

Far right Attacks Child Mentor Group Over Anti-Discrimination Policy

PHOENIX - A prominent far-right group in Washington is attempting to inflame a national controversy over a rule implemented this month by Big Brothers-Big Sisters of America, the youth-mentoring group based in Philadelphia, Pa.

Big Brothers recently instructed its 490 chapters that applicants to be adult mentors cannot be excluded on the basis of race, religion, disability and other factors including sexual orientation.

Though this has been the national board's position for more than 25 years, at best, sporadically enforced.

Representatives of the rabidly anti-Gay organization, Focus on the Family, issued a swift objection to the new mandate as "reckless and irresponsible." James Dobson issued an alert on his syndicated radio broadcast and an e-mail alert urged people to contact Big Brothers to protest.

Focus official William Maier boasted in an interview that as a result of the alerts, Big Brothers offices have fielded "thousands" of calls and E-mails. But Big Brothers spokeswoman Noreen Shanfelter said the national office had received maybe 150 calls and no more than several dozen e-mails that voiced objection to the new rule.

Mack Koonce, Big Brothers' executive vice president and CEO, said his group "doesn't have the broad goal of teaching heterosexual, marital relationships. We look at do the kids stay in school, do they keep their grades up, do they improve peer and family relationships. That's what we think the big issues are."

Shanfelter said people who apply to be mentors are asked about their sexual orientation during the interview and screening process. Parents in the home-based program get that information about a mentor as part of the matching process, she said, "and we honor their preferences."

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America has had an anti-discrimination policy for years, as has the Phoenix office. But a new push this month to make sure all affiliates have such policies is drawing attention to the fact the organization matches some Gay volunteers with children.

"We're looking at a variety of issues and possible impacts, and of course one of those has to be donations," said Shanfelter.

In Phoenix, the non-profit gets about a third of its budget from private donations. This year's budget is \$3 million, said Madeline Stilwell, executive vice president of administration for the local office.

The Phoenix office has had an anti-discrimination policy since 1989. Stilwell said volunteers are screened and parents are questioned before a match is made. Parents are specifically asked if a child can be matched with a heterosexual or homosexual.

Opponents also criticize a program that matches schoolchildren with business volunteers. Parents allow kids to participate but don't know a volunteer's background.

San Marcos Elementary School in Chandler has participated for five years, and sexual orientation has never been a concern, Principal Christine Sargent said. Volunteers eat lunch with kids, read to them and toss a football around.

"It's a wonderful, wonderful program," she said.

Shanfelter said Big Brothers Big Sisters of America has had an anti-discrimination policy for 25 years. She estimated that 90 percent of its 490 affiliates had similar policies before the new mandate.

More Details On Vancouver Assault

VANCOUVER, Canada - The names of the two U.S. sailors who are facing Canadian charges in an alleged bias-attack on a Gay Vancouver man have been released by police.

Kenneth Drake, 23, and Joe Hummel, 24, who are stationed at the Whidbey Island Naval Base in nearby Bremerton, Washington, are accused of using a knife and pepper spray in the attack on the 28-year-old victim.

Vancouver Police Constable Sarah Bloor said that the attack victim, whose name has not been released, suffered injuries requiring hospital treatment.

Drake is charged with assault and assault with pepper spray, while Hummel is charged with carrying a concealed weapon, assault and assault with a knife, according to Bloor. She said prosecutors would decide whether to ask the court to designate the assault a hate crime.

"During the assault, the suspects made comments in regard to the victim's sexual orientation," Bloor said. The case was still under investigation, Bloor said.

Another police spokesman, Detective Scott Driemel, told the Seattle Post Intelligencer that the two men have returned to their base in the United States after promising to appear for a Vancouver court date Aug. 27.

He said they have been cooperating with Canadian authorities.

AIDS Czar Ousted

WASHINGTON, DC - The White House is replacing Scott Evertz, head of the Office of National AIDS Policy, with another Gay federal AIDS official, the Associated Press reports.

Evertz has served in the cabinet level position since April 2001, but his appointment has long been a irritant among conservative Republicans. A coalition of far right supporters of President Bush have been lobbying for Evertz's ouster ever since.

"Evertz's whole approach is homosexuality is a viable life alternative ...that it's part of God's design in humanity. Bible-believing Christians don't believe that for one second," Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition told The Washington Post last year.

"This is another case of Republicans trying to ingratiate themselves with natural opponents, and a thumb in the eye of supporters," echoed Richard Lessner of the Family Research Council.

Evertz is to be replaced by Joseph O'Neill, acting head of HHS' office of AIDS and HIV policy, and will assume a new role as special adviser to Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, overseeing international AIDS relief and prevention efforts.

David Smith of the Human Rights Campaign said Evertz appeared to be a victim of a battle within the administration

over its strategy on preventing the spread of HIV and AIDS. Conservatives who advocate an abstinence-only approach had been gunning for Evertz's ouster, particularly after he spoke publicly on condom use, Smith said.

Administration officials deny there was any ideological rift, saying that Evertz and Thompson, a former governor of Wisconsin, have long-standing ties.

Evertz's effectiveness as AIDS czar was the subject of some debate. A 20-minute speech delivered by Evertz in Atlanta in March 2002 was the subject of pointed criticism for its humorous tone in the midst of worsening news about infection rates among young Gay men.

Instead of discussing policy, he began the address by defending Bush's appointments. "This President really does want to appoint people who are the best ones for the job, regardless of their sexual orientation. The word is still out on whether I'm the best one for this job."

"I'm still uncomfortable with the title 'AIDS czar,'" he said. "Especially because it didn't come with the requisite tiara." He added that Clinton AIDS czar Sandra Thurman, was "much more the tiara-type. I'm sure she has a closet full of them."

Evertz later said his comments were misunderstood.

Major Court Victory In Washington State

SPOKANE, WA - In the first appellate ruling of its kind in the country, a Washington state Court of Appeals unanimously ruled that firing public employees because they are Gay is unconstitutional.

The case, filed by the American Civil Liberties Union, was brought against Pullman Memorial Hospital in 1996 on behalf of Mary Jo Davis, a sonographer who was subjected to severe and ongoing anti-Gay harassment before she was fired.

A lower court dismissed the case, effectively saying that the U.S. Constitution offers no refuge for Lesbians and Gay men who face discrimination by government agencies. The Washington Court of Appeals reversed that decision.

"[A] state actor violates a homosexual employee's right of equal protection when it treats that person differently than it treats heterosexual employees, based solely upon the employee's sexual orientation," the court wrote in an 11-page decision.

"This is an historic ruling," said the ACLU's Matt Coles. "For the first time,

an appeals court is saying that it's just plain unconstitutional for a government agency to fire someone for being Gay."

The ruling sets a "powerful precedent," Coles said, and will now send the case back to trial. Davis will be able to sue both the hospital and Dr. Charles Guess, the chief radiologist, who she named as her principal antagonist at the hospital.

Guess constantly referred to Davis as a "f-king dyke" and "f-king faggot." According to witnesses, he said at one point to another physician, "I don't think that f-king faggot should be doing vaginal exams, and I'm not working with her."

When Davis complained, Guess told hospital administrators that he didn't "agree with Mary Jo Davis' Lesbian lifestyle." Rather than discipline Guess, the hospital punished Davis, reducing her work hours to three-quarters time so Guess wouldn't have to work with her. Finally, in 1994, Davis was fired.

At the appeals court, Guess claim-
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Forum On Transgender Issues For Employers Aug. 1

TUCSON - A free workshop and forum on Transgender Issues for Employers will take place Thursday, August 1, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Pantano Room of the Sentinel Building, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop (west of I-10 Freeway, north of Congress off Bonita Street).

Did you know: Gender identity is one of the nine protected classes under Tucson's anti-discrimination ordinance? (Art. II, Sec. 17-1 Human Relations Ordinance). Nationally, over 2200 companies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and/or gender identity (including 167 companies of the Fortune 500)? Many companies have successfully integrated Transgender employees into their workforce, finding that such employees are excellent workers, with high productivity rates and significant company loyalty?

The Transgender Employee: What Arizona Employers Need To Know gives Tucson-area human resource professionals and staff the tools and resources they need to deal fairly with Transgender applicants and employees. Join other human resource professionals from area businesses to learn more about: Gender identity - basic definitions and terms; Bathrooms and sex-segregated facilities; Tucson's anti-discrimination ordinance: What it means for employers; and, Personal profiles and stories of Transgender employees.

Spaces for the session are limited. Reservation deadline for the August 1 session is Tuesday, July 30. To reserve your seat, please call the TGN Arizona office at (520) 622-4700.

Video Presented At Commission Meeting

TUCSON (ON) - Applause rose in the Equal Opportunity Office (EOO) conference room as the lights were turned on, after the video, produced by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Educators Network (GLSEN)-Tucson had been shown to the City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Commission.

In the twenty minute video, Tucson GLBT and straight students discussed their experiences at their schools with the issues of coming out, learning about one's identity and attending school - dealing with their fellow students, teachers, and school officials.

The Commission will hold their next meeting Tuesday, August 20, 5:30 p.m., at the EOO Conference Room in the Pioneer Building, 100 N. Stone.

Charges Filed In Murder

TUCSON - The woman who reportedly confessed to a 911 operator that she slit a man's throat because she hated him was indicted by a grand jury.

Denise Joan Martin, 44, was indicted on a first-degree murder charge and a first-degree burglary charge in Superior Court, according to a court document.

She remains in Pima County Jail in lieu of a \$1 million bond on allegations that she killed 63-year-old Frank J. Bellafiore July 10 in the 700 block of West Cresta Loma Drive, reported the Tucson Citizen.

Police identified Martin as the woman who called-911 the night of the murder, confessing that she had killed Bellafiore.

Martin, of the 5000 block of North Tigua Drive, was arrested at her parents' home soon after she finished talking to the operator, who told her police were waiting outside to take her into custody.

Martin told detectives she once rented Bellafiore's home. She said he tried to rape her two months ago and threatened to beat her. She told the 911 operator she was a Lesbian and angry that Bellafiore molested her.

AVIV Shabbat Service

PHOENIX - AVIV, the Jewish GLBT Chavurah is having their monthly Shabbat services in Paradise valley on Friday evening, August 2, 7:30 p.m. in central Phoenix, followed by a wonderful Oneg.

Partners, friends, and family are always welcome. Call the AVIV info-line, (602) 952-1612 for more information and locations.

MD Governor 'Breaking Barriers'

ANNAPOLIS, MD - Maryland governor Parris Glendening named an Asian-American woman and an openly Gay woman to serve as judges to the Baltimore city district court as a way of "breaking down barriers."

Jeanie Hong becomes the first Asian-American judge in Maryland history, and Halee Weinstein becomes one of the state's few openly Gay judges.

"The strength of Maryland is its diversity, and with these two appointments we are celebrating that diversity and breaking down barriers," Glendening said in a prepared statement. "I am confident Ms. Hong and Ms. Weinstein will make Maryland a more fair, just, and inclusive [place] to live."

Scientist and 'Spirit Dancers' Aug. 4

TUCSON - The Ecological Society of America (ESA) kicks off its 87th Annual Meeting on Sunday, August 4th, with a welcoming ceremony featuring the White Mountain Apache "Spirit Dancers" and acclaimed scientist and television host Dr. David Suzuki. Best known for his work on television series such as "The Nature of Things", "A Planet for the Taking" and "The Secret of Life", Suzuki will present a talk entitled "From Genetics to Ecology - One Scientist's Odyssey".

ESA is a scientific, non-profit, 7,800-member organization founded in 1915. The group seeks to promote the responsible application of ecological data and principles to the solution of environmental problems.

Starting at 5:00 pm at the Tucson Convention Center's Music Hall, 260 S. Church, in Tucson. The event is free and open to the public.

Richard Heakin Memorial Fund Update

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - The Richard Heakin Memorial Fund Committee is a loosely based organized group, who had began meeting in May of this year, wants to make sure there is a permanent physical and virtual memorial for Heakin, a young Gay college student brutally murdered outside the Stonewall Tavern, 2921 N. First Avenue, June 6, 1976.

After the installation of the physical memorial, a concrete or marble bench at Sunset Park, north of City Hall, with an engraved marble pedestal in front of the bench, the committee will disband but one or two people will maintain the Web site. She added that the goal of the effort is to raise \$5,000 to cover the costs of the pedestal, bench, and Web site set up/maintenance.

The committee wants to have the monies raised, and the pedestal and bench done by OUToberFest, being held October 12 this year - the anniversary date of Matthew Shepard's death and the day before Heakin's birthday.

Contributions can be made out to "Tucson Pride Inc." (the committee's fiscal agent), and must be clearly designated for the "Heakin Memorial." None of the monies raised will be donated to Tucson Pride, Inc. Checks and money orders can be sent to Tucson Pride, Inc., P.O. Box 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717.

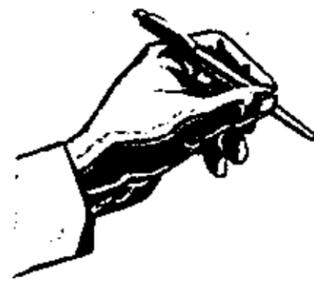
The next meeting of the Committee will take place, Saturday, July 27, 10:00 a.m., at the Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse, 606 North Fourth Avenue.

Miss Gay Arizona America 2003 Pageant

TUCSON - The Miss Gay Arizona America 2003 Pageant is being held at the Innsuites Hotels, Tucson Suite Hotel and Resort, 475 N. Granada, Saturday, July 27. Sponsored by IBT's, Woody's, Unique on Central and Pookie's the evening will be hosted by Lucinda Holliday, Barbara Seville and Truly Fabu. The event begins at 7:00 p.m.. Sabrina White, Miss Gay America 2002 will perform as will Angela Dodd, Miss Gay Arizona America 2002 and special guest Patti La Plae Safe. Tickets are available from the show's promoter, Lucinda Holliday (520)327-1576 and at the door. Remember, it's not just another pageant - it's a Party!

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NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - When the price and size of cell phones shrank a few years back - a rare instance in the Gay community where smaller was actually considered better - the essentials of considerate work manners dropped away too, according to the business etiquette elite.

Judith Martin, tireless tutor of good taste, whose aptly named alter ego Miss Manners notes, "People think they can get away with using their cellular telephones at any time or place they choose; confident that etiquette is too befuddled by this wondrous novelty to set limits.

Marc Wester, an out producer of commercials in Los Angeles, says the situation is only getting worse in a city where manners are already sorely lacking.

"Everyone in the office has a cell phone. And they should. But when we're in a production meeting and five cell phones go off at once, everything grinds to a halt."

Wester says there's an unspoken hierarchy at his Hollywood office. "It's acceptable for the creatives [producers, directors, designers] to take calls at all times, they need to - but when a PA [production assistant], the lowest man on the totem pole, takes a chatty call during a meeting, he's going to annoy people."

But if people need to be reached for an urgent business decision, what should they do?

"Take it outside," says Wester, evoking the fighting etiquette of the old West. "At the very least, set the phone to vibrate."

With 284 million Americans, nearly half of us, a little over 137 million,

Cell Phone Etiquette

are wireless subscribers, according to Washington-based Cellular Telecommunication and Internet Association. However, the growing number of new cell-phone users seems inversely proportional to user's understanding of basic cell etiquette.

The device was introduced in the United States in 1983, but it didn't become a true consumer product until the mid-1990s, when it also became a necessary staple of business. When many companies began subsidizing mobile phones for their employees, "cell rudeness" became a new part of the business lexicon.

Out auto insurance agent Elka Sandler remembers when the shift occurred.

"We work in a cubicle area, about 200 of us. Around three years ago everyone suddenly got a cell and they were shouting into them like our grandparents did years ago when they would talk to someone during a long distance call," says the Hartford, Conn.-based Lesbian. It was, recalls Sandler, cell hell.

Since employees couldn't seem to police their own calling habits, Sandler says her company created a cell phone policy for the employee handbook, a policy she helped create.

"There's no more arguing or having to put with cell rudeness," Sandler says. Employees are not allowed to use personal cell phones during the regular workday, employees also are prohibited from using the phone while driving, she said. In fact, employees who get into an accident while using a cell phone can be

terminated.

"The irony was that one of our insurance adjuster was out in the field, driving somewhere to inspect a car involved in an accident, and he ended up in an accident because he was yakking on the phone."

Although the rudest of the rude will probably never "get it," Peggy Post, descendant of Emily Post, infamous in the early part of the twentieth century for her etiquette advice and books, has timely guidelines for cell phone usage.

"People [need to] learn how to use these new technologies appropriately," says Post, who has written five books on etiquette.

Turn your phone ringer to low, off, or vibrate when in a public area.

Always speak in a low voice on public transportation.

Never use devices in theaters, restaurants, church or meetings.

Excuse yourself to a private area if you must take or make a call.

It should be recognized that the cell phone is just a tool, says Post. What determines rudeness is how it is used. People who need to shout into their cell phone probably just need a better phone, but shouting itself is already an etiquette violation.

There is yet another etiquette rule too often abused, and it has its roots in the

old postal system, which once charged the recipient rather than the sender. Similarly, the polite telephoner is obligated to restrict the number and length of calls to mobile users, knowing the recipient incurs costs.

If there's anything ruder than disturbing people, it's making them pay for being disturbed, Post reminds us.

The desire to draw attention to oneself is at the root of cell rudeness, says Kevin Noonan, a Los Angeles-based sociologist who specializes in trends in the Gay community.

"There's a reason some people prefer to have their private phone calls take place in public," says Noonan. The impetus usually stems from a need to create the illusion of importance, that their business call is so important, it supercedes all respectful lines of social decorum."

Noonan believes the worst abusers are also the most insecure.

"They'll take a call in a social situation or during work, where others can clearly hear. Instead of concluding the call as quickly as possible, or offer to call the person back in a few minutes, they'll conduct their business in front of everyone else. That's not just rudeness, it's a plea for attention. Annoying for the listeners, but a little sad too, when you think about it."




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Miami Repeal Endangers 2004 Democratic Convention

MIAMI, FL - Democratic officials warned that the proposed repeal of Gay civil rights protections in Miami Dade by ballot referendum this September could cost the county the 2004 Democratic National Convention if it succeeds.

costs associated with repeal as well. Tobias said the loss of the convention would cost the Miami Dade economy some \$200 million, adding "It's just bad business to discriminate."

"Would it matter if a piece of legislation passed that was antagonistic to a core part of our Democratic Party, Gays and Lesbians? Sure, it would matter," the Miami Herald quotes Joe Andrew, past chairman of the Democratic National Committee and co-chairman of the 2004 convention site committee.

The Gay civil rights ordinance, passed by the County Commission in 1998, added sexual orientation to the county's anti-bias policies which prohibit racial, religious and other types of discrimination in housing and employment.

"It would be a negative -- and a serious negative -- if it is repealed," he said.

Eladio José Armesto of Take Back Miami-Dade, the group seeking to repeal the Gay rights ordinance, said the Democratic Party was using "political blackmail" to coerce Dade voters. In April the local party censured Armesto for his role in Take Back Miami-Dade.

Though he stopped short of firmly predicting that the repeal would close out all possibility of the Democrats holding their convention there, he said it would definitely, "hurt negotiations."

County Mayor Alex Penelas said he is confident voters will keep the ordinance. "If it is repealed, it could hurt tourism and a convention of this sort could be a casualty," he said.

Democratic National Committee treasurer Andrew Tobias agreed. "It would just be really odd to meet in a county or a city that has just said to a very important constituency group of the party that you are second-class citizens and you don't have equal rights," said the openly Gay Tobias.

Four cities are in the running to host the Democrats: Miami, Boston, Detroit and New York. The decision will be announced in November. Given the state's decisive role in the last election, Miami, along with Tampa/St. Petersburg are also being considered for the Republican Party's 2004 National Convention. New York, New Orleans and Boston are also on the GOP's short list.

"Miami-Dade residents should reject the Gay civil rights repeal motion, said Tobias, because keeping the ordinance is the right thing to do. But, he said, they should also be aware that there are real

'Six Feet Under' Dominates Emmy Nominations

LOS ANGELES, CA - Six Feet Under, the HBO series created by Gay Oscar-winner Alan Ball about a dysfunctional family of undertakers, dominated the nominations for the 54th annual Emmy Awards.

Other nominations of interest include a Made-for-TV Movie nomination for HBO's The Laramie Project, a reality programming nod for the Gay-inclusive American High, an editing nomination for the documentary Southern Comfort, and a Best Supporting Actress, Miniseries or Movie, nomination for Stockard Channing's portrayal of Judy Shepard in NBC's The Matthew Shepard Story, not to mention multiple nominations for Will & Grace. The Emmys will air on NBC on September 22.

Six Feet Under picked up 23 nominations, including Best Drama Series, Best Actor (for both Michael C. Hall as Gay mortician David Fisher and for Peter Krause as Nate Fisher), Best Actress (for both Frances Conroy and Rachel Griffiths), and Best Supporting Actress (Lauren Ambrose).

George Michael Asked To Write Olympic Theme

LONDON, UK - Out pop singer George Michael is considering a request from the Athens Olympic Committee to write a theme song for the 2004 Games, a spokeswoman for the artist said.

1980's duo Wham!, has been in the public eye in the past few weeks defending his upcoming single "Shoot the Dog." The song's lyrics criticize British prime minister Tony Blair's relationship with President Bush, and an animated video features Michael in bed with Cherie Blair.

The 39-year-old's Greek heritage is obvious in his original name, Georgios Kyriacos Panayiotou, although he was born in north London. "A request was made by the Athens Olympic Committee to write the theme song for the 2004 Games," said the spokeswoman.

The Athens Olympics will be held in August 2004 and have been subject to their own controversy--with the organizing committee being accused of lagging dangerously behind schedule. Greek government officials told Reuters in June that the games are on track despite minor problems.

Michael, a former member of the

Gay Australian Murders Linked To Gangs

SYDNEY, Australia - The Sydney Daily Telegraph reports local police have linked the disappearance and murders of six Sydney men to anti-Gay hate gangs that prowled the city's eastern suburbs a decade ago.

of television presenter Ross Warren.

Members of three gangs -- the Bondi Boys, the Part Time Killers and another nameless gang that is allied with similar groups from Tamarama and Alexandria -- are being called to testify in a coronial inquiry.

The newspaper says that after an exhaustive, two-year investigation during which dozens of people were interviewed and more than 400 statements taken, police last week presented their brief to Deputy State Coroner Jacqueline Millidge.

A prominent rugby league player is also being questioned by police over the murders, which include the disappearance

Leading the investigation that was nicknamed Operation Taradale by authorities, Detective Sergeant Stephen Page, told paper there were similarities "in a spree of murders," which had originally been dismissed as suicides and isolated attacks.

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Texas Sodomy Case On Firm Legal Ground

AUSTIN, TX - For the fourth time in two decades, Gay civil rights advocates have launched a major challenge to the so-called "homosexual conduct law" in Texas in putting a request before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Austin American Statesman reports that the law has been challenged and three times the courts have failed to declare the statute unconstitutional. Gay civil rights lawyers think the legal currents may finally be turning in their favor.

"This law is unique in being among a very small minority of state laws that single out only the conduct of Gay people," said Susan Sommer of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. "It hurts people because it has, since its inception, been used as a justification for all manner of discrimination against Gay men and Lesbian women."

All but a dozen of the state sodomy laws still on the books in the U.S. have been repealed. Texas and Kansas remain the only two states left with laws specifically prohibiting acts between two males, a distinction rights advocates say renders these laws discriminatory — and vulnerable.

"If the majority is going to impose its moral values on the minority, it has to impose them on itself," Sommer said. "It can't say, 'It's immoral when you do it, but not immoral when I do it.'"

The argument is persuasive, but convincing a top appeals court to consider the constitutional question has been difficult. Legal skirmishes have been fought and won, but the war has repeatedly been lost. All three courts with the power to strike down the law — the Texas Supreme Court, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court — have rebuffed past efforts to address the question.

The newspaper contends that many of the earlier cases may have failed because the argument was theoretical. Appeals courts often want to see that someone has actually been prosecuted under a law before they accept a case. The arrest of two Houston men in a private residence for breaking the state's sodomy statute makes that challenge possible.

"If the court (agrees to hear the appeal), this case presents front and center the question of whether it's constitutional," Sommer said.

Lesbian Must Pay Ex-Partner Child Support

BOSTON, MA - A Lesbian must pay child support to her former partner even though she was neither related to nor the adoptive parent of the child, a Massachusetts judge has ruled.

The ruling represents the first time a Massachusetts judge has ordered a same-sex partner to pay child support, according to Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly. Grace A. Connolly and Annette Michell had agreed to a parenting plan for the two children the couple raised together. When the couple split, Connolly said she would pay support for one child, whom she had officially adopted, but said she should not have to pay support for the other child. Middlesex family court judge Spencer M. Kagan ruled that Connolly was a de facto parent of the 5-year-old boy and that if she was to receive visitation rights, she must also be responsible for some of the financial burdens of raising the child.

"If the plaintiff wishes to have basically all of the rights of joint legal custody and be considered as a de facto parent, then she also needs to accept the financial responsibility," Kagan wrote in

the April decision, which was recently made public. Connolly was ordered to pay \$261 per week for support of the two children. "It's another example of our courts defining the way families are going to look in the future and acknowledging nontraditional families," said attorney David Yas, publisher of Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly.

Gay Australian Murders

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"We've found that there were gangs involved in Gay bashings and similarities in a spree of murders," said Sergeant Page. "There may be a possible link between the gangs and the deaths we are investigating. We believe that these gangs knew each other."

"In that era there was a culture of hatred by some youths who would form gangs and target the Gay community... Using a pack mentality they would target people that were unable to defend themselves against the numbers of offenders and there was a lot of violence inflicted against the victims.

Police reopened the cases in 2000 after pleas from the families of Ross Warren and John Russell, who went missing within four months of each other in 1989.

Warren's body was never been found, but some of his personal belongings were discovered on a rock ledge at South Bondi a couple of days later.

Russell, 31, a bartender, was found dead at the bottom of the same cliffs.

The other unsolved murders include Raymond Keam, who was bashed to death at Alison Park in Randwick, on January 1, 1987, and William Allen, bashed at Alexandria Park on December 28, 1988. Members of the three gangs, who stole money and assaulted Gay men, have already been linked to two other murders: Richard Johnson, who was beaten to death at a park at Alexandria in 1990 and Thai national Kritchikorn Rattanaaturathaporn, who was thrown from a cliff to his death later that same year.

Major Court Victory

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ed that even if it were unconstitutional to fire to Davis for being a Lesbian, he couldn't be expected to know that and therefore should be immune from legal responsibility. The court strongly disagreed: "The law is well established that intentional and invidious discrimination against an individual because he or she is a member of an identifiable class violates that person's right to equal protection. That proposition was as evident in 1994 as it is today."

According to the ACLU, today's ruling will help Lesbians and Gay men nationwide. "Mary Jo Davis was a good employee. She was subjected to a hellish work environment, then finally fired, because she is a Lesbian," said another ACLU attorney, Ken Choe.

"All over this country, people face discrimination because of their sexual orientation. It's particularly wrong when it's the government that does it — and this decision is now one of our most powerful weapons in fighting it."

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Laugh It Off.

By Frieda Goodholm

"Sunny Day"

I'd like to start my column this week on a somewhat serious note, or on what you might call "Frieda's soapbox". It's about Sesame Street being in the news because the show has announced its intentions to introduce a new HIV+ character in Africa and possibly the United States. These are times when I'm proud to say I'm a big fan and admirer of the late Jim Henson's work and the legacy he left behind.

Sesame Street, created for over thirty years through Henson's Children's Television Workshop, has always been a trailblazer, teaching progressive, open minded, and liberal lessons to young children. Back in the 60's, showing black and white children playing together as friends was unheard of, but Sesame Street gave America a first. In the 80's, the show introduced Linda, a deaf adult character. The lesson for the children watching was that Linda is just like you and me, except because she can't hear, she "speaks" a different language. Sesame Street was also a pioneer in the field of bilingual education, proving it is possible to teach millions of children, whether English or Spanish speaking, one-two-three and uno-dos-tres at the same time. And most noteworthy, when the actor who portrayed Mr. Hooper died, pundits tried to tell the writers of the show that viewing children should simply be told that Mr. Hooper went away, or was on vacation. The show's writers knew children deserved a better answer, and produced a now famous (and tear jerking) episode addressing the man's death, dealing with the subject with dignity, intelligence, and most of all honesty.

As a member of the GLBT community, I find it wonderful that so many people in their 20's and 30's today are so open minded about things previous generations had hang-ups about. It is common for people of those younger generations to look past boundaries such as skin color, gender, sexual orientation, and ethnicity when making friends. Fortunately it is only the unenlightened minority that isn't cool with social diversity. Did Sesame Street have something to do with opening up those young minds? I think so. Henson and his associates knew that hatred is not some-

thing that comes naturally to young children, but is taught, and that acceptance can be taught just as easily.

Now that the producers of Sesame Street want to help children learn more about HIV, I personally cannot stand up and cheer loudly enough. As for those close minded republican legislators who are threatening to cut public funding for the show, they would probably be more comfortable if drinking fountains were still labeled "white" and "colored". But times have changed and continue to change for the better, and we who choose acceptance over hatred can only hope that those on the far right will dwindle. Sesame Street has proven itself over and over again, and I feel this time will be no different.

With that having been said, I must admit I took this ball and ran with it, thinking of new and different ways Sesame Street might continue to progress and teach liberal thinking to children. A few left wing story lines I personally would like to see...

After many years of marriage, and after thinking it was biologically impossible, Maria and Luis discover she is pregnant. Given the current overpopulation crisis, they choose to terminate the pregnancy. Bea Arthur guest stars as their obstetrician.

In the shaky post 9/11 employment scene, The Count is laid off from his job as a vampire number specialist. Fortunately, The Count belongs to the Vampire's union local 692, and he is able to collect unemployment benefits.

Oscar realizes that living in a garbage can is passé, and feels he can better help his community by promoting recycling. He moves in to a blue plastic bin and shouts, "Reduce! Reuse! Recycle!" to passersby.

Long time Sesame Street friend Bob, who is now an older adult, develops a painful case of shingles, which is alleviated by medicinal use of marijuana. Dionne Warwick guest stars as Bob's progressive health care provider.

Cookie Monster is visited by his cousin from Seattle, Tubuleh Monster, who is vegan and turns Cookie on to delicious dairy-free carob chip cookies.

Big Bird, whose nest is unfortunately not rent controlled, is in danger of becoming homeless due to lack of quality affordable housing. Habitat for Humanity saves the day, building Big Bird a new nest. Jimmy Carter guest stars.

Ernie and Bert decide, after all these years, it is time for them to become parents. They foster a child; with guest star Rosie O'Donnell overseeing.

Will we ever see story lines such as these on PBS? Probably not, but that's ok. Sesame Street has been doing its job beautifully for all these years without my help, and if it ain't broke, don't fix it. I wish those hard headed senators who are trying to stifle Sesame Street's progress would learn that, because, that, kiddies, is Miss Goodholm's lesson for the week.

Best, Frieda Goodholm

[Frieda welcomes feedback from readers at friedagoodholm@hotmail.com.]



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WHAT MAKES OUR TOWN TICK?

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By Jerry D.

Freedom of Speech to the "Nth" Power

Hello fellow readers! I hope everyone had a good week in the Old Pueblo. I normally write this article after Monday morning ritual which includes sitting at any of our local establishments and just putting an ear to what the town is chatting about. Nothing like word of mouth to make for compelling reading. This mornings conversation revolved around two of my favorite topics, music and our freedoms. A never ending battle of both is always news, but a higher chord is hit when it involves current topics.

In today's entertainment report, a story out of Nashville. Country music star Steve Earle has released a single from his new album (yes we still call them albums, even though they are CD's) entitled "John Walker's Blues". Now as most of us know, John Walker is going to be forever known as the American Taliban. Earle's composition makes a fable out of the American's story and path to become a member of this generation's Nazi party. The track could not be easily comprehended as farce or focus, and Earle is in Europe, so he could not be reached by the news network. The snippet played on the broadcast showcased Arabic chants in the background of the haunting blues style number.

Needless to say, the conversation after the airing of that story was as diverse as our town in so many ways. The overall consensus was that it was disgusting that anyone would pen a lyric about Walker, much less put their name to it. The differences occurred when the topic of what should be done about it arose. Its nice to see how many folks know the part of our constitution that deals with freedom, and yet sad to see that they do not know other parts of the same document that can put to light how we handle situations like these.

In the past 5 years or so, the BLGT community has faced its own battle with allowing someone to express themselves in public forums. There have been rallies both for and against artists and their subject matter. I have seen marches, boycotts, counter suits and even the dreaded public showings. I included everything from rap music to paintings from the 1600's. Our rights and freedoms seemed alienated and

even put down, from those who were holding the banner for the rights of our nation. Then we all took a step back immediately after September 11th.

We had radio stations refusing to play certain songs. There were movie releases that were put off or all together cancelled. Media was definitely reversed to an infant state, with the American public walking on egg shells to not offend or entice any mal doing. The president told us to go about our lives, but alot of us did not know what that was exactly. Slowly the media brought us back to the state of our undying want for information.

Here we are now, just 2 months from remembering the greatest tragedy in history on U.S. soil, was only 1 year ago. There have been many changes, but at the same time, we are returning to the closest resemblance of normality we were all involved in on September 10th. This song being released can be used as a barometer for how this nation has looked at what has occurred in the last 10 months. It can also rekindle something that alot of us don't want to see again.

It would be impossible for me to say that I would never want to ban any form of art. It is art that is the most misunderstood word in the English language. I can though show the up most of protest simply by not buying Steve Earle's new album. It is a freedom I possess to turn off the radio when something I do not enjoy is on. Sometimes the greatest form of protest is not doing anything. We are given the keys to fighting for our rights at a very early age. With those keys should also come the locks that let other influences out of our lives.

Let Mr. Earle write his songs and sing them in whatever forum he is allowed to. I am sure there is a market for that somewhere. Hey, do they sell CD players in Afghanistan? I hope everyone has a great week. Look for me at the Ms Gay Arizona Pageant, hosted by Lucinda Holiday of course. Feel free to write and I will leave you with a question. Send me an Email if you know this one. Where do they buy the materials when they build a new Home Depot?

GENDER PRIDE BY JONI K. MALLOE

The breeder mentality tries to perpetuate the illusion that there are only two "genders": masculine males, or men, and feminine females, or women (and all too often with one on the top and the other on the bottom). Thus one-dimensional mind seeks to reduce the vivid rainbow of gender variation to boring black and white.

To this the Queer community has several responses, the most ostentatious of which is drag. "The Miss Gay America System is the complete transformation from male to female," says Lucinda Holliday. "They want the complete transformation, with no surgical augmentation below the neck."

Then a person who is wholly male is thus transformed into a beautiful lady, it's called feminine illusion. Yet when a gigi likewise wears makeup, jewelry, heels, and a padded bra every day, is that any less a masquerade because she was born female? Either way, feminine beauty is feminine beauty.

ica 2003 is here in Tucson next Saturday evening; and you get \$5 off if you buy your ticket in advance. Contact lucindaholliday@yahoo.com or 327-1576.

Of course drag is the icing on the cake, the tip of the gender-berg. Less visible but more numerous are the gender-variant people, from closet cases to full-timers, who struggle daily with medical, legal, housing, and especially employment issues. Addressing these issues is the purpose of TGNet Arizona, founded by Alexander John Goodrum.

On Thursday, August 1, at 1-4 PM in the Pantano Room of the Sentinel Building, 320 North Commerce Park Loop, they're offering a free workshop addressing the needs of Transgendered employees. For reservations write Atwork@tgnetarizona.org, or call 622-4700. This workshop is mainly for employers; but I plan to go anyway because I want to see which employers actually show up.

Please let me know of any upcoming...
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POLITICS 2002
By Mark K. Ratz

'Elias Shouldn't Be Overlooked'

With the progression of the political campaign season, some races for elected office will come to the forefront, either due to the post or the fact that a contested primary will take place, and that's no exception for 2002 in Arizona - with the races for Governor and U.S. House of Representatives from the new Congressional District 7, citing two of the several examples voters will face in the ballot box come September 10.

A political race that, unfortunately, is being pushed to the "back burner" is the Pima County Supervisorial contest for District 5.

Usually, the County Supervisor posts are up for consideration during the presidential election year but in this case, as Arizona law states, a special election is being held for the remainder of the term, in this case, two years, because of the resignation of Raul Grijalva - who is seeking the Democratic nomination for the U.S. House seat from the new Congressional District 7.

Grijalva's appointed successor, Richard Elias, is seeking to serve the remainder and is running in the Democratic primary but he's being challenged - by the developer's and business candidate - Frank Felix - who has the advantage of fund raising in the race, at this point, with the money folk in his "back pocket" and the focus shifted to other political contests in this year's campaign for which shouldn't be the case.

Elias wants to follow the progressive footsteps of his predecessor, Raul Grijalva, who led the fight to extend medical and health benefits to the same-sex domestic partners of county employees in 1997-98 - something Elias reaffirmed his support for in an interview with this reporter, because Elias "is concerned about everyone's loved ones."

Indeed for the fifth-generation Tucson native, if successful in the September primary (since the winner doesn't face opposition in the general election), Elias will continue to provide the leadership that is forward looking, inclusive, responsive and consistent, with his support of:

The Sonoran Desert Conservation plan; impact fees to help neighborhoods; creating and improving affordable housing; providing quality but reasonable priced health services; developing of Pima County's economy and workforce; and, ensuring Pima County had sound educational opportunities with his support of Adult Basic Education and keeping libraries both well-stocked and equipped.

When it comes to issues of concern, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) residents in Pima County will get the same treatment as well by Elias - who supports the expansion of the state's hate crimes law to cover misdemeanors and is amenable about putting the Pima County government on record supporting other measures.

Elias attended and spoke the Wingspan Rally after the vandalism incident, participated in the Pride March and took part in the Pride Week political forum, something very few current office-holders did or have done in prior years - something refreshing.

In his short time in the post, Elias

has done a lot for the GLBT populace and its time for the favor to be returned. Make checks payable to "Richard Elias for Supervisor" and sent to P.O. Box 374, Tucson, AZ 85702-0374. For more information about Richard Elias, or the campaign, call (520) 623-0269. ...

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HIV+ Muppet Won't Be Seen In USA

NEW YORK, NY - American audiences will not see the new HIV-positive Muppet character debuting on the South African version of "Sesame Street," a television official said.

Pat Mitchell, president of the Public Broadcast Service (PBS), said in a letter to congressional Republicans that PBS, the network that airs "Sesame Street," has no plans to incorporate the character into the American version of "Sesame Street."

Mitchell wrote in response to concerns by six House Republicans, who warned in a letter that exposing the character to American viewers, aged 2 to 4, would be inappropriate and could jeopardize the Congress-approved funding for PBS, Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

The national Gay Republican group called the lawmakers' letter "idiotic."

Plans for the new HIV-positive female character to debut on "Takalani Sesame" in September were first announced last week at the 14th International AIDS (news - web sites) Conference in Barcelona, Spain.

Mitchell's letter, addressed to Rep. W.J. "Billy" Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, also explained that the Sesame Workshop, an independent production company, developed the new Muppet jointly with South African educators and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Ken Johnson, an aide to Rep. Tauzin, told the entertainment newspaper Variety that the congressman was satisfied with Mitchell's response.

"The issue is over," Johnson said.

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE
by Lee Thorn

'Free Sundays!'

The Tucson Museum of Art is running the same five shows — all good — all summer. According to one of their volunteers, 90% of the works are from the museum's permanent collection.

From 10:00 to 4:00, Tuesday through Saturday, admission is a mere \$5.00. From 12:00 to 4:00 on Sunday, it's free!

The museum's permanent collection is big enough that they could have a new show every two weeks throughout the summer. One can only hope that they've done the market research to demonstrate that they can make more money by kicking back and saving labor costs than they could be changing shows every two weeks and getting folks to keep coming back with fresh five-dollar bills.

The main summer show is called AS REAL AS IT GETS. It features painting of the photo-realism school, a movement that always raises the same two questions: 1. If you want to produce works that look like photos, why not save yourself a lot of trouble and use a camera? 2. Why is it that photo-realistic paintings look more real than actual photos? They really do when you think about it: they're more perfect, clearer, more exact, almost never blurry.

There's a theme, intentional or not, that runs through this show, one of urban/suburban tranquility that takes placid to the point of flaccid. The scenes are mostly static and, when they include figures, the folks are sitting or standing in languid poses.

Best of Show: Victor Rodriguez's "Pencil," a painting whose conceptual contrast sucks you in like a Ross Perot metaphor. One side of the painting has a woman writing in a pocket notebook. The other side, giving the woman's point of view, shows that the notebook page is empty and, best of all, the pencil has never been sharpened.

The painting that looks most like a photo is David T. Kessler's "Chemical Spots on Early Morning Hunters." The chemical spots look like they were caused by a botched photo development process. It's not a particularly compelling painting of hunters getting out of their Volkswagen,

but it's as trompe l'oeil (eye fooling) as trompe l'oeil gets in that you'd swear it's a photo when in fact it's a painting.

The next show has a completely unrelated theme — water. The subject is approached in a wide variety of styles. Best of Show (and also best painting in the entire building): Peter Dean's "California Coast," an expressionist seascape with colors of such intensity that they'd turn Vincent yellow with envy. If this work doesn't knock your socks off, as the saying goes, check your pulse; you may already be dead.

Then there's a collection of lithographs and etchings by Walt Kuhn that features several female nudes. His best is "Park," in which contrasting textures manage to turn a very small space into the great outdoors.

The Small Collection, mostly abstracts too big for anyone's walls, is up much of the time. The portion of the collection that's up for the summer includes a work by Tucson's most famous painter, "Indio" by Jim Waid. Waid is so consistently brilliant that it's nice to see a work of his that's truly mediocre.

And finally there's the Heller Collection, also up much of the time, that's heavy on American expressionists. These expressionists, perfectly respectable, seem kind of quiet compared, for example, to their screaming German counterparts.

After all this, five good shows, the museum had some space left over that it filled with a few random works that don't have any justification for being there whatsoever. Among these are three nocturnes by Albert Pike Lucas. Their side by side placement provides a nice opportunity to study the artist's techniques and intentions.

Even a grumpy old curmudgeon has got to tip his hat to any museum that can put five high quality and very different shows on at one time. And as for making them free on Sundays, bless their little ol' pea-pickin' hearts.

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

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Gender Pride

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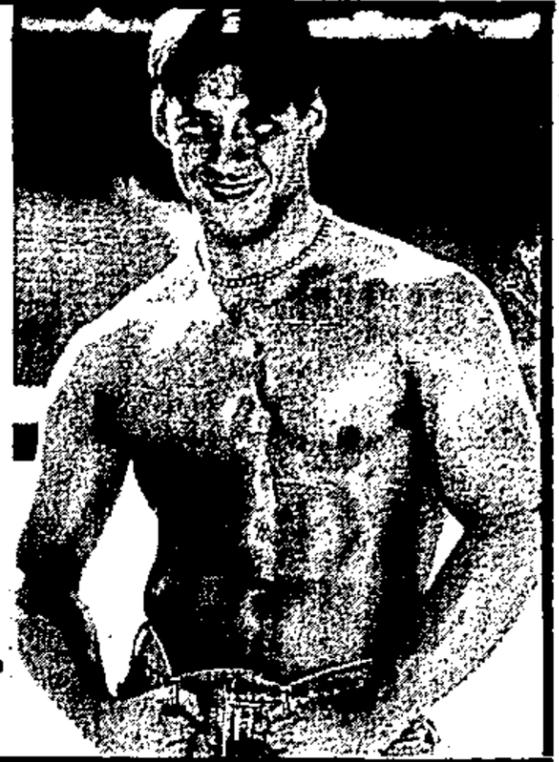
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HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Talkative Mercury collides with aggressive Mars in dramatic Leo this week and sends our communication into combat missions that can pot mark the landscape. Forget about don't ask, don't tell. If we are going into combat, let's yell it proud and queer. Leave it to the planets to fire the opening salvos.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Letting Gay Rams loose on the party scene now may not be advisable... for the party. The feisty Mars / Mercury conjunction in theatrical Leo makes this proud player too hot to handle and too wild to control. Rein it in cowpoke; you are a pushy beak in normal circumstances and now you are a mouth that roars. Words pack a nuclear punch. Duck and cover, comrades!

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Home sweet home rocks and rolls during the Mars / Mercury conjunction. Queer Bulls will either make some dramatic changes in their personal surroundings or will search and destroy family dictates. Instead of torpedoing the Mayflower why not simply redecorate it in rainbow bunting? You are capable of changing the world; why not start with Mom and Dad?

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Pink Twins make their point rather effectively during the Mercury / Mars conjunction. The problem is that it is a very sharp, jabbing point. As long as your communications pack a wallop this week, make it your business to promote anything and everything Gay. Your views will rise above the static and may even bring results. Tell Bin Laden a thing or five while you're at it.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Queer Crabs may make some snap fiscal judgements during the Mars / Mercury conjunction. Be careful of rushing into investments based on scanty knowledge or a mere hunch this week. Chances are your hard earned swag may swagger off into the sunset. On the other hand, you may reach a personal epiphany and realize that money cannot really buy happiness.....nah!

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

You are a fighting force to be reckoned with this week when Mercury and Mars conjunct in your own sign. Proud Lions make overwhelming first impressions. Choose your debuts carefully lest you maraud through the wrong tea dance and find yourself on the "D" list (Like in "never darken our door again" list.) Your little ray of sunshine can give sunstroke.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Use the immense power of Mars conjunct Mercury to blow your closet door off it's hinges into Outer space. Queer Virgins can't be contained any longer and will break free of any straight and narrow constraints. This transit also sparks intuitive rifts and grounding spiritual insights. You'll find that affirmation comes from within and is most effective when it is let Out.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Opinions and actions designed to control the group dynamic are amplified during the Mars / Mercury conjunction. Rainbow Libras have an opportunity to stir up the social scene into a frenzied boil. This is fine when everybody boogies to the same tune but expect prickly interchanges among rugged individualists who insist on a waltz. You can't please everybody so forget about it.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Gay Scorps let loose at work during the Mars / Mercury conjunction in Leo. You're a one person tidal wave so wash out entrenched upper management while you're foaming the waters. At very least, clear a new path for yourself or explore opportunities elsewhere. It's never too late to stake your claim in the corporate hierarchy and frankly, it's bloody well about time.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Personal philosophy undergoes a reevaluation and road test during the Mars / Mercury conjunction in Leo. Pink Archers feel they have all the answers (so what else is new?) and are tempted to take immediate action. Go for it after you sufficiently review all the pros and cons. You are playing with reckless planetary energy and don't want your rainbow armada to hit a sand barge.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

They call you many things behind your back but hot to trot is not usually one of them. Prove the experts wrong during the Mars / Mercury conjunction in lusty Leo when your flame is fanned to a crackling roar. Queer Caps sometimes have an interestingly seamy side that can manifest in fetishness or over the top sexual gluttony. Dirty panties or people? Your choice.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

The Mars / Mercury conjunction in Leo is a combustible cocktail in relationships. Aqueerians may find that sparks fly over the most innocuous of actions. So be it, cousin. Maybe this tired old combination needs a little bit of excitement and you're not above trying to push things over the edge. Just know when to kias and make up when the planets move on next week.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

A new broom sweeps clean at work. Heck; a gigantic vacuum cleaner takes the rug off the floor with the Mercury / Mars conjunction. Queen of Mean Guppies wield a stick with which they whack underlings into action. Problem is that, in this karmic world, rats usually get their tails in a vise. Why not use this planetary punch to be crowned the Queen of Hearts instead.

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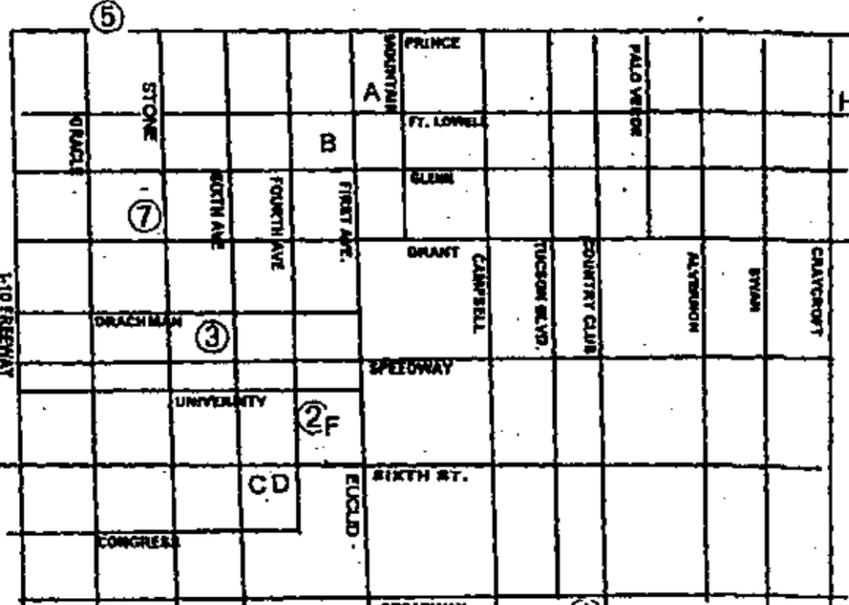
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Dear Dr. X,
I'm really confused Dr. X and I need your help. I'm 19 years old and I really like this guy and he's told me that he likes me. We went out for a while and messed around. Then he told me he just wanted to be friends. Since that time we have messed around (No Sex) several times.

I have brought up the subject of relationships and sex but he changes the subject or just laughs it off. I don't know what to do, I like this guy a lot and I'm confused, there are so many things that I'm thinking, does he want me for sex, companionship, or just friendship? It's pretty clear to me that he likes me but I don't know what to do now. Can you help me?

Cloudily Confused

Dear Cloudily Confused,
It sounds as if your friend is acting like a typical 19 yr old. He may be feeling conflicted about his sexual attractions. I don't think he's ready to have a real boyfriend or a relationship. Being 19 he's allowed to play the field and be a little ambivalent towards settling down. My advice is to forget him as a sexual partner and just be friends. If he suddenly changes his attitude and wants to have sex, tell him that you don't like the way he acts afterwards and that you are looking for more than just an occasional partner. If your friend can't handle that, you both need to move on.

Dear Dr X,
I met this guy... we went out a few times, were "together" twice and hit it off really well. There was no doubt that both of us felt sparks. Unfortunately, neither of us lived alone.... and I live across town from him. We accepted the fact that anything developing would be pretty much impossible.

Well, he's dating someone now, but I know that we were meant for one another and I know he felt the same way but was just frustrated (like I was) about each other's circumstances. I will be getting my own place. It's closer to him (it just worked out it was closer I didn't plan it that way I swear). I haven't told him that I'm moving yet. My question to you is, what can/should I do? I'm not the type to go after people who are attached, but in this case, I

just feel like if I don't try, I'm letting something awesome slip through my fingers. I need your opinion. Do I wait it out and wait (and hope) for things to go bad with his boyfriend, or do I jump in for the kill now and do something to prove to him that we'd be better off together?

Infatuated

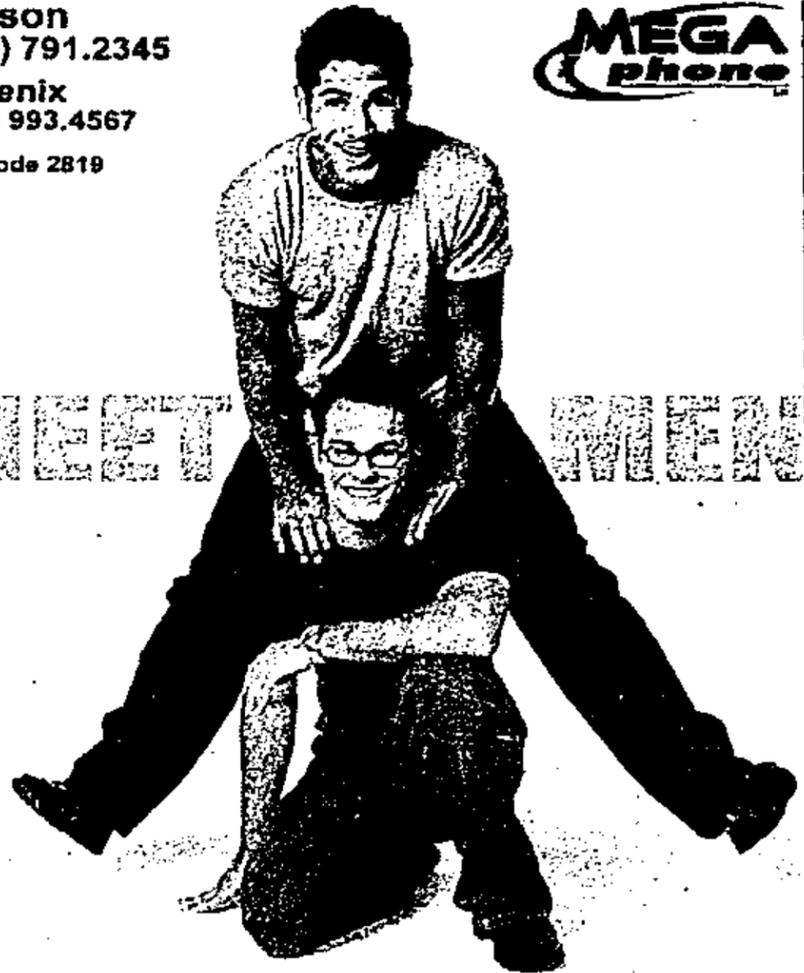
Dear Infatuated,
I would stay cool if I were you. If his current relationship isn't strong or is falling apart, it's better for it to play itself out without you getting in the middle of things. He'll end up respecting you for that in the end. It will show him that you respect relationships as long as they last. I'm not suggesting that you hide in the shadows. By all means let the man know that you are now close by and that you are there for him as a friend. But play it cool in the romance department, and don't say or do anything to sink his current relationship any faster than it is already going down. Knowing that the potential is there for the two of you can make it tempting to rush things. But keeping your cool for now is likely to make you a winner in the long term.

[Dr. X needs your questions. Please send all your queries to gmhpoutreach@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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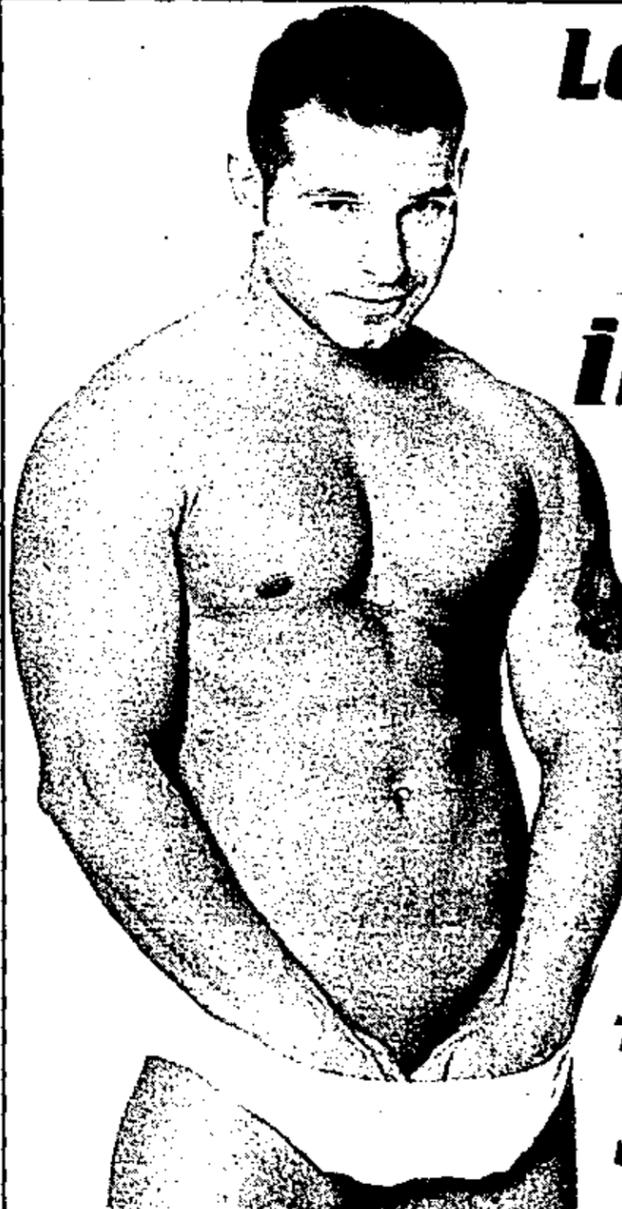


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THURSDAY, JULY 25

A Men's Fellowship Group starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Water of Life MCC. All men are invited to come and expand your relationship with God. You need not be a church member to participate. For more information call (520)292-9151.

The Men's Relationship Group - a Man to Man activity 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Call 881-4582.

FRIDAY, JULY 26

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us as we get out our monthly 10-page newsletter. It's simple, and you get a chance to meet new guys as we assemble the newsletter. The work goes quickly, and is usually done with 45 minutes. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. Join us for a night of Retro TV as we show episodes of "Friends", "Roseanne", and "The Mary Tyler Moore Show". For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Jack for a morning of tennis. For directions, please call Jack at 881-5733.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. Mary will host Pinochle & Pizza Night beginning with a chance to share some pizza and meet and greet the other players over pizza (\$5), followed by Pinochle at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call Mary at 745-0304.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bill hosts the continuing saga of the Fisher family in "Six Feet Under". For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

Miss Gay Arizona America 2003 Pageant at the Innsuites Hotel, Tucson Suite Hotel and Resort, 475 N. Granada. Sponsored by IBT's, Woody's, Unique on Central and Pookie's the evening will be hosted by Lucinda Holiday, Barbara Sewife and Truly Fabu. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. Sabrina White, Miss Gay America 2002 will perform as will Angela Dodd, Miss Gay Arizona America 2002 and special guest Patti La Plae Safe. Tickets are available from the show's promoter, Lucinda Holiday (520)327-1578 and at the door. It's not just another pageant - it's a Party!

MONDAY, JULY 29

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. The Triangle Tribe is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 318-1650.

TUESDAY, JULY 30

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Joe for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For directions or more info, please call Joe at 733-9494.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

A Men's Fellowship Group starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Water of Life MCC. All men are invited to come and expand your relationship with God. You need not be a church member to participate. For more information call (520)292-9151.

New York City's internationally renowned spoken word artist Alok Olson will be appearing at Plush, 340 E. 6th St., with Doria Roberts at 9:00 p.m. In songs and spoken word, Olson offers a stream of consciousness take about a child's future that reaches for feminist and Lesbian victories. LGNY, the Lesbian and Gay New York newspaper calls "Alok Olson, a spoken word dyke diva, feminist punk activist... performance artist extraordinaire." Alok has been performing at sold-out shows across the country in support of her recently released album "Built Like That". Olson's passionate and witty style continues to amaze and inspire audiences nationwide.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

AVTV, the Jewish GLBT Chavurah is having their monthly Shabbat services in Paradise Valley at 7:30 p.m. in central Phoenix, followed by a wonderful Drog. Partners, friends and family are always welcome. Call the AVTV INFO-Line at (602)952-1612 for more information and locations.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

The Ecological Society of America (ESA) kicks off its 87th Annual Meeting on Sunday, August 4th, with a welcoming ceremony featuring the White Mountain Apache "Spirit Dancers" and acclaimed scientist and television host Dr. David Suzuki. Best known for his work on television series such as "The Nature of Things", "A Planet for the Taking" and "The Secret of Life", Suzuki will present a talk entitled "From Genetics to Ecology - One Scientist's Odyssey". The program begins at 5:00 pm at the Tucson Convention Center's Music Hall, 260 S. Church, in Tucson. The event is free and open to the public.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

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BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

IBT'S - The "Divulicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Faith Michaels, Mr. Kenneth Blake and Deora LaBlanc.

THURSDAY, JULY 25

VENTURE-N - Desert Storm Uniform Night. \$2.00 Well and Domestic Beer for those in uniform and Steak-Out Night. Bring your own meal or buy it there. They will cook it and provide the sides 8:00 to 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Hip Hop Night. DJ Hill spins the hottest hip hop and R&B from 9:00 p.m. to close. \$1.50 Zipper shots and \$1.00 Hot Sex all night. No Cover!

IBT'S - A special show tonight at 8:00 p.m. Miss Gay Arizona-America pre-pageant show starring Lucinda Holiday, Angella Dodd, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Barbara Sewife, Truly Fabu and Patti La Plae Safe. Don't miss it!

SUNDAY, JULY 28

IBT'S - Party line-up includes Dennis and Mike's Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.75 Pints, Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosa's. Karaoke with Billy Dee 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 Reveille Gay Men's Chorus. At 8:00 p.m. the Miller Team will be here with games and prizes and Miller Lite and MGD specials. Then at 9:00 p.m., sign up for the big Wet Shorts Contest with \$100 for first prize! (Minimum of four (4) contestants).

MONDAY, JULY 29

IBT'S - Something new here, "Undie Mundies" with Jay. Get Happy Hour Prices for just losing your pants from 9:00 until closing!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. the "Divulicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Janee Starr, Tabitha Lovell and Stella Virgin.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Drag benefiting Tori Steele and her quest for Miss Gay America 2003. Show features Tori Steele, Diana Flair, Jasmine Bouver, Foxy and scandalous Latin music immediately following the show. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. No Cover!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

IBT'S - The 6th annual 'Grey Eagle Arm Wrestling Benefit' for TIHAN. Watch for more details.

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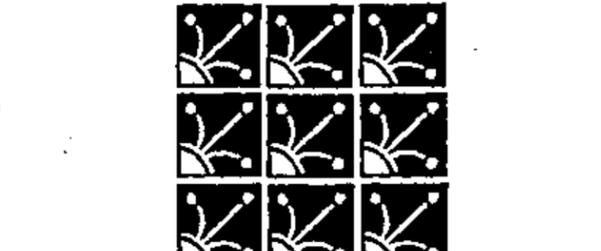
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IBT's - 10am-8pm \$1.75 Bloody's, Screws or Mimosa's. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 6:30-8pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. 8:30 shows or special events or Hi energy dancing. (Call for details). All drink specials not available during special events.

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, Mimosa's; Happy Hour 11am-8pm \$2 well or domestic beer. Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger or chicken 5-9pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm.

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

Monday

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Football Madness \$1.75. 75¢ drafts 8 to close. No Cover.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. New hot dance with DJ Parter. Undie Mondie with Jay. Happy Hour prices for those in their undies 8-1pm-close. Queer As Folk show beginning at 8pm. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close.

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

Tuesday

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Bottle Bud products. 8-close. Country music with DJ's. 8:30-1

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

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

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

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

Wednesday

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 2-7. Beer Bash \$1.25 Pitchers Bud/Bud Light 8-close. Dance music 9-close.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 9pm "Divulicious" show w/Lucinda Holiday and guests. HINRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Volleyball games start 7pm. Underwear-fetish-leather nite with Michael \$1 off your favorite drink. Chill dogs or bowls \$1.

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

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Karaoke w/Stephanie 9-close. \$2 Kamikazes and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9. Retro 80s Dance w/Jonathan H HRG dancing 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. 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 8pm. Trivia Thursday 6pm-close plus 50¢ off all Big Ass drinks. Top scores on NTH game wins special prizes. Free Pool 8 to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

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

Friday

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 8:30-1 w/DJ Hill. Drink specials all night.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 8-9pm. Patio Bar 8-1pm. Dance Party with DJ Rayman 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Happy Hour Buffet 5-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Martini Party - Well Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

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

Saturday

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. \$2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 8:30-close.

IBT's - 10am-8pm \$2 domestic beer and well. Dance Party 9-1 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

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 8pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm. \$1.75 well or domestics. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Fillet Mignon or Swordfish BBQ with all the trimmings \$5.

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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 Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11am. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty, facilitator. 882-7723

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8690 or write P.O. Box 38284, Tucson, AZ 85740-8284. 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 529-9344, 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 - 328-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 745-8977 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.

RAINBOW SUPPORT GROUP: LGBT and supportive friends meet for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Support meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 42. The 3rd Thursdays of the month, the group will meet at 7:30pm at Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse (606 North 4th Ave.) as a social outing. For more information call the church at 289-9063 and ask for a contact person.

HIKE & BIKE DYKES. Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7239 for info.

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGLCC) P.O. BOX 2087, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2087. E-mail: webmaster@gpglcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

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

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

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

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)760-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 or visit our website at www.botop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/pollucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Bonita St between St. Marys and Congress.

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

LESBIAN AND GAYAL-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 988-2364.

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

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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 Phamily! For more information call Debbie 579-9827 or David 323-7943.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30pm at Army Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9882.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3601 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3289 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 890-9585 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-8647.

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

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

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

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-8436 for more info.

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. meets on the second Tuesday in the Sentinel Building, City of Tucson Community Resource Campus, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop (on Bonita St. between Congress and St. Marys Road) at 7 pm. Tucson Pride produces 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 632-3290 or visit the website 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 GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)742-7895 or go to our web site <http://www.tgssaftball.org>

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 CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 289-8847.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts: 325-6676 or 327-4293.

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 791-7578.

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

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Jennifer at 792-4607, Ext.398

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyan@therver.com and request guidelines.

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OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 8:03 pm on 81.3 FM, Community Radio KXCL. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

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

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Link 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 GAYMEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3289 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 TG, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: <http://www.tgnarizona.org> - e-mail address: algodrum@westnet.org

SENIORRAP, a discussion group for older LGBTs, meets from 3 to 5pm on the last Sunday of every month at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. For more info call 640-0820

"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

PASSAGES MENTALK - Discussion group and more. For men in their 30s, 40s and late 20s. A great way to meet people. Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month at Wingspan 7-9pm. Call 780-8714 for more information.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR RECOVERING ADDICTS AND ALCOHOLICS. Group meets every Saturday 7-8pm in Cornerstone Fellowship hall, 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4828 or 750-8404.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at 4839 E. First Street. Call Jesse 743-4320 or Maurice 323-2293. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. TucsonStonewall@aol.com

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

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 602-278-4805.

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

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS: a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Correctional Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: www.aapsp.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-8210 (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 St. 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.

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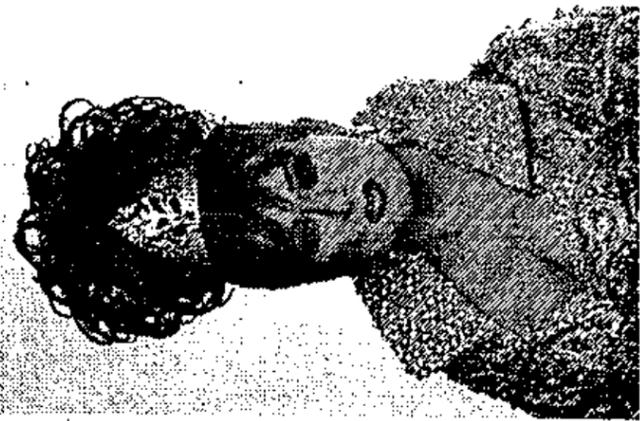
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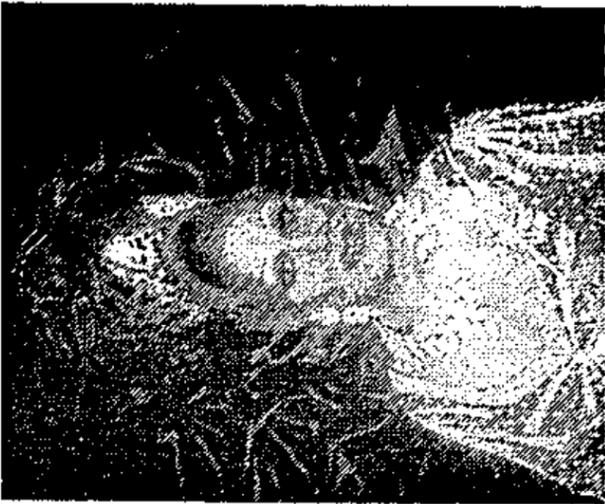
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