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Cracker Barrel Adds Sexual Orientation To Work Policy

OLD LEBANON, TN - The board of CBRL Group Inc., the parent company of Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores and Logan's Roadhouse restaurants, has voted unanimously to add sexual orientation to the company's non-discrimination policy.

Cracker Barrel drew national attention in 1991 when it instituted a company policy that called for terminating employees "whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values which have been the foundation of families in our society."

At least 11 workers were fired as a result. The company's discrimination - which was legal in the states where it occurred and remains legal under federal law - touched off a wave of protests and boycotts at Cracker Barrel restaurants.

Cracker Barrel later revoked the policy, which it once described as a "well-intentioned overreaction to the perceived values of our customers," but until now, had not expressly protected Gay employees from workplace discrimination.

In fact, the company recommended that shareholders vote against the sexual orientation resolution again this year. The measure would have garnered about 58 percent of the vote, according to numbers provided by a company official.

A shareholder proposal to add sexual orientation to the company's non-discrimination policy would have received a majority of the votes cast Nov. 26. But because no sponsor was present at the meeting to introduce the proposal, no formal vote was held.

This was the 10th time such a resolution was put before CBRL shareholders. The resolution was sponsored by the New York City Employees Retirement System, NYCERS.

"This small step has enormous significance for every Gay or Lesbian employee who has ever experienced job discrimination," said Human Rights Campaign Education Director Kim I. Mills, who oversees the organization's workplace advocacy project, HRC WorkNet.

"Cracker Barrel has undergone important cultural changes in the last 10 years, but until now has resisted rewriting its non-discrimination policy. This long-awaited change is a watershed and we welcome it."

Cracker Barrel was one of only three companies to earn a zero on HRC's 2002 Corporate Equality Index, which rates major U.S. companies on their policies toward Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender employees, consumers and investors. Another company that had scored a zero, Lockheed Martin Corp. of Bethesda, Md., announced two weeks ago that it would add sexual orientation to its non-discrimination policy and begin to provide health insurance benefits to Gay employees' domestic partners.

"I am pleased that Cracker Barrel has approved the NYCERS resolution that asked the company to implement non-discriminatory policies relating to sexual orientation and to add explicit prohibitions against such discrimination to its corporate employment policy statement," New York City Comptroller William C. Thompson said in a statement.

"This is the result of a lengthy campaign by my office and the trustees of several of the city's pension systems. Working together, we hope to continue to push additional companies to enact other non-discriminatory policies in the future."

New York City Commissioner of Finance Martha E. Stark praised the move as well.

"We are proud of the role our pension fund has played in persuading Cracker Barrel to change its policies," said Stark, who chairs NYCERS.

"Though it has taken 10 years of shareholder pressure to make this historic change, it is a major achievement for everyone who believes in equal employment opportunity for all."

A total of 298 Fortune 500 companies include sexual orientation in company non-discrimination policies and 180 provide domestic partner benefits, according to HRC WorkNet, which maintains a comprehensive online database of employer policies.

Gay Games Rack Up Major Debts

SYDNEY, Australia - The company that was formed to put on the 2002 Gay Games last month has become mired in debt, owing creditors \$1.4 million (US), reported 365-Gay.com.

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Male Athletes Filmed Secretly Win Damages

CHICAGO, IL - A court ruled that a production company responsible for secretly taping dozens of male college athletes in the locker room and selling the tapes on Gay porn Web sites should pay the victims \$500 million in damages.

Forty-six of the intercollegiate athletes sued Franco Productions in Florida for videotaping them without their permission in varying states of undress at their lockers, in the showers and in the rest rooms. Eighteen of the athletes were from Northwestern University in Chicago, while students at Eastern Illinois, Michigan State, Indiana, Iowa State, Columbia and the University of Pennsylvania were also included in the lawsuit.

The resulting tapes, which featured wrestlers, football players and squash players, were then sold on Gay porn sites on the Internet and through magazines.

U.S. District Chief Judge Charles Kocoras entered a default judgment totaling \$506 million - \$11 million for each plaintiff - for infringing on the student's right to privacy and ordered the defendants to stop "selling, advertising, distributing or otherwise disseminating the videotapes." Franco Productions didn't show up in court to

contest the ruling.

"The ruling is a clear-cut issue of privacy," said Cyd Zeigler Jr., co-founder of Outsports.com, a site devoted to Gay athletes. "But the excessiveness of the financial award raises an eyebrow as being homophobic. If this were men illegally taping women, I wonder if the award would have been so high."

The students, many of whom have graduated since the scandal surfaced three years ago, wish to remain anonymous. However, at least one of the students no longer feels secure about his privacy.

According to Fox News in Chicago, "John" is quoted as saying that being clandestinely videotaped is extremely violating and that this will stay with him for the rest of his life. He added that he feels the real tragedy, however, is that there's actually a demand for this type of video.

Zeigler responded, "One of the best-selling videos is 'Girls Gone Wild' where women show their breasts. While I don't condone secretly videotaping someone, voyeurism is not just about Gay men ... it's an issue of everyone wanting to see the intimate portions of other peoples' lives."

Domestic Violence Strikes One in Five Gay Men

WASHINGTON, DC - Approximately 1 in 5 urban Gay men have been beaten by sex partners, and 5 percent acknowledge being raped, according to a newly released survey that is shedding light on the little-known world of Gay domestic violence.

The findings don't surprise study co-author Michael Relf, a researcher at the Whitman-Walker Gay health clinic. According to him, the numbers suggest that Gay men are about as likely to be victims of domestic violence as heterosexual women, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

"If you think about it, the dynamics of a relationship are exactly the same, regardless of whether it's two men, two women or a man and a woman," Relf said.

Researchers examined the results of a telephone survey of 2,881 Gay men taken between 1996 and 1998. The men lived in New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

In the December 2002 issue of the American Journal of Public Health, the researchers report that 19 percent of the men said they'd been physically abused by an "intimate partner" - such as a boyfriend or a trick - during the previous five years.

"A lot of folks find it absolutely impossible to believe that a man could be a victim of violence," Relf said. "But part of the cycle of domestic violence is coercion and control. It's not automatic that one person is able to protect himself against the other."

Five percent of the men said they'd been forced to have sex, and 34 percent said they'd been psychologically abused by sex partners. "That's being stalked, having your property deliberately destroyed or verbal demeaning - either privately or in front of other people, such as being made fun of," Relf said.

He acknowledged that the latter
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UPDATE

Observer Going To Press Early Xmas & New Year's

TUCSON - For two weeks The Observer will be going to press earlier than usual.

Since this year, Christmas Day and New Year's Day falls on a Wednesday, the usual day the paper is sent to the press to be printed, the publishers won't be open that day or Christmas or New Year's Eve, a Tuesday, the Observer will go to the press on Monday, December 23, and Monday, December 30 for those two weeks only.

So all articles, press releases or what-so-ever, for those two weeks will need to be in The Observer's hands by Sunday, December 22 and Sunday, December 29. There will be no exceptions to the deadlines for these weeks.

Domestic Partners Registry Discussion Dec. 16

TUCSON - A discussion on a proposed ordinance for a domestic partnership registry in the City of Tucson will take place Monday, December 16, 7:15 p.m., at the new Wingspan Annex, 739 N. Fourth Ave.

Wingspan and the City of Tucson Commission on GLBT Issues are co-sponsoring this event and is open to all. Members of the Commission, who drafted the document in collaboration with representatives from Wingspan, will facilitate a discussion on the implications of Domestic Partnership Registration for the GLBT community and present the research and criteria framing the current working draft. This is an opportunity for interested community members to get more information and to contribute input.

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Lesbian Evangelist Marsha Stevens Returns Dec. 22

TUCSON - The Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) is proud to present the return of Marsha Stevens Sunday, December 22, for the 10:15 a.m. service and for a 6:00 p.m. concert.

Highly respected throughout the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), Marsha Stevens has recorded six solo albums as well as a concert video on her independent BALM (Born Again Lesbian Music) label. The Christian Century calls Marsha "The Mother of Contemporary Christian Music. Conservative Christianity's worst nightmare: a Bible-believing, God fearing, Jesus-loving lesbian Christian."

Marsha Stevens sold her Costa Mesa home in 1995 and now lives in an RV; touring the country full time. She averages 5,000 miles a month ministering, singing, and sharing hope and joy with people around the country. Ms. Stevens focuses her talents on evangelizing to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgendered communities. Marsha is also listed in the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers' (ASCAP), and Who's Who in American Music. If you haven't had an opportunity to hear this woman sing, now is your chance.

The Water of Life MCC is located at 3269 North Mountain, just north of Fort Lowell Road, and worship each Sunday at 10:15 a.m., as well as 6:00 p.m. For more information, call (520) 292-9151 or E-mail: wolmcc@aol.com.

GLBT Commission Meeting Dec. 17

TUCSON - The City of Tucson Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues will be holding their monthly meeting, Tuesday, December 17, 5:30 p.m. at 100 N. Stone, EOO Conference Room (First Floor).

Some of the topics expected to be discussed for this meeting are the proposed domestic partner's ordinance and the city policy on off-duty behavior for its employees.

For more information, call (520) 791-4213.

Domestic Violence

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statistic is difficult to interpret because the men surveyed weren't asked how often the abuse occurred or what it involved.

Men under 40, those with less education and HIV-positive men were generally more likely to suffer from abuse, he said.

While Gay men appear to be about as likely as heterosexual women to be abused -- the women's rate is estimated at 10-35 percent over their lifetimes -- hardly any cities have programs to help Gay male victims of domestic violence, Relf said. He has only heard of seven programs nationwide that help Gay victims, perpetrators or both.

"We don't have treatment programs," he said. "You go back into the closet and hide the violence in your relationship. We need to work in our own communities to gain advocacy programs and safety programs so men are able to escape the violence."

Gay Games

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The administrator appointed to oversee the firm's finances, Peter Marsden, said that revenue projections were off from the beginning and that organizers had set their sights too high.

Marsden said the company will probably have to be liquidated.

To add to the problems, there was the terrorist attack on Bali shortly before the games began.

"The timing was probably unfortunate. The Bali bombings in September had a significant impact on the number of people that actually came to Australia for the games," Marsden said.

Sound and lighting company Grafton supplied most of the equipment for the games ceremonies and is owed about \$4,000. General manager Lex Strauss says he is disappointed.

"It's really upsetting because we've been a proud supporter of a lot of Gay events, you know, the Mardi Gras, a lot of events in Sydney, and we supplied them with service for the Gay Games. I'm very upset," he said.

Earlier this year Mardi Gras was also forced into bankruptcy. The annual Gay and Lesbian pride festival has since been reformed and will go ahead, but in a much smaller way.

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ToledoDeJaneiro	8.0	6.0
The Nutz	8.0	6.0
3-4 Buddocks Luv	7.0	7.0
Mama's Boys	7.0	7.0
2 Dicks No Peter	6.0	8.0
Itchy Balls	4.0	10.0
*Sofa King Sleazy	2.0	12.0
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High Game Scratch: Erick J., 300; Heather H., 229; ToledoDeJaneiro, 674.

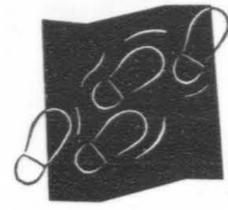
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Around The USA

Pressure Builds Against Cardinal Law

BOSTON, MA - In a bid to calm furious Roman Catholics in America, the Vatican is said to be weighing the replacement of Boston's Cardinal Bernard Law, the New York Times reports.

With no advance warning or explanation, Cardinal Law was absent at Sunday Mass and reportedly secretly slipped into Rome over the weekend as the crisis over his leadership intensified.

Cardinal Law has faced growing public fury and an onslaught of demands for his resignation after a week of stunning revelations about his role in handling priests committing crimes of sexual abuse. Hundreds of pages of documents made public last week contained harrowing stories of drug abuse, rape and molestation largely dismissed by the archdiocese.

This week, the archdiocesan finance council, which Law heads, gave the church permission to seek Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection from hundreds of abuse lawsuits. The move further inflamed the passions of critics in the Boston area, who accused the church of seeking to avoid paying for its crimes.

The New York Times reports the revelations made public last week about the cardinal's role in the abuse scandal seemed to undercut assurances he has made over the last year about how the church handled abusive priests. Cardinal Law's authority has been so compromised, 45 of the archdio-

cese's 900 priests signed a draft of a statement calling for his resignation.

"The events of recent months and, in particular, of these last few days, make it clear to us that your position as our bishop is so compromised that it is no longer possible for you to exercise the spiritual leadership required for the church of Boston," the petition reads.

The Rev. Alfred Ellis, a pastor from Andover, said the church is fairly united behind recognizing the need for new leadership. "The time has come and the erosion of the leadership has come to the point where we need to a change," he said. "I have finally come to the point of feeling that."

Father Ellis said that at a late Mass on Saturday, he read the letter to parishioners and asked who agreed with it to raise their hands. "Probably three-quarters of the congregation raised their hands," he said. "I was stunned [and] that sort of confirmed it."

It is thought the Vatican could name what is called a "coadjutor" that would effectively make Law a lame duck in his own diocese. Church law allows a coadjutor, who has automatic right of succession, to deal with "certain personal problems experienced by the diocesan bishop" in special cases.

Sources inside the Vatican told the Associated Press that the situation in Boston had so changed since Law last came to Rome, with many archdiocese priests in open revolt, that the Holy See may demand Law submit his resignation and then appoint an immediate successor.

Judge Rules For Anti-Gay Protesters

PHILADELPHIA, PA - Ordinances requiring people to obtain permits before they may distribute leaflets or make speeches at city parks have been struck down by a federal judge.

Ruling on a lawsuit brought by preachers protesting Gay pride activities, U.S. district judge William W. Caldwell said that Harrisburg, Pa.'s ordinances requiring permits hindered protesters' free-speech rights without serving any government interest. But Caldwell refused to find that the city had misused the state's disorderly conduct statute in arresting the protesters when they got out of hand.

The nine plaintiffs filed suit against Harrisburg and the city's mayor, Stephen R. Reed, earlier this year following a two-year string of incidents in which they clashed with authorities, mostly at Gay pride events. The first incident occurred at a June 2000 ceremony to honor Civil War dead. Protesters objected because Reed had signed a proclamation that the group interpreted as praising the contributions of Gay citizens. Four protesters, carrying signs that read, "Proof That America Condone Sodomy," sang hymns and handed out leaflets during the event. Accounts differ over what happened when they confronted the mayor, but the four were arrested and cited for disorderly conduct. The charges later were dismissed. In subsequent Gay pride events, protesters banged drums and used megaphones to yell at people.

While the protesters never sought a permit, they said the procedure for obtaining one violated First Amendment rights. Caldwell agreed that the permit process

infringed on their right to free speech. "While [the ordinance] covers only two First Amendment activities, literature distribution and speeches, these represent important First Amendment rights that [the ordinance] would broadly limit," the judge wrote.

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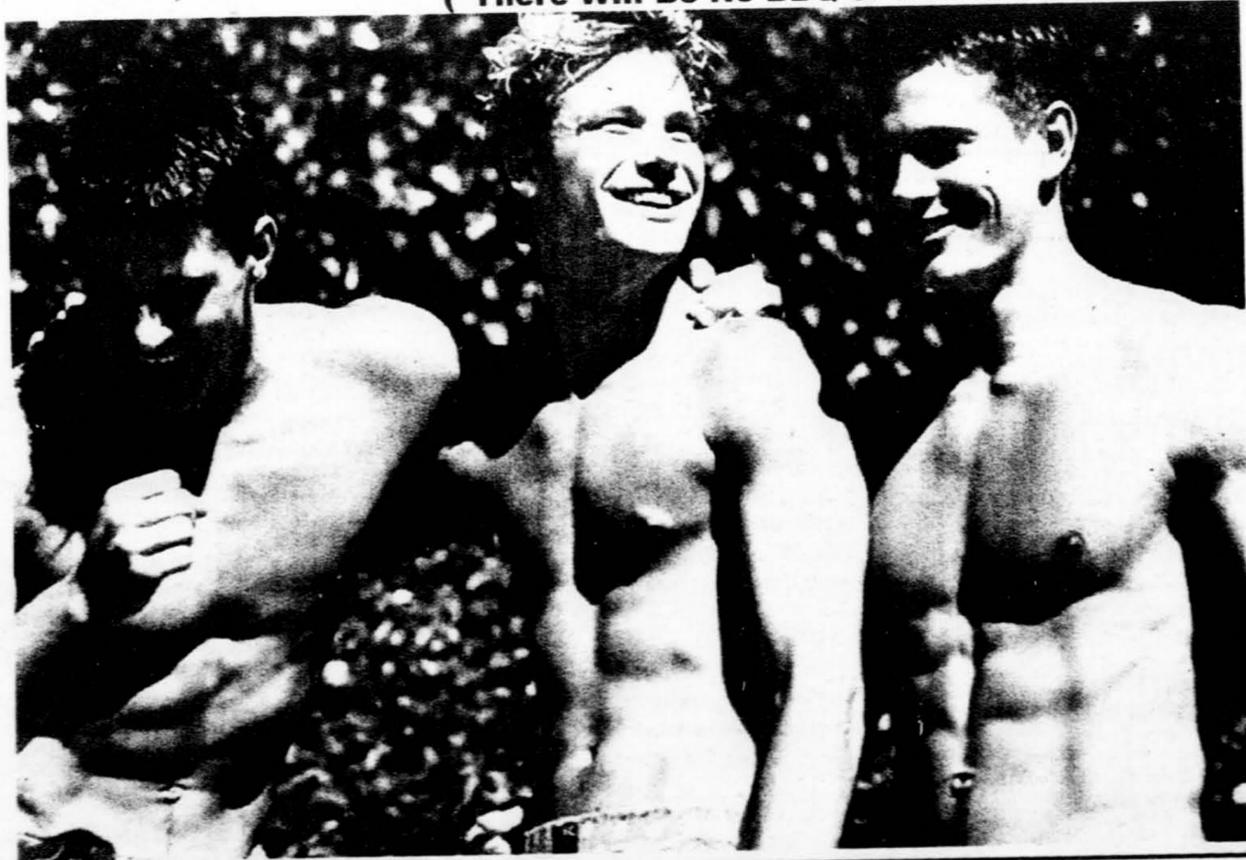
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It's More Than You Think

G/L Folks More Happy, Survey Says

NEW YORK, NY - A recent survey conducted by University of California, Los Angeles, finds that Gay men and Lesbians report being just as happy and satisfied with life as their heterosexual counterparts.

This was not the case a decade ago, when the AIDS epidemic was strengthening its deadly vice-grip on the community. Between 1991 and 1993, a similar survey revealed that Gay men and women were more troubled on average, and less likely to report feeling satisfied in life.

Dr. Susan Cochran, author of the study, told Reuters Health the findings do not mean that Gay life in 2002 America is trouble free. Rather, they indicate living as a Gay person in mainstream society is no longer appears to be as bleak a proposition as it once seemed.

"Anti-Gay stigma and discrimination is a fact of life, but somehow these folks manage to achieve equivalent levels of happiness as other people," Cochran said.

In the early 1990s, study authors found that only 79 percent of men who self-identified as Gay or Bisexual said they

were happy in life, compared with 92 percent of those who identified themselves as exclusively heterosexual.

Similarly, only 79 percent of women who reported Lesbian experiences answered they were either very happy or pretty happy, compare to 91 percent of women who had only had sex with men.

New results show these disparities have all but disappeared. Some 90 percent of all respondents now report being very happy or pretty happy, regardless of their sexual orientation, results Cochran said should be seen as broadly encouraging for all members of society.

Though the report did not account for the perception change over the last ten years, she speculated that more effective AIDS treatments and declining mortality rates in the community certainly accounted for part of the answer.

She also noted that mainstream perceptions of the community have also changed dramatically over the last ten years. "Perhaps it's a better environment in which to be Gay than it used to be," she said.

Fundamentalists Losing Favor With Public

WASHINGTON, DC - The American Family Association, a far right lobbying group in Washington, released results from a recent survey that shows mainstream Americans see evangelical Christians as one of the least likeable groups in the country.

Researchers from the Barna survey asked respondents how they felt about evangelicals, born-again Christians, ministers, and other groups of people in society. According to the survey, evangelicals came in tenth out of eleven, narrowly beating out prostitutes.

Fellow evangelical George Barna, president of the Barna Research Group, said religious conservatives "have a lot of work to do" in combating the general public's negative views.

Speaking to distressed members of the AFA, he said, "We may not be 'evil' people, we may not be 'bad' people -- we may be completely loving and wonderful.

But somehow we are being perceived by non-Christians in America as a group of people who are not particularly loving [and] not particularly generous, kind, or understanding."

Particularly galling to the AFA constituency was the country's more open embrace of Gay men and Lesbians. Gay people, a group conservatives frequently slander and oppose politically, ranked significantly higher in the survey than evangelicals.

"Whether that's because the media portray evangelicals in a negative light or because [religious conservatives have] earned that 'badge of dishonor,' if you will, we've got to figure that out," said Barna, "we have to address that."

Affirming results from other studies, the Barna survey also found the more highly educated non-evangelicals are, the less likely they are to have a positive view of fundamentalist Christians.

Marvel Comics Introduces Gay Gunslinger

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - The Rawhide Kid, a Marvel Comics favorite from the 1950s, will soon be blasting his way out of the closet.

According the New York Post, the outing occurs in the new series "Rawhide Kid: Slap Leather," which debuts in February.

"This is going to be the first Gay Western," said the company's editor-in-chief, Joe Quesada.

Created in 1957 in an attempt to capitalize off of the old TV show "Rawhide," the Kid "was always shown as a shy-around-girls kind of guy," Quesada said. "Now you know why."

The Marvel honcho said the Kid won't make any pronouncements about his sexual orientation but promised readers will "know it from the moment you see him."

"It's a classic Western, like 'Shane,' but with a Gay twist," said writer Ron

Zimmerman. While the story has "a comedic slant," Zimmerman said he hopes the 21st-century kid is "an empowering character that the Gay community would be able to embrace."

One tipoff about his orientation comes in the first issue, when he's asked about the Lone Ranger.

"I just want to meet him. I think that mask and powder-blue outfit are fantastic," he says. "I can certainly see why that Indian follows him around."

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Gay World In Brief. Huge G/L Class Action Suit Okayed

TORONTO, Canada - A judge has given approval for a \$400 million dollar class action suit against the Canadian government on behalf of 8,000 Gays and Lesbians, 365Gay.com reported.

"It's the first time in Canadian history that a class-action lawsuit is going to be used to redress discrimination against Gays and Lesbians," said lawyer Douglas Elliott.

The case involves pension benefits the plaintiffs say are owed to them following the deaths of their life partners prior to Jan. 1, 1998.

The government began recognizing Gay relationships with legislation passed in 2000. The law was backdated to 1998, giving the surviving partners in Gay and Lesbian relationships pension rights.

The plaintiffs argue the law should have been retroactive to April 17, 1985, when equality guarantees were included in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Canada's Bill of Rights.

The suit was begun by longtime Toronto activist George Hislop, 75, whose partner Ronnie Shearer died in 1986. He stands to collect \$85,000 if the suit is successful. The suit expanded to include 6,000

other Gay and Lesbian surviving partners in Ontario and several other provinces.

A second suit was begun in British Columbia, representing 2,000 surviving partners in that province.

The decision by Ontario Superior Court Justice Maurice Cullity allows the Ontario and B.C. suits to be joined. The federal government, which is accused of discrimination in the case, has already agreed to fight the cases jointly.

"(The plaintiffs will) get their day in court a lot faster than they would have otherwise, and they'll have a chance of getting their pension benefit when they're still alive," said Elliott, referring to older clients such as Hislop.

"I'm elated and delighted," said Hislop. "It's a nice Christmas present for all of us."

The trial is expected to go to court for four weeks in June 2003 if a settlement is not reached before then.

Quebec is the only province not represented in the lawsuit, because it operates a separate pension plan and has already settled with Gay and Lesbian pensioners in that province.

Lesbian Arson Case Officially Inactive

MISSOULA, MT - An investigation into an arson fire that gutted the residence of a Lesbian couple earlier in the year is essentially over, Missoula police detectives told the Associated Press.

Carla Grayson and Adrienne Neff say the fire that destroyed their home in February was a hate crime resulting from the lawsuit they filed days earlier against the Montana University System. They said they and their 2-year-old son barely escaped.

Police initially characterized the fire as a hate crime directed at the couple, but as the investigation progressed, focus shifted toward Grayson and Neff. The couple was never charged in connection with the case.

Capt. Steve Ross, captain of detectives for the Missoula City Police said if new information surfaces the case could be reopened, but he referred questions about the details of the investigation to Missoula County Attorney Fred Van Valkenburg. "The case is officially inactive from our perspective," Ross said.

A search warrant issued in August described an elaborate arson method that took considerable time and preparation. The arsonist used gasoline-soaked rope strung through both floors of the house, with intermittent piles of gasoline-soaked rags and socks on it. Gasoline had been poured or spread down the stairwell and on furniture in the living room.

Investigators took note of several conversations the couple had which were videotaped by police cameras. At one point, the videotape shows Neff telling an unidentified person in a telephone call, "We're at the police station being grilled for hours. Neither of us broke though."

The search warrant application also contains details about several aspects of the blaze which raised the doubts of investigators that it was an anti-Gay crime.

"Each arson investigator who has reviewed the case has stated that it would

have taken a considerable amount of time to soak the rope in gasoline, drape the gasoline soaked ropes in the manner found, soak the rags, strategically place the rags, and then do the multiple fire starts.

"An outsider would have been unfamiliar with the residence, would not have known where the items used would have been stored, and would have had to have laid down all the gasoline soaked trailers in the dark without disturbing the residents who were in the home."

The couple said they had been received threatening letters stemming from their bias suit against the university before the fire. The FBI has been analyzing DNA and handwriting on the letters, but Van Valkenburg said he hasn't yet received the results of those tests.

"Until we get that information from the FBI, it's still really an open investigation," Van Valkenburg said. "If there's nothing there, then I don't think that there's going to be any charges. There's not enough evidence now to charge anybody with this fire."

FDA Approves New HEP C Treatment

WASHINGTON, DC - The Food and Drug Administration approved Roche's hepatitis C treatment that combines the company's drug Pegasys, an interferon-alpha compound approved separately by the FDA in October, and the antiviral drug ribavirin, marketed by Roche as Copegus.

Combining inteferon and ribavirin has been the traditional hepatitis C treatment for several years, but previously available forms of interferon-alpha had to be injected three times per week. Pegasys, a long-lasting form of interferon, is injected only once a week.

The FDA approved Roche's combination treatment after reviewing data that showed the once-a-week injections, when coupled with Copegus, were more effective in lowering hepatitis C viral levels than the



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standard combination therapy. Roche also is currently testing Pegasys for the possible treatment of hepatitis B.

COMMENTARY

'Strom Thurmond - Good Riddance'

By Dave Zweifel

All the media gushing about U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond reaching the ripe old age of 100 was nauseating.

There are a lot of folks who live these days to be 100, and practically every one of them has done something in life for the betterment of humankind. Wish I could say the same for Thurmond.

Strom Thurmond has represented everything that is wrong about America during his way-too-long tenure in Congress. If the people of South Carolina had any concern for the rest of the people in this country, they would have kicked him out of office years ago.

Yet this racist has been returned to Washington election after election, and now, because he's set a record as the oldest living U.S. senator, people are fawning over him as though he were some American hero.

"He is not only a great man, he's done great things in his life," the normally snarling Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, gushed.

"He's a man of iron with a heart of gold," chirped Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn.

"He's not just a witness to the entire 20th century, he was a full participant," added Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn.

Give us all a break.

As the NAACP's board chairman Julian Bond said in a column last week:

"The 'great things' from the 'heart of gold' don't include any landmark legislation authored by (Thurmond). Nor did it include ensuring all Americans were 'full participants.' Instead, Thurmond's sole legacy is durability and opposition to civil rights."

This was the guy who walked out of the 1948 Democratic convention because the Dems had the audacity to demand equal rights for black people. He then ran for president himself, pledging that "no Ne-gir-ahs" would ever swim in the same pools as whites, or drink from the same fountains or eat in the same restaurants.

"When Thurmond was born, black South Carolinians could not vote, go to school with whites or work at jobs reserved for whites," Bond pointed out. "Thurmond has spent his life trying to maintain the status quo of 100 years ago."

Not to mention that the centenarian's last vote was to confirm a man vehemently opposed by civil rights groups to a federal appeals court judgeship.

I say amen to this rejoinder by Bond:

"He is a relic of America's shameful past who had long overstayed his welcome. And shame to his colleagues who confuse simple longevity with an illustrious legacy.

"Good riddance."

[Dave Zweifel is a writer for The Capital Times of Madison, Wisconsin.]

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ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rambos are sexual loose cannons when Mars piledrives into passionate Scorpio. Which direction will you aim your big gun and shoot? There may be a chance that you will miss the mark when Jupiter retrogrades and moves your target. Hunting for bear? Prepare for skunk. Leave it to Mercury in practical Cap to try to turn your thoughts to loftier goals. Forgetaboutit!

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

If retrograde Jupiter upsets your domestic appletart, at least Mars in intense Scorpio is ready to set it right again. Queer Bulls love comfortable surroundings but Jupiter plans a few surprises to keep you on your hooves. Take nothing for granted, cousin. In fact, use Mercury in Capricorn to plan a romantic getaway to explore every crag and cove of your domestic territory.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

What makes proud Gemini run? It must be a combination of Mars in conniving Scorpio and retrograde Jupiter which urge you to plot your corporate takeover from the muddy trenches. Revolution is in the air, comrade! Plan it carefully and be sure that you don't wind up just another petty bourgeois. Forget the petty part; If your are going to sell out sell out big!

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Pink Crabs are ripe for fun and adventure when zippy Mars sizzles in zesty Scorpio. Romance is in the air! Mercury encourages you to pair up while Mars can't stop the disco music. Party on, cousin. This "wilde" jaunt may cost more than you think, courtesy of retro Jupiter which overtips any chance it gets. Is it true that the bigger the tip the better...?

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Jupiter retrogrades in your own sign which can make all your first impressions quite memorable to say the least! Retro Jupiter sez that dramatic proud Lions are apt to step on their own tails if they wag too much. Mars and Mercury however enables you to regain your composure and grace with minimal damage. Go all Out cousin and keep a watchful eye on various appendages.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Retrograde Jupiter has a few surprises for you up its sleeve. Can it be that all your well concealed secrets are uncovered and broadcast? Oops!! Queer Virgins try desperately to keep things under wraps... to no avail. Let robust Mars in Scorpio take the lead in damage control and clever Mercury in Capricorn think of creative alternatives and new positions. Hey how about prone??

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Friends provide too many surprises and upheavals for you during the Jupiter retrograde. Maybe this is a good time to tend to personal and home-related matters and step away from the throbbing and pulsating crowd. Hole up with one or two bosom buddies and leave it at that. Mercury provides a range of entertainments and Mars offers the cash to make it happen. Lucky thing.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Your dreams of corporate ascent must be placed on the back burner while Jupiter retrogrades. Strategic, proud Scorps are flirting with the mailroom if they persist in manifesting their corporate destiny. Cool your jets, bud. Listen to Mercury in political Cap which urges you to listen rather than yap. Mars in your own sign highlights your considerable attributes to outside interest parties.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Miss Cleo better step aside while prescient queer Archers peer into their crystal balls. Mars in Scorpio gives you considerable intuitive powers while Mercury in practical Cap leads you to more than a few good money producing ideas. Don't spend it all in one place; Retro Jupiter wires your dough to intriguing international destinations. Why not go along for the glorious ride?

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Hot sex may become overcooked and burnt thanks to chef retro Jupiter who adds too much spice to an already overdone dish. Before you burp up your meal, expand your tasting menu with Mars in Scorpio who leads you to new associates and associations. Added bonus; Mercury in your own sign makes you the darling of the party circuit. Plug in and see who lights up.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Relationships travel in new, uncharted directions while retro Jupiter drives your car. Aqueerians are advised not to make any drastic moves, ultimatums or demands on partnerships now; you don't know how your petty tirade will play out. While your personal equity sags, Mars increases your corporate stock and Mercury inspires you in new spiritual directions. Do monks have more fun?

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Guppies may sprain an ankle on the treadmill... or worse... if they heed the siren call of retro Jupiter to take exercise to the max. There will be plenty of time to hone that body to perfection later. In the meantime relax and enjoy while Mercury and Mars conspire to tempt you with hardy company and harder travel. What tricks do you have at your disposal? Hardy har har.

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There's a long American tradition, going back at least to T. S. Eliot (1888-1965), of criticizing our culture by examining our soap advertisements. I was just sent a poem by a young avant-garde poet that equates American culture to a television commercial. This type of equation is as common as it is silly.

One isn't even tempted to offer an intellectual refutation of culture as used car commercial. It's so much easier to ask the young poet what he'd do if he were afforded the opportunity to take a cultural tour of a foreign city, say Bombay.

Would our young poet get off the plane and immediately ask his host to take him to the nearest TV set so he could check out the cultural quality of Bombay's used car commercials?

Okay, if that's ridiculous, would he ask to see the most popular TV game show, or the most popular sitcom, or the most popular soap opera, or the most popular cop

NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

Jim Click Ain't Culture

show, or the most popular hospital drama?

TV too lowbrow? Would he ask to go to the movies? Would he want to see the most popular action flick, or the most popular romantic comedy, or the most popular disaster film? Movies too lowbrow for our culture vulture? Of course they are. So what's he going to ask to see?

Let's wait till he has his first request on the tip of his tongue and then whisk him back to Tucson so the cultural curiosity that Bombay might provoke will come out here.

He might start off with, "Show me your most culturally significant building." That would be easy: San Xavier.

He might then say, "Take me to your highest institution of learning and show me its most distinctive feature." Not as easy, but how about the factory under the football stadium where they make the biggest lenses for telescopes in the world?

He might ask to meet our most important artist. That would probably be Jim Waid. Hard to say if he'd make himself available to a young avant-garde poet.

Being a poet, he'd surely ask to meet our most important poet. That would probably be a guy who's been running a free poetry workshop in Tucson for the last quarter century, a guy who'd be furious to see his name in print in such an admiring context but who'd be glad to meet our

culture vulture and even listen to his poetry.

He'd probably want to meet our most important spiritual leader. Tough choice but I'd vote for a Christian minister named John Fife who's been a high profile and extremely effective social activist here since at least the 1970s, maybe longer.

He might want to know if we have any scientific institutions that are working on missions unique to the world. Easy again: the Desert Museum.

Of course he'd ask about museums and galleries and you'd show him the half dozen obvious ones. There are probably 80 "galleries" in the phone book but our seeker is looking for cultural significance.

If he asked, "What about the performing arts?" you'd have to honestly admit, "No luck there. We don't have any significant performing arts institutions because nobody in those fields wants to perform anything that hasn't been made famous someplace else."

He's say, "You're kidding!"

You'd say, "Wish I were."

He'd say, "What about this Old Tucson I keep hearing about?"

"Western movie set turned western theme park." "What about the Mariachi Festival?"

"Same as the others all over the Southwest, only bigger."

"What about the giant airplane graveyard?" "Lots and lots of old airplanes."

"What about the world's longest non-mechanized rodeo parade?"

"Like other non-mechanized rodeo parades, only longer."

"Okay, I know he doesn't have anything to do with culture, but I'd still like to meet Mr. Click."

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

Marriage Battle Heats Up

BOSTON, MA - Massachusetts senate president Thomas Birmingham is asking the state's highest court how lawmakers should respond if acting governor Jane Swift calls them back into session to consider proposed constitutional amendments, including a proposal that would ban recognition of marriage between people of the same sex.

The senate approved an order asking the court to clarify how the possible directive from Swift would relate to legislative rules regarding joint sessions of the house and senate.

On July 17 a joint session of the legislature, known as a constitutional convention, voted 137-53 to adjourn without taking up the proposed amendments, including the anti-Gay marriage proposal. Attorneys for the senate argue that the vote constitutes final action on the proposed amendments. A group pushing the marriage question is asking the supreme judicial court to force lawmakers back into formal session. Swift, who opposes the marriage initiative, has also asked the court's guidance about whether she is required to call the legislature back into session.



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POLITICS 2002

by Mark R. Kerr

'Mainstream Media's New Fall Line: GOP Bias'

In Louisiana, with their "unique" rules for voting and selecting whom will serve in political office, the state held a runoff election on Saturday, December 7, for the U.S. Senate seat up for consideration and a seat for their fifth Congressional in the U.S. House of Representatives, and with Dubya, Dick Cheney, Sen. Trent Lott and every other Republican (GOP) bigwig campaigning in the Bayou State ... the GOP lost both races to the Democratic incumbent Senator, Mary Landrieu and the Democratic Congressional candidate, Rodney Alexander and where was the mainstream media coverage on this?

Practically non-existent, with only a three minute quick blurb on CNN but that is the mainstream media's new fall line: GOP bias.

What about the key placement of 35,000 votes in two states, Missouri and Minnesota, which would give control of the U.S. Senate to the Democrats? Is this really a mandate for Dubya? For that matter, is it also a "green light" for the Republicans, now led in the Senate by Trent Lott, who believes (in 1980 and the present) that outgoing South Carolina Senator Strom Thurmond would have been a better president than the man who beat Senator Mush-mouth in 1948, Harry Truman, a Democrat who believed in Civil Rights, enacting several major policies but digressing.

This line also flows through Tucson as well, home to the 71" and falling media market, since the local press, fish-wrap and idiot-box, just can't get over the fact that Arizona will have a Democratic

governor and especially that former Pima County Supervisor, Democrat Raul Grijalva, is the new Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Arizona's new seventh Congressional District.

What have both Tucson daily newspapers: Arizona Daily Star, Tucson Citizen, the city's weekly publication, the Tucson Weekly, as well KUAT-TV's Arizona Illustrated's Reporter's Roundtable program and the local television news have all played up? The fact that Congressman-elect Grijalva has to now wear a tie in his new position, and when he is seen in Tucson at an event without one, stop the presses!

It is interesting that the media outlets solely focus on such an aspect as what a person is wearing, becoming the local Joan River's, sans the botox, plastic surgery, cheek implants, bitchy attitude, the money and the shows on E! and QVC, especially since no television station requires their employees, on-air or otherwise, to wear a tie off-camera, in the newsrooms or in the station, and that none of the three publications has a dress code whatsoever.

For the record Grijalva has stated he owns three ties, and has a couple of suits and was seen on C-Span, briefly, for a program on incoming freshmen Members of the U.S. House and yes, he looked dashing in the light-brown suit-coat, white shirt and tie but that's not the important point, how he does in his new post, voting and otherwise is the key and we can rest safely assured that he will represent his district and the state with substance over "style", when he is sworn in on Tuesday, January 7, 2003.

GENDER PRIDE BY JONI K. MALISE

Last week when I listed the U. S. cities that have laws protecting Transgendered people, I neglected to include San Jose, the third largest city in California. Last month they extended their anti-discrimination laws, which previously only covered public employment, into the private sector as well. Now three of the four largest California cities (Los Angeles, San Jose, and San Francisco) have anti-discrimination laws. I suspect that in time San Diego, though a bit more conservative, may catch up with the other three. I've lived in all four cities, and I'd say they're all reasonably Gay-friendly, and probably trans-friendly as well. Though hate crimes happen there too, I'm afraid.

In Texas, Dallas has an anti-discrimination ordinance, and Houston protects transpeople against discrimination in public employment. There go the two biggest cities in a supposedly redneck state. And Denver has an anti-discrimination statute as well. Despite its substantial Gay and Transgender communities, Phoenix thus stands virtually alone among Southwestern mega-cities in offering no civil rights protection for transpeople. As well as practically none for Gays and Lesbian either, so far as I know.

Maybe there's not much we can do to change the reactionary mentality that still rules our bignighbor to the north. We've had anti-discrimination laws on the books here in Tucson for several years now. What activists in some other trans-friendly cities have done is to next work to extend protective laws to the surrounding county as well. This happened successfully in Chicago.

Even the little beach town of Santa Cruz, California, succeeded in extending Transgender legal protection to all of Santa Cruz County, which has several times the population of the city.

To win legal protection for transpeople here in Pima County, a key would be to work with the Tohono O'odham people. All indigenous people have traditions of respect for Two-Spirit persons, even if they've at times tried to hide it in order to curry white approval. We saw in the last election the growing political power of our native communities in Southern Arizona. Transpeople need to seek allies wherever we can find them, especially among other minorities. That includes Latino. There's going to be a big Latino GLBT conference here next month; I'll supply the details later.

Speaking of Native American traditions, Kulstan will be leading a solstice celebration on the 21st. The sweat lodge ceremony will be for women only, but that includes transwomen. And after the sweat men will be invited to join in the celebration. Write Kulstan@hotmail.com for info. Unfortunately, all this takes place at the same time as the SAGA holiday party (arizonaamanda@aol.com for details). Choices!

This just in: Don't give to the Salvation Army; they're anti-GLBT. Why not be safe and give to SAAF instead; they're on our side. You can reach me at my business E-mail: desertwordsmith@yahoo.com. Happy holidays, Sweeties!

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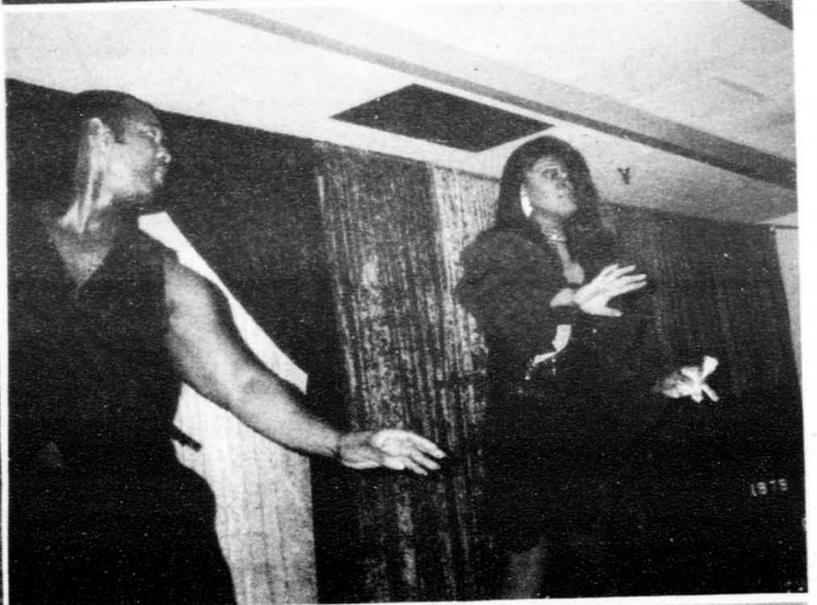
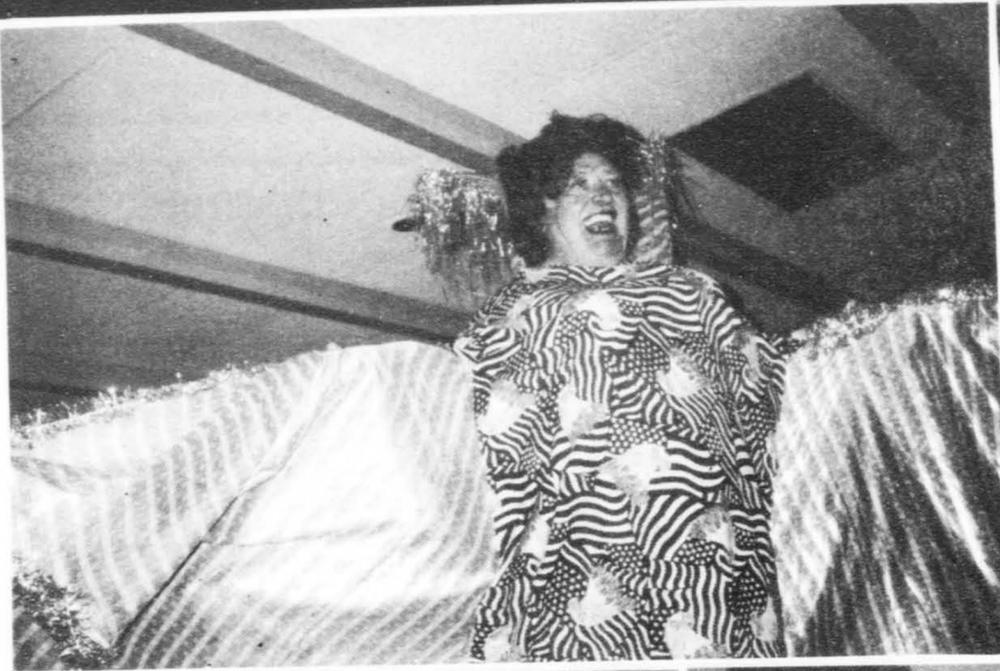
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El trabajar en el campo de prevención del VIH a veces puede ser frustrante porque no vemos resultados palpables. En los Estados Unidos tenemos muchos programas de prevención que cuestan mucho dinero y sin embargo, las nuevas infecciones de VIH no se detienen. En ocasiones, pareciera ser que los programas de prevención no están trabajando porque no podemos detener totalmente la propagación del virus que causa el SIDA. Sin embargo, un reciente estudio demuestra que si, que los programas de prevención valen la pena porque por lo menos han prevenido la infección del VIH de aproximadamente un millón y medio de personas que han estado en riesgo.

El estudio publicado en *The Official Journal of the International AIDS Society*, el 25 de noviembre del 2002, muestra que aunque la prevención es cara, si vale la pena ya que los servicios de salud para personas infectadas con el virus suelen ser mucho más costosos. Al principio de la epidemia, es decir, a principios de los años ochentas, los programas de prevención eran pocos o inexistentes causando que la poca información en ese entonces no estuviera al alcance de todos. Hoy, a veinte años de los primeros casos seguimos con la conclusión de que la mejor forma de luchar contra el VIH es la prevención y que la única cura contra este "bicho" es no tenerlo. La efímera frustración que algunos trabajadores en la prevención del VIH sentimos, tal vez se debe a que nosotros no podemos cambiar la conducta de la gente y por ende detener la

epidemia. Cambiar la conducta de la gente es algo que está fuera de nuestro alcance pero también es algo que no pretendemos hacer. En este tema mi punto de vista muy personal es que nuestro trabajo consiste en darle la información a la gente sobre los riesgos de infección y como prevenirlos, y una vez que la gente cuenta con los hechos sobre lo que es VIH, ellos deciden si quieren prevenirlo o se quieren arriesgar a contraerlo.

Desgraciadamente, la comunidad latina está entre las minorías que siguen teniendo alta incidencia de infección del VIH y es nuestro trabajo tratar de cambiar esta tendencia. Pero para hacerlo, necesitamos de tu participación. Nosotros no podemos estar ahí a tu lado cuando vas a tener sexo inseguro y decirte u obligarte para que no lo hagas. Pero si podemos darte la información sobre como prevenirlo y para eso podemos ofrecerte algo más que un condón y un lubricante que también son muy necesarios. Te ofrecemos entrenamientos para que seas un líder comunitario e influyas, no para que cambies, la conducta sexual de tus semejantes encaminada al sexo seguro. La mejor forma de aprender es enseñando, así que al participar en nuestros entrenamientos el benéfico será doble. Compartirás información con tus amigos, estarás aprendiendo cosas nuevas y reforzando las que ya sabes. Para más información o sugerencias sobre nuestros entrenamientos, llama a Salud es Poder al teléfono (520) 628-7223 o por correo electrónico a salud@saaf.org. Te aseguramos que no te arrepentirás de participar.

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A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Well, Thanksgiving has past and Christmas will soon be here. I hope you had a good Thanksgiving Day and did the one thing that day reminds us to do... thank God. After all the only reason the Pilgrims survived that year they first arrived here, was by the grace of God. The time they set aside (a week, not just one day) was to celebrate life. thank the Native Americans for all they had done to help the Pilgrims survive, and to thank God for His provisions, safety, and freedom.

Unfortunately, we all too often act as if Thanksgiving Day is a day of food and football, only. I hope each of you has realized just how blessed you truly are. Last week's sermon at church was about just that... recognizing all the blessings and even miracles that God provides each of us de-

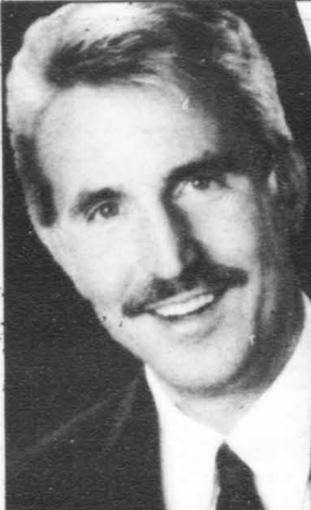
spite our situations.

Most of us have something right now in our lives that is difficult to deal with. If not now, it will certainly come in the future. That's how life is. For some its financial woes, for others it may be illness, and still others, the sadness of death. Whatever your situation today, I have two words of encouragement for you. The first is this: God knows about your suffering. We're told in the Bible that God knows everything and that nothing happens in this world without God allowing it. We also read in the book of Psalms that God counts our tears. He knows your struggle. He cares. The second comforting thought is: God already has a plan for you in your situation. Many years ago He sent His Son, Jesus, to earth to live and die as a man. But in His death, He paid for all sin. So as you suffer, struggle or deal with anger, there is one thing you need to do. Reach out to Jesus. Ask Him into your life as your Savior, and He will give you all that you need. Now perhaps He may not give you physical healing or an overabundance of finances, but He will give you exactly what you need.

I truly don't know how people get through life who do not know Jesus as their Savior. Jesus is the one who guides me, upholds me, gives me reassurance and is always "there" for me. Without Him I wouldn't really have anything to thank God for. But with Him, well, I have everything to thank Him for.

Just because Thanksgiving Day has passed doesn't mean its too late to start thanking God. Why not start by getting to know Jesus Christ? I can guarantee that you will overflow with thanksgiving, even if your situation doesn't change. It's a God-Thing!

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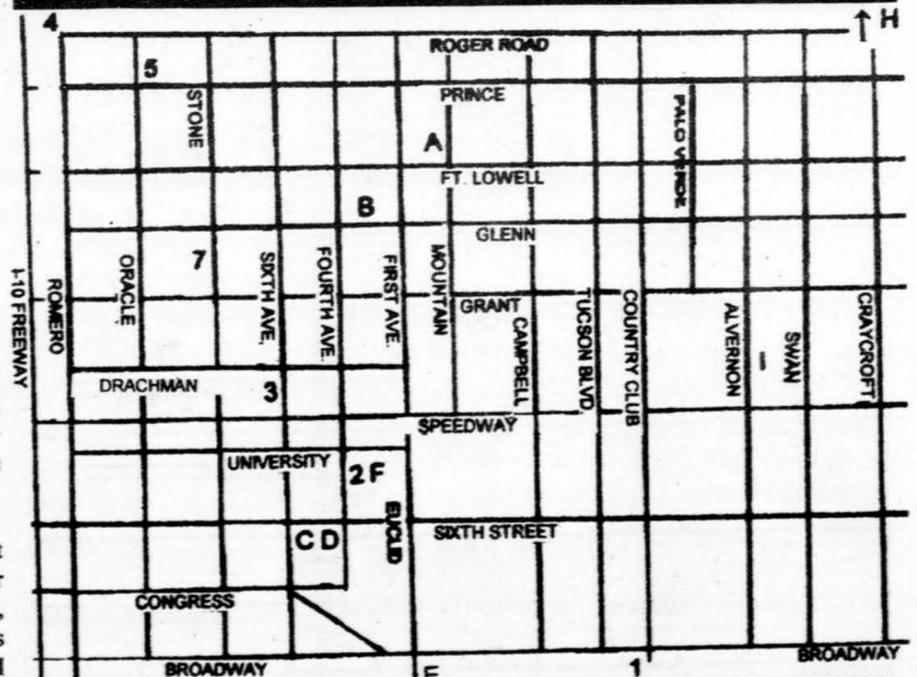
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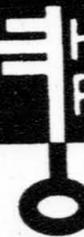
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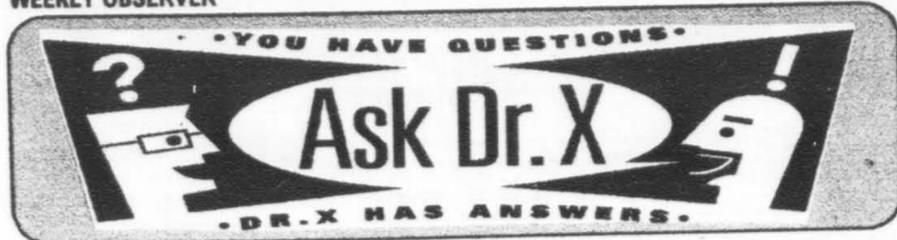
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My So-Called Life!

Looking back over the years, I am amazed at the variety of experiences I have encountered along this journey called life. I have hit bottom several times just to get up and do it all over again. That bottom has also been re-defined many times and whether it's higher or lower is only determined by how strong I felt at the time.

At 15-years-old, I called my mother a bitch, and my father hit me with his fist and threw me across the room into a wall. Needless to say, my only recourse was to leave the house for a month to let him know he shouldn't do that again. I spent many nights under nearby freeway ramps sharing space and time with rats, spiders, and lizards and wondering to myself, "Was this really such a great idea of mine? What the hell have I done to myself out of stubbornness and pride this time?"

You'd never guess that at 17 I was kicked out of my house by that same wonderful man and lived in the back of my car (way before it became fashionable) for about a month. There were many people that opened up their arms, hearts and homes and helped me to get back on top of the slide. I would then re-group only to slide once again down into the twisted darkness of the unknown.

My mother was an ex-San Francisco fashion model from the late 40's and a knockout to say the least, which lent to the convenient position of beautiful arm piece for my father. This would allow my father a safe haven so he could hide from his own homosexuality and desires. My father and I were very much alike, except that I had the courage, strength, and fight in me to challenge life while he hid behind his like a scared rabbit (though I have to say he was one handsome rabbit). They were the talk of the town! They would say, "Projection is everything, and everything else is no one else's business." Well, so much for authenticity, now back to my reality.

Without Greg, Keith and about eleven other friends not around any more due to the un-invited houseguest, HIV/AIDS, everyone had become much more aware and cautious. Those days, the latex/rubber industry and lubricant manufactur-

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ers were very happy with the newfound demand of their products. One night I met David in the usual bar I hung out in. I was back in full regalia in complete leather drag, and he was this young preppie man dressed in freshly ironed shorts and a tasteful, pressed pullover shirt with his hair perfectly in place. Somehow this look didn't match the harness and spiked armbands, HUH! The next night we met again and went home together.

After a night full of incredible multiple rounds of sex, I whispered quietly hoping not to wake him, "You're finally here, what took you so long?" We both knew from that day forward we were meant to be together. The next day we made a few adjustments; he took out my nipple rings, and I wrinkled his clothes. Saying that condoms were uncomfortable, David refused to have safe sex. Being madly in love with him, I agreed to not use condoms. After several months of personality horn butting and power plays, we went our separate ways. I felt as though my heart had been torn out and stomped on the ground and that I would never again be the same. Six months later David called and said that he needed to see me. To be continued...

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

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NON-BAR CALENDAR

GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Canasta Club meets to play this fun card game. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 297-3569.

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

7:00 to 9:30 p.m., The Men's Relationship Group meets and will include a video on Tantra. A great way to meet new men and make friends and have some clean fun. Fee. Call Marc at 881-4582.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

"The Queer Monologues: Speaking Our Truth" will be presented at the Queer Voice Youth Lounge, 314 E. 6th Street at 7:00 p.m. The show is free but non-perishable & canned food donations are appreciated and will go to the Community Food Bank.

December's Footloose Friday Dance starts at 8:00 p.m. tonight. Water of Life MCC invites you all to bring your dancing shoes and kick up your heels at this chemical and alcohol free event. All are welcome to join the fun. For more information, call (520)292-9151.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 a.m. Join Jack for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Jack at 881-5733.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Potluck and Social Gathering where we invite you to have dinner and get to know the nice guys of MSN. It's a nice, safe setting in which to meet new men and greet old friends. For directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

Tucson Prime Timers 5:00 p.m. food and drinks at Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle (North of Prince).

7:00 p.m. An Evening with Kyphi on "Branding" (a form of body modification) The seminar will be about Branding, although a branding will not actually take place. Kyphi will share highlights from her branding ceremony and talk about the history, spirituality, psychological aspects, methods, how to choose a brander, equipment used, getting ready and post-branding care. Presented by Desert Dominion, for information call (520) 792-6424.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 3:00 p.m. Art & Jeff host a dinner and a movie. The film is "Fogi is a Bastard". For directions and reservations, please call Art or Jeff at 762-9135.

The Men's Group Massage meets from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. A great way to meet new men and make friends. Fee. Call Marc at 881-4582.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch at 1:00 p.m. at The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave. S. of Grant.

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, DECEMBER 17

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Chris 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 Chris at 304-5814.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Karol for MSN's new Canasta Club. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

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): 7:30 p.m. Jerry & Les host the continuing saga of the Fisher family in "Six Feet Under". For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

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

Hallelujah Recovery Drug and Alcohol 12-step program at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. Every Thursday 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. 622-45626 or 272-8500.

7:00 to 9:30 p.m., The Men's Relationship Group meets and will include a video on Tantra. A great way to meet new men and make friends and have some clean fun. Fee. Call Marc at 881-4582.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. the Diva Licious Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Ajia Simone, Bunny FuFu, Lady Ashley and Samantha White.

4TH AVENUE STREET FAIR

FRI-SAT-SUN, DECEMBER 13-14-15

IBT'S - Gay headquarters for the 4th Ave. Winter Street Fair. Shows 3:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday afternoon with a \$2 cover charge. Wait for the 9:30 p.m. show Sunday, when there is no cover. The show stars Lucinda Holliday, Chantelle Douglas, Miss Gay America Dominique Sanchez, Teri Aki, Janee Starr, Lady Ashley, Faith Michaels, Ajia Simone, Phaedra and Bunny FuFu. There will be no bar-b-que this Sunday.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

YARD DOG - A Mexican Breakfast cooked by chefs Rocky and Michael. Beans, eggs, chorizo con potato and tortillas for \$3.00 or an unwrapped gift for the kids at Balboa Heights Community Center. Kids ages range from 5 to 12 years old.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

IBT'S 9:00 p.m. DivaLicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Phaedra, Tabatha Lovall and Mr. Kenneth Blake.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

IBT'S - Special CD release party for Susan Artemis' new CD. 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

YARD DOG - Come celebrate a Yard Dog Xmas with the "Reveillettes". 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join John & Carlos as they host Pizza Night. For only \$5, you get pizza, salad, drinks and desserts. For reservations and directions, please call John or Carlos at 327-3135.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Jack for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Jack at 881-5733.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Marv will host Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Marv at 745-0304.

#1. Tucson Prime Timers Lunch; Business Meeting - noon The Hometown Buffet 5101 N. Oracle Rd. NW. of River Rd.

#2. Tucson Prime Timers Food and Drinks — 5:00 p.m. at Woody's 3710 N. Oracle Rd. N. of Prince

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Special Guest Evangelist Marsha Stevens to perform at Water of Life MCC, at the 10:15 a.m. Worship Service as well as a concert at 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

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.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch at 1:00 p.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone — South of Grant.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Chris 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 Chris at 304-5814.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Water of Life MCC to begin at 10:45 p.m. Special reception following service hosted by the Board of Directors.

Christmas Eve Service at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. 6:00 p.m. All are invited to celebrate Christmas at Cornerstone. 622-4626.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. You're invited to join your Gay family for a traditional Potluck Christmas Dinner. The main dishes are provided, and we ask you to bring a side dish or dessert to share with others. For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 546-7539.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 3:00 p.m. We show the holiday-themed movie "A Mid-Winter's Tale", about a troupe of actors trying to put on a play. For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 546-7539.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 5:00 p.m. We show the holiday classic, "Meet Me in St. Louis", with Judy Garland as the girl with an eye on "The Boy Next Door". For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 546-7539

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers Bud or Bud Light. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9pm to close. Drink & Shot specials all night.

IBT's - 10am-8pm \$1.75 Bloodys, Screws or Mirrosas. 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 Dr. Who. (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, Mimosas; 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 Michael D. 9pm

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

Monday

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

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Undie Mondie- Happy Hour prices for those in their undies 9pm-close. Queer As Folk shown beginning at 8pm. Hot Dancing follows. 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/Michael D. 9pm to close.

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

Tuesday

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

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

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-4-1 domestic beer and well from 2-7pm. 90s retro music 9pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8pm to close.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holliday 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. Chili dogs or bowls \$1.

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

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Karaoke 9-close, with \$2 Kamikazees and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9. Retro 80s Dance w/Jonathan Hi NRG 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 8pm-close plus 50¢ off all Big Ass drinks. Top scores on NTN 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

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

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party 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 \$2.00 all day. Call 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

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

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 Filet Mignon or Swordfish BBQ with all the trimmings \$5.

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



NOTICES

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 299-6647.

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 791-7676.

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 792-4607, Ext.398

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 Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. 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 888-9010 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. SAGAE@mail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagaemall

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

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

DESERT DOMINION TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational, Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. For more info call (520)792-6424 or http://www.desertdominion.org

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 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)570-1225 for current information.

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

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

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

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

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TGNetArizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-varient communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnetarizona.org - e-mail address: aigoodrum@uswest.net.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

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 760-8714 for more information.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at 4639 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.

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.sAAF.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.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY? GLBT Youth 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 690-4613, 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 581-1794 - 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.

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 299-9063 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 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. 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. 322-5655. Leave message. TucsonSources@aol.com

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at www.botop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Bonita St. between St. Marys and Congress.

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

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. 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 899-7298.

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

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3269 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 890-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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

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 615-6436 for more info.

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 7pm. 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 622-3200 or visit the TPI website at www.tucsonpride.com

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

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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