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## FDA: Red Cross Violated More Than 200 Blood Safety Laws

WASHINGTON, DC - The Food and Drug Administration has announced that an inspection of Red Cross blood collection and distribution centers across the country has revealed more than 200 violations of federal blood safety laws, including being unable to account for blood samples that contained HIV and human cytomegalovirus, the Los Angeles Times reports.

In a 45-page report, FDA inspectors say violations included lack of management control and quality assurance oversight, failure to correct violations from previous inspections, and the release of "unsuitable" blood products. The FDA also found evidence of employees falsifying records and shipping orders without carrying out blood testing, including blood labeled as "unsuitable" that was shipped despite the required testing.

Red Cross officials say that many of the

problems cited in the report have been corrected through a recent \$280 million investment to improve the safety of the nation's blood supply, including hiring new staff and upgrading computer networks. "The Red Cross understands more work needs to be done to further strengthen our processes and procedures, and we are fully committed to working collaboratively with the FDA to enhance our system," said Ramesh Thadani, Red Cross executive vice president and CEO of biomedical services. FDA commissioner Mark McClellan noted that while the report shows that there is considerable room for improvement at the Red Cross, the FDA still considers the nation's blood supply to be safe. He also noted that there was no evidence to show that blood donors faced any health risks. Experts say the chance of getting HIV from donated blood is one in 2 million to 3 million transfusions.

## Second Cloned Baby To Be Born To Lesbian Couple

HOLLYWOOD, FL - After announcing what she claimed was the birth of the first cloned baby, Brigitte Boisselier, the CEO of Clonaid said the second cloned child would be born to a lesbian couple in an undisclosed location in northern Europe, reported 365Gay.com.

Boisselier's news conference was greeted with skepticism by many in the scientific community and the Vatican and other religious groups condemned the announcement of the world's first human clone.

Boisselier said the baby, named Eve, was born but refused to say in what country the child was delivered. She did, however, reveal that the mother is a 31-year-old American citizen. She said Eve was created using DNA from the mother's skin cells and is a twin of her mother.

Boisselier offered no proof of her claim, nor did she produce photographs of the baby, but said she was allowing freelance journalist and physicist Dr. Michael Guillen to verify her claim.

As well as the cloned baby due a lesbian next month, Boisselier said cloned babies will be born to three other women in other

areas of the world.

To make a clone, scientists first take an egg and remove all of its genetic material. Then the nucleus of a cell - any cell in the body - is taken from the individual to be cloned and inserted into the hollowed-out egg.

The cell is then given a jolt of electricity or put in a chemical bath to activate cell division - essentially tricking the cell into doing what a fertilized egg would normally do. Then the embryo is implanted into a woman's uterus who carries the baby to term.

Boisselier said Clonaid used this procedure to produce Eve.

Both Boisselier and Clonaid are connected with a secretive religion called Raelians whose members believe humans were created by extraterrestrials.

Their leader, former French journalist Claude Voronkhov who now calls himself Rael and currently lives in Quebec, claims to be a direct descendant of the aliens.

## A Year In Review

THE WORLD - Another year has passed, the second in the twenty-first century. A rundown of the news, events, and personalities that shaped the GLBT world, compiled by 365Gay.com.

### JANUARY

(January 2) - The year got off to a ominous start as the government of Saudi Arabia executed three Gay men convicted in a religious court of sodomy. The three men were executed by beheading, the traditional method of execution in the Arab kingdom.

(January 3) - A survey of Gay and straight adults showed we are equally happy with our lives. The study, by David L. Weis, a professor of family and consumer sciences at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio said happiness is not "as simple as gender."

(January 4) - A bid to overturn Vermont's Civil Unions law was turned down by the state Supreme Court. Two conservative groups had asked the court to nullify the law. The civil unions law, passed in 2000, gives Gay couples the closest thing in America to marriage. No other state has such a law.

(January 8) - Showtime Network began work to create an all Gay television network that would be shown in the US on cable and around the world on satellite. The move threatened Toronto's PrideVision which went on the air in Canada in September.

Gay fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent, announced his retirement. At the age of 65, Saint Laurent said that he had done everything he could do and was been battling health problems.

(January 16) - Norwegian Finance Minister Per-Kristian Foss formalized his relationship with his partner with a civil ceremony at the Norwegian Embassy in Stockholm, Sweden, making Foss the first cabinet minister in a western country to take the plunge into lifelong commitment to a same-sex partner.

(January 31) - The Law Commission of Canada called on the federal government to legalize Gay and Lesbian marriage. In a study on GL marriage, released in Ottawa, the Commission said it found: "There is no justification for maintaining the current distinctions between same-sex and heterosexual conjugal unions in the light of current understandings of the state's interests in marriage."

### FEBRUARY

(February 1) - Seven members of ACT-UP New York were arrested as they protested at

the World Economic Forum annual meeting. The demonstrators were charged with trespassing and reckless endangerment for climbing to a building rooftop and unfurling a banner that read, "Bush and big biz agree that people with AIDS drop dead."

A Toronto judge spent two hours criticizing Toronto police for violating the rights of women during a raid on a lesbian bathhouse. Justice Peter Hryn dismissed the charges under Ontario's Liquor Act against Jill Hornick and Rachel Aitchison, the organizers of the Pussy Palace event, saying the police had put "the administration of justice in disrepute."

(February 4) - The American Academy of Pediatrics called for an end to laws forbidding Gay and Lesbian couples from adopting. In a policy statement the AAP said that children with parents who are Gay have the same advantages as children with heterosexual parents.

(February 9) - Just days after they filed a suit against the University of Montana to gain partnership rights an arson fire destroyed the home of Adrienne Neff, Carla Grayson and their infant son. Police suggested the women set the fire themselves. There has been no arrest, and the courts have ruled in favor of the university.

An 18 year old has pleaded guilty to second degree murder in the killing of 16 year old Fred Martinez Jr., a Transgendered native American. Shaun Murphy beating Martinez with a rock on June 16, 2001. In a plea bargain, prosecutors dropped a first degree murder charge which would have carried a life sentence, in return for Shaun Murphy pleading guilty to the lesser charge which carries a prison term of four to 48 years.

(February 13) - After months of speculation G & L Internet Bank, created specifically for the Gay and Lesbian community, said that it was closing down.

(February 18) - In denying a Lesbian mother custody of her three daughters Alabama's chief justice used a litany of homophobic adjectives that has Gay rights advocates calling for his removal from the bench. Chief Justice Roy Moore wrote the decision for the nine member state supreme court. The Lesbian mother had petitioned the high court for custody to take the children, aged 15, 17 and 18 to live with her and her partner in southern California. Justice Moore wrote that homosexuality is "an inherent evil" that should not be tolerated.

(February 21) - Sylvia Rivera, a pioneer of the Gay liberation movement and one of the original protesters who stood up to police at the Stonewall bar in June 1969 died in New

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# UPDATE

## TIHAN Holiday Party January 4

TUCSON - Next Saturday, January 4, supporters, volunteers, and all people living with HIV who are affiliated with TIHAN, SAAF, and Casa Gloriosa will be celebrated with a buffet dinner in a fun, social atmosphere.

The party event will take place from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. at The Elks Lodge #385, located at 2404 East River Road (two blocks east of Campbell Avenue).

There will be dancing and door prizes as well as a chance to mingle with some of the wonderful compassionate people involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Limited childcare and transportation may be available by request only. RSVP by December 31 to (520) 299-6647. (Ed. Note: This edition of the Observer came out early with New Year's falling on the day the paper using goes out. With that, please call TIHAN for more information or if interested in attending the event.)

## Road Runner Regional Rodeo Jan. 17-19

By Ric Leone

SCOTTSDALE - The 18th AGRA, (Arizona Gay Rodeo Association), Road Runner Regional Rodeo held January 17-19, 2003. For a second year, the Rodeo will be staged at Rawhide Wild West Town in Scottsdale.

AGRA's Rodeo is one of the largest, both in the number of spectators attending and the number of Rodeo contestants competing, on the IGRA Rodeo circuit throughout the US and Canada which numbers 20 Rodeos including finals. Friday night Jan 17, there will be Contestant Registration, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at Rawhide.

On Saturday & Sunday the gates to Rawhide will open at 8:00 a.m. Admission to the Rodeo is \$15.00 per day. The vendors normally will all be open and ready for business by 10:00 a.m. Starting at Noon both days, Grand Entry will take place. Saturdays Grand Entry usually consists of the "Riderless Horse" ceremony in honor of all those who have passed, the marching in of all the Nations Flags, all of the 22 IGRA Associations that are present, the IGRA Trustees, the Grand Marshall, and introduction of all of the Rodeo Officials. It truly is a "Grand" event to watch. Sunday's Grand Entry is similar but probably will not feature the parade of IGRA Associations. Depending on the number of Rodeo Contestants the Rodeo usually runs until about 7:00 p.m. but the partying and dancing in the Pavilion will last past Midnight on Friday and Saturday. Sunday night will be the buckle ceremonies, which is held in the Pavilion.

Buckles and Ribbons are present to the 1st thru 8th positions in each event as well as All-Around Cowboy and All-Around Cowgirl. Monday, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., there will be a Brunch at Charlie's Bar for \$5.00. AGRA, through Gray Line Tours, will be offering free shuttle service to the Rodeo grounds from the host hotels (Sunshine Inn, formerly known as the Quality Inn and Resort & the Scottsdale Hilton Gardens) and some bars. Weekend ticket package/advance ticket sales are available at \$30.00. To order advance tickets with credit card call (602) 287-9026 (\$1.00 service charge applies) or mail check, cashiers check or money order to: AGRA 2003 Rodeo Director, PO Box 40465, Phoenix, AZ 85067-0465. For Vendor, Entertainment, Volunteer & Membership applications info visit [www.agra-phx.com](http://www.agra-phx.com) or call (602) 265-0618.

## Bush Administration Slammed for Censoring CDC Condom Info

WASHINGTON, DC - Fourteen Democratic House members on Wednesday, December 18, sent a letter to Health and Human Services secretary Tommy Thompson accusing HHS and the Bush administration of "playing politics" by deleting key information from a new fact sheet on condoms posted on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Web site, the Los Angeles Times reports.

Instructions on how to properly use condoms and data from studies showing that making condoms available to young people does not result in their having sex at an earlier age have been removed from the new fact sheet despite having appeared on the CDC Web site in the past. "The apparent purpose of these alterations and deletions is to remove information that conflicts with the Administration's preference for 'abstinence-only' programs," stated the letter.

The new fact sheet, which was posted on December 2, does say that condoms can reduce the risk of sexually transmitted disease. But it adds, "No protective method is 100% effective, and condom use cannot guarantee absolute protection against any STD." In the past, the fact sheet said abstinence was the only guaranteed way to prevent HIV and STD infections but mentioned the use of condoms as a "highly effective" way for sexually active people to protect themselves.

"I think this is an Orwellian trend at HHS," said Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.), who signed the letter. "Information that used to be based on science is being systematically removed from the public."

David Fleming, deputy director for science at the CDC, defended the Bush administration's actions. He said the CDC chose a "more neutral" approach for the condom fact sheet because there is "mixed evidence" on the effectiveness of condoms in preventing HIV and STD infections. "This fact sheet is designed to be as scientifically accurate as possible," he said. "We specifically tried not to nuance it in the direction of either encouraging or discouraging use of condoms."

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## ACLU Challenges Missouri Video Store Arrests

JEFFERSON CITY, MO - Calling Missouri's sodomy law unconstitutional, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union has filed a motion to dismiss charges against six men who were caught having sex in the back of an eastern Missouri adult video store.

After a March 13 raid on the video store in High Ridge, 20 miles south of St. Louis, prosecutors charged the men under a rarely used sexual misconduct statute that bans sex between people of the same gender. A woman who also was caught having sex at the store was freed because her conduct is not illegal under Missouri law. That, to civil liberties advocates, illustrates the inequity of the sexual misconduct statute. Missouri is one of only four states—Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas are the others—where same-sex sodomy is illegal. Nine other states ban sodomy for everyone.

"The facts of this case point out the fundamental unfairness here," said Denise Lieberman, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Eastern Missouri, which is representing four of the men. "All these folks were in this room, and only some of them get charged." The ACLU and Gay rights groups are encouraged that the U.S. Supreme Court plans to decide whether such laws are constitutional. A decision is expected on the Texas sodomy law in June. Lieberman said the key issues justices will consider in the Texas case—the rights to privacy and to equal protection under the law—match those stemming from the raid on Award Video in High Ridge.

Prosecutors have offered the Missouri men a chance to avoid going to trial by accepting a lesser charge: disturbing the peace, which carries probation and a fine. But last week the ACLU's attorney filed a motion to dismiss the case. "It appears they want to fight this," said Jefferson County prosecuting attorney Bob Wilkins. Wilkins, recently elected to his third term, said he isn't a prude or a homophobe and that he isn't trying to legislate morality. He said he merely is trying to stamp out "a health hazard"—open sexual activity at a public place. "I want to stop the behavior," Wilkins said. "I don't necessarily agree with the statute. This isn't something we've invented to harass Gays."

Lieberman said the experience has been traumatic for her clients. "These are people who live in small towns where everyone knows them," she said. "One of our clients said two big guys threatened to beat him up. One of the others has a wife, who was not there with him that night. She found out on TV."

## DESERT COYOTES BOWLING LEAGUE UPDATE

TUCSON (ON) - For those wondering why there has been no news, or standings for the Desert Coyotes, Tucson's GLBT and straight-supportive bowling league, they've been on hiatus.

From December 18, 2002 through January 1, 2003, the league takes a break from bowling and resumes their season on January 8, 2003 at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile, Wednesdays at 9:00 p.m. League standings again will be in the January 14 edition of the Observer.

For now, the league officers and bowlers hope everyone is having a happy holiday season and will have safe and fun New Year's Eve and prosperous 2003.



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York. "I'm not missing a minute of this - it's the revolution!" Rivera shouted to her partner, according to the book, on the morning of June 28, 1969, the day Stonewall Inn patrons fended off police in a raid of the bar.

## MARCH

(March 5) - Gay activists and community leaders expressed outrage at the killing of a Santa Barbara actor. A 38 year old man was been charged with murder after gasoline was poured over Clint Scott Risetter and then set ablaze. Police said Risetter, 37, had moved to the coastal city north of Los Angeles from South Dakota more than a decade ago in the hopes of becoming an actor. He modeled part time and landed bit parts in various movies, including the 1991 Michael J. Fox comedy "Doc Hollywood," where he performed a dance scene with several other actors.

(March 7) - Four Quebec Gay surviving spouses won a decisive victory in a suit over the date when partners are eligible to receive Widows Pensions from the government. Quebec and Canada have separate pension plans for their citizens, although the two plans are virtually identical. In 1998 both Canada and Quebec amended the laws covering pensions to include surviving partners in same-sex relationships.

(March 14) - Rosie O'Donnell made it official, coming out on an ABC interview with Diane Sawyer. In true Rosie style, she used her coming out as less of a personal statement than a eloquent condemnation of the ban on Gay and Lesbian adoption in Florida, and other US states.

(March 19) - 17 year old Marc Hall was told by his suburban Toronto school he could not bring a male date to the prom. Hall would fight the ban, winning an injunction in court. The Durham Region Catholic School board had said homosexuality was against church teachings. The court ruled the school were publicly funded and therefore had to respect Ontario's human rights laws. When he finally arrived at the prom, he and his boyfriend were cheered by fellow students.

(March 21) - A San Francisco couple charged in the dog mauling death of Diane Whipple were found guilty on all five charges. Marjorie Knoller, 46, who was in charge of the dogs when they attacked Whipple was convicted of Second Degree Murder. The charge would later be reduced on appeal to manslaughter.

(March 30) - The Louisiana Supreme Court has refused to strike down the state's 200-year-old ban on oral sex. The legal challenge was brought by the Louisiana Electorate of Gays and Lesbians Inc on the grounds that it was discriminatory and violated the Louisiana constitution.

## APRIL

(April 13) - Ellen DeGeneres has signed on to host her own syndicated talk show. The hourlong show would be produced in Los Angeles and begin in 2003.

## MAY

(May 7) - Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn was assassinated as he left a radio studio, just nine days before voters go to the polls to elect a new government. The out Fortuyn

was cut down in a hail of bullets fired by a man in a ball cap. A suspect arrested at the scene later confessed.

(May 23) - Faced with mounting world pressure Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak ordered a retrial in the case of 50 men arrested in a floating Gay bar on the Nile River in May, 2001. They were originally charged with debauchery and tried in an Emergency State Security Court usually reserved for terrorists. Two others were charged with crimes against Islam. Twenty-three of the men were sentenced in November to jail terms ranging from one to five years.

## JUNE

(June 6) - New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark apologized for the government's past treatment of Gays and Lesbians.

The Swedish parliament voted to let same-sex couples adopt. Gays and Lesbians who are in registered partnership unions can be considered joint parents of children of each others children, or kids adopted in the country or abroad. A registry for partnership unions has been existence in Sweden since 1995.

(June 8) - The National Assembly, Quebec's legislature, passed Canada's most comprehensive civil unions legislation.

## JULY

(July 5) - The Arkansas Supreme Court ruled that a state law making sexual relations between people of the same sex illegal was unconstitutional. The court called the

law, enacted in 1977 an invasion of privacy in violation of the Constitution.

(July 12) - A three judge Ontario court ruled that the Ontario government must register Gay and Lesbian marriages. It also chastised the city of Toronto for refusing to issue marriage licenses to Gay couples. In a landmark decision, Ontario Superior Court said that by denying Gays and Lesbians the right to marry was "creating second class citizens."

(July 27) - The four tiny figures in the maternity ward of Lexington's Central Baptist Hospital didn't know it at the time, but they had just made history becoming the first quadruplets born to a Gay couple. The proud parents were Michael Meehan and his partner, Thomas Dysarz.

## AUGUST

(August 1) - The Ohio Supreme Court ruled that a Lesbian couple can share the same name.

(August 2) - Sydney's Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras placed itself in bankruptcy protection. The celebration posted a \$500,000 AU (\$270,000 US) loss. Eventually a new organization would take over Mardi Gras and the 2003 festival is scheduled to go ahead.

## SEPTEMBER

(September 5) - Actor Trev Broudy (The Fluffer) was rushed to hospital in a coma and in critical condition after being beaten by two men, one of them wielding a baseball bat on a West Hollywood street. Three men were later charged in the attack on Broudy and in another attack on a Gay man, but the prosecutor refused to lay hate crimes charges.

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(September 10) - In a vote that was fraught with computer glitches, delays, and charges of fraud, residents of Miami-Dade have narrowly rejected a bid to kill the county's civil rights protections for Gays and Lesbians.

(September 11) - California Governor Gray Davis signed into law a domestic partners' inheritance bill designed to protect the families of Gays and Lesbians who die without a will. On September 24, Davis signed a groundbreaking family leave bill that will provide paid leave to workers who need to care for a seriously ill domestic partner, spouse, or other family member.

## OCTOBER

(October 2) - California Governor Gray Davis vetoed a bill which would have protected Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) youth in the state's foster care system.

(October 3) - 17-year-old Transgendered teen Gwen Araujo was murdered at a house party in Newark, California, when one of the guests revealed Araujo had been born male. Araujo was beaten to death and buried in a shallow grave. Four men were later charged with her killing.

(October 4) - The city of Tel Aviv granted limited benefits to Gay and Lesbian couples. The law makes same-sex couples eligible for the same benefits as heterosexual couples, including discounts and benefits at cultural facilities, libraries, swimming pools and various city events.

(October 7) - Paris mayor Bertrand Delanoë was stabbed as he presided over an all-night cultural party at city hall. Police arrested a man at the scene. During interrogations he told investigators he hated Gays and politicians.

(October 9) - A Gallup Poll showed that Americans believe 20 percent of the general population is Gay or Lesbian.

(October 25) - Harry Hay a founder and architect of the modern Gay rights movement has died in San Francisco. Hay was 90 and reportedly suffering from inoperable cancer.

## NOVEMBER

(November 2) - 38,000 people filled Sydney Australia's Aussie Stadium to capacity Saturday night for the Opening Ceremonies of the sixth Gay Games. Despite money problems the games went on but, within weeks of the closing ceremonies, the games organizing committee announced it was broke.

(November 5) - Americans went to the polls in an election that contained few surprises but which produced an increase in the number of Gay and Lesbian politicians elected to office. All three Gay members of Congress will be returning to Washington. "The more Gay people who get elected to office, the less homophobia will be a factor in campaigns," Victory Fund's Jason Young said.

The death of Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone left Gays and Lesbians without a powerful voice in that chamber. Wellstone was one of the Senate's most outspoken supporters of Gay issues. At the time of his death in a plane crash while campaigning Wellstone was ahead in the polls. Democrats replaced him with former Vice President Walter Mondale. Mondale narrowly lost to Republican Norm Coleman.

In Nevada voters decided to ban Gay marriage. The decision will result in an amendment to the state constitution, and will be difficult to repeal.

(November 17) - The Pennsylvania House passed legislation adding sexual orientation to the state's hate crimes law.

(November 27) - A report from the United Nations contained the grim proof that AIDS is still growing at an alarming pace.

## DECEMBER

(December 1) - The US Supreme Court agreed to hear a case testing the constitutionality of state sodomy laws. Currently 13 states have laws banning sodomy. The justices will review the prosecution of two men under a 28-year-old Texas law making it a crime to engage in same-sex sex.

**He who has a thing to sell and goes and whispers in a well, is not so apt to get the dollars as he who climbs a tree and hollers.**



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## POLITICS 2002

by Mark R. Kerr

### A Letter To Gracie

Dear Gracie:

To say 2002 in politics for Gays, Lesbians, Bisexual and Transgendered (GLBT) citizens was disappointment was an understatement and a misnomer.

This past year started out with high expectations, beginning with the regular session of the Arizona Legislature, and the goals by the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF) - a domestic partners registry and a statewide employment non-discrimination act. Both measures Gracie, fell flat, specifically in the Arizona House Committee of the Whole, even with the throngs in attendance for AHRF lobby day.

One bill though did make it through the legislative hoops and hurdles, to expand Arizona's hate crimes law to cover misdemeanor offenses so that another Opela situation would never again happen. Gracie, thanks to openly Gay state Representative Ed Poelstra, R-Tucson and state Representative James Kraft, R-Phoenix, the bill, HB 2663 was introduced with no expectations set for it when drafted, by them and this reporter but low and behold at the end of the regular session, with the help of openly Gay state Representative Steve May, R-Paradise Valley and state Representative Roberta Voss, R-Glendale, the proposal made it the farthest - a real accomplishment for a proposal on its maiden run at 1700 West Washington.

Hopes and expectations continued with the campaign season this year too Gracie. Ten openly Gay candidates were running for the state legislature, with nine in the Arizona House and state Representative Ken Chevront, D-Phoenix, the state House Democratic leader was vying for a seat in the Arizona Senate. In addition, there were quality candidates on both side of the aisle vying for posts from Governor to local school board.

Things indeed looked bright for us Gracie but come September, the ten openly Gay candidates were reduced to six, one of the casualties was Steve May, a big loss, plus many moderate GOP candidates didn't survive the primary election, so the choice Gracie became a lot clearer, unlike the ballot propositions, three alone covering Indian gaming, with one valid measure, Proposition 202, and two other wannabees to help one tribe who didn't agree with Proposition 202 and the out-of-state dog and horse track owners.

Homophobia played a big part in both the primary and general election campaign Gracie, with one openly Gay state House candidate, Republican Thom Von Hapsburg being harassed and having his house and vehicle damaged for just exercising his rights, Ken Chevront had to deal with fliers and mailers, as did Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Janet Napolitano, had to declare her sexuality after a series of homophobic phone calls, and commercials from Dick Mahoney, an independent candidate for the post, running supposedly to win but Gracie, voters knew he was running so Janet would lose, to his best friend, Republican Matt Salmon. Salmon lost, Mahoney really lost and Janet won and one hopes this really grates on Dick - for helping to defeat the homophobic extremist, Salmon.

Another homophobic candidate, Republican Andrew Thomas, running for Attorney General got soundly thrashed by Democrat Terry Goddard, the former Phoenix Mayor. Unfortunately, this trend ended with the

post of Governor and Attorney General, the other statewide posts, from Secretary of State through the Corporation Commission were won by homophobic Republicans, including the incumbent Corporation Commissioner, Jim Irvin, who recently lost a big civil suit showing how he really did his job - can we say impeachment, recall or removal Gracie?

In Arizona's Legislature, the number of openly Gay state Representatives and Senators increased by one to four, with three in the Arizona House: Jack Jackson Jr., Robert Meza and Wally Straughn and one in the Arizona Senate: Ken Chevront - all of whom are Democrats.

Ed Poelstra, the openly Gay Republican incumbent state Representative put up a valiant fight Gracie, despite getting no help from his party, lip service and nothing more from GOP elected officials or otherwise, but lost. What was maddening Gracie about this was the lack of reaction from the GOP over this, raising the question about openly Gay Republican elected officials and candidates, whether they have a home in the GOP tent, Trent Lott incident notwithstanding.

Perhaps though Gracie if you're a "Jim Kolbe" though you could survive. In December, Dubya signed an executive order to implement the "Faith Based Initiative" allowing religious groups to apply for federal funding while overlooking local anti discrimination ordinances, such as the one Tucson has, adopted in 1977, after a campaign to get it enacted after the murder of Richard Heakin, the openly Gay man outside of Tucson bar. Kolbe was a primary sponsor of the original legislation in Congress so he must be pleased by Dubya's action.

This past year Gracie, GLBT and straight supportive Tucsonans came together to raise funds for a monument for Richard Heakin, and this beautiful tribute is in Sunset Park, outside of Tucson's City Hall. You just wonder if Mr. Kolbe has gone to see the Heakin Memorial, or for that matter is aware of this or will give it the same treatment as his GLBT constituents in Arizona's Congressional District 8.

Another year is in the can Gracie and one just wonders what will be in store for the future, maybe something better.

Take care for now,  
Mark

### Canadian Arrested In Gay Chat Line Assaults

OTTAWA, Canada - A man who allegedly assaulted, robbed, and threatened men he met through a Gay telephone dating service is facing 35 charges after being picked up by police in Ottawa in connection with a robbery that occurred 1-1/2 years ago, reports the Ottawa Citizen.

Investigators believe as many as seven men fell prey to Lawrence Pigeon, 37, who would meet his victims through a phone dating service, then demand money after having sex with them. Pigeon is charged with 11 counts of robbery, nine counts of being unlawfully in a dwelling, three counts of forcible entry, two counts of forcible confinement, one count of assault causing bodily harm, one count of mischief, one count of extortion, one count of possession of a dangerous weapon, and one count of

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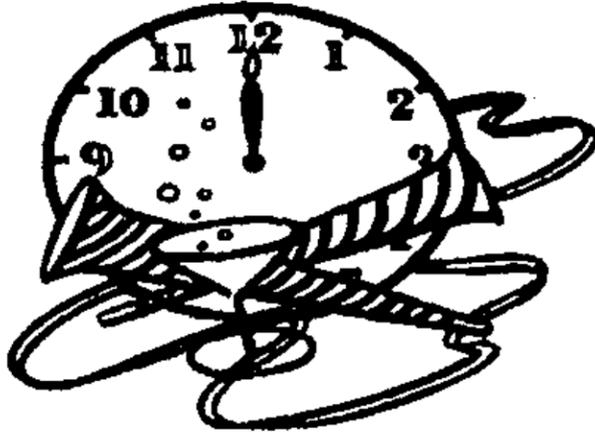


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## COMMENTARY

### Is She Dr. Laura Or Dr. Strangelove?

By Robert Scheer

LOS ANGELES, CA - Some family values. Your 77-year-old mother lies dead and decomposing for two months in a condominium not far from the radio complex where you sternly hector millions about how to live a moral life while attacking those who "deviate."

And you never bothered once to inquire how your own mom was doing? Maybe send a minion over to knock on the door once in a while? For two months, the mail piled up, the condo fees went unpaid, and you, successful syndicated radio advice guru "Dr. Laura" Schlessinger, never noticed these and other worrying signs that, as the police suggested, your mother may have been murdered?

Of course, when you finally found out, after the building manager called the police, you were "horrified by the tragic circumstances" of her death.

But was it really appropriate to add, self-servingly, that she "died as she chose to live, alone and isolated." You said, "My mother shut all her family out of her life over the years, though we made several futile attempts to stay connected."

Those are not kind words to speak of one's dead mother. Ties it all in a neat little bow, doesn't it? Italian-born Yolanda Schlessinger was "Sophia Loren-like," and you found her difficult. In a 1998 interview, you claim a childhood "that would curl your hair."

Welcome to reality: Good family values don't come easily. Problem is, you've made it sound as if they do. You are one of the leading conservative sloganeers who arrogantly claim a lock on the moral high ground while deriding those, such as homosexuals, who dare to "deviate" from your "norm." Using the title "doctor," earned in physiology rather than medicine or psychology, has lent a false credibility to your depictions of homosexuality as a "biological error," a "dysfunction" and a "deviancy" - words that encourage hate crimes.

Worse, honoring and caring for one's parents is at the heart of your philosophy, as spelled out in your own presumptuous 1998 book, "The 10 Commandments: The Significance of God's Laws in Everyday Life." You wrote: "God's commandment of honoring parents is basically the message that parents are a conduit of God. Any profanity or harm to the parent is as if we've profaned God."

You wrote, "By honoring our parents, we learn to honor God. By honoring God we become decent human beings."

You obviously failed that test. "Even bad parents deserve to be honored if only at a minimal level," you wrote. Thus surely "honor thy father and thy mother" intends something more than letting a septuagenarian woman go months at a time without even a drive-by visit from her daughter.

You also wrote: "There is often a profound unwillingness to give anything to a parent perceived as being unloving or undeserving.... That avoidance is part of the mentality that says, 'If it doesn't obviously serve me, I won't do it and I shouldn't have to!' "Apparently, that is your mentality.

But you, whose shallow perceptions are laced with bursts of meanness and contempt for others, will no doubt continue as a hot media product and a darling of the religious conservatives. "A positive voice for positive values without equal in our time," gushed the Rev. Robert Schuller.

What can we draw from all this? That family relationships are exceedingly complicated and often painful. That maintaining true "family values" is not a matter simply of attending church, being heterosexual and mouthing platitudes, but demands humility, resiliency and deep compassion. That religious texts like the Bible can provide inspiring lessons in the hands of sincere teachers and also can be used as clubs by the cynical and ambitious.

And finally, that the "Dr. Laura" show typifies the dangerous hypocrisy of those who build profitable and politically potent empires on the basis of claiming a monopoly on simplistic answers to complex problems. The guilt and shame they induce in those who might resist their nostrums is loathsome, made more so when they themselves so casually ignore them.

[Robert Scheer is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times for which this article is reprinted from its December 24, 2002 edition.]

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Hello readers! I hope that this holiday season has been prosperous to all. I have to first send out a word of thanks to all of you who have assisted me in the last couple of weeks. My recent auto accident has shown me new levels of compassion in our town that I will carry for a long time. There is an old saying that claims you know who your friends are when you are most down. I think I can relate to that in my recent challenge more than ever. An extra special thank you goes out to Mrs. Cindy D. She has given me a light for the darkest of my times. All this while she herself is walking around injured.

We are at the end of another year. Our entertainment world usually takes this time to remind us all of the accomplishments that the last 12 months brought us. We look back at who we said goodbye to, and who made headlines in our news-hungry society. Having remembered the tributes at the close of 2001, a number of the journalists have dubbed this year a boring one. They claim that we were not given any eye-opening moments that could be stored in memories comparable to previous years. Being the advocate of going the opposite way (can I claim that as a title?), I compiled a short list to dispute those who write for magazines and web sites abroad.

The sport world saw champions in baseball and football who had never won the big game before. They brought a fresh face to sports by showing that big money does not always win. Die-hard New England fans braved losing a big game again and believed that this was their year. While in Southern California, the baseball team owned by a mouse, used a monkey to rally their troops. Athletics also saw for women a couple of firsts, as they showed they could kick with the big boys - and even dunk when given the chance. Sports were a good diversion this year, as it should be.

Entertainment had its share of moments in 2002. We were enticed by who married (and divorced) whom within the blink of an eye. Movies returned to good guy versus bad guy with heroes big and small. The little movie won large praise (even if it was funded by Hollywood big hitters), and sequels hit their mark. Television waned from its reality kick (thank goodness), and comedies were once again an important part of our nightly viewing. The year in music gave praise to the rapper that took the most heat the year before. Rock made a small comeback, pushing the lip-synching bubble gum kids back in their place. Entertainment was exactly that this past year, which was a refreshing change.

## WHAT MAKES OUR TOWN TICK?

(calabazamusic@yahoo.com)

By Jerry D.

### 2002: It Was A Boring Year

Our political world had a year that resembled others in our past. Congress changed power and thought it was headed in a new direction. The only problem was that the direction was really just an old one made to look new. As soon as they opened their mouths, our elected officials showed their true colors. Unfortunately, it was only after they were elected, so we are left to kick ourselves for voting them in. Our president could not complete a sentence without mentioning the leader of Iraq and how we have to remove him for our freedom. He continued to allow our own country to fall deeper in recession, and still cannot claim to have curbed terrorism. Now North Korea is trying our might, so our president has one other obstacle. But then again, there is no oil in North Korea, so I fear the president will not step up to this challenge either.

At the close of 2001, the country had a collective prayer for the end to what seemed a horrible year. We witnessed the most destructive act on American soil, and were told by our leaders to live on. 2002 was an example of Americans thinking for themselves. We expressed our views, voted in masses, and flexed our ideas to the world. Compared to 2001, critics' claims of 2002 may seem true. In contrast to their claim of the year being boring, I would rather proclaim that 2002 was the year we were ourselves. We need more years like this one to keep us in a real light.

The next numeric palindrome we will see will be 2112. A lot of us won't be on this plane to see what transpires then. Let's hope that the media does not compare that year to this one in regards to excitement. I have a

feeling we will have advanced to where we won't see it that way. Then again, advancement might cloud the simplest of things that folks like me see in us. Whatever you thought of this year, my wish is that 2003 is good to all of us. Happy new year, thank you, and I'll see you out there!

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## NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

### Mysterious Callings

THE NEWS HOUR WITH JIM LEHRER recently presented an essay by a successful novelist who couldn't understand why his son had chosen to join the Marine Corps. Even after the essay was finished, it wasn't clear if the novelist understood his son's motives.

Why would anyone want to be a soldier? That's a difficult question for lots of people. More difficult still, why would anyone want to become a cop or a prison guard?

Perhaps these mysterious callings are hard to understand because they attract such a wide variety of people. Perhaps they're hard to understand because they've always lent themselves so readily to glorification and vilification.

One reason for becoming a soldier that the NEWSHOUR essayist didn't tumble to is that for some people defending one's country seems like something worth doing, something possibly more worth doing than selling shoes or trading stocks.

Another reason for becoming a soldier, or for becoming anything, is the notion that you might be good at it. When it comes to soldiering, if you think you might be good at maintaining focus on your job when being shot at and/or when hit and in pain, if you think you might be good at putting the weWare of your buddies and the accomplishment of a mission above your own welfare and safety, if you think you might be good at enduring physical and mental hardships, then the job may have the attraction of being something that you could do better than somebody else could.

Another quite different reason that people have been joining armies for hundreds of years is the widespread belief that nobody works hard in the army. Whether that's true in the high-tech armies of today, it has been true through long periods of history. Military life has often been described as long periods of boredom punctuated by short periods of terror. There was fighting and there was training, but there was also lots of down time for lounging around and getting in trouble.

Police forces attract dissimilar types as well. Some are attracted to the notion that serving and protecting their fellow citizens is worth

doing. They further believe that they're good at solving people problems: getting people to calm down when they're rowdy, getting them to follow rules when they're impatient, stopping them from hurting others or themselves, figuring out why people do the weird things they do, judging when they're lying and when they're telling the truth.

Police forces have always attracted sadists and bullies as well, people who get a great deal of satisfaction from throwing their weight around and abusing people who can't defend themselves or retaliate. It's an unfortunate and baffling historical fact that police forces have always provided safe havens for these cowardly thugs.

Those of us who long to glorify or denigrate the police must simply choose to ignore the fact that police agencies attract and retain both these types along with the inevitable bureaucratic timeservers.

It's the same with prison guards. Some guards think that protecting the public is a worthy vocation. They also think that they're good at working with predatory people. They often like the prisoners they work with even though they know they're predatory.

If that seems hard to understand, consider the zoo keeper who takes care of the alligators. He probably likes alligators. He may well go out of his way to make the lives of his alligators as pleasant as possible. But he's also going to be careful to ensure that he doesn't become some alligator's lunch.

And of course we all know about the sadist bully who becomes a jailor and thinks he's died and gone to heaven. The movies have made him a staple character.

Historically, armies have tolerated the lazy soldier because he's often turned out to be a magnificent killing machine. Why we tolerate the bullies and sadists on our police forces and our prison staffs remains a lot more of a mystery, especially in light of their widely recognized tendency to be cowards as well.

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

## GENDER WORLD BY JONI K. MAUISE

What a bittersweet year it's been! On the plus side, legal protection for transgendered people was won in some of the largest cities in the United States. Now virtually every city over a million in population outside the Deep South has laws protecting our rights except Phoenix and San Diego.

On the other hand, 2002 has been the bloodiest year on record for hate crimes against transpeople, at least 26 that we know of. There were two more murders in Arizona alone, as well as at least one blatant case of employment discrimination, all in friendly Phoenix.

As the Far Right continues to tighten its stranglehold on the Republican Party, and through it the nation as a whole, our hopes for a national transgender bill of rights and growing farther out of reach. Not to mention a whole lot of other things the nation needs but can't get as long as the GOP is in charge.

Here in Tucson our growing trans community lost its most valued spokesperson with the suicide of Alexander John Goodrum.

And no one has done much yet to reach the transpeople who most need help, the brothers and sisters who are struggling to survive under difficult circumstances. This past year several I know of besides Alexander have spent time in various institutions, most of which are notoriously unfriendly to people struggling with gender issues.

The SAGA annual planning meeting takes places on Saturday and Sunday, January 18 and 19. For info visit <http://sagatucson.org>. Unfortunately that's the same weekend as the Latino GLBT convention. While you're making up your mind, you can call (520) 624-1779 weekdays for information about either of these events. And, Oh, No! There's a women's sweat lodge that Saturday evening, too (Kulstan@hotmail.com).

Well, it looks like I was right the first time: there really is still a Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse, and the Desert Girlz do still meet there at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. The next get-together should be January 27.

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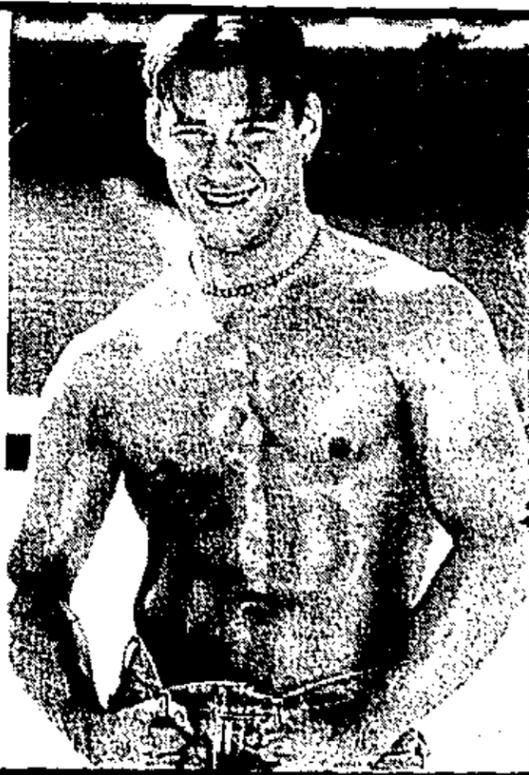
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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

The past two years have certainly been a time of dramatic change. As we "stargaze" forward into 2003 can we expect more of the same or, hopefully, a time of reconsolidation and peace? Ever the optimist, I took a look at the major planetary combinations for 2003 and I see a bunch of good vibes wafting our way thanks to lucky Jupiter, transforming Pluto and practical Saturn. Let's just say that them that deserves gets this year, cousins ... in some surprising ways! So, friends, let's peek into 2003 and see what the powerful yet benevolent forces have in store for us.

## ARIES

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Keynote for 2003 - Friends in faraway places. 2003 brings far-flung friends to your door in droves thanks to Pluto and Neptune. Be sure to always have enough munchies on hand for the hungry hordes. Pals prove to be loyal and supportive and offer much need advice and guidance. Love will be a source of excitement. Perhaps a bit too much so. Summer romances may have a tough time going the distance, but when the going gets tough, the proud Ram gets going... maybe with an Aqueerius!

## TAURUS

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Keynote for 2003 - Boardroom intrigue! Your career heats up on all four burners throughout 2003 thanks to Pluto and Neptune. Gay Bulls can stampede to success if they pump their creative juices to the boiling point. Love in the new year? Your adoring admirers cannot get enough of you, you lucky thing! But you may feel apart from the herd. There is a gem lurking among the rubble. Open your eyes and pick a winner. Timing? Early summer. Who? Maybe a Virgo.

## GEMINI

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Keynote for 2003 - Love on the beach...in the mountains...in the city. 2003 opens with a bang for all pink Twins who hanker to command the center stage and gain global influence. Strut and fret your hour upon the stage thanks to Saturn and Uranus. Current relationships can take you to new heights but if you are still on the prowl, be prepared to meet a bevy of interesting choices in your 2003 travels. Pour on the moxie in late summer, you charmer you! You may attract a wilde Sagittarian. Ride 'em cowpoke!

## CANCER

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Keynote for 2003 - Healthy living with a hottie. The watercooler heats up to a rapid boil and so do you. Pink Crabs find that 2003 brings job opportunities from surprising sources thanks to Pluto and Neptune. Make this a year of good deeds and charitable efforts to increase your karma. But what about love? Mid-year transits to Jupiter increases your allure and luck. Pace yourself until May when secret admirers make their feeling known. What do you think?? Think Capricorn!

## LEO

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Keynote for 2003 - A light romance gets heavy. Jupiter raises your charisma quotient from winter to late summer so don't rest on your laurels in 2003. The big payoff may be expected when Jupiter sextiles Saturn in early fall. Sow and you shall reap, proud Lion, especially in any money matter. Love? Relationships go through an evolution. Or is it a revolution? Whatever it is it will inflame your passion and pique your interest. By year's end you will love what and who you see. Do you see another Leo?

## VIRGO

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Keynote for 2003 - Home is where the heart is. 2003 will be a year of family gatherings... at your house! They arrive in droves thanks to Pluto and Neptune. Career aspirations may become bogged down but your corporate superhighway opens up in mid-year. The sky is the limit, queer Virgo. How high can you climb? In love, Jupiter makes you more starry-eyed and romantic. Quite a change! A secret admirer comes forward in late summer. Shhh... Aries!

## LIBRA

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Keynote for 2003 - You flirt you! Gay Libras are naturally sociable and 2003 promises to extend your charismatic orbit into outer space. Who will you draw in? Broadcast your considerable attributes by pursuing more creative and artistic outlets. Expect to see a career opportunity mid-year. It will involve more work but, at the same time, more money. Love? Flirtation abounds all through the year. But if you want to build on solid ground, find a Leo...

## SCORPIO

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Keynote for 2003 - Mo' money, mo' house. Any redecorating ideas can take on a life of their own in 2003 and you may find that your simple plans turn your space into Xanadu. Friends lead you astray, thank goodness, in time for some end of summer fun. Pack your toothbrush, proud Scorp! You may find that a particular platonic relationship goes to a new, more intimate level towards the holiday season. Check who Santa stuffs in your stocking in 2003...is it a Taurus??

## SAGITTARIUS

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Keynote for 2003 - A new you - and not soon enough! Make a few waves this winter with the help of dreamy Neptune and surprising Uranus. You attract multitudes with your bold confidence. But be sure that you know what to do with all that extra pizzazz, queer Archer. By early summer your bubble may pop. Love? A summer fling with a Guppie leaves you warm and mushy in August. Play your cards right and you will become the King or Queen of Hearts in time for Halloween. Boo!

## CAPRICORN

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Keynote for 2003 - A karmic re-evaluation. Pink Caps are said to be rather practical. Well, 2003 may test your mettle. There is a sterling aspect between Pluto and Neptune which may encourage you to take greater risks and lavish yourself and those you care about with over the top extravagances. Hey, why not? And in the love department, 2003 comes in like a lion and out like a lamb... a roasted lamb in a banquet! A Gay Cancer fills your champagne glass to overflowing! Drink up!

## AQUARIUS

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Keynote for 2003 - New Friends... who make you over. If the past two years have been somewhat surprising, perhaps 2003 can help you fill in the gaps and bring more stability into your life. After all, Pluto and Neptune form a rare alliance through most of the year not to mention a surge of mid-year luck in forming opportune business partnerships: Love? Uranus provides plenty of opportunities to meet new and exciting people. Which one will steal your heart, Aqueerius? A Gemini?

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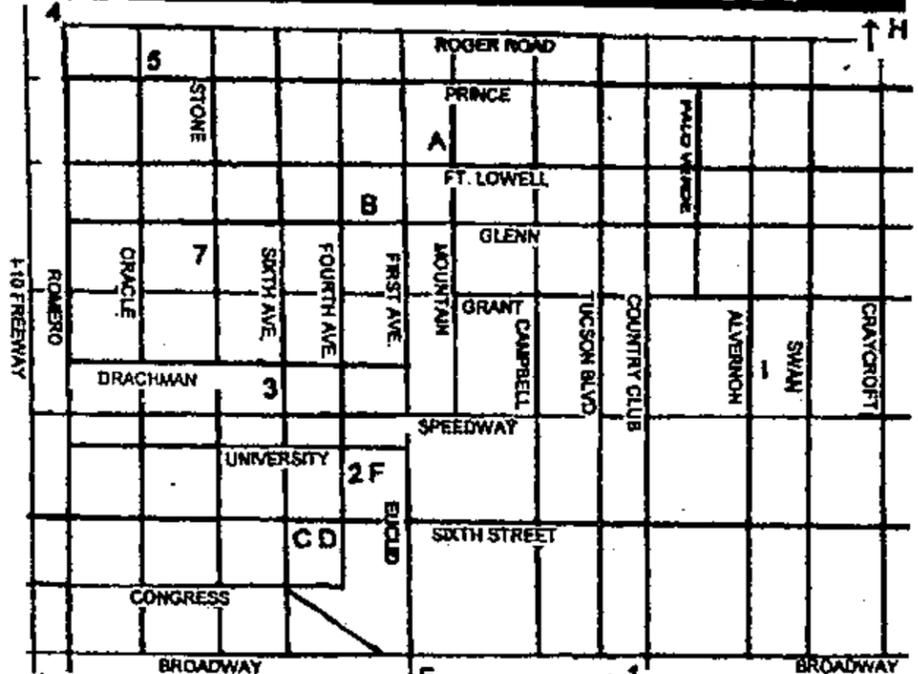
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### My So-Called Life

Over the last several weeks Dr. X has been running the very personal story of the life of Jeff Michel.

Jeff became positive several years ago and wanted people to understand how becoming infected with HIV will change your life and ultimately end it. Jeff was very excited about telling his story and wanted it to open people's eyes to the realities of life after infection and the truth about the medications. It was also very therapeutic for him to look back at his life and make peace with it. Before Jeff could finish telling his story he died of lung and throat cancer on November 6, 2002.

Jeff's partner and Dr. X decided that Jeff would want his story told, even if it wasn't complete. I am personally grateful to Jeff for opening his heart and telling a very personal account of his extremely interesting life. While I read his story it brought

me back to when I first came out and all the highs and lows the journey has brought to this point. Dr. X is very lucky to be HIV-, although I am not sure at times why I am, as I would guess most of us have quite a bit of sexual exploration upon first coming out. Exploring the sexual side of us is a natural process of life. I also know that through exploration we can make some decisions that could put us at risk for HIV, STDs or violence. So, I want to thank Jeff for opening up his life to us. I believe he is in a better place now, looking down upon us and wishing us well on this journey called life. I want to ask that next time you have sex just think about how drastic your life will change upon becoming infected with HIV. Please play safely because your life matters to all of us.

[Send your questions to Dr. X at gmhp@saaaf.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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### Horoscopes

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#### PISCES

#### FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Keynote for 2003 - A new fulfilling career path. Early 2003 is a rollercoaster of change and challenge, at least until spring. But it is all for a good purpose, Guppie. You have a brush with fame before the summer heats up and are well prepared for anything that life does out. In other words, you wear it well. Be sure to poke around any and every party especially after August. You never know who is waiting for you by the appetizers. It could be a three course meal... with a Virgo!

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### Gender World

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I heard the Bears of the Old Pueblo had a hand in saving the Planet. They'll be meeting there for coffee every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., for anyone who's bearish or bear-friendly. And their annual Festival of the Bears is going to be, of all weekends, the 17-19. For info visit <http://www.botop.com>, or call (520) 790-5775.

Unfortunately I've been out of touch with the local drug scene lately, and I missed Lucinda's charity drive, which I learned of for the first time from last week's Observer. First time I've seen some of the performers in boy mode, too. Write me at [desertwordsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:desertwordsmith@yahoo.com). Happy 2003, Sweetie!

### Canadian Arrested

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breaking and entering. All of the charges relate to incidents that took place between May 2001 and last August.

Police say a man they believe is Pigeon would register with the telephone dating service using the name John or Paul, passing himself off as a Bisexual interested in meeting new partners. He and the victim would eventually meet in the victim's home for sex, after which the man would demand money. In some cases, the victims were beaten—and the man often returned to the homes of the victims on several occasions afterwards, each time demanding money. Pigeon will remain in custody pending a first court appearance.



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## NON-BAR CALENDAR

### GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

What are you doing New Year's Eve? How about dancing on Fourth Avenue. At the Hut, 305 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. \$20 cover charge includes hors d'oeuvres, champagne toast, party favors and door prizes. There is a full service bar available at regular prices, smoking on heated patio only, and drink specials all night. Enjoy your country and rock'n roll favorites. This is a Gay-Friendly event. You must be 21 or over. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Party at the Hut brought to you by Something Special Mobile Music Service. 322-5935.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the guys for our annual New Year's Eve Game Night. We'll play until midnight or so, and we'll toast in the New Year with sparkling cider. For directions and reservations, please call Les at 690-9565.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

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 Marty at 722-8531.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

#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. 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.

#1 Tucson Prime Timers Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Blue Willow, 2618 N. Campbell Ave.

#2 Tucson Prime Timers Food and Drinks at 5:00 P.m., Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 6

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 12:30P.m., Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

#1. 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.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Carl invites you to join him at the Tucson Stockman, an investment club. Currently, there is one opening in the group. For reservations and directions, please call Carl at 331-4238.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

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 Bruce at 743-3890.

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

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Tucson Prime Timers Food and Drinks at 5 P.m., Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 13

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch at 12:30 P.m., Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

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

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

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

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Tucson Prime Timers Food and Drinks - 5 P.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 27

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

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner 6:00 P.m., El Greco Grecian Gardens, 4635 E. Fort Lowell Rd. (Next to Chad's & Swan).

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

CHERI On her "Living Proof/Farewell Tour" at Tucson Convention Center Arena. It's sure to be a sellout. With a special Guest. The Boston Globe call the show "Everything a Cher fan could want. Newsweek calls it flawless. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Children's Craniofacial Association. Tickets available at the TCC Box Office, on line at ticketmaster.com and all ticketmaster outlets. To charge call 520-321-1000.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Jerry Seinfeld Live! in an appearance at the UA Centennial Hall 7:00 p.m. Call 621-3341 for tickets.

## Bar Calendar

### Of Upcoming Events

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

### NEW YEARS EVE

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZ - Drink Specials all night and Midnight Champagne toast. No Cover.

IBTS - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. light buffet. 8:00 p.m. Special Divalicious Show starring Bunny FuFu, Lady Ashley, Janne Starr and Tabatha Lovell. 9:30 Hot Dancing and at Midnight Champagne toast, Balloon Drop and Party Favors. No Cover

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Buffet, Dancing and Midnight Champagne toast. Party favors. No Cover.

VENTURE-N - New Year's Eve Party with party favors and Champagne Toast at Midnight.

WOODY'S - 5:00 TO 9:00 p.m. Special Complimentary Bar-B-Que and Buffet. 9:00 to Midnight Videos, Music, Games, Midnight Champagne toast and party favors. No Cover

YARD DOG - Party theme "Get your bubble Burst at the Yard Dog." There'll be bubble wrap around the bar and balloons with confetti. The person who makes the best party hat wins a \$100 gift certificate to Sullivan's Steak House. No Cover.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZ - After New Year's Recovery. \$2.00 Bloody Marys all day. DJ Sara plays dance music from 9:00 pm. Until closing. \$1.25 pitchers and \$1.00 Tequila shots 8:00 p.m. until closing.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

IBTS - Something new today and every Saturday "Martini Party" with Sean. 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. all new flavored Martini with fresh fruit. Stop by and get that warm glow going.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

IBTS - Party line-up includes Sean's Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. 3:00 p.m. to closing. Sangria Party - \$2.50 Sangrias. Karaoke Party on the patio with Michael D. 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 the softball team "Team Flex", 7:30 p.m. The Bud Light Team is here with new games, fun prizes and surprises. 8:30 p.m. a special show benefitting Team Flex featuring Aja Simone, Anita Lay, Miss Buttkwiffa and live vocals by Michael McDonald, and special appearances by the Team Members!

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

IBTS - 9:00 P.M. The "Divalicious Show" starring Janne Starr, Samantha White, Lady Ashley and Veronica Halfowell.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZ - Tucson's hottest Latin music with DJ Hill 9:00 to closing. Shot specials every half hour. Come early to avoid the lines. No Cover.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZ - Hip Hop Nite with DJ Hill spinning the latest music from 9:00 p.m. until closing. Shot and drink specials every half hour. No Cover.

## Arts & Entertainment

#### JANUARY 3 THRU 5

Jazz vocalist and noted cabaret singer Ann Hampton Callaway helps the Tucson Symphony Orchestra continue to celebrate the arrival of the new year with its second program in the 2002-2003 TSO Pops Series. Callaway pays tribute to the legendary Ella Fitzgerald in three performances. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday at the Convention Center, 260 S. Church. Tickets \$17 - \$39 plus TCC user fees. 882-882-8585.

#### JANUARY 4 THRU FEBRUARY 9

Live Theatre Workshop presents "Relatively Speaking" by Alan Ayckbourn. A veteran LTW cast reprises a hilarious romantic comedy where man meets girl, meets boy, meets man's wife! Ayckbourn, one of the best creators of comedic mistaken identities, has put to paper a play guaranteed to make the audience laugh out loud. Showtimes are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and on Sundays a matinee at 3:00 p.m. and early evening show at 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$12 - \$14. Call 327-4242 for ticket reservations or come by the theatre at 5317 E. Speedway during box office hours 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. for advance ticket sales.

#### JANUARY 6 THRU 26

"Sophie Tucker - An American Legend" starts the new year at Invisible Theatre. The play is a tribute to the bold, brassy and dynamic performer known as "The last of the red hot mamas". Presented as a private party performance by Sophie Tucker accompanied by her long-time pianist and musical director Ted Shapiro, the show includes over 20 tunes like "Fifty Million Frenchmen Can't Be Wrong", the risque "I The Last Of The Red Hot Mamas", the heartfelt "My Yiddish Mama", and Sophie's signature song, "Some Of These Days". Through song and conversation with the audience the production captures an era of vaudeville and burlesque. The production, of course, would not be complete without some classic Sophie Tucker "MY Boyfriend Eric" jokes. Tickets are \$22 - \$25. Call the Invisible Theatre, 882-9721, Tuesday thru Friday from 10:00 a.m. To 4:00 p.m. for reservations and ticket information or stop by the theatre, 1400 N. First Avenue at Drachman.

#### JANUARY 8

The Arizona Friends of Chamber Music present the fourth concert in their 55<sup>th</sup> season. The Colorado String Quartet will perform tonight at 8:00 p.m. in the Leo Rich Theater at the Tucson Convention Center. General admission tickets are \$15.00. The Colorado String Quartet returns after an absence of several seasons to present the premiere of a new quartet by composer Robert Maggio. Originally organized at the University of Colorado, the quartet now resides in New York and teaches and plays at Bard College. 577-3769.

## Daily Bar Calendar

AIN'T NOBODYS 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.

IBTS - 10am-6pm \$1.75 Bloodys, Screws or Mimosas. Sangria Party \$2.50 from 4-1 Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5:30-8pm. Karaoke with Michael D. on the patio 4:30-7:30. 8:30 shows or special events or Hi energy dancing w/DJ Dr. Who. (Call for details). All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Brunch 11am-1pm. Free Pool 8pm-close

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 5-8pm. Karaoke with Michael D 9pm

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1sm. 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.

#### Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODYS 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.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Uncle Monte- 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.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Happy Hour 3-5pm. Free Pool 8pm-close.

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 NOBODYS 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.

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Happy Hour 4-5. Old Skool Karaoke.

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.

#### Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-4-1 domestic beer and well from 2-7pm. 80s retro music 9pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8pm to close.

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Happy Hour 3-8. Karaoke with Debbie 8pm - close.

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 rite with Michael \$1 off your favorite drink. Chili dogs or bowls \$1.

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#### Thursday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Karaoke 9-close, with \$2 Kamikazes and \$1 Hot Sex.

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Happy Hour 3-5. Steak Nite \$5.99 10oz steak with baked potato and salad

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.

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NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Happy Hour 3-5. Fish or Shrimp Fry \$5.99 4:30-8:30pm. Country Dance with Libby and Pat 8:30pm-12:30am.

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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.

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Dance with DJ Raymann 8pm-close.

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. 5-8pm 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 (THAN)**, 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 292-6647.

**LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Contacts 325-6678 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 791-7678.

**GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1438 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Anabeli at 325-0892

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**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES.** Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 802-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

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**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 (802)534-6219 (Phoenix)

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

**TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY.** Currently meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**LUTHERANS CONCERNED** - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information Visit www.lutucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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

**REVELLE GAY MEN'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.

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**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 675-8680 or write P.O. Box 35264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8284. All replies confidential.

**TUCSON GLBT AL-ANON GROUP** meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center,** 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1778.

**RAINBOW SUPPORT GROUP:** LGBT and supportive friends meet for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Support meetings are the 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7239 for info.

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

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**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. Elie 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 624-8768.

**T-SQUARES** Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

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

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

**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 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 690-8565 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 299-6647.

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

**ARE YOU GAY OR BI-SEXUAL 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 822-3200 or visit the TPI website at www.tucsonpride.com

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## Syphilis Spikes In LA

LOS ANGELES, CA - Los Angeles is the latest major US city to see a sharp spike in the number of new cases of syphilis, a disease that only a few years ago appeared to all but wiped out.

The number of syphilis cases reported by Gay men in Los Angeles County increased 62 percent over the past year. Health officials said there were more than 360 new cases over the past 12 months.

The numbers are believed to be the beginning of what could become a parallel spike in the number of cases of HIV.

"The implications are that Gay men are having more unprotected sex," said Karen Mall, director of prevention for the AIDS Healthcare Foundation in Los Angeles, reported 365Gay.com.

Not only is Mall concerned there will be a new increase in HIV cases, she said that syphilis can cause serious complications for anyone who already has HIV.

"Syphilis can lead to neurological problems, blindness and even death," Mall said. "If you are HIV positive and contract syphilis, complications can come much sooner and be much more powerful."

Earlier this year the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported a 68 percent increase in syphilis cases in California in 2001 compared with the year before.

Syphilis rates have been rising since the spring of 2000, Mall said. She added that the big concern is reaching Gay men who have turned away from safe sex because of the life prolonging AIDS drugs now on the market.

"Since AIDS has become treatable and people aren't dying in great numbers we've gotten complacent and safer sex is taking a back seat," said Michael Weinstein, president of AIDS Healthcare Foundation.

## Protest Targets Priest

PROVINCETOWN, MA - Victims of sexual abuse by priests joined with Gay rights activists in Provincetown Friday to reject the Vatican's effort to blame its recent troubles on Gay priests, though some say the protest took a troubling turn.

"This has to do with justice," 45-year-old Steve Lewis told the Boston Herald. "This has to do with the rape and molestation of kids and young adults."

The group gathered to protest the hotly contested months-old plan by the Vatican to bar Gay priests from seminaries in an effort to redirect public anger away from the church hierarchy.

"It was to show a unity with the Gay community so they didn't feel (the abuse) is a homosexual problem that has to be rooted out," said Lewis.

Despite the stated purpose of the demonstration, several protesters carried signs calling on the Rev. Paul Shanley, who recently rented an apartment in Provincetown, to leave the area.

Shanley was arrested for the alleged rape of four Newton students in the 1980s and released from prison after a group of his supporters helped him post his \$300,000 bond. A trial is scheduled to begin after the first of the year.

Many Provincetown residents expressed displeasure that the demonstration seemed focused on intimidating Shanley into leaving the area.

Paul Baier, founder of Survivors First, said he doesn't believe protesting in Provincetown is wise for victims who want to make a difference.

"The fact that many of us are frustrated that Shanley is out on bail doesn't give us any right to move into the vigilante movement, and protesting close to his house is getting pretty close to that," he said.



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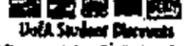
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Salud es Poder

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Cada año nuevo es como una libreta nueva. Un cuaderno que vamos a estrenar en la escuela de la vida. Pensemos que esta libreta nueva está esperando la tinta que escribirá la historia de otro año. Al final del 2003, es muy probable que vamos a tener la oportunidad de regresar a las páginas de esta libreta, ver lo que hemos escrito a lo largo de 365 días de nuestra vida y hacer un balance de que metas alcanzamos, de ver en que fallamos, o de ver que nos falta por hacer. Es importante saber que para alcanzar nuestras metas, lo primero que hay que hacer es identificarlas y ver la manera como podemos hacer que se hagan realidad. En Salud es Poder te vamos a sugerir que una de tus metas sea el tener siempre sexo seguro. Te invitamos a aceptar esta meta.

El tener sexo seguro obviamente solo sería una de muchas metas que te puedes fijar. Sin embargo, si eres sexualmente activo, y con esto no estamos hablando del rol en la cama, te conviene aceptar esta meta. De eso estamos completamente seguros. En el campo de prevención estamos notando que el aumento de infecciones de VIH y otras enfermedades sexualmente transmisibles sigue en aumento. Pese a que la información sobre prevención existe, tal parece que no todos saben de que lo que es el VIH. Hay que recordar que pese a que el VIH-SIDA no está matando gente en la misma proporción de varios años atrás, sigue siendo uno de los principales problemas de salud pública en el mundo. No hay ningún medicamento o vacuna que termine con el virus y la gente que vive con él, está destinada a seguir batallando el resto de su

vida en esta lucha a muerte. Quizás conozcas personas que siendo VIH positivos aparentemente no enfrentan ningún problema y están viviendo una vida normal. Eso está muy bien ya que tampoco debe ser una vergüenza estar infectado, sin embargo si te podemos asegurar que es mejor no tenerlo que tenerlo.

Cuando no tienes el VIH, no te preocupas de tomar medicinas que muchas veces presentan efectos colaterales, tienes que tomártelas rígidamente cada cierto tiempo, con panza vacía, y que tienen que estar refrigeradas entre otras cosas. No te preocupas de seguros de salud y las primas que tienes que pagar para seguir teniendo cuidado médico. No te preocupas de que si conoces a un prospecto a pareja le tienes que decir que onda con tu status de salud y que por esto te vaya a rechazar. Y bueno, no voy a citar todas las otras formas de discriminación que desafortunadamente la gente con VIH todavía sigue enfrentando, pero lo importante es que hay que permanecer negativo y eso está en tus manos. Te dijimos que para que una meta se cumpla, es importante contar con las herramientas para que esto suceda y te tenemos buenas noticias. En Salud es Poder queremos compartir estas herramientas contigo ya que te conviene y aparte no te van a costar nada pues son totalmente gratis. ¿Quieres más información? Solo échanos una llamada al (520) 628-7223 o mándanos un correo electrónico a salud@saaf.org y todo lo que hablemos será confidencial. Recuerda que tienes el poder de que este año pinte o siga pintando bien para ti.