

Freedom To Marry Rallies Held Nationwide Tucson Rally Draws over 300 Activists

TUCSON (ON) - On Saturday, February 14, known as St. Valentine's Day, many heterosexual couples were getting marriage licenses at their local government office, open to mark the occasion, while Gays and Les-

bians assembled at events, known as "Freedom to Marry Day Rallies" seeking to do the same thing.

These events were held in Tucson, Phoenix and other cities across the country since 1998 as a forum for same-sex couples to make their case for equal rights. Tucson held its first rally in 2000.

In the Old Pueblo, more than 300 people gathered in El Presidio Park to mark the event which was co-sponsored by Wingspan and the Arizona Human Rights Fund - Southern Arizona Chapter.

Songs, speeches, and signs protesting the proposed Federal Marriage Amendment, and love filled the air at the Park.

According to newspaper reports, two local politicians were present for the event, and gave speeches.

State Rep. David Bradley of Tucson also earned the crowd's approval after saying that the right "to love and be loved" should be enjoyed by all.

"As a society we have clearly made a mess of faithfulness, fidelity and monogamy," he said. "Perhaps you are called to do better. Perhaps you are called to actually lead the way and show that love can conquer all sorts of distortions."

State Rep. Tom Prezelski of Tucson lamented that, of all the problems facing society, the two deemed the most important by political leaders in Washington are gay marriage and the baring of Janet Jackson's breast during the Super Bowl.

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Two Judges Delay S.F. G/L Marriage Rulings; Marriages Continue

SAN FRANCISCO - Two San Francisco judges Tuesday, February 17, delayed hearings on applications by conservative political action groups to stop the city from issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples, 365Gay.com reported.

Judge James L. Warren cited procedural problems with legal papers submitted by the Proposition 22 Legal Defense and Education Fund.

The issue for Warren was a semicolon.

"I am not trying to be petty here, but it is a big deal ... That semicolon is a big deal," said the Superior Court judge.

"The way you've written this it has a semicolon where it should have the word 'or,'" the judge told them. "I don't have the authority to issue it under these circumstances."

The lawyers from the Prop 22 group was seeking a court order commanding the city to stop issuing the licenses and nullify those already granted.

Until they write their proposed court order correctly, Warren said that he would allow the city to continue issuing licenses.

But, Warren had some bad news for same-sex partners. He said he'd read the various briefs submitted to him, and had done his own research and believes that the conservative groups appear entitled to get their stay eventually.

In addition to lawyers for the city of San Francisco, Lambda Legal, NCLR, and the ACLU are representing 5 same-sex couples who sought to intervene in that case.

In its court filings Lambda argues that Gay and Lesbian couples already married in San Francisco should not lose their protections and other couples should not lose access to marriage while the right-wing groups' lawsuits against the city proceed in state court.

In its brief Lambda argues that the plaintiff failed to show that same-sex marriages had broken the law, and even if they did, it did not constitute irreparable damage.

Judge Warren is the grandson of the late Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren. He threw out a murder conviction

of Marjorie Knoller, whose dogs mauled Lesbian Diane Whipple to death outside her San Francisco apartment the previous year. Knoller was instead sentenced to four years for involuntary manslaughter and having a mischievous dog that killed someone.

Earlier today, in another courtroom, Superior Court Judge Ronald Quidachay put over a second attempt to get an injunction.

Quidachay said that Campaign for California Families had amended its complaint against the city this morning, and failed to give lawyers for San Francisco the required 24 hours to study the amended filing.

He put off until Friday at 2 pm PT, but added that he might not hear the case even then, depending on the outcome of the case in Judge Warren's court. The Campaign for California Families immediately filed an appeal of Judge Quidachay's ruling.

The courtroom was briefly cleared for what was called "a security breach". Court officers went through the courtroom but would not say if anything were found.

Although the specific arguments in each case is slightly different, both seek to have a court order barring the city from issuing any additional marriage licenses and nullify those already granted.

"The courts see that there's no need to stop what's happening in San Francisco right now," said Jon Davidson, Senior Counsel for Lambda Legal outside the court.

"Clearly, there's no emergency here, and nobody is being harmed by these marriages," he said.

"But this is just the beginning of our fight on behalf of these married couples and others who have yet to marry. The city is trying to protect people's constitutional rights, and we will defend that vigorously in court. We'll be back in court in the weeks and months ahead to preserve these marriages and make sure every couple who wants and needs the protections that a marriage license provides will be able to get one."

Across the street from the courthouse, at City Hall, a lineup of same-sex couples seeking marriage licenses

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Randy Sonders from, Arizona Human Rights Fund/Foundation -, Caucus Chair addresses the crowd at the rally Saturday, February 14.



UPDATE

Marsha Stevens At MCC February 22

TUCSON - Born again Lesbian Evangelist, Marsha Stevens, will perform her original music during a concert on Sunday, February 22, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at Water of Life MOO, located at 3269 North Mountain Avenue, Tucson.

There is no admission fee for the concert. A free will love offering will be collected to support her ministry. Ms. Stevens will also perform during the 10:15 a.m. worship service.

Marsha Stevens is the famed composer of "For Those Tears I Died (Come to the Water)" a standard of Christian hymns since 1972. Since coming out as a Lesbian and experiencing the rejection and scorn of a homophobic society - - most fiercely expressed by the church she so devoutly served - - she has focused her talents on evangelizing the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered community through her gospel music.

Highly respected Throughout the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), she is the first lay recipient of the prestigious Purple Grass Award for excellence as an evangelist. She has recorded eleven solo albums and a concert video on her independent BALM (Born Again Lesbian Music) label and she performs over 120 concerts a year.

The Gay Music Guide rates two of her releases as among the top 20 albums of 1995 and 1996. In 2002 the Encyclopedia of Contemporary Christian Music was published and covers Ms. Stevens ministry work in depth. In 2003 her song "Jesus Wept" was the Stonewall Society genre award recipient. Considered shocking by some and comforting to others, she performs "The Body of Christ Has AIDS" and "Love Is The Only Law", as well as many other selections that express her distinct Christian views.

Pride Logo Contest

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For more information, visit their Web site, E-mail, or call (520) 622-3200.

Lesbian's 'Virginity' Auction Investigated

LONDON - Police in England are investigating the Lesbian who organized an Internet auction for her "virginity" so that she can pay her way through university, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Rosie Reid, who has a partner but has never slept with a man, had offered her virginity as a means to covering her mounting student debt. Since the story first appeared earlier this month, the 18-year-old Bristol University student has closed the sale after receiving a bid of 8,400 British Pounds (\$16,000 U.S.).

Now police are investigating to ensure nothing illegal is taking place through the auction.

A spokesman for Avon and Somerset Police told the local media that they are "taking advice" on the case, to determine if Reid is at fault legally.

"It's a strange one because it's a gray area," he said.

"I think it's probably illegal because it's like soliciting, but we are taking legal advice over the matter."

Reid is receiving support from her partner on the issue, which she hoped would also help raise awareness of student debt.

"I needed to raise cash, and I was thinking about what I could sell," Reid said last month.

The story broke after the government's plans to increase student university's fees were backed by Parliament.

"The government has made it difficult for people like me to follow their

ambition to study. I wish we could concentrate on learning, rather than constantly worrying about money or working to get by." Reid said.

Charges Dropped For Hikers' Alleged Killer

WASHINGTON - Federal prosecutors dropped charges on Monday, February 9, against a man who used to be the prime suspect in the brutal murder of a Lesbian couple, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Laura "Lollie" Winans, 26, and Julianne Williams, 24, were tortured and stabbed to death while hiking in the Shenandoah National Park in 1996. The investigation eventually centered on Darrell David Rice, 36, who was arrested in 1997 for attempting to abduct a woman in the same national park. According to the Associated Press, much of the case against Rice was based on jailhouse testimony from other inmates.

Attorney General John Ashcroft held a national press conference in April 2002, announcing that, in addition to murder, the U.S. government would charge Rice under a federal hate crime statute that includes sexual orientation. That statute, the only federal law that mentions sexual orientation, governs crimes committed on federal property. The government was seeking the death penalty.

Prosecutors preparing for a late March trial were trying to improve the analysis of forensic evidence at the scene of the murder, much of which was inconclusive, the AP reports. In the course of this effort, two hairs were definitively linked to a stranger, and could not be matched to Rice or either of the victims. As U.S. Attorney John Brownlee explained in a statement, "The investigation has revealed the presence of evidence at the crime scene that could cast doubt on the government's case against Rice."

Rice, who has been serving an 11-year sentence for the 1997 attempted kidnapping, may be charged again if further evidence comes to light.

The last-minute tests focused on a hair that was found on a glove left at the campsite. Technicians had thought that the hair might have come from one of the victims, but closer examination left no doubt that it was left by an unknown individual. That hair matched another strand that could not be identified.

A spokesperson said the Williams family "remains generally supportive of the legal process," and hopes prosecutors will "pursue additional evidence that will prove guilt without a doubt."

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continued throughout the day as city officials processed the documents.

"[We will continue] until I personally hear from City Atty. Dennis Herrera" that an injunction has been issued, said Mabel Teng, the city and county assessor in charge of issuing marriage licenses.

Since Thursday, when the city began issuing them 2,500 same-sex couples have received marriage licenses.

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Gay Commercial Radio Scores Big In Miami

MIAMI - When South Florida's WPYM-FM took to the airwaves on the last day of December 2001, the dance music outlet owned by Atlanta-based Cox Radio didn't set out to do much more than reflect the pulsing South Beach club scene.

With few commercials and endless blocks of hopped-up top 40 mixes and underground club hits, "Party 93.1" quickly found its way into bars, cars, and gyms—a format tailor-made for clubgoers and fitness buffs who comprised the station's core audience.

Then, just a few months into its existence, WPYM took a turn. Interspersed between such songs as Razor N' Guido's "Do It Again" and the latest Madonna remix as well as ads for Cadillac and Budweiser came a slate of new promos for such events as the Miami Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, Fort Lauderdale's Gay pride parade, and AIDS fund-raisers like Miami's world-renowned White Party. What was striking, though, was not that WPYM had recognized that many of its listeners were Gay but the matter-of-fact way the station addressed it. This was more than a year before Bravo and NBC hit pay dirt with *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*, a show that has certainly loosened parameters in mainstream broadcasting. Yet back in early 2002, WPYM simply went about things as if 100,000-watt radio stations in major markets had always been the proud sponsors of Gay-themed events—even though it was an approach that most conservative-programming hit-radio corporations had likely never even considered.

"This has been a pretty gutsy move," says Sean Ross, a radio analyst with New Jersey-based Edison Media Research. "Cox has certainly proven to be more innovative." Given all that has recently transpired in television, should the FM dial be gearing up for Gay themes? Has WPYM made a case that bears watching? "If sales managers aren't thinking about it, they should be," says Carmen Cacciatore, cofounder of New York-based Gay street marketing firm Fly-Life Music. "Radio has been behind the curve. They've been cautious. But things have definitely opened up. Gay spending power is enormous. Once there's more clarity and more research, they're going to get that it's just as important as testing the Hispanic or African-American market or any market."

WPYM program director Phil Michaels Trueba says the only way to make it work is with an all-or-nothing commitment. "We take the risks, and if it hurts us, so be it," Trueba says. "We're not gonna be fake about it and only do it halfway. Stations that try and clone this format but only dip their toe in don't make it. This station is not run from a corporate headquarters in Atlanta. We're authorized to make local decisions." At the very least, WPYM has clearly struck a tone that could be instructional elsewhere, though that was never the intent. Straight guys Trueba and Michael Disney, the station's vice president and general manager, freely admit that going in, they had only cursory knowledge of the Gay marketplace and no idea just how much of their audience would be Gay.

It didn't take long for them to

learn, but they acknowledge that they still weren't quite sure how best to reach the Gay audience in an authentic manner without alienating listeners and advertisers. Going on little more than gut feeling, they took their first tentative steps in April 2002, when they accepted an invitation to sponsor Miami's Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. "It just kind of happened," Disney says. "We found it to be interesting, we began to do some things in the community, and it was very well-received by all of our listeners." After the strong response, the station moved quickly in researching and hiring staffers with more specific marketing knowledge. "It all comes down to autonomy," Cacciatore says, "and props to Cox for letting these guys understand their market. They saw something, they identified it, and they went after it."

Advertisers both sexy and stodgy followed. McDonald's, BellSouth, Sprint, Major League Baseball's Florida Marlins, Miller Beer, AutoNation, and even conservative local papers like the South Florida Sun-Sentinel are regulars. Just as quickly, the station launched a community-minded Sunday morning talk show, *Issues Over the Rainbow*. In addition to the local and national politicians who have appeared, Cyndi Lauper, Margaret Cho, Bruce Vilanch, and Sir Ian McKellen have all been by, as have cast members from *Queer Eye* and HBO's *Angels in America*. But those expecting an over-the-top hour on divas and decorating will be disappointed. Rather, it's a measured, low-key affair about equal rights and everyday life that has listeners from all corners. "It's just about everybody's

concerns, from both a straight and Gay perspective," says host Mark Gilbert, who goes by the on-air handle of Marky G. "I see something kind of magical about it."

Although talk had circulated that Cox was thinking of changing WPYM's format, recent ratings have been strong enough to put that rumor to rest: WPYM leads the market with Latino men 18-34 and ranks third with all men. With a 5.9 share, it now places ahead of WHYI-FM, the market's long-running top 40 outlet. "People always say we're not mainstream," Trueba says. "Well, you can't get any more mainstream than beating the mainstream." Trueba says that no matter the ratings, the station is profitable because overhead is low. While there are no DJs, WPYM does employ well-known, mostly freelance personalities who appear on the air occasionally but whose job is to provide the energy at constant, communitywide promo events.

What matters now, Cacciatore says, is to integrate Gay themes beyond the dance format into "all areas of radio. If you have an on-air talent who just happens to be Gay, you don't have to hit everyone over the head with it," Cacciatore says. "It's just something that becomes part of the mixture."



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New Kennedy-esque Mayor Is Gay / Lesbian Hero

SAN FRANCISCO - San Francisco's young Mayor Gavin Newsom, who squeaked into office just two months ago, became a Gay hero and a conservative nemesis after he dramatically sanctioned same-sex marriages, reported AFP.

The wealthy and personally intense Newsom has frequently been compared to the male members of America's Democratic royal family the Kennedys, but has taken a much more radical political line than theirs.

The Democrat, 36, took over the liberal US city after beating a young Green Party candidate by just 53 percent to 47 in December. He now has drawn global attention to his city.

He has said his unilateral instruction to his staff to marry same-sex couples was born out of US President George W. Bush's insistence that marriage should only be sealed between a woman and a man.

The dapper former restaurateur and college baseball player made the city the first in the country to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples and to preside over their weddings at city hall.

He appears to have won the whole-hearted support of his staff and even San Francisco's City Attorney, the city's top legal officer, in his decision to sanction Gay marriage.

Since he launched civil disobedience campaign in defiance of state laws banning Gay marriages, Newsom and his staff have married more than 1,650 same-sex couples amid a national rush to take advantage of the unprecedented move.

"I think this a a very laudable thing for mayor Newsom to have done," said Deputy Marriage Commissioner Joshua Jennings.

"I didn't feel strongly for him before, but now I'm in love with him," said newlywed Lesbian Chino Gillingham-Chung of the mayor. "He can do no wrong now in my eyes."

"We are challenging contradictions in the state statutes," said senior records official Mabel Teng.

"This puts him in the national spotlight overnight," she said, referring to the expected legal and political backlash from outraged conservative family groups.

"This has to be changed. You would expect San Francisco to lead the way," she said of Newsom's bold campaign of protest, comparing it to the collapse of the Berlin Wall.

The hundreds of Gay couples queuing outside city hall for the fifth straight day Monday hailed the mayor's defiant move as an act of courage, which highlighted legal discrimination against Gay couples.

On Tuesday, February 17, two conservative groups are to challenge the move in a San Francisco court, which could halt the marriages.

But Newsom, who is not Gay himself, is defiant, insisting that ultimately his politically explosive views will prevail.

"I didn't even like him before," said Chino's new spouse Maya Gillingham-Chung. "It was a really amazing thing to do. This is really courageous."

"Read the Constitution. Pick it up and tell me that we are doing the wrong thing. Tell me where it says we should advance the cause of discrimination," he said.

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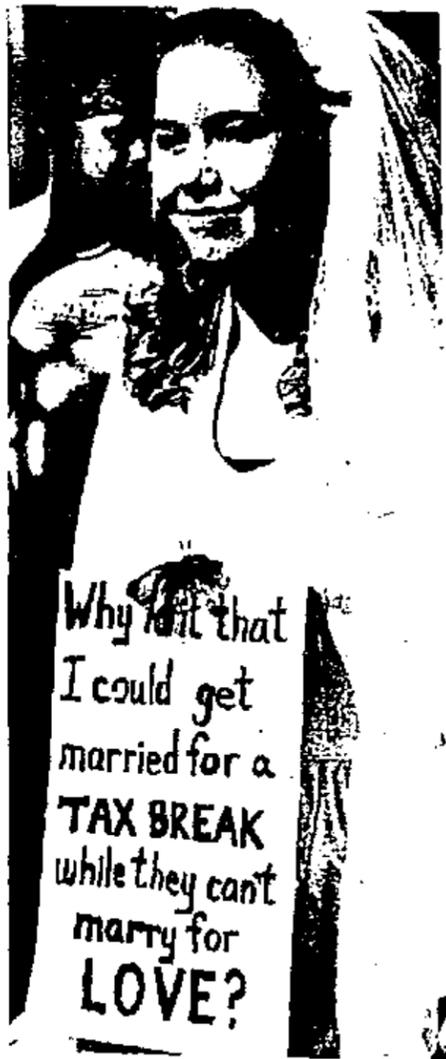
something wrong with the whole mentality behind this, nothing will," he said.

In statements, both Southern Arizona Congressman, Jim Kolbe and Raul Grijalva expressed their opposition to the Federal Marriage Amendment.

Other speakers included Amelia Craig Cramer, Deputy Pima County Attorney, formerly executive director of Gay & Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, the legal organization that recently won the same-sex marriage cases in Massachusetts and Vermont; Greg Reiter, UofA student; Pam Squires and Sarah Jones, members of Arizona Freedom to Marry Task Force; Michael Woodward, Executive Director of SAGA; Cathy Busha, Wingspan Director of Programs; State Representative Linda Lopez, Dist. 29; Laura Markowitz, Commissioner for City of Tucson Commission on LGBT Issues and City of Tucson Human Relations Commission; Rabbi Sam Cohon; Kelly Freiders, Community Ally and Kristen Felan, AHRF. The crowd was entertained by the Gay & Lesbian Chorus, Desert Voices as well as Kathleen Williamson and Lisa Otey.

At least three measures affecting gay people are under consideration at the state Legislature. One supports an amendment to the U.S. Constitution limiting marriage to a man and a woman. The others protect the employment rights and extend domestic benefits of lesbian and gay individuals.

A case also is in the Arizona courts. Don Standhardt and Tod Keltner lost their first round in the courts seeking to overturn Arizona law restricting marriage.



According to newspaper reports, more than 150 people gathered at Steele Indian School Park in Phoenix for their rally sponsored by Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church.

The Rev. Brad Wishon reminded the crowd at Steele Indian School Park that similar activities were taking place nationwide. "We are building momentum," he said. Referring to court decisions in the United States and Canada, he said, "The floodgates have opened."

"Let us make Valentine's Day 2004 be the start of our revolution."

Three politicians - Phoenix City Councilman Tom Simplot, State Rep. Wally Straughn and former Senate President John Greene - urged those present to become politically active. They said many of the battles required to make gay marriage legal are being fought in the state legislature and Congress.

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'When Pigs Fly!'

While going through the mail, this reporter received something from the homophobic former Republican Montana Governor Marc Racicot, the chair of the Dubya/Halliburton 2004 Campaign, showing that the Republicans will buy any list from any group, especially one with a very openly-Gay, card-carrying ACLU and MoveOn.org member and registered Democrat on it but digressing.

In this waste of paper, former Governor Racicot claims that the Democrats have "relentlessly attacked" Dubya while "liberal special interest groups are raising hundreds of millions of dollars to defeat" Dubya.

Really? What about the \$150-million raised already in the election bid, since the first time it was the Supreme Court who selected Dubya?

Further in this piece of fiction, Racicot says one of the campaign's "goals" is to register 3-million voters.

Though the question arises, how many more people will they take off the rolls instead, as the Republican minions did in Florida in 2000?

It seems that the credible remarks by former Governor Dean and Wesley Clark (no mention of Senator Kerry) have made Dubya blubber up, since in this document, Racicot said "their rhetoric has amounted to nothing more than political hate speech."

So what then does Racicot's remarks, as well as the remarks and actions by Republican Members of Congress, the Administration, as well as Dubya, directed as Gays and Lesbians amount to?

Poor, poor Dubya! Well, at least according to Racicot, who states that the opponents are well funded, raising almost \$200-million and "with plans to raise a half a billion dollars," even going on to state that billionaire currency trader George Soros will spend his entire fortune, \$7-billion dollars to defeat Dubya.

If that is to be believed, than Dubya's budget has always had a surplus, and more than 2.6-million jobs were created, not lost in the past four years.

Racicot said that Dubya's relying on this reporter, as well and other friends to elevate the political debate for Dubya's positive, optimistic agenda for America.

Even more for Enron, Halliburton and the 51st State, Iraq perhaps?

So what of the national media? Racicot says that "the liberal national media won't deliver" Dubya's message "to the American people" since they "have their own agenda," which is the Republican agenda!

Governor Racicot, to your request of support, this reporter says "when pigs fly!"

COMMENTARY

Equal Protection

Mayor Gavin Newsom asked San Francisco's County Clerk February 10 to determine the necessary changes to the "forms and documents used to apply for and issue marriage licenses...in order to provide [them] on a non-discriminatory basis."

Newsom's request, which was done in the form of a letter, was sent following a review of the California Constitution's equal protection clause, which states unequivocally: "[a] person may not be...denied equal protection of the laws." What follows is the letter:

February 10, 2004

Nancy Alfaro
San Francisco County Clerk
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Dear Ms. Alfaro,

Upon taking the Oath of Office, becoming the Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, I swore to uphold the Constitution of the State of California. Article I, Section 7, subdivision (a) of the California Constitution provides that "[a] person may not be . . . denied equal protection of the laws." The California courts have interpreted the equal protection clause of the California Constitution to apply to Lesbians and Gay men and have suggested that laws that treat homosexuals differently from heterosexuals are suspect. The California courts have also stated that discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians is invidious. The California courts have held that gender discrimination is suspect and invidious as well. The Supreme Courts in other states have held that equal protection provisions in their state constitutions prohibit discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians with respect to the rights and obligations flowing from marriage. It is my belief that these decisions are persuasive and that the California Constitution similarly prohibits such discrimination.

Pursuant to my sworn duty to uphold the California Constitution, including specifically its equal protection clause, I request that you determine what changes should be made to the forms and documents used to apply for and issue marriage licenses in order to provide marriage licenses on a non-discriminatory basis, without regard to gender or sexual orientation.

Respectfully,
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We hit a planetary trifecta this week as Mars, Venus and Mercury all change signs. Suddenly we find that our hearts, minds and actions are all travelling on different roads. Full speed ahead, compadres. No parking, unless you are asked to.

adventure. Even Mercury joins in the fun and feeds your imagination with all sorts of creative possibilities. There is something stimulating in the air so don't waste time. The possibilities are endless. How endless is your stamina?

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

There is a time to be sociable and a time to tend to your own success. Mercury moves into a mindset that requires convivial company while Mars sets its sights on money and more money. Balance needs to be achieved proud Ram. Venus enables you to spread your charm over new terrain. You are especially attractive to those who do not know you well. Same sad old story.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Aggressive is one word for it; Pushy is another as Mars changes signs and makes your first impressions rather memorable. Gay Bulls turn their thoughts to career matters but may find themselves weighing the corporate compromises they must make with their sense of fair play and personal affirmation. Thank you Venus for supplying the conscience! What will you do with it?

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Clean out your closet, pink Twin, and dump all the baggage that has been making your life a closeted hell. So sez Mars. But what do I have to do (read: endure and compromise) to be a success in the boss's eyes. So sez Mercury. Who gives a rats ass what the stuffed shirt thinks? Let's have another round of beers, gang! So sez Venus. Who can think with all this yapping going on!

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Life is an interesting balancing act when Mars, Venus and Mercury change signs. Queer Crabs effortlessly maneuver through any tight spot by turning on the charm that Venus amply supplies. But before you slip on your own oil, be sure that compadres are willing to take up the slack for your laziness. You soon realize that even a small effort can have mammoth impact.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Mars, Venus and Mercury change signs and divert your attention from your daily affairs to affairs of the heart. Proud Lions ache for attention and adoration and are willing to put themselves out on a limb to get it. (So what else is new?) Travel leads to romance, at least while you are away from home base. Keep the flame stoked with cyber flashes. Are you a hot bot?

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Queer Virgins are swept off their feet when they least expect it. It can happen at any time, in any place from your gray cubicle to the Red Square. At least that is what is promised when Mars, Venus and Mercury all change signs. Will the anticipation match the experience? It is entirely up to you, lover. How flexible are you? Venus teaches you a few tricks. Or is it vice versa?

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

The combination of Venus in randy Aries and Mars in sensual Taurus is a boon to all Gay Libras with a sense of sexual

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Prepare for a shake-up at home as Mercury ponders a move, Mars re-examines partnerships and Venus catches a glimpse of you sideways in the mirror. A new broom will sweep clean and buff in all areas. Proud Scorps may be feeling a bit staid and static but you find that as February marches forth you feel more energized and ready for change. Don't forget about your socks.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Every toad will resemble royalty as Venus, Mars and Mercury wend their planetary ways. Maybe that is because Venus in particular is so achy breaky that any stray look or comment will get your heart aflutter. Rein it in, Gay Archer and be as practical as you can. Direct your actions to more mundane activities like tax preparation. Now that should set your heart pounding!!

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Genius is never recognized in its own time. Pity since you have so much to offer in terms of calculating observation and pithy comment. Chalk it up to jealousy pink Cap and seed your trails as you continue your life journey. The lesson to be learned from the Mars, Venus and Mercury shift is that you must listen to your own voice no matter what, even if it kvetches.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

There is something about the way you carry yourself that has everyone talking. Perhaps it is because Mercury, Venus and Mars shift signs and make your every move eye catching. Okay, maybe it is simply your wardrobe. Are the 1970's back? Aquerians love to march to the tune of a different drummer. Now consider marching with a bit more style and panache.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Guppies can let their intuition run "wilde" when Mercury, Mars and Venus move. You may dream of the winning lottery numbers or of a great new way of making money the old fashioned way. But dreaming won't make it happen compadre. Mars says that you need to get off your ass and make a big monetary splash. Get out of the wading pool and dive in the deep end.

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

Unfinished Quest

I got interested in extreme DUI a little over a year ago when a big international celebrity got busted for that offense here in Tucson.

I'm not much of a celeb watcher but I do believe that celebrity trials tend to put a criminal justice system under the microscope, greatly magnifying its strengths and weaknesses. In watching our celeb DUI case unfold, I was struck by how slow it seemed to be going.

When I called up Mothers Against Drunk Drivers and asked them about this apparent languor, they surprised me by saying that it is not unusual for an extreme DUI case to drag on for over a year before coming to trial. I found this shocking and asked how it could be. The Mothers were much more comfortable with the state of affairs than I was. The more I think about it the less comfortable I get.

Let's just suppose, for argument's sake, that some of the guys and girls arrested for extreme DUI happen to be guilty. Let's say that some of their lawyers tell them that their cases won't come up for a year. Wouldn't it be fair to say that in these cases we'd have very dangerous people who'd escaped immediate serious consequences for their criminally reckless acts? And wouldn't it be reasonable to assume that there's a substantial risk of some of these individuals continuing to drink and drive during their year of no bad consequences? All of which leads to the question, "Have we, as a community, lost our collective mind?"

I've got to believe that most Tucsonans are as ignorant of this pattern of extreme tardiness of prosecution as I was. If they knew about it they'd surely be screaming bloody murder.

When I went back to MADD to get some hard numbers on how often these long delays actually happen, I got my second shock. They told me that "not unusual" was as good as they could do because they don't keep statistics! The idea that this noble and wonderful organization whose volunteers go to innumerable boring court hearings, who spend hours comforting victims and the survivors of victims, who work tirelessly to improve DUI laws, the idea that they don't keep stats on their own activities astonishes me. In their efforts to influence public opinion can they possibly believe that "not unusual" carries the same weight as some specific percentage, some rock hard and verifiable number?

The Mothers told me that if they needed a DUI stat they could get it from an outfit called Southern Arizona DUI Task force. For my purposes the Task force wasn't much better than the Mothers. They said that I'd have to go to all the various police agencies if I wanted to come up with something as simple as DUI figures for the area, and that nobody routinely consolidates and reports this data.

I next called the City Attorney's Office to see if they did an annual report on who they'd prosecuted, for the mayor and council if not the public, and was told that they did not. Makes you wonder what the mayor and council use to evaluate this office and budget for it, but that's another quest.

somewhere and I'll find them eventually. Specifically, I'd like to know how many DUI busts occur per year, including those of all agencies, how many come to trial in a reasonable length of time and how many, and for what reasons, get stretched out well past the ridiculous, how many extreme DUIs get pled down to lesser offenses and why. All of this stuff should be a matter of public record, and easily accessible record at that. According to my librarian, who is an absolute wizard, it is not.

Of course the reduction of raw data into meaningful statistics requires the invention of useful categories. Consider the reasons-for-delay issue that seems so interesting with Tucson DUIs. You'd have to look at the raw data and invent categories such as "understaffed forensic lab," "problems with police report," "key paperwork lost," etc. The good news is that while you're inventing the categories you're also locating and sizing up the problem.

Until you can come up with reliable numbers, you won't know whether you're talking about anomalies or epidemics. Here in Tucson, we don't know if we're letting a high-stepping filly out of the corral because someone likes her flash and cash, or if the whole damn corral fence has blown over without anybody but MADD noticing it.

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

Germany Begins Human Trials On HIV Vaccine

BERLIN - German scientists Monday, February 17, announced the beginning of human trial on a new HIV vaccine, reported 365Gay.com.

Known as tgAAC09, the vaccine targets HIV subtype C, prevalent in South Africa, India and China, and responsible for a large part of the world's HIV infections. The vaccine was developed by Seattle-based Targeted Genetics Corp. and the Columbus Children's Research Institute.

The yearlong test program will involve up to 50 volunteers at clinics in Bonn and Hamburg, and at 2 hospitals in Belgium said project leader Jan van Lunzen.

The first-phase testing will determine the vaccine's safety and whether it produces immune responses. If it is successful, the second and third phases of testing would be carried out in developing countries told reporters.

The test program is backed by the New York-based International AIDS Vaccine Initiative which estimates that some 30 HIV vaccine tests already are under way worldwide.

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Over 75,000 HIV/AIDS Cases Reported In New York City

NEW YORK - More than 75,000 people in New York City have been reported infected with HIV/AIDS, a rate so high it puts the city in the same league as Third World nations according to research released Thursday at the 11th Annual Retrovirus Conference in San Francisco, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Researchers noted about 3.9 percent of men living in New York City who are between the ages of 40 and 49 have HIV/AIDS, with 2.8 percent of all men dealing with the later stages of infection.

But that rate could be higher: Researchers believe about 25 percent of New Yorkers who are infected with HIV do not know it yet.

"Overall, about 1 percent of the total population of New York City is living with human immunodeficiency virus," concluded Denis Nash, an epidemiologist with the Center for Urban Epidemiologic Studies, part of the New York Academy of Medicine.

If that 1 percent estimate is accurate, New York City's infection rate would be similar to half a dozen nations in Central and South America, as well as some countries in Africa and Asia, according to the World Health Organization.

HIV/AIDS has hit New York particularly hard. Only 3 percent of the nation's population lives there, but the city makes up 15 percent of all U.S. AIDS

cases. In 2001, New York accounted for 18 percent of all AIDS-related deaths.

Nash said people living with HIV/AIDS in New York City die at a rate more than four times that of the rest of the city's population.

"HIV remains the leading cause of death among New Yorkers aged 25 to 44 and is the third leading cause of death among non-Hispanic black and Hispanic New Yorkers of all ages, following heart disease and cancer."

Despite these numbers, Ronald Johnson, the associate executive director of Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC), believes prevention efforts are working.

"With prevention efforts, the problem is: How can you prove what did not occur? But given the real lowering of infection rates of men in the '90s, prevention efforts have worked - and the numbers we're seeing today could have been dramatically higher."

Johnson admits more has to be done. "It's not a matter of what we're doing is not working, it's just that we need to do it more."

"We need more resources. We've been struggling to get the message out," Johnson reflected. "The messages and techniques that worked in the late 90's may not work for the sexually active men of today."

LGBT Workers: Gov't Stops Investigating Gay Bas Claims In Civil Service

WASHINGTON - An LGBT civil service group says the federal government appears to have dropped its policy of investigating and prosecuting employment discrimination based on sexual orientation, reported 365Gay.com.

Since 1998, when President Bill Clinton issued an executive order prohibiting bias in the civil service, the job of enforcing the rule has fallen to the Office of Special Counsel. But OSC is accused of retreating from the policy.

The OSC has removed references to sexual orientation-based discrimination from its complaint form, the OSC basic brochure, training slides and a two-page flier entitled "Your Rights as a Federal Employee."

The OSC also removed from its website a press release issued by the OSC in June 2003 that announced the settlement of a case involving discrimination based on sexual orientation against an applicant to the Internal Revenue Service.

Federal Globe, the umbrella

organization for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual employee support groups in federal workplaces, is demanding an explanation.

"Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender employees have a right to know what their options are if a prohibited personnel practice is committed against them and that they are protected from adverse actions and discrimination based on their sexual orientation. OSC's action clearly undermines this understanding and declares open season on the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender federal employee," the group says in a statement.

The Human Rights Campaign is also seeking answers from the OSC.

"The federal government has a long-established practice of making employment decisions based on how well people can do their jobs, not on their sexual orientation or other factors," said HRC President Cheryl Jacques.

"President Bush has spoken time and again about the importance of respect and tolerance. Make no mistake, there is neither respect nor tolerance in robbing hard-working individuals of their workplace security."

The law, 5 USC 2302(b)(10), prohibits discrimination against federal employees or job applicants on the basis of off-duty conduct that does not affect job performance. Although there is no explicit reference to sexual orientation in the statute, it has long been interpreted to include sexual orientation. Executive Order 13087 - issued May 28, 1998 - reaffirmed that position.

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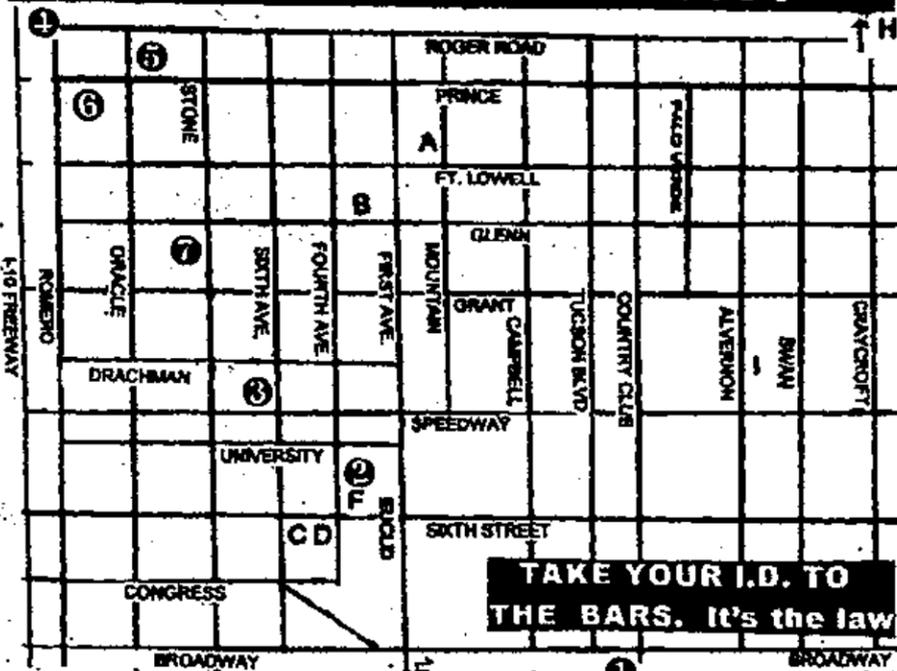
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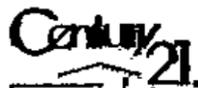
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I was seeing this great guy for about 3 years and things were getting very serious. Then, all of a sudden I found myself indulging in the attention of other men. I confessed my sins to him but he decided to call the whole thing off. He said he didn't feel that he could trust me and at that point I didn't disagree. I'd never thought of myself as the unfaithful type, but I couldn't ignore the fact that things had gotten dull and that we never spent much time together. Since then I've learned that the secret to a lasting relationship is to never settle into a passionless routine. Now the problem is that I'm still madly in love with this guy and it seems impossible that we'll get back together. We still talk occasionally and I've casually alluded to my unrelenting interest in him, but I don't want him to feel rushed. After all, I don't just want to spend tomorrow with him, I want to spend the rest of my life with him. So my question is this: is it silly of me to faithfully pursue something that may be lost forever, or am I just fooling myself with false hope?

Signed, In Hopeless Pursuit

Dear Hopeless,

After reading and re-reading your letter several times, I have to ask: What do you really want here? At one point you are ready to spend the rest of your life with this

guy, but you admit that you only talk occasionally and that you have only "casually alluded" to your interest in him. What??? If you really are still madly in love with him, why aren't you on the phone with him every day, taking him out on dates, really chasing him? Are you waiting and hoping that he will come running back to you? Wake up, buddy! You cheated on him, and it is up to you to try and fix that. Take responsibility for that, and quit acting like your cheating was something that happened to you that was out of your control... "all of a sudden, I found myself cheating..." What crap! Take this man out, get down on your knees, and tell him that you made the biggest mistake ever, and beg him to give you another chance. And if he really means that much to you, you won't give up until he says yes, or files a restraining order. So, to answer your question: no, it is never silly to pursue that which you love. If you really want it, then go balls to the wall to get it!

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

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MTV Gears Up For Gay Channel Outlet

NEW YORK - Variety reports that MTV is moving on with plans to create Outlet, a 24-hour Gay and Lesbian cable network, following positive talks with leading cable TV operators.

While original plans for Outlet saw the channel as a pay channel that MTV would develop with Showtime, the current plan is for MTV to go it alone and make it a basic, advertiser-supported digital cable channel. That change means Outlet's content will have to be more mainstream-friendly, but the channel would likely be offered to cable outlets as part of a package with MTV, VH1, and Nickelodeon.

There is still no word regarding a launch date, although MTV is eyeing the competition from PrideVision TV, a pay channel based in Canada

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Special Bar Events

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

HOWL AT THE MOON - Rodeo Dance! Stop in for a special night of country music and dancing. \$2.00 Bud, Bud Light and Michelob Ultra longnecks all night. Prize giveaways from 8 to 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

WOODY'S - Bears of the Old Pueblo Beer Bust

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

IBT'S - Party line-up includes Troy's Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. Karaoke Party with Michael D. on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This week's proceeds go to Wingspan. 9:00 p.m. CD Release Party for the 1st Issue IBT's Dance CD. Drawings for free CDs. Hot Dance!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

HOWL AT THE MOON - Celebrate Fat Tuesday with the Captain! \$2.00 Captain Morgan spiced rum all night. Zydeco music and Beads. Promotional give-aways from 8 to 9 p.m.

IBT'S - Mardi Gras Gala! Last chance to sin party! Tons of beads, masks, trading coins. Be there

WOODY'S - Mardi Gras party with beads, masks and drink specials. Hot Party!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. The DivaLicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Veronica Halliwell, Venecia, Heather Boa and Kimmi Sum Dumee

WOODY'S - 8:00 P.M. 'Show Off Your Ash Wednesday'. \$40 for "Best Buns" contest winner. Contest at 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29

IBT'S - Big Academy Awards Party. Get there early!

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

YARD DOG SALOON - Toga Party III. Food and Contest. Be Prepared!

Non-Bar Calendar

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

6:00 p.m. Marsha Stevens will be appearing in a free concert at the water of Life MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. The accolades go like this: "Thank God for Lesbian gospel singer, Marsha Stevens ... she's Heaven-Sent!" "I've been moved by her powerful voice and passionate presence on platforms we've shared across the nation." "She is conservative Christianity's worst nightmare - a God-fearing, Jesus-loving, Bible-believing Lesbian Christian." "Of all the things that live on after us, Marsha's music may be what best captures all that we tried to be and do for our community." All are welcome to hear this great singer.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Miss Gay Tucson America Pageant tonight beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Palo Verde, 4550 S. Palo Verde. 746-1161. Tickets now on sale. General seating \$12.00. VIP Seating \$20.00. At door: General \$15 / VIP \$25. See their ad in this issue of Observer.

THURSDAY - SUNDAY, MARCH 4 - 7

The annual Wingspan Film Fest 2004, Southern Arizona's LGBT Film Festival. All film showing at the Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway. www.wingspan.org/FilmFest for discount tickets in advance, and the complete film Fest schedule. See the Wingspan ad in this week's Observer for more information.



Arts & Entertainment

FEBRUARY 14 THRU MARCH 21

Live Theatre Workshop presents London's West End longest running Christie Mystery "The Mousetrap" by Agatha Christie. The story is about a group of strangers stranded in a boarding house in the middle of a snow storm. Mollie and Giles Ralston (Lisa Bodden and Brian Wees) have inherited an old boarding house and decide to re-open it anew. Now enter six guests, one of whom will be murdered and one who is the murderer. The show runs Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 3:00 p.m. Tickets range from \$12 - \$14. Performances are at the Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E. Speedway. For reservations 327-4242.

FEBRUARY 29 THRU MARCH 7

The Arizona Friends of Chamber Music, which has brought internationally renowned chamber music group to perform in Tucson for over 50 years, announce the eleventh Tucson Winter Chamber Music Festival. The American Record Guide has called this world-class event "one of the best and most adventurous [festivals] in the U.S. Among this Festival's outstanding offerings are three commissioned World Premieres. The Klichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio, one of the world's finest ensembles, will join Peter Rejto, an internationally acclaimed cellist and the Festival's Artistic Director, and nine other accomplished musicians. Individual Festival general admission concert tickets are \$20 and student tickets are \$8. For additional information the public can call the AFCM at 577-3769 or visit their web site at www.ArizonaChamberMusic.org. All concerts and open rehearsals, except for the Gala Dinner Concert, will be held at the Tucson Convention Center's Leo Rich Theater. Sunday concerts will begin at 3:00 p.m. Evening concerts begin at 8:00 p.m. Each concert will be preceded by a 20 minute introduction by Tucson Music Critic James Reef.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Metallica with special guest Godsmack "Madly In Anger with the World Tour" will be at TCC Arena. Tickets on sale and available at TicketMaster 321-1000 and all TicketMaster outlets.

Genetic AIDS Immunity Traced To Smallpox, Not Plague

SAN FRANCISCO - A tiny number of Americans are virtually immune from AIDS - they don't get infected no matter how often they're exposed to the virus. According to new research, they may have another infamous epidemic to thank for their protection: smallpox, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

In a report issued this week, scientists debunk a theory that links AIDS immunity to the bubonic plague outbreaks of the Middle Ages, citing smallpox as the most likely benefactor.

While it doesn't appear likely that the findings will help scientists develop new treatments for AIDS, they do bring researchers closer to understanding how events of 700 years ago affect the spread of a disease that only recently appeared on the scene.

The research, which has received much media attention, might have another effect: It could cause more people to wonder if they're one of the lucky few who are immune to AIDS. "We have had people approach us and ask us for testing," said report co-author Dr. Donald Mosier, professor of immunology at The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, Calif. "They may have had an altruistic motive to help research, but there may be a less altruistic motive."

An estimated 1 percent of people who are descended from Northern Europeans bear a genetic mutation that makes them virtually immune to AIDS. Their immune cells lack a "receptor" -- a kind of lock -- that allows the virus to break into them.

In very rare cases, these people can still get AIDS. "It is highly protective, but not absolutely protective," Mosier said.

Other than providing protection against AIDS (and, perhaps, smallpox), the mutation doesn't appear to do much of anything else -- good or bad -- to the body's immune system, Mosier said.

Another 10-15 percent of descendants of Northern Europeans have just one mutated gene, not the two required for virtual immunity. The single gene gives them a lower level of protection against AIDS infection, but still more than other people.

The mutations also appear in descendants of Central Asians and Southern Europeans, but they're unheard-of in Africans, East Asians, American Indians and Middle Easterners.

Researchers have found evidence that the mutation appeared about seven centuries ago during the Middle Ages. They think it provided protection against a specific

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Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 10:30 am. Smirnoff Sunday - \$2 Smirnoff drinks (Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, Greyhound, Sea Breeze, etc.) Music from the 50's, 60's, 70's, & 80's from 8-close.

IBT'S - Open Noon \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screws or Mimosas. Sangria Party \$2.50 from 4-1 Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5:30-8pm. Karaoke with Michael D. on the patio 4:30-7:30. 8:30 shows or special events or Hi energy dancing w/DJ T.C. Wildman. 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open Noon.
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. \$1.75 Bloody Marys or Screws til 3pm Patio Beer Bust 3-7. Burger BBQ 5-7. Selection of burger meals to choose from. \$2 proceeds go to Pet Watch (helping HIV/AIDS clients with their veterinary bills).

WOODY'S - Open 11am. Sunday Brunch 11:30-2:30. Eggs and meat du jour plus BMs, Mims or Screws \$5. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas; Happy Hour 11am-8pm \$2 well or domestic beer Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Beach Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger w/salad 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm.

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

Monday

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7, \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. Special drink prices on draft beer all night. Solid Gold Oldies 7:00pm to close.

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open Noon.
VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4pm. \$2.75 Skyy Martinis 4-8. Monday Nite Footbat. Free Hot Dogs. **WOODY'S** - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm Karaoke w/Michael D. 9-1

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm. Kennel open 5pm.

Tuesday

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7, \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. \$2 margarita on rocks all night.

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open Noon.
VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4.

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

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

Wednesday

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7, \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. \$2 Smirnoff Ice, hard lemonades, other bottled malt beverages all night. Free pool all night.

IBT'S - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm, 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holiday and guests. HiNRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon-1am
VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4pm. \$2.75 Cuervo Margaritas 4-8pm

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

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Vodka until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Thursday

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7, \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. \$2 Mexican beers all night. Pucker Shot specials during UA games.

IBT'S - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. HI NRG video dancing with Johnny DJ 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon.
VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4pm. Pool Tourney 7pm. \$3 entry (Pool Matched) 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 8am. 50¢ off any Bourbon til 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Friday

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7, \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. Beginner country dance lessons 7:30-8:30. Current and classic Country from 8:30 to close.

IBT'S - 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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open Noon.
VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 1-4pm. DJ 9pm to close.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Martini Party - Well Martinis \$2.00 4-8pm. Cali Martinis \$3 from 4-6pm. Complimentary Shrimp Cocktail 4-8pm. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Gin until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Saturday

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 10:30 am. Pucker shot specials during UA games. Pool Tournament 3pm (sign-up begins at 2). \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Current & Classic Country from 8:30 to close.

IBT'S - 10am-5pm \$4 Martinis and Daquans. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. Dance Party 8-1 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon.
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio Bar open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm. DJ 9-1.

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 8am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. 75¢ glass. \$2.25 pitcher. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm to 7pm. Kennel open 5pm.



NOTICES

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

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

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

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

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

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 6pm. Tucson Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OutFest. 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. 693-7063.

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

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

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Anabeli at 325-0892

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Jennifer at 818-3975.

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 KXCI.

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

LIKE TO READ? The Guys Book Club (TGBC) invites new members to join them. The group meets once a month, on the 3rd Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Maggie's Pizzeria on 4th Avenue to discuss the Gay-themed book read by members the previous month.

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

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

HALLELUJAH 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), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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

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NOTICES

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 375-8660 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 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

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

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

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-3655. Leave message: TucsonSources@aol.com

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavenccks, 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, Contro, AZ 85652.

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43920, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at www.btop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Bonita St. between St. Marys and Congress.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. N.W. 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 579-9827 or David 323-7941.

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

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

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

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

NOTICES

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.

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. Dezent Girls (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dezent Boys meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAE@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagae@aol.com

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 602-219-4805.

DESERT DOMINION, whose focus is providing information and education for people interested in the BDSM lifestyle, meets monthly for group discussion and social events. Visit our web site http://www.desertdominion.org or call (520)792-6424

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

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

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

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

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520) 743-0775 for current information.

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.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)

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Genetic AIDS

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specific disease, allowing a small number of people to bear more children, since those with the extra protection lived longer than others who lacked the mutation and were therefore more likely to get sick and die.

The mutation was passed down through generations. Apparently, it just happened to provide protection against AIDS when the disease developed during the last century.

Initially, researchers pointed their fingers at bubonic plague, which caused the "Black Death" epidemic in Europe in the 14th century. Mosier and colleagues tested the theory by breeding mice with the genetic mutation and infecting them with the plague. The mutation provided no protection, according to a report in the Feb. 12 issue of the journal Nature.

The next step is for researchers to see if the mutation provides protection against monkeypox, a relative of smallpox, Mosier said. If it does, one of the mysteries of AIDS immunity may be solved.

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Laramie Inside Out

Thursday, March 04, 7:00 pm

The festival opens with this diary/documentary by Tucsonan Beverly Seckinger. *Laramie Inside Out* explores the aftermath of Matthew Shepard's 1998 gay-bashing murder in Seckinger's hometown of Laramie, Wyoming. Seckinger will be at the screening to talk about the making of the film.



Eating Out

Thursday, March 04, 9:00 pm

When Caleb falls for Given, a seemingly unattainable girl, his roommate Kyle offers this valuable advice: The best way to a girl's heart is through her gay best friend. *Eating Out* was produced by Tucsonan Michael Shoel and Danielle Probst, and filmed right here in the Old Pueblo.



Bulgarian Lovers

Friday, March 05, 8:00 pm

Bulgarian Lovers is a story of love between a middle-aged Spanish gay man and a younger "straight" Bulgarian hunk. (Spanish with English subtitles)



Flashback: The Films of David Weissman

Saturday, March 06, 5:45 pm

Through clips and conversation, producer/director/screenwriter David Weissman (*The Cockettes*, *Evolution*, *Family Man*) will discuss the inspirations behind the irreverent humor of his short films, the making of the documentary *The Cockettes*, and the state of LGBT filmmaking today.

Do I Love You?

Saturday, March 06, 8:00 pm

Marina, a 30-something in a good relationship with girlfriend Romy, asks a simple question – do I love you? – but finds the answer is not so simple.



Out Abroad: Documentary Shorts

Sunday, March 07, 6:00 pm

For LGBT people worldwide, lack of acceptance and inequality are facts of life. These shorts tell the stories of struggles for LGBT rights in Central and South America, Africa, and Asia.