

UPDATE

Desert Voices Seeking Board Members And Treasurer

TUCSON - Desert Voices (DV), Tucson's GLBT chorus, now in its 15th season, is seeking additional board members, and particularly a treasurer, to help guide and support the group over the next couple of years.

While the existing board is strong and committed, DV find themselves without the expertise to track our finances. Rest assured that the group is doing very well financially, and we are not looking for someone to put out fires or save us from a crisis but just need a happy, well-adjusted person who is comfortable with QuickBooks, and willing to work with our office administrator, Becky Cohen, to help us keep tabs on our progress with fund raising and spending, so we continue to live within our means.

DV is a lively, unique singing group of both men and women, GLBT and Straight and everything in between. The group is full of fun, and eager to carry our message of equality for all to the community. If you are looking for a way to become involved in the GLBT community in Tucson, or are looking for a way to share your talents and connect with people, please visit our website at desertvoices.org to learn more about us. Anyone interested in finding out more about the group, or volunteering for the board can call our office at (520) 791-9662, or call Mae Krueger, Board President, directly, (520) 748-2830.

MCC Welcomes Interim Pastor

TUCSON - The Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) welcomes its Interim Pastor and her partner, Reverend Gayle 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. Gayle, 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. Gayle 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. Gayle 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.

UofA Pride Alliance Sponsors Coming Out Week

TUCSON - Pride Alliance, the University of Arizona GLBTQ, and straight supportive student group are winding up their series of events on the campus to mark National Coming Out Week. Two more days are scheduled as follows:

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. Hated 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.

Millions Tune In For U.K. Soap's Gay Kiss

LONDON - The long-running U.K. soap opera "Coronation Street" featured a Gay kiss on Sunday night, October 5, that was watched by nearly 14 million people and took more than a 50 percent ratings share, according to reports, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

But only 16 complaints were received by program makers, who claim that many more are usually received when a character swears.

"The complaints were mainly from old-style 'Coronation Street' viewers who maybe didn't want to see something like that," a spokeswoman said on Tuesday, October 7.

The kiss is the first in the soap's 43-year history and is the start of a storyline regarding the struggle of coming to terms with one's sexuality.

Granada, which makes the program, defended the kiss after some tabloids accused it of being desperate to grab ratings.

The spokeswoman said that the kiss is not titillation but a story that shows the soap is up to date with the modern world.

Mexico, U.S. Will Support Canadian AIDS Drug Plan

MONTREAL, Canada - Trade representatives from the United States and Mexico on Tuesday, October 7 said the countries will support Canada's plan to alter its patent laws to allow drug companies to make and export generic versions of anti-HIV medications.

The announcements of support came during a meeting of the North American Free Trade Agreement commission. Although both the United States and Mexico support a World Trade Organization agreement to allow developing countries to buy or make generic anti-HIV medications, the Canadian plan needed specific approval from NAFTA officials so as to not violate the terms of that agreement.

"It's a fine step. We would certainly not take any steps against that," said U.S. trade representative Robert Zoellick at the meeting. He added that the only U.S. concern is that Canada must take steps to ensure that generic anti-HIV medications are not exported to any Western nations where patent laws protecting name-brand versions of the drugs remain in effect. Canadian lawmakers hope to have the generic-drug plan drafted and approved by the end of December.

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AROUND THE GAY WORLD

Marriage Equality Affirmed

OTTAWA, Canada - The Supreme Court of Canada handed Gay and Lesbian civil rights advocates a hugely significant win on Thursday, October 9, when it unanimously rejected a bid to reverse the decision that legalized Gay marriage in Ontario.

The suit, filed by the Association for Marriage and the Family of Ontario and the Interfaith Coalition on Marriage and Family, argued for the reversal of the Ontario Court of Appeals ruling in June that found the restrictive definition of marriage unconstitutional.

"The effect of today's ruling is to say that same-sex marriage is here to stay in Ontario and British Columbia—jurisdictions totalling 50% of Canada's population," Alex Munter of Canadians For Equal Marriage told the Calgary Sun. "The Supreme Court of Canada is saying the Charter of Rights and Freedoms applies to all of us."

The Liberal government's decision to make marriage equality a right for all Canadians apparently weighed heavily on the court. Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin said ignoring the government's decision to expand marriage rights and inject itself as chief arbitrator in the debate would be unprecedented and "extraordinary."

Janet Epp-Buckingham of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, a Christian and Muslim group, warned the issue is not dead. "While we're very disappointed that the Supreme Court is refusing to hear

the constitutional issues in this particular case, we still don't think the issue is over. It's not over in Parliament and it's not over in the courts."

Hundreds of Gay and Lesbian couples have been married in British Columbia and Ontario since courts in those provinces threw out the opposite-sex only marriage definition as a violation of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

New York GLBT Students Fight Attacker

NEW YORK - Three students from Harvey Milk High School for GLBT teens were arrested on Wednesday, October 8, for fighting with a man who allegedly confronted them with anti-Gay threats, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

According to the New York Post, about 20 students fought with the man, Vernon Jones, after he punched a student in the face and threatened the students with a screwdriver. The group reportedly threw bottles at Jones' car, and one of the students stabbed him in the back with the screwdriver.

The students said Jones had confronted some of them a day earlier in a McDonald's restaurant near Astor Place in Manhattan, saying that "Gay people are going to die."

Jones, 23, was arrested and charged with menacing after being treated at a local hospital for the puncture wound.

The three students, Erica Simon, 17, Kareem Macedon, 16, and Penn Lorenzo, 16, were charged with gang assault and menacing, the Post reported.

Police are not investigating the incident as a hate crime, according to the New York Daily News, but a district attorney spokeswoman, Barbara Thompson, said, "We are absolutely investigating whether it is a hate crime."

The incident occurred during the same week when many in the GLBT community are remembering Matthew Shepard, a young college student who was brutally murdered five years ago in Wyoming because he was Gay. His death five years ago mobilized many in the United States to fight against anti-Gay hate crimes.

Russian Priest Fired, Chapel Destroyed

MOSCOW, Russia - A Russian Orthodox priest who officiated what was thought to be the first the country's first Gay wedding has been defrocked and his chapel destroyed by order of the Orthodox Church.

The Chapel of the Vladimir Icon of the Mother of God, located in the village of Nizhny Novgorod on the eastern outskirts of Moscow, was bulldozed and burned after local churchmen declared that it had been "defiled" by a commitment ceremony presided over by Father Vladimir Enert in early September.

Father Andriy, spokesman for the Nizhny Novgorod eparchy told the Komsomolskaya Pravda newspaper: "Father

Vladimir Enert, who married the Gay couple, committed a sin in doing so. He desecrated the place. We therefore needed to destroy the chapel."

Father Enert, he added, had been barred from performing future services by Russian Orthodox Church officials. The officiated union of Dennis Gogolev and Michail Borozov last month prompted a wave of negative media coverage and inflamed the tempers of many Russian Orthodox Christians.

The Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church declared in a statement released Wednesday that the ceremony was "an act of blasphemy" and part of what it dubbed an "attack on fundamental morals."

The Komsomolskaya Pravda newspaper quoted the Synod in asserting the Russian Orthodox Church must continue to "observe the unacceptability of homosexuality, promiscuity and adultery."

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Local Gays & Lesbians Launch Anti-Violence Project

TUCSON - Three days (October 9) before the fifth anniversary of the murder of a Gay man in Laramie, Wyo., a local support center for Gays and Lesbians is launching its Anti-Violence Project. "We've been building up to this point for the past couple of years," said Cathy Busha, director of Wingspan's Anti-Violence Project.

"We decided last year we wanted to be offering services, and it seemed like a logical time to do it and coincide with the five-year mark of the brutal beating and death of Matthew Shepard."

The project includes crisis intervention for those who believe they have been a target of a hate crime, support groups, plans to minimize victims' fears, referrals to other agencies and an effort to boost public awareness about this type of crime, the Tucson Citizen reported.

Shepard, 22, was beaten, burned, tied to a wooden fence and left to die Oct. 12, 1998. His death created a nationwide awareness of violence toward Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people.

Wingspan held a candlelight vigil Sunday, October 12 at Sunset Park. The vigil honored the memories of hate-crime victims including Shepard; Richard Heakin, who was beaten to death in Tucson 25 years ago; and Philip A. Walsted, whose death in Tucson last year was labeled a hate crime by police.

Wingspan has long offered a 24-hour crisis line for domestic violence victims, and the Anti-Violence Project grew out of an increase in calls, Busha said. The group was able to add a new staff member to handle the Anti-Violence Project. A grant from the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona funded the research to

build the project, and grants targeted to reduce hate crime from the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission and the Arizona Department of Public Safety will keep the project going.

Last year at OUToberFEST, the city's Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues conducted a survey of more than 1,600 people. Officials say most said Tucson is a fairly welcoming city, offices are relatively nondiscriminatory and the Tucson Police Department's sensitivity to GLBT matters was high.

However, officials say, harassment and victimization of GLBT youths was higher than expected. Seventy-four percent of Gay youths and 55 percent of Lesbian youths said they had been verbally harassed or threatened. Twenty percent of Gay and Lesbian youths said they had been physically assaulted. Thirty-four percent of Gay youths and 40 percent of Lesbian youths said they had objects thrown at them. Twenty percent of Gay youths and 35 percent of Lesbian youths said they had been verbally or physically abused by a family member.

Busha said she was surprised by the anger directed at GLBT youths, which is why Wingspan supports such programs as Eon, which offers meetings, fund-raisers, intervention services, career enrichment and a place for youths 23 and younger to go to feel safe and accepted.

Wingspan also works with teachers to identify problems and avoid or interrupt harassment when it occurs.

"It makes the schools safer for everybody," Busha said.

HIV 'Manifesto' Tries To Jolt Gays In Seattle

SEATTLE - Claiming that 1 in 7 sexually active Gay and Bisexual men in Seattle is infected with HIV, a local health task force issued a strongly worded manifesto on Tuesday in the hopes of halting the virus, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

"Transmitting HIV knowingly is an act of violence," the manifesto says on homobhealth.org, a Web site run by the MSM HIV/STD Prevention Task Force (MSM stands for "men who have sex with men"). "We are accountable for our behavior -- to ourselves, our sex partners and our community."

Besides promoting safer sex techniques and assailing unsafe practices, the manifesto encourages men to be blunt about their sexual past and avoid drugs before deciding to have sex.

Quinten Welch, who is a member of the task force and a public health educator and consultant for Seattle & King County, told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network that the task force took full-page ads in the local papers. "We're asking people to sign it or return it with their comments."

But the Seattle Times reports that some of the people the manifesto is designed to target find the message off-putting. The paper quoted one 23-year-old HIV-negative Gay man as saying: "This manifesto is a hell of a lot of preaching that would do nothing but alienate the social-services sector from the

clientele that they are targeting. It does not invite change, it invites finger-pointing and judgment." The 23-year-old admitted he occasionally engages in risky sexual behavior.

Other AIDS prevention organizations are watching Seattle to see the effectiveness of this new campaign.

Darlene Weide, the executive director of Stop AIDS Project in San Francisco, told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network: "We're excited to hear that another community is developing bold standards for their community norms. And we appreciated them acknowledging responsibility for transmission is between both positive and negative."

According to the Seattle Times, HIV prevention groups are at a loss to stop HIV or STD increases that have been on the rise for about five years. Past efforts included an advertising campaign, an open letter from the Governor's Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS published in newspapers, and numerous warnings from public health officials. But nothing has slowed the rate of infection in the area.

Welch said he was already pleased with the document's initial results. "The idea is to begin a dialogue with the community, and with that idea, it's 100 percent successful. And people are thinking about safer sex."



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Shepard Death Still Yields Sympathy, Hate

LARAMIE - Five years ago, one young man's beating and subsequent death marked a dark day in Gay history. Today, the memory of that violent crime has inspired some people to stop anti-Gay hatred, others to stoke it, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

In the early hours of Oct. 7, 1998, 21-year-old college student Matthew Shepard was kidnapped, robbed, tied to a fence in rural Wyoming and beaten by two assailants. Shepard's battered body, still lashed to the fence, was found 18 hours later. He lived for another five days without regaining consciousness. Shepard died Oct. 12, 1998.

Shepard's killers later admitted they targeted the young man, in part, because he was Gay.

The gruesome killing garnered international attention, sparking memorials and vigils worldwide. Celebrities — including Elton John, Helen Hunt, Ellen DeGeneres and her mother, Betty — spoke out publicly against anti-Gay violence. President Clinton issued a statement challenging Americans to "search their hearts and do what they can to reduce their own fear and anxiety and anger at people who are different."

But Shepard's death was not without controversy, and that controversy continues. Anti-Gay preacher Fred Phelps, whose supporters picketed Shepard's funeral with their inflammatory "God Hates Fags" signs, recently announced plans to construct an "absolutely beautiful"

monument to the young man in Shepard's hometown of Casper, Wyo., the Denver Post reported.

Standing 6 feet tall and 3 1/2 feet wide, the monument would display a plaque reading: "Matthew Shepard entered Hell October 12, 1998, at age 21 in defiance of God's solemn warning: 'Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind; it is abomination.' Leviticus 18:22," the report said.

Phelps plans to erect his monument in a one-acre, public city park, and a court ruling last year may make it impossible for city officials to stop him. In 2002, the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals stipulated that since the park has displayed a monument of the Ten Commandments since 1965, monuments promoting other messages must also be allowed.

The Casper City Council will discuss both monuments at their weekly meeting.

Cathy Renna, a spokeswoman for the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, told the Post that Phelps is "a bully," but, she said, "he serves as a reminder of what we're really battling against."

In the years since Shepard's death, awareness of Gay rights and of anti-Gay violence has shifted dramatically. "In Laramie and throughout the country, it's all gotten better," a University of Wyoming student told the Associated Press yesterday.

"We're more than just a rural community, which we're portrayed as," Laramie resident Dee Swanson told the AP.

"We accept people. We're tolerant. The people are more verbal now about being tolerant," she said.

Episcopal Conservatives Escalate Demands

DALLAS - Angry conservative Episcopalians overwhelmingly endorsed a resolution on Thursday, October 9 that condemns their denomination for embracing Gay people calls upon world Anglican leaders "to intervene in the Episcopal Church."

Church officials aligned with the right-wing American Anglican Council (AAC) also demanded the Worldwide Anglican Communion punish and isolate progressive church leaders, who in August endorsed the church's first openly Gay bishop and refused to bar church pastors from officiating same-sex unions.

The meeting was held in advance of an emergency summit in London hosted by the spiritual head of the Anglican Communion, Archbishop Rowan Williams. The Anglican leader is hoping to avert a formal schism in the church between the liberal and conservative wings.

The Dallas declaration calls on Anglican leaders to discipline Episcopal bishops who "have departed from biblical faith and order" and asks that it "guide the realignment of Anglicanism in North America." The Episcopal Church is the U.S. branch of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

"We are not leaving — they left us!" thundered the Rev. David Anderson, who heads the ACC and has been a leading proponent of conservative activism, defiance and rebellion in the church. In one

particularly florid moment, he raised a staff over his head and shouted over the cheers of the assembled, "Let my people go!"

Anderson said in Texas this week that conservatives "are the rightful heirs" of the church's traditions, history and culture. In a written statement, the council said it wants Episcopal leadership severely disciplined and urged to reverse their "unbiblical and schismatic actions."

The AAC also called on the 600 or so representatives present to "redirect our financial resources" to only those parishes and missions that share their conservative positions.

Frank Griswold, the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, issued a statement Thursday telling conservatives that all Episcopalians are "bound together by baptism" and that their "inflammatory rhetoric" was tearing the church apart. "Division and splintering ... are not the spirit which gives life to our church," he said.

"It ... concerns me deeply when Christians use inflammatory rhetoric when speaking of one another or issue ultimatums," Griswold wrote. "In such a climate, mutual pursuit of ways to build up rather than tear down is made more difficult, and the vast deposit of faith upon which we all agree is obscured."

POLITICS 2003

**So Where Do They Really Stand?
Joseph Lieberman**

Featured in the continuing series of how the Democratic presidential candidates responded to the questionnaire from the Human Rights Campaign is Connecticut Senator Joseph Lieberman, who was also the Democratic Vice Presidential candidate with Al Gore in 2000:

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?

Lieberman: Support. Comments: I would support and work hard for such a law. I am a long time leading cosponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act—the leading proposal to ban workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation—and have consistently opposed discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation, beginning in the Connecticut State Senate in 1975. That year I voted for a bill to end discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, state contracting, public accommodations and housing. In 1979, I cast the tie-breaking vote on a similar bill that also banned discrimination including credit transactions. This bill passed the State Senate but died in the House, and discrimination in my state against Gays and Lesbians was not made illegal until 1991.

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?

Lieberman: Undecided. Comments: I do not believe that Gay men or Lesbians should be discriminated against simply because they do not precisely meet society's traditional stereotypes of how men or women should behave or appear. I would support a law making clear that the ban on sexual orientation-based discrimination cannot be evaded by claiming that, for example, a man was fired not for being Gay but for being effeminate. As an employer myself, I have taken a pledge not to discriminate in this way, and would follow through with this pledge as president. 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?

Lieberman: Support. Comments: I am a longtime cosponsor of the bill that would amend the federal hate crimes law to protect Gay and Lesbian Americans against hate crimes. I firmly believe in that bill's statement that anyone who commits a crime against someone because of the victim's real or perceived gender or sexual orientation should be subject to the hate crimes law. 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?

Lieberman: Support. Comments: I was an original co-sponsor of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act and cosponsored both reauthorizations of the bill. When an effort by the right wing threatened to cut off funding to local Gay community health centers that provide care to men, women and children with HIV and AIDS, I stood up and voted against it.

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

Lieberman: Support. Comments: As a cosponsor of this bill, I believe this Act would help low income people suffering with HIV by allowing states to use their Medicaid funds to provide early treatment to poor HIV patients.

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

Lieberman: Support. Comments: For more than a decade, I have been a strong supporter of greater funding for the fight against HIV/AIDS. And in 2001, I co-sponsored the International Infectious Disease Control Act, calling for the establishment of a global fund to fight HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis.

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

Lieberman: Support. Comments: I do support comprehensive sex education and prevention efforts aimed at stemming the spread of sexually transmitted diseases like HIV/AIDS and unwanted pregnancy.

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?

Lieberman: Oppose. Comments: I do not support Gay marriage.

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?

Lieberman: Comments: Yes, I believe that the basic American ideals of fairness and equality demand that we end discrimination against Gay and Lesbian Americans. We need to take concrete steps to recognize legal rights of Gay domestic partnerships, which is why I cosponsored the Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act to provide domestic partner benefits to federal employees. As President, it would be my position that a state may adopt for itself any civil union law that it wishes.

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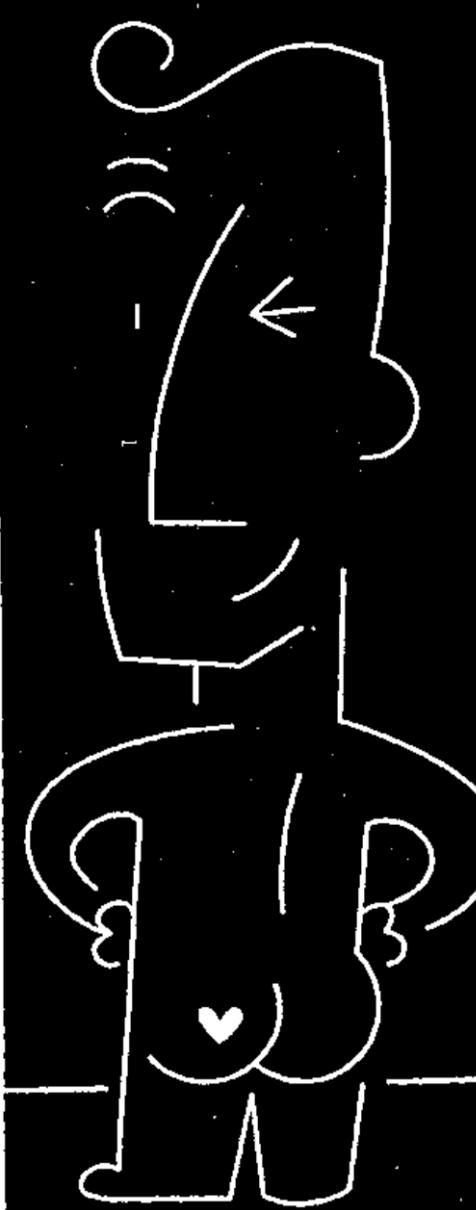
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Condoms Don't Prevent AIDS Vatican Says

NAIROBI, Kenya - Ignoring pleas from the World Health Organization, the Roman Catholic Church is reportedly urging people in Africa to abandon the use of condoms, falsely asserting that they have tiny unseen holes that allow for the unhindered transmission of HIV.

The charges are being aired internationally on Sunday in a BBC1 Panorama program called Sex and the Holy City. The news segment quotes senior Vatican officials as discounting the efficacy of condoms, a critical and proven AIDS prevention tool.

The head of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Family, Cardinal Alfonso Lopez Trujillo, appears on the program asserting that the small size of the virus "can easily pass through the net" of the condom.

"These margins of uncertainty," says Trujillo, "should represent an obligation on the part of the health ministries and all these campaigns to act in the same way as they do with regard to cigarettes, which they state to be a danger."

The World Health Organization has repeatedly declared such assertions to be patently false. "These incorrect statements about condoms and HIV are dangerous when we are facing a global pandemic which has already killed more than 20 million people, and currently affects at least 42 million," the United Nations health organization said in a statement.

The WHO maintains that "consistent and correct" condom use

reduces the risk of HIV transmission by 90 percent. While there may be breakage or slippage of the condoms that can lead to failure, condoms are not manufactured with netting or holes that allow for viral passage.

The National Institutes of Health in the United States and the WHO have published irrefutable scientific data asserting "intact condoms... are essentially impermeable to particles the size of STD pathogens including the smallest sexually transmitted virus... condoms provide a highly effective barrier to transmission of particles of similar size to those of the smallest STD viruses".

The Vatican's Cardinal Trujillo disputes the veracity of condom use, telling Panorama "[The NIH and the WHO] are wrong about that... this is an easily recognizable fact."

One in five adults in Kenya are infected with HIV. In spite of overwhelming evidence that condom use saves lives, the Roman Catholic Church continues to link condom use and availability for the staggering rates of infection raging through the country's populace. Nairobi Archbishop Raphael Ndingi Nzeki goes so far as to blame condoms for the spread of AIDS.

The church has long opposed the use of any contraceptives, including condoms, claiming they sever the link between sex and procreation. Despite appeals on behalf of breathtaking STD-related mortality rates in Africa, this position has been vigorously defended by Pope John Paul II throughout his tenure.

Supreme Court Turns Down Boys of Boise Case

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday refused to keep alive the invasion of privacy claim an Idaho man filed against a newspaper for publishing part of a 40-year-old court file that said—perhaps inaccurately—that he had had a sexual affair with his male cousin.

The high court, acting without comment, let stand a unanimous state supreme court ruling last winter that The Idaho Statesman was constitutionally protected from the damage claim of Fred Uranga.

Uranga's attorney, John Runft, acknowledged that the federal court decision was expected, given the fraction of case reviews it grants. "Obviously, Mr. Uranga's disappointed," he said.

Uranga sued after the newspaper's 1995 publication of a story recounting the 1955 Boys of Boise homosexuality scandal. The paper included a photograph of a handwritten statement by one of the men eventually convicted. Melvin Dir's statement revealed he had had an affair with a man who later killed himself because of the scandal. Dir's statement also revealed that he had had an affair with his cousin. Fred Uranga was the cousin, but Uranga's name never appeared in the story.

The district and appellate courts threw out Uranga's claim, citing First Amendment protections, before the state supreme court initially reinstated his suit.

But the state's highest court then agreed to reconsider the case and eight months later reversed itself and unanimously backed the newspaper. The justices held that there was no invasion of privacy with the publication of information from a court record that is open to the public, no matter how old that record is.

The Statesman did not immediately comment, but at the time of that state court decision, executive editor Carolyn Washburn said it was important that "the media or anyone else in the public who uses public records can have comfort in using what is in the public domain. The media are not the only ones who use public records."

The 1995 story on what the newspaper called one of the nation's "most infamous homosexual witch-hunts" was published in the midst a statewide debate over a proposed ballot initiative banning state or local laws protecting Gay people from discrimination. The paper called the 1955 scandal a cautionary tale.

Uranga claimed that the information in the pictured statement was false and had never been introduced in any proceeding as evidence. He demanded a correction, but the Statesman declined, offering instead either to publish Uranga's rebuttal or to explain his position along with a statement that the newspaper had no opinion on the truth of the court document. Uranga declined both and sued.

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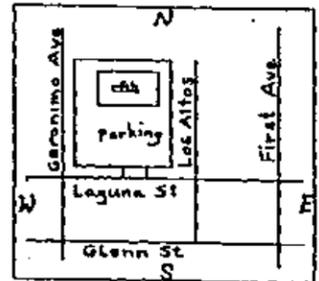
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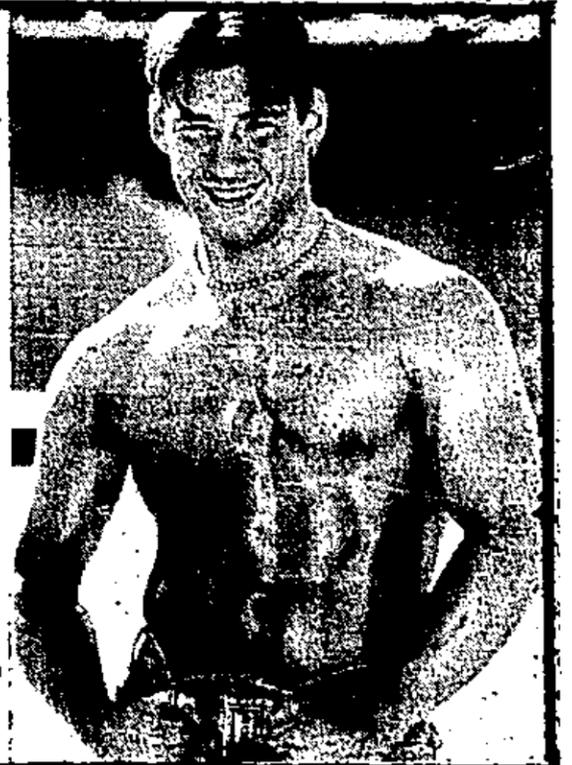
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Sexy Venus penetrates intense Scorpio this week turning us mad with passion and anxious for connection. But enough turns of the heart can make us dizzy when Venus squares delusional Neptune. Will it be just another tickle and tumble or a grand mad fall?

them smug and self satisfied. Venus in Scorpio scoops the cream from the top and whips it into a froth. When Venus squares Neptune, the froth is inhaled. Earth to Libra!

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Your personal stock hits a yearly high when charming Venus enters your own sign. It is a good time to start new projects and get new ideas off the drawing board and into action. Dress to impress and press the flesh. Proud Scorps are people magnets as acquaintances travel on their knees to touch the hem of your garment. Hey, as long as they are on their knees....

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

There is a heady, dreamy creamy magic in the air. Is it your stylish hair? Nah. How about your fabulous wardrobe? Ha! It happens to be your inner aura, Gay Archer, as reflected through the prism of Venus in Scorpio. You have a je ne sais quois so say quois you want. But follow your dreams with a detailed map. Neptune surprises you while you fumble in the dark. Woolf! Woolf!

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Queer Caps have more fun than usual in purely platonic social situations now that vibrant Venus gallops into Scorpio. There may even be a spark of romance where you least expect it. But will your wilde exuberance exceed your budget when Venus squares Neptune? Oh who cares! Your assorted bag of nuts just got roasted. Hmmm, are they chestnuts or peanuts?

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Corporate intrigue takes on new meaning with Venus in Scorpio. Aquerians find themselves tossed into the vortex (or is it the cuisinart) and must find their way through professional passions and obligations without slipping into the shark tank and becoming lunch. Are you up to the task? Yes but when Venus squares Neptune you get too big for your britches. Goody!

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Guppies are well advised to travel when Venus scrambles into Scorpio. That is because there is a greater than average chance that you will find love in international environs. Okay, maybe not love but certainly lust. (We are talking Scorpio energies here...) If funds are tight, cruise the net. Venus squares Neptune and enhances your imagination... if nothing else.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Your desserts are smothered in whipped cream and sugar as Venus dips into Scorpio and tallies up the calories. How far will you go to satisfy your sweet tooth, proud Ram? As Venus squares Neptune, you happily traipse to the outer limits and grab your goodies from a veritable Viennese table of friends, lovers, friend's lovers and lovers friends. Who ate the cherry?

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Lovely Venus enters passionate Scorpio and envelopes cuddly queer Bulls into the warm bosom of relationships. Seek and ye shall find. Find and ye shall connect. You are a happy pup, that is until Venus squares Neptune and ratchets up the amount of attention you must pay to career issues. No matter what you choose, you lose, buddy. Try to juggle all balls adeptly. Ouch! Ouch!

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Pink Twins can make even the most boring mundane task sexy and interesting now as Venus ambles into Scorpio. This is the time to delve into highly detailed work because you have amazing powers of concentration and drive. Start pushing that pencil, cousin. Too too soon Venus squares ditsy Neptune and all bold and brash plans suddenly shrivel. Sound familiar?

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Do I smell someone burning? Life becomes one big steaming sexfest for hot pink Crabs when charming Venus cooks in Scorpio. Your libido lambadas and you manage to find the perfect dance partner at every ball. Eat, drink and be very merry, comrade, for soon Venus will square delusional Neptune and turn your royal highness back into a toad. ... or is it troll?

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud Lions are just as happy to curl up in front of the television and quietly couch potato it this week. At least that is what you tell others when Venus enters sizzly Scorpio. The truth is that you are curling up with a stack of triple xxx dvds and an assortment of silicon amusements. Could it be that Venus square Neptune has you questioning certain relationships??

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

There is nothing more powerful than an idea whose time has come. Make things come when Venus glides into Scorpio. Queer Virgins can make a good point but, as Venus squares Neptune, your magnificent desires overtake your common sense and you may over shoot the mark. They say that simple pleasures are the best. Do they know what they are talking about?

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

There are those Gay Libras who strive for fame, riches and uber-extravagances and there are those who are content to live frugally within their means. Of course we tend to ignore the latter group, finding

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What Makes Our Town Tick?

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By Jerry D.

Pride Looking Up

Hello readers! At this time last year, I found myself digging deep to find a subject matter to use for my weekly rant. The issue about to come out was going to have countless articles; photos and letters regarding the OUToberFEST that took place the Saturday before. My article was about a friend coming out to his family, but no where was the mention of the annual picnic held in Tucson in October.

The simple reason for my absence from the topic of the week was simple; I did not attend the OUToberFEST, nor did I know of anyone who went. I was not going to create a story from a standpoint of someone who missed the boat, but I also did not want to lie about an event I did not attend. I searched for someone who was present at the picnic, but surprisingly found the ones who did go were not that pleased with the outcome.

Being someone who believes in the fairness of chances, I made it a point to attend this year's festivities held at Reid Park. I packed my small bag with a bottle of water and my pen and pad. I wanted to make sure that all the hearsay from last year was just that, and I also wanted to have a little fun in the process. I invited some friends and headed out in the early Saturday warmth.

As with any event held at Reid Park, parking is a never-ending issue that has no resolution in sight. The park is nestled between major streets, so just getting into the parking lot takes driving skills. Once in the parking lot, this year's staff hired to aid the flow of traffic seemed a bit confused in where to guide the oncoming vehicles. After a brief moment of uncertainty, I was finally guided in the correct direction and headed to the main gate for the event. That path was not as smooth to accomplish either, as the temporary fencing around the park gave us but one way in or out.

I purchased my ticket (how I feel about paying to celebrate my diversity is another article all together, so I won't go there now) and headed in. The vendor booths lined the path up the hill to the outdoor performance center that was the focus point of the entire grounds. Food was found in one section, while vendors of any other sort were scattered around. The top of the hill overlooking the band shell held booths for various corporations here in town proud to show their support for the GLBT community.

The entertainment on the stage ranged from the words of GLBT community members speaking their mind, to the comical doings of the various hosts, most of who were in drag in the 90-plus degree heat. Our local chorus groups Reveille and Desert Pride also performed, along with local talent who have graced the stage before. Order was kept in the form of community involvement, with numerous volunteers walking the grounds to assure safety as well as instruction for those looking for restrooms or a specific booth.

I came to this year's OUToberFEST to ease my mind about how a pride event had turned into a big money society show. I was present all those years ago when we tried to have the Pride events at the same time as the rest of the country. The small crowd who braved the intense heat and confusion made history for the Old Pueblo. We were there because we wanted

to show that we could have this picnic just like the other cities most of us came from.

I am happy to say that the spirit of that first Pride Picnic is still present. If you look at the volunteers, and the families that come to the annual festival, you can see it loud and clear. The admission was well worth it this year, as I got to take home far more than I paid for at the door. Pride is an emotion that is born within the inspiration of something you are or have become. Be proud Tucson, you have shown your pride again with flying colors. My thanks to IBT's/Woody's and the list of sponsors who made the event possible. I am already looking forward to next year. Remember this Sunday's AIDS walk at Rillito Park.

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Once again we have "endured" another Outoberfest in Tucson. Our \$5 admission fee gained us entrance into the land of the Gay dollar predator. Once again we were assaulted with purveyors of "rainbow" or Gay labeled knick knacks, leathers, t-shirts etc that were way over priced and if one used a credit or debit card the transaction details to be sold to a tele-marketing, or mass mail marketing service. Once again the food was "killer stuff" (really) and the cost of bottled water outrageous. Once again the Gay community screws itself, and pays admission to boot.

The two highlights of the event are meeting and blabbing with old acquaintances and the drag show. I am not a devotee of drag but this night was a little more special and the performers did a far superior job. Congratulations.

I was also disappointed that this seemed an opportunity for our Spanish brothers and sisters to declare their exclusivity and separatist attitude by calling out Spanish buzzwords and slogans during the show thus excluding the other language groups. I am of the belief that all factors of race, ethnicity, and gender can unite for 12 hours as Gay people who have suffered the outrageous abuse from homophobics international, without such idiocy!

Unfortunate people such as these declare their ignorance of the events that brought the plight of Gay people throughout the world the public forefront. The events of the Stonewall rebellion in the '70's made possible these public performances in public venues without fear of imprisonment and/or physical assault. Unification brought the worldwide focus of tolerance to the forefront and separatism can destroy all our past efforts.

I believe most attendees had a good time and were entertained. I hope there were sufficient revenues brought in because I sincerely doubt I will attend again. Bigotry in any guise is bigotry and I don't have time for it.

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A Strong Community Voice Can Banish Hate Crimes

By Cathy Busha and Caroline Isaacs

Sunday (October 12) marks the five-year anniversary of the murder of Matthew Shepard at 22. He was savagely beaten, crucified to a wooden fence, and left to die - simply for being Gay.

His death was observed by vigils around the world, including one in Tucson. His murder raised awareness about hate crimes in a way that no other bias murder has since.

Since Oct. 12, 1998, the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs has documented 56 anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender murders in the United States, including the brutal murder of Philip Walsted in Tucson in June.

Some argue that all crimes are hate crimes, and that there should be no special consideration for bias violence. This argument conceals the primary function of hate crimes - to keep marginalized groups afraid and "in their place."

After Shepard's murder, a national outcry for hate-crimes laws arose. This demand reflects the regrettable reality that our society increasingly relies on the criminal-justice system to fix social problems.

Unfortunately, the criminalization of social problems has done little to curb the violence. Although domestic violence has been considered a crime since the 1980s, the incidence of domestic violence has not decreased.

Similarly, hate crimes are still

pervasive, particularly in the wake of Sept. 11. Relying only on the criminal-justice system to address hate violence is inadequate because it is reactive, not preventative. Incarceration may satisfy our desire for revenge, but it is a myopic solution.

Additionally, the same populations who are targeted with violence are often the ones who are disadvantaged within the criminal justice system.

People of color are disproportionately incarcerated; people with nonheterosexual orientation are not sufficiently protected in jail; poor people go to prison, rich people do not.

As a community, we really want hate violence to end. If violence occurs, we want the entire community to stand behind the targeted individual or group and say clearly, "Not in our town."

We need increased school safety. To reduce violence, we must train teachers to recognize and effectively interrupt harassment and offer alternatives to violence and conflict-resolution training for youth.

We all must be visibly and positively engaged in groups that are historically targeted. Strong, active and organized communities send the message to potential perpetrators that we will no longer be afraid or silent about harassment and violence.

Apathy is interpreted as acceptance - by the haters, the public, the victims and the targeted community. In the

words of Elie Wiesel, "In the face of human suffering, silence is complicity, neutrality a crime."

When hate crimes happen, offenders must be held accountable in ways that compel them to accept responsibility for their actions.

Victims must have their concerns and ideas valued by the criminal justice system. Emerging models of restorative justice move us toward this vision of real social change.

Finally, we must confront the ugly reality that we have all contributed to hate violence. We must acknowledge the many subtle "-isms" that exist in our institutions and ourselves.

Hate crimes are a manifestation of the intolerance that exists within a community. We must have open dialogues that affirm the dignity and worth of every member of our community in our homes, offices, and places of worship.

We must challenge homophobic, racist, anti-immigrant and anti-Semitic rhetoric and policies, such as the protection-of-marriage proclamation issued by the White House in October, that lay the foundation for violence to occur.

Together we can end hate violence and make Tucson a safer community for everyone.

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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?

Lieberman: Comments: I believe that each branch and level of the government should decide for itself which benefits and responsibilities to extend. Just as I don't believe it is appropriate for the federal government to tell states that they may not recognize civil unions or create similar arrangements, I don't think it is the role of the states to decide such issues for the federal government. With that said, I do believe that the federal government should take steps to recognize long-term committed relationships, which is why I cosponsored the Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act to extend to Gay and Lesbian federal employees the same employment benefits for their domestic partners that heterosexual employees have for their spouses.

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?

Lieberman: Comments: I believe we should take concrete steps toward recognizing rights and responsibilities under federal law of same-sex couples in long-term committed relationships. Such couples face unnecessary obstacles in their desire to simply live their lives together. As President, I will promptly review the more than 1,000 federal benefits, rights and privileges to decide how this principle can be applied.

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

Lieberman: 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?

Lieberman: Comments: See above.

Do you support fair and equal tax

treatment of same sex couples on the same basis as married couples?

Lieberman: 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?

Lieberman: Support. Comments: Yes, I support extending domestic partner benefits to federal employees and am a cosponsor of Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act that would achieve it.

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?

Lieberman: Support. Comments: Yes, I believe that judicial authorities should be able to make adoption decisions solely on the basis of the child's best interests and that sexual orientation should not be a bar to adoption.

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?

Lieberman: Undecided. Comments: As with other federal benefits, rights and privileges, I will promptly review immigration policy to decide how we should take concrete steps toward recognizing rights and responsibilities under federal law of same-sex couples in long-term committed relationships.

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?

Lieberman: Support. Comments: The late Senator Barry Goldwater once said, "It's not important if you are straight, just that you can shoot straight." I agree, and believe our current policy should be changed. That is why I opposed legislation banning Gay men and Lesbians from serving in the military and voted against "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" both in the Senate Armed Services Committee and on the Senate floor. In its present form, this policy violates fundamental American values of fairness, equality, and equal opportunity. It also denies us talent we greatly need. Replacement legislation must allow full opportunity of service for all who want to serve while maintaining the high levels of unit cohesion, and readiness that we have today. I will work with military leaders to craft a new policy that ensures fairness, equality, and equal opportunity and establishes legitimate standards of conduct necessary to maintain the readiness of the military that defends our nation.

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE
by Lee Thorn

Treasure Trove

I just came across a wonderful chunk of Tucson cultural history in the form of a book called "The Face Of Poetry". It's a collection of photographic portraits by Tucsonan LaVerne Harrell Clark, 101 pictures of poets taken in the 1960s and 70s.

The book would be interesting as portraiture even without its poetry or its historic connection to Tucson. The photos are, first of all, arresting and interesting simply as art. They are also successful as portraits if you define a successful portrait as one that makes you want to know more about the sitter.

But the special zest of this book is that it arouses your curiosity about the person in the picture and then it gives you one poem by that person which may or may not, to one degree or another, satisfy that curiosity.

The book is fun on so many different levels. Just look at the clothes they wore back then!

And Clark's photos are exceptionally expressive. Her George Reavey looks like a man who's just had a gun stuck in his back and been told not to turn around or make a peep. Her Peter Redgrove looks like a guy who's just sold you a used car and can hardly wait for you to drive off the lot. Her Norman Dubie looks like he's trying to sneak through lax with a kilo of something naughty. Robert Peter Tristram Coffin looks like he's just been dusted by Tinker Bell and is about to fly off to Never Never Land. Richard Eberhart is cheerfully waiting for Scotty to beam him up.

Then there's the back-and-forth between the photos and the poems. You keep asking yourself, "Is this the sort of poet you'd expect to write that sort of poem?"

Christopher Middleton looks like he's been hopping freight trains for about a decade. His line, "show me the moon or must I split your skull" fits the photo quite nicely.

But then there's John Newlove, an innocent looking poet dressed like a 1950s undergrad and radiating earnest goodwill who writes, "my heels are round stones to grind you/ my muscles bunch to kill you/ to cut you to see blood."

LaVerne Harrell Clark was the first Director of the University of Arizona's Poetry Center (1962-66). She doesn't say so in the book, but one assumes that she took these pictures when poets passed through Tucson for some function or festivity sponsored by the Center. Of course the Poetry Center is still alive and well today. It's currently a tiny house crammed full of poetry books located at 1216 N. Cherry, a place so redolent of poetic ambience that you can raise your level of cultural awareness by just strolling through it.

Clark's collection includes some absolute icons of American poetry -- Archibald MacLeish, John Crowe Ransom -- several Tucson poets with national reputations like Will Inman, Peter Wild and Richard Shelton.

The last page of the book promised that a biographical supplement would be forthcoming. I don't know if that promise

was ever kept, but a bio section would have made this a much more useful book. Without it the non-expert has no way of knowing where these poets fit into the mosaic of American poetry.

The poetry itself is interesting in that it reflects the vast age differences of the poets. Even though all the work would fall into the genre called "academic," we see that poets in their 80s don't write much like poets in their 20s.

There's also a striking difference between the academic poetry of the 1970s and that of today. The wan and wistful tone that so pervades today's stuff would hardly permit the Middleton and Newlove lines quoted above. And the extreme aridity of today's academic poetry is not yet in evidence here.

This may be in part because Clark asked her subjects to write self-portraits and many of them complied, or it may be because academic poets of that era were braver than those of today, were not then so afraid of being corny that they decided to settle for being vapid.

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

Benefits Law Signed

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE followed suit, and California is the first state to approve such a law, Kors said.

The measure narrowly cleared the Legislature earlier this year, passing the Assembly with the minimum number of votes needed.

At the time, Democrats described the measure as a victory for fairness and civil rights, while Republican opponents said it would trample the rights of employers who objected to Gay relationships.

Davis signed the measure Sunday as he considered dozens of bills sent to him by the Legislature. He faced a midnight deadline, Monday, October 13, to act on the measures.

The governor, who was recalled by voters Oct. 7 but will remain in office until the results become official, had tried to appeal to California's large Gay community earlier this year in an attempt to increase public support and keep his job.

Davis already has approved a bill giving domestic partners most of the rights and responsibilities of married couples.

The bill regarding state contracts was the other major Gay rights bill passed by the Legislature this year, and Gay rights groups had urged Davis to sign it even though he has been recalled. Gov.-Elect Arnold Schwarzenegger, a Republican, had asked Davis to sign no more bills before leaving office, but has acknowledged Davis' right to do so.

The new law will apply to contracts worth \$100,000 or more, and may be waived in emergencies and cases where there is only one bidder.

In 1999, California became the first state in the nation to allow Gay and Lesbian couples to register as domestic partners.

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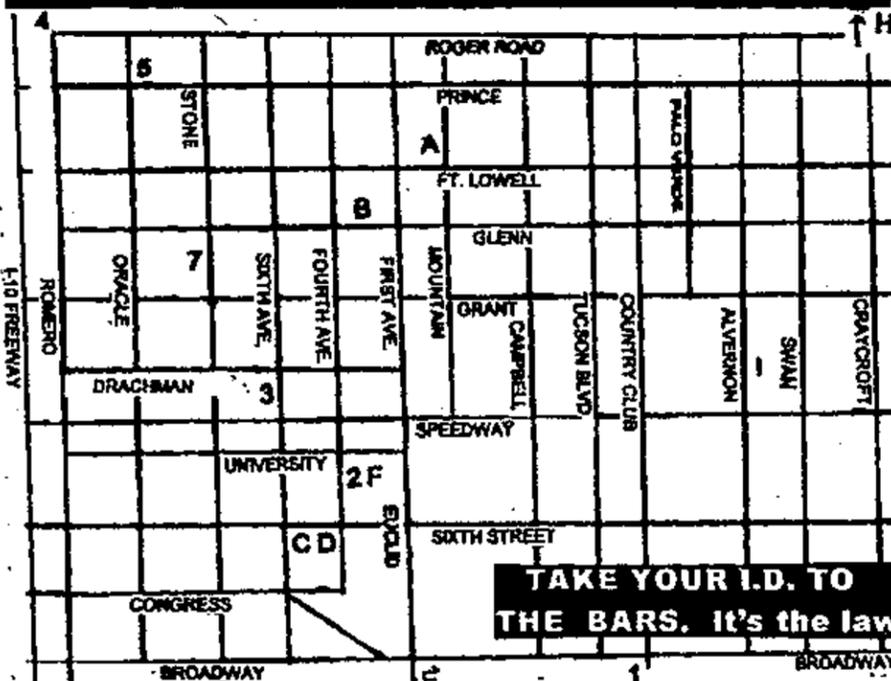
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GLBT Lobby Group Dedicates New Building

WASHINGTON - The Human Rights Campaign, the largest and most well-funded Gay rights lobby in the United States, plans on Saturday, October 11 to dedicate a new building that houses the organization's national headquarters, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Tipper Gore and Washington Mayor Anthony Williams are attending the dedication ceremony.

Calling the event "an historic moment" for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community, Executive Director Elizabeth Birch said in a prepared statement, "HRC's new headquarters is a symbol of the progress we are making in this country."

Not coincidentally, the dedication is being held Oct. 11, National Coming Out Day. "What better way to commemorate National Coming Out Day than to dedicate our new national headquarters, an open and welcoming space for visitors from around the country," said Edie Cofrin, co-chair of the "Building Equality" capital fund-raising campaign.

The dedication will be followed by guided tours of the building and a street fair celebration. Saturday night, HRC hosts its seventh annual National Dinner, a major fund-raiser with 3,000 guests expected.

Christopher Speron, HRC's Capital Campaign Director, told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network that HRC raised \$28 million in a yearlong

fund-raising drive to purchase, renovate and upgrade the 60,000-square-foot building. Located two blocks from the White House and near the city's Gay enclave, Dupont Circle, the eight-story building is "in an absolutely ideal location in the heart of downtown Washington," Speron said.

"The whole goal of buying this building is to reduce our operating expenses," Speron said. "We estimate we're going to save about \$1 million a year over the next 15 years, which is money that goes right into programming," he said.

The new space has been occupied by staff since May, when construction was still underway but the space was inhabitable. HRC occupies the first five floors of the building, and will rent out the top three. That rental income, Speron said, will also help offset the building's operating costs.

David Smith, spokesman for HRC, told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network that "the building sends a message of strength and permanence" to the world about the GLBT community and political movement.

Smith said that tour buses regularly stop outside the building, and tourists look up at the large sign on the building, which reads, "The Human Rights Campaign: Working for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Equality."

"It's wonderful to watch tourists look on in amazement," Smith said.

HRC's Birch will be stepping down by the end of 2003 after eight years at the helm.

"This building is an important legacy," said Speron. "The people who are supporting this building are thinking well into our future by providing us with an asset so that, regardless of who is leading the organization, we will be financially strong."

Elton John Songs To Inspire New TV Series

LOS ANGELES - The timeless tunes of Elton John and Bernie Taupin have inspired a drama series at Fox, which is developing a music-driven project revolving around the lives of two families.

The network has committed to a pilot for the series Rhapsody from writer-producer Shaun Cassidy (The Agency) and Warner Bros. TV. Details were sketchy late Wednesday, but sources said the themes were influenced by John-Taupin songs. Warner Bros.' corporate sibling Warner/Chappell Music administers many of the compositions in the John-Taupin publishing catalog through a blockbuster deal struck in 1992. Rhapsody is the second high-profile musical drama in development at Fox for fall 2004.

The network also is working on The Rise, a project from out Chicago executive producers Craig Zadan and Neil Meron and writer Lizzie Weiss. Rhapsody was developed as part of Cassidy's overall deal with WBTV. He also serves as an executive producer on the studio's new WB Network drama Tarzan.

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Dear Dr. X,

My boyfriend lives out of town. This past week he came to visit and while he was here he managed to not only cheat on me, but did it with a friend of mine. I was shocked and hurt by both of them. What should I do?

Signed Hurt and Betrayed.

Dear Hurt and Betrayed,

First of all keep a cool head about this. Have you talked to your boyfriend? How was your relationship before this happened? Most importantly do you want to salvage either relationship? If your boyfriend could waltz into town and sleep with a friend of yours, imagine what he may be doing when he's back home. If I were in your shoes, I would seriously reconsider the relationship. As for your friend, you need to talk and find out the details. Remember when we do things in a moment of weakness, we still have to answer for what we do. Remember to stay calm and use your head. Good luck.

Dear Dr. X,

About 5 months ago I slept with a longtime friend. It was great! Unfortunately the next few days were very awkward and while we kept "seeing" each other it got kind of weird. I kind of backed away from him and I hurt his feelings. We managed to save our friendship. In fact it's better then

before, but now I'm jealous when he flirts and hooks up with other guys. I know if I asked we could probably become FWF (friends who F**k) but I think I want more then that. How do I approach the subject without looking like a fool and without losing him as a friend? I guess what I'm trying to say is how do I get him back without apologizing for letting him get away the first time?

Signed Regret

Dear Regret,

Whoops! Dr. X has a confession: I'm also attracted to a lot of my friends for many different reasons, and I have to admit I've slept with a few of them. This is something that just about every gay man will one day go through. So here is my view on your problem: swallow your pride and tell him how you feel. You need to let your feelings be known. If he's your friend he'll understand, and who knows-- maybe you can work things out. If he tells you he's not interested in more than what you have now, are you ready to hear that and be OK with it? You need to ask yourself how much his friendship means to you. Don't lose a good friend because of past indiscretions. Keep me informed.

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

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Schwarzenegger

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was quoted as saying, "Although a campaign spokesperson stated that Schwarzenegger would not have signed the recently enacted domestic partner bill, we hope that he will join the majority of Californians in supporting this important legislation that protects families."

Also expressing a reserved sense of optimism was the Washington, D.C.-based Human Rights Campaign. While noting the same concerns about Schwarzenegger's stance on AB 205, Executive Director Elizabeth Birth said in a statement: "We are extremely hopeful that Governor-elect Schwarzenegger will hold true to his campaign pledge and join the majority of Californians in supporting all families equally."

Throughout his campaign Schwarzenegger claimed that he supported Gay and Lesbian rights. On his official campaign Web site, he said: "I am for equal rights for all. ... I do believe that Gay couples are entitled to full protection under the law and should not be discriminated against based on their relationship."

According to the Log Cabin Republicans, it was Schwarzenegger's stance on Gay rights that helped him win.

"Schwarzenegger's inclusive, tolerant message worked -- the numbers don't lie," said Log Cabin Executive Director Patrick Guerriero.

That sentiment was echoed by Jeff Bissiri, president of California's Log Cabin chapter. "Arnold delivered on his commitment to make the 'Big Tent' part of his campaign, and he scored a decisive victory because of that decision."

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

VENTURE-N - October Fest 6:00 p.m. to ??? with German Food and Beverage specials.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

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YARD DOG SALOON - TKO Car Wash stats at 10:00 a.m. \$5.00.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

IBTS - Party line-up includes Troy's Recovery Bar 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. Karaoke Party with Michael D. on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to Metropolitan Community Church (MCC). 9:00 p.m. Wet Shorts Contest hosted by Aija Simone., \$150 First Place.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. DivaLicious Show. Hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Tori Steele, Lady Ashley and Venecia.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

VENTURE-N - Steak Night from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. \$5.00 your meat or theirs. They will supply the side dishes.

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!

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VENTURE-N - Spooktacular Halloween Party.

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IBTS - 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. 6:30 shows or special events or Hi energy dancing w/DJ T.C. Wildman. 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Bar opens at 2pm. Bloody Marys \$2.00. Free pool all day.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer bust 3-7. Burger Bar-B-Que 5-7. (Donation only).

WOODY'S - Open 11am. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas; Happy Hour 11am-8pm \$2 well or domestic beer Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Beach Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger w/salad 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm.

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Monday

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-4-1 domestic beer and well from 2-7pm. Hip Hop or Dance w/DJ Shorty or .Senna 9pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8-1.

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm, 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holliday and guests. HINRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Free Hot Dog Buffet 5-11pm. Underwear-let'sh-leather nite w/Gary and Chris along with GMHP. \$1 off any drink or bottled beer. (Excludes draft & schnapps) for all in leather or underwear.

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

AIN'T NOBODY'S

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

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. HINRG video dancing with Johnny DJ 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon. Grill open noon-8pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. 10oz Sirloin Steak w/potato & salad 5:30-8pm, \$8.99.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Pool Tournament 7pm. 3 entry. (Special prices for players).

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Free Pool 8 to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

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

Friday

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

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. GOGO Boys and Dance Party with DJ T.C. Wildman 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Happy Hour Buffet 5-7pm.

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

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

Saturday

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

IBTS - 10am-5pm \$4 Martinis and Daquans Happy Hours Noon-7pm. Dance Party 9-1 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon-1am. Grill open 1-7pm. Margaritas \$3 6pm-close. Latino Nite. Dancing w/Dr. Carlos. Free SAAF HIV testing.

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

WOODY'S - Open 11am \$2 well or domestic beer. Til 7pm. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Steak or Mahi Mahi BBQ with all the trimmings \$5.

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

Arts & Entertainment

NOW PLAYING THROUGH NOVEMBER 9

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.

NOW PLAYING THROUGH DECEMBER 7

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 1:00pm. Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E. Speedway. Tickets \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 18 & under. 327-4242 for info.

OCTOBER 17-18-19

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

OCTOBER 11 THROUGH NOVEMBER 15

Gallery Four Ten, 410 E. Fr. Lowell presents 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 Key West. Performances are 7:30 Wednesday and Thursday; 8:00 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. This is followed by "Robin's Hood", a sexy urban romance between two women in an of the classic Robin Hood tale and teams an iconoclastic social worker with a dashing butch bank robber, in a search of social justice and true love. (81 min.). Admission is free and will be shown at the Modern Languages Auditorium on the UA campus (Second Street near Mountain Ave.)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

Desert Diamond Casino presents Jefferson Starship tonight only. Tickets now on sale. 393-2799.

OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 16

Green Thursday Theatre Project presents "Anger Box" from the author of The Eight Reindeer Monologues. "Anger Box" is a rant about everything that is wrong with the world today - from sex to politics to God. Performed as a series of monologues, Anger Box is provocative, shocking, irrational, stinging and really, really funny. Directed by Samantha K. Wyler. Cabaret Theatre at the Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Desert Diamond Casino presents Willie Nelson for one performance only. Tickets now on sale. 323-2799

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Desert Diamond Casino presents Ray Charles tonight only. Tickets now on sale. 393-2799.

"Gallagher Gone Wild" at the TCC Music Hall. Tickets now on sale at TCC Ticket Office and all TicketMaster locations.



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 373-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 615-3491, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL.

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

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 743-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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

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

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

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

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 Donita St. between St. Marys and Congress.

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

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6768.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

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

COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY! St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church offers a variety of Gay and Lesbian groups and services for the spiritually minded. Come meet the Family! For more information call Debbie 579-9821 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. #385, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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

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MENS SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6436 for more info.

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

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

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson. Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7676.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1456 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 KKCI.

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. Dezer Girls (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dezer Boys meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. 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 website http://www.desertdominion.org or call (520)792-6424

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

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WALLELUIA RECOVERY DRUG & ALCOHOL 12-STEP. Every Thursday 5:30-6:30pm at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4626.

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 325 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.sAAF.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS. a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6219 (Phoenix)

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

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6624.

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520) 745-0775 for current information.

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)742-7895 or go to our web site http://www.tgsafootball.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.lutucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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

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

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

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

THE MAN TOMAN 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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Color Purple Musical Set To Hit Broadway In 2005

LOS ANGELES - Variety reports that the stage musical version of Alice Walker's Lesbian-themed classic novel *The Color Purple* will open on Broadway in early 2005 after a regional trial run in the fall of 2004.

Scott Sanders, founder of Purple's production company, Creative Battery (Elaine Stritch at Liberty), tells Variety, "We'll make any creative changes during and after the one [tryout], but we feel real good about the creative direction."

The company has acquired rights to both Walker's novel and the film version directed by Steven Spielberg. "Alice wrote it in a way that doesn't lend itself to linear storytelling," says Sanders, "so we have watched the film several times and may very well borrow from Steven's instincts about how to stage the novel."

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