Wednesday

AINT 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 Senha 8pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8-1.

IBT'S - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. 8pm "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. Grill open 1-7pm. Margantas \$3 8pm-close. Latino Nite. Dancing w/Dr. Carlos. Free SAAF HIV testing.

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

WOODY'S - Open 11am. \$2 well or domestic beer. Til 7pm. Pato 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.

Thursday

AINT 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 Senha 8pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8-1.

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VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Pato 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 Chns along with GMHP. \$1 off any drink or bottled beer. (Excludes draft & schnapps) for all in leather or underwear.

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

Arts & Entertainment

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Live Theatre workshop presents N. Richard Nash's Tony Award Nominated play "The Rainmaker". Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. only. Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E. Speedway. Tickets range from \$14-\$12. Call 327-4242 for reservations.

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Live Theatre Workshop presents Robin Hood adapted by Jeremy Thompson with original music by Michael Martinez and Jay Everett. Journey to the enchanting and musical world of Sherwood Forest during the reign of King Richard the Lionhearted. The Sheriff of Nottingham has an evil plot to destroy Robin Hood, the only man who can save the kingdom from ruin in the absence of the beloved king. With daring duels and unrequited love, the audience will discover that the hero is not always who they think it is, and sometimes, all it takes to become a hero, is a little help from your friends. Playing Sundays only at 1:00 pm. Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E. Speedway. Tickets \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 18 & under. 327-4242 for info.

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 Sireatham. 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.

OCTOBER 11 THROUGH NOVEMBER 15

Gallery Four Ten, 410 E. Fr. Lowell presets the second show of the season "Sprouts". Photography, sculpture, paintings, watercolors, ceramics, collages, painted furniture and wall hangings. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. or by appointment. There will be an artist's reception Saturday, Oct. 11 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Call 520-740-1947 for more information.

OCTOBER 15 THROUGH 19

Invisible Theatre presents the Southwest Premiere of Randy Roberts Live! Come 'Cher' in the fun when Randy Roberts, one of the world's greatest female illusionists, makes his Southwest debut. Roberts uncanny impersonations of Joan Rivers, Cher and Carol Channing, along with his original creation - Consuela - the Latin Showgirl will be featured. Randy has appeared in venues across the country and around the world. He just concluded a tour of the United Kingdom. Currently headlining KeyWest. Performances are 7:30 Wednesday and Thursday; 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Invisible Theatre is located at 1400 N. First Avenue at Drachman. Tickets are \$20 for any performance. Call 520-882-9721 for reservations.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

Casino of the Sun presents James Taylor starting at 7:30 tonight only. Gates open at the AVA Amphitheater at 5:30 p.m. Tickets through TicketMaster 321-1000. Take I-19 and exit Valencia West.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

The 11th season of "Lesbian Looks" film and video series winds up tonight with "Letter To A.K." (5 min.) at 7:30 p.m. A bittersweet reverie about an ill-starred love Leilani Lumen's (2002) lyrical reflection on an irresistible yet impossible ex.



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 38264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS 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/lunches and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 615-3491, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL. For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

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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.

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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.

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

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at www.btop.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 Liz 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. Geronomo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9563 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Har Calendar in the Observer.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6647.

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

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

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6436 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 OUToberFEST. 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 TPJ 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 tyan@theriver.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 KXXC.

THEATER/DINNER/ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Desert Girlz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Desert Boyz meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagameil

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 Mirro 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. Geronomo. 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 Addict Anonymous) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520) 745-0773 for current information.

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85710.

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)

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

TGNerArizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-varient communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnerarizona.org

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

GUY'S 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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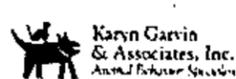
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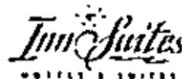
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