

Barney Frank Condemns Rush To War



Rep. Barney Frank

MILFORD, MA - Speaking to a gathering of anti-war activists at a church gathering, Rep. Barney Frank expressed his solidarity with Americans deeply distrustful of an administration seemingly bent on war with Iraq.

"American politics is not at its most attractive now," Frank told 300 people who crowded into the pews, balcony and aisles of a local Unitarian Universalist church. Frank spoke for about 30 minutes, echoing statements he has made for months about President Bush's handling of the post-September 11 environment.

Frank voted against the congressional resolution to let Bush wage war against Iraq without further congressional debate, a vote in line with statements he has made

over the last six months.

Last October, after Bush's State of the Union address, Frank said the President made a "pretty good case" for a multilateral approach in making sure Saddam Hussein was disarmed, but he hastened to add, Bush was not asking the country to join in collective action.

"The President is asking us to authorize a unilateral invasion of Iraq to overthrow Saddam Hussein because he is an immoral and evil ruler. I wish he were the only immoral and evil ruler in the world. Our job would be simpler," Frank said.

In his 30-minute speech last night, Frank touched upon several reasons why he thinks invading Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein from power is unnecessary. "He is a terrible man, but the country over which he presides is simply in no position to threaten the United States," he said.

Frank indicated that even if Hussein did have limited weapons of mass destruction, he has enough sense not to provoke an American attack by using them. "Saddam is vicious," he said, "but not suicidal."

Frank also faulted the administration for attempting to draw a case for strong ties between the 9/11 attacks and the Iraqi regime -- a link, he said, that "is just not there."

Filings Support Gay Couple In Sodomy Case

WASHINGTON, DC - The U.S. Supreme Court received an avalanche of arguments in support of John Lawrence and Tyron Garner, the two Houston men challenging the Texas sodomy law.

In addition to the brief of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, counsel for the two men, 14 friend-of-the-court briefs were filed, many of which took on specific aspects of the case against Texas, in addition to other core arguments, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

The National Organization for Women led the charge on the link between sex discrimination, and the discrimination inherent in the same-sex-only ban on consensual adult private intimacy in the Lone Star State. The American Civil Liberties Union examined the history of sodomy laws, and the complex background of the American commitment to privacy.

tions looked at policies in other countries, and the reasoning that has discredited such laws outside the United States. Historians, led by George Chauncey of the University of Chicago, described the original objectives of sodomy laws, and how they have mutated into instruments of anti-Gay discrimination.

The Republican Unity Coalition, arguing the state of Texas cannot rely on morality alone to target an unpopular group, noted that while sodomy laws themselves may be steeped in "tradition," laws that outlaw homosexual sex only are a modern invention.

The list went on. The case for privacy rights and the sanctity of home was outlined by the CATO Institute, while the libertarian Institute for Justice agreed, telling the government to butt out of the bedroom. The American Public Health Association

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Utah Stations Yank Gay 'Therapy' Show

PROVO, UT - Two Utah-based Brigham Young University television stations have shuffled their schedules to remove a program featuring a psychotherapist who argues that Gay men can become straight.

The psychotherapist, Jeff Robinson, had taken part in a BYU-sponsored conference last fall called "Families Under Fire." The conference was filmed and made into a 10-part series covering everything from child abuse to divorce. Robinson's segment was scheduled to air this week on cable and satellite feed BYU-TV and a PBS affiliate, KBYU, Channel 11.

Jim Bell, KBYU's marketing director, told the Salt Lake Tribune said the Robinson segment was pulled "out of concern that it might provide an oversimplification of a complex issue." He also added the decision was solely the station management's, not the school and the station's parent-owner, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Robinson said last fall that he can help Gay men in the difficult task of changing their attraction from men towards women. "It's like any serious addiction -- it's very difficult to overcome," he said at the conference. "But if a person is really motivated and wants that, change is absolutely

possible."

Gay groups in Utah blasted Robinson and his therapy, calling his techniques dangerous and ill-informed. "I find that really offensive. I believe God made us how we are for a reason and God loves us exactly how we are," Unity Utah Executive Director Michael Mitchell told the Associated Press.

National Gay organizations like the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) reacted to the decision and criticized Robinson as well.

"He says he wants to reach out to young men who are feeling hopeless and who are living lives of guilt, shame and secrecy," said GLAAD's Monica Taher to the Salt Lake Tribune. "He's generalizing that all Gay men are suffering and, in doing so, cornering the Gay community."

Robinson said he is currently working with about 40 Gay men who are emotionally distraught over their homosexuality. "I want to reach young men who are feeling hopeless, who are living lives of guilt and shame and secrecy," he told the A.P. "It is possible for them to change and not have a life of denial but a life with happiness and fulfillment."

Leona Helmsley Accused Of Anti-Gay Vendetta

NEW YORK, NY - The former director of Leona Helmsley's security force, Andrew Martinez, delivered a damaging piece of testimony at hotel magnate Leona Helmsley's anti-Gay discrimination trial.

Newsday reports Martinez, a handsome retired policeman who worked as Helmsley's personal body guard testified that Helmsley went on anti-Gay rampage after she learned that Patrick Ward, her fiancée and the man she named as CEO of Helmsley Enterprises, was Gay.

Martinez gave the indication that the pain and humiliation Helmsley experienced at Ward's hands was cruelly taken out on 46-year old Charles Bell, the general manager of her Park Lane Hotel. Bell is suing the 82-year-old billionaire for \$40 million alleging anti-Gay bias in his firing in 2001.

Geri Kraus, Bell's attorney, asked Martinez what hotel employees thought of Ward when he first arrived. "Everyone thought the same thing Mrs. Helmsley did," Martinez replied. "That he was the greatest thing since they invented the Oreo. After, if you excuse the expression ... he was 's**t' and 'scum.' She wanted him terminated."

After Ward was terminated, Marti-

nez said Helmsley set her sights on Bell. "She remarked to me, 'I got rid of one fag. I want to get rid of the other.'" He testified she ordered Martinez to begin "digging up dirt on him," including getting his personal cell phone, apartment phone and office phone records.

Bell was described by Martinez as a dream boss, spending up to an hour every day going from office to office greeting and talking with hotel employees. "He made it more of a fun place to work," Martinez told jurors. "Everyone knows if you don't enjoy going to work, it just sucks."

After Helmsley ordered Martinez to begin investigating Bell, he said her behavior towards Bell underwent a radical change. "It was like I said earlier, Charles couldn't do anything right. No holds barred. ... She wanted Charles gone."

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'The Wrestling Season' At Muse Jan. 31/Feb. 2

TUCSON - Borderlands Theater is proudly presenting "The Wrestling Season" by Laurie Brooke, January 31-February 2 at Nation's Hall in the MUSE, 516 N. Fifth Avenue.

In "The Wrestling Season," four young women and four young men, dressed in wrestling singlets, face off in this dynamic and theatrical play about the hateful and damaging effects of the rumor mill. While the referee does his best to make sure everyone follows the rules on the mat as well as in life, there are no hard and fast answers.

Borderlands Theater received grants from the Gill Foundation and the GLBT Foundation to support the production. "The Wrestling Season" is recommended for families and students ages 12 and up.

Tickets are \$10 for students, with a proper I.D., \$14 general admission for Friday's, 7:30 p.m., January 31 performance, \$18 general admission for Saturday's, 7:30 p.m., February 1 performance and \$13 general admission for Sunday's, 2:00 p.m., February 2 performance. Tickets can be purchased at Antigone Books, 411 N. Fourth Ave., (cash only), and the Borderlands Theater office, 40 W. Broadway (enter through Jackson St.). For reservations, call (520) 882-7406 or for more information, call (520) 882-8607.

Fourth Fridays At New Location

TUCSON - Hotel Congress, 311 E. Congress St., is the site of January's Fourth Friday, January 24, 5 to 8 p.m.

Fourth Fridays is an alternate place to socialize with single GBT men. Come join other men to start the weekend, greet old friends and make new ones in a relaxed gathering place. There is a cash bar, and the \$10 cover includes hors d'oeuvres and a donation to Wingspan.

For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

UofA LGBT Studies Presents, January 30

TUCSON - The Committee on Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Studies at the University of Arizona presents "Race, Gender, Sexuality & Identity in Visual Art," a series of three lectures by queer visual artists. A reception will follow the lectures.

Next in the series is with, Nick Cave, Thursday, Jan. 30, 6 p.m., at the Aerospace & Mechanical Engineering Building Auditorium, Room S-202, 1130 N. Mountain Ave., at the northeast corner of Mountain Avenue and Speedway Boulevard, parking available. Admission is free.

Cave, an African-American sculptor and performance artist from Chicago, is well known for his mixed-media work about masquerade and camouflage; about concealing, revealing, performing and constructing identity; about being "a black male in America."

For more information, E-mail: harmonyh@cmail.arizona.edu.

More Social Activities For Rainbow Social Group

TUCSON - The Rainbow Community Group will be offering more social activities for LGBT and supportive people.

Starting in February, the group will meet at least four times per month with the following monthly format: First Friday: Meet at November Bar & Grill at 9 p.m. for Social/Dancing. Second Thursday: Meet at St. Francis at 7:30 p.m. in Room 42 for Support/Discussion. Third Thursday: Meet at Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse at 7:30 p.m. for Social (Cost is beverage of choice). Fourth Saturday: Meet at Woody's at 6:30 p.m. as a Social (Cost to participants is \$5 for Dinners plus beverage).

The Rainbow Community Group is one of the only mixed gender groups (men, women and trans) in Tucson serving our community. Our group is growing and welcoming and we believe people desire more social activities and want to connect with other LGBT's in Tucson.

For more information please call (520) 299-9063 and ask for the Group's contact person.

Volunteer Orientation At Wingspan Jan. 25

TUCSON - Wingspan will be holding a general volunteer orientation Saturday, January 25, from 9 to 11:30 a.m., 300 E. Sixth Street.

This orientation is open to anyone interested in learning more about Wingspan, and about the opportunities to volunteer at your LGBT community center.

For more volunteer information, please contact Wingspan's Volunteer Programs Coordinator, Mark English, (520) 624-1779 or mark@wingspanaz.org. For an application, just call or drop by Wingspan on Sixth Street.

Pride 2003 Theme Announced

TUCSON - Tucson Pride voted to use the international pride theme, "Peace Through Pride," at events in Tucson during 2003.

Tucson Pride is also holding an art contest for a logo illustrating this theme. The art contest will run from Jan. 15 until March 7th. The TPI board will select the winning artwork on March 11. TPI will award \$125.00 to the winning artist.

Artwork may be presented in any media and must be mailed to Tucson Pride, P.O. Box 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717. Sender must put "Attention: Logo Contest" somewhere on the envelope. Artwork received by email will not be considered. The artist must include their name, address and a contact number or email address on the back side of the artwork. The artist may include the theme and/or OUToberFEST 2003 in their presentation but it is not required. Entries will not be returned. Artists need to take into consideration that the logo will be used for advertising in both black and white and color ads, posters, flyers, Pride Guides, etc. Artwork may include up to 6 colors.

For more information, call the PrideLine (520) 622-3200, or send email to pride@tucsonpride.com, or visit the web site: www.tucsonpride.com.

TIHAN Update

TUCSON - TIHAN's (Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network) Annual Meeting and New Year's Reception for donors, volunteers, clients, and others interested in becoming involved in TIHAN is scheduled for Wednesday, January 29 from 6 to 8:30 p.m., at Saint Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church, 602 N. Wilmot Road (on the east side of Wilmot at the intersection of 5th Street).

The Annual Meeting is one of the highlights of the year. It is an informal, drop-in event open to all, and features hors d'oeuvres, cheer, and music, and is TIHAN's way of saying thank you to the community for your support last year. In addition to the social component, there will be a short Annual Meeting of the organization, including a brief report from the Executive Director Scott Blades. The highlights of the evening will be the presentations of TIHAN's volunteer recognition awards, and a special slide show featuring some of the wonderful people and events of TIHAN. ...

In addition to showing the NFL Superbowl on a large television screen, this Sunday, IBTs will be hosting a benefit BBQ for TIHAN, followed by a fantastic benefit show featuring Lucinda Holliday and special guests.

This Sunday, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., come enjoy some food and fellowship with some friends from TIHAN, and enjoy karaoke on the patio, or the Superbowl inside! Your choice of a hamburger, cheeseburger, chicken breast sandwich, or veggie burger, along with all the fixings will be \$2.50, or burgers and the beer bust (or soda bust) will be \$5.00. All proceeds from this event go to support the work of the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN).

For more information, call TIHAN, (520) 299-6647.

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Legal Roadmap For G/L Lovers

NEW YORK, NY - Few, if any, of the legal repercussions of being part of a same-sex couple seem to be of any consequence when you're young, in love, and just glad to find someone to go antiquing with on Sundays.

As time goes on, however, and a relationship deepens, misunderstandings, separation or even death turn into tangible issues, and it is then that Gay couples feel the stinging bite of legalized discrimination that never intrudes into the relationships of married non-Gay couples.

Since same-sex couples can't legally marry under the laws of our land, the discrimination reveals itself in higher insurance payments, higher estate taxes and obstacles in adopting, to name but a few of the hundreds of benefits straight couples get just by uttering "I do," and having some Uncle Ben's throw in their direction, reported gfn.com.

This year's updated 11th edition of the "A Legal Guide for Lesbian & Gay Couples" (from Nolo Press) is exceptionally useful and a quick education for anyone who has ever loved anyone enough to want to protect them, and themselves, against the gross legal inequities facing same-sex relationships.

In 10 chapters you'll find the expected topics on medical issues, wills and living-together contracts, as well as the actual documents themselves.

But less expected are the details and examples the authors offer in which readers will recognize themselves. This book, unlike others that offer general legal advice, engages Lesbian and Gay individu-

als and same-sex couples as their singular audience.

Beyond the legal documents, the book is a virtual history lesson of the legal status of Gays and Lesbians in our country. Using a full-page chart, for example, one section shows that sodomy laws are still on the books in 13 states, and the sentences the states can impose, even in the privacy of your own home.

The subject is particularly timely: a Louisiana court of appeals ruled in Nov. 2002, that the state's 197-year-old sodomy law does not discriminate against Gays and Lesbians. With a ruling expected this summer, the U.S. Supreme Court is considering whether states should have the right to punish consenting Gay men and Lesbians for having sex. (The High Court previously ruled in 1986 that consenting adults have no constitutional right to private "homosexual sex.")

Other worthy highlights include:

In Adoption: A donor insemination agreement. How to apply for a foster child, and a contract between a teenager and the adults he/she will live with.

In Medical: Durable power of attorney and which states require a witness to the document. What to include in a medical directive.

In Estate Planning: Is your will valid if you move to another state? (Yes, except Louisiana.) Are handwritten wills valid? (Yes, but not recommended unless you're trapped in the woods and the wolves are closing in.) Changing and revoking your will. Gifts and gift taxes. Buying a

Home Together: Titles. Joint tenancy. Moving on.

In all, The Legal Guide for Lesbian and Gay Couples provides 12 fill-in-the-blank legal forms and dozens of sample forms. The superb authors are attorneys Hayden Curry, Denis Clifford, Robin Leonard and Frederick Hertz, and should be lauded as demi-heros in the superficial world that acts as the backdrop for so much of Gay life.

For readers who think it's unromantic to make up legal documentation, consider the alternatives:

You and your partner break up and he/she has full rights to the house and the contents you contributed to, but no legal document outlines your contribution.

Your partner is injured in an accident and you have no right to visit them in their final moments, because legally you are not next-of-kin.

Your partner passes away, and his/her family swoops in and takes everything that should be yours, but is legally theirs, because no will existed.

Next time you're feeling romantic, offer someone you love The Legal Guide for Lesbian and Gay Couples. That is, if you really want to show you care.



Gay Rights Pioneer Kight Dead At 83

LOS ANGELES, CA - Gay-rights pioneer Morris Kight died on Sunday, January 19, at age 83.

Kight co-founded the Gay and Lesbian Community Service Center of Los Angeles, now called the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center, and was a key organizer of what is believed to be the West Coast's first Gay pride parade in 1970. That event is credited with galvanizing the modern-day Gay rights movement in Los Angeles.

Kight was a founder of the non-profit organization Christopher Street West and the Gay and Lesbian political group Stonewall Democratic Club. He also served for more than 20 years on the Los Angeles Human Rights Commission until retiring last year.

"Morris invented a great deal of what we think of as the Gay community in Southern California," said Miki Jackson, a Gay and Lesbian rights activist who also is a consultant for the AIDS Healthcare Foundation. "He had tremendous vision and imagination and great drive to make his visions a reality."

One of his best-known protests was a weeks-long 1970s demonstration outside Barney's Beanery, a popular West Hollywood restaurant on famed Santa Monica Blvd., that for years had the words "No Fags Allowed" on a sign on its front door, on its matchbooks and in its bar. The offending words were eventually removed.

He is survived by his partner of 25 years, Roy Zucheran; two daughters, Carol Kight of Claremont and Angela Bonin of Texas; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



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AHRF is the political advocacy organization of the Arizona Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgendered Community. The AHRF headquarters is located in Phoenix Arizona.

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Represent agency at public events including: Speak on behalf of organization in coordination with Executive Director and the Tucson board; develop and coordinate media contacts; prepare press releases for Southern Arizona Events; implement placement of stories in media; build coalitions with other community organizations and key constituent groups, as well as leadership in agency outreach activities.

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INTERRELATIONSHIPS: Work with Co-Chairs, Committee Chairs and Board of Directors, Southern Arizona legislators, city council members and members of various community boards, commissions and organizations.



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by Lee Thorn

Golf and the City

Democratic political philosophies, talking small-d democratic here, all have something in common. They start from the premise that government should only be doing stuff that citizens and marketplaces can't do for themselves.

The disagreements arise from what those undoables really are. Conservatives might argue that citizens can't police their own morals so we need vice cops to protect us from ourselves. Liberals might argue that the marketplace can't provide affordable health insurance so we need government programs to get that done.

What I've never been able to figure out is what theory of the role of government justifies the city's owning golf courses. I mean, the city doesn't run bowling alleys or civilian pistol ranges. Why should it be in the golf business?

Going back to our theories of government, it would be hard to argue that the marketplace can't produce golf courses. According to the friendly folks who answer the phone at the Tucson Convention and Visitors Bureau, we've got about 40 golf courses in this area, if you include Green Valley which is only about 25 highway miles away.

But why pick on golf, a pastime that looks to the outside observer like a truly spectacular and delicious frivolity? My only reason for examining it is that the Old Pueblo happens to find itself a little light in the wallet at the moment, about 35 million bucks light, and our genius politicians seem to think that the way out of this pickle is to cut back on police and fire protection or possibly on public housing for the elderly.

It comes down to a question of priorities, and political philosophy may be able to help us out here. The question becomes, philosophically speaking, are we citizens better able to provide for our own golfing needs without the aid of government, or are we better able to provide for our own policing and fire protection? I can't claim to hang with the golfing set, but I bet that most of them would say, "If the City will provide the police force, I'll somehow find my own private 18 holes."

I once had the opportunity, in a one-on-one interview, to ask the most fa-

mous City Manager of Tucson's recent past, and the only one famous for really knowing what he was doing, why the City was in the golf business. He gave me two answers: 1. It really doesn't cost the City anything because the fees pretty much offset the costs of running the courses. 2. He had fond memories of having made some money as a caddy in his youth.

One can hardly discount another's fond memories, but on the issue of costs there's a vast difference between how a bureaucrat does his arithmetic and how a businessman does his. For the City Manager, fees cancel operating expenses and it's a wash. For a businessman there's another factor in the equation, something called an "asset."

A municipal golf course would be such an asset. The way you figure out how an asset is doing is this: You estimate how much money you could sell the asset for. Then you figure out how much money you could make by putting the proceeds of that sale into a safe investment like government bonds. If the money that you're actually making with your asset is less than the money you'd make by selling the asset and buying bonds, you're losing money.

If we look at the courses like a businessman would, and consider the enormous amount of land they occupy, the City is losing a ton of money.

But let's not pick on golf. Let's just ask the politicians to see if they can bear down real hard and come up with a distinction that they can use to separate the essential city services from the non-essential. Here's a hint to get them started: cops essential, golf not.

There's a City service that I use almost every week that I don't even have to pay a fee for. It's completely free. Furthermore, it's something that I could do for myself if I weren't so lazy. And it's something that I could easily hire someone to do for me at a very reasonable rate. But since I know that at least one City Council person reads this column, I'm not going to say what it is.

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

Film Festival Needs Volunteers

TUCSON - The films have been chosen, the schedule is being set, and the Wingspan FilmFest is on its way! Southern Arizona's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Film Festival will happen March 6 - 9, with a full menu of films to suit a variety of tastes.

Now in its 8th year, the mission of the FilmFest is to screen films that represent the diversity of experience of LGBT people and bring new perspectives on issues of concern to the queer community. The FilmFest Committee is now putting together the final programs, including filmmaker and panel discussions, and plans are unfolding for the Opening Night Gala, which will take place March 6, 2003, before the first screening.

If you are interested in helping plan the FilmFest Opening Night Gala, or in volunteering in any other capacity, please contact Mark English at Wingspan, (520) 624-1779.

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'Help White America Vote Act'

Wrapping up the past year's political events, this reporter had written that we should hold onto a voter registration cards for dear life because of some of the people taking office in Arizona, so who would have thought that such a statement would be prophetic but digressing.

In October of this past year, Congress passed a law, entitled "Help America Vote Act," to make sure the situation that took place in Florida during the 2000 presidential election doesn't occur ever again which is a fine thought but this measure contains provisions that may enhance the opportunities for harassment and intimidation of voters, especially minorities, through ballot security programs.

As Laughlin McDonald, in his great article "The New Poll Tax," in the December 30, 2002 edition of The American Prospect showed that Republicans were guilty of this during the last election, with: Native Americans being targeted in South Dakota; African-Americans in Democratic precincts in Arkansas, South Carolina, Michigan, and New Jersey. In the article, McDonald showed that this practice has gone on despite the fact that existing federal laws make it crime to intimidate or harass voters.

Arizona, with its dubious record when it comes to elections would make one think that the legislature wouldn't want to tamper with election law, in lieu of the fact that they must any changes to the U.S. Justice Department for approval since the

Grand Canyon State must do under the Voting Rights Act but thinking and the Arizona Legislature don't go hand in hand.

Rep. Linda Gray, R-Glendale is drafting legislation mandating that voters would have to show a photo identification or two other forms of identification with the person's name and address. Her reasoning, according to an article, was that she had seen some door hangers, supposed left by the Arizona Democratic party that said that people could vote without showing any form of identification, sending a "red flag" to her of voter fraud.

Gray's supposed bill, plus HB 2246, voter registration; citizenship, sponsored by 15 conservative Republican state legislators is discriminatory, since it would:

Require Native Americans to show their Bureau of Indian Affairs card to election officials if they wish to register to vote for the first; since they may not have a clue what one looks like; and, intimidate deaf, mute or visually impaired voters, since they would have to show have the proper identification, as well as the ability to state their name and address at the polling place.

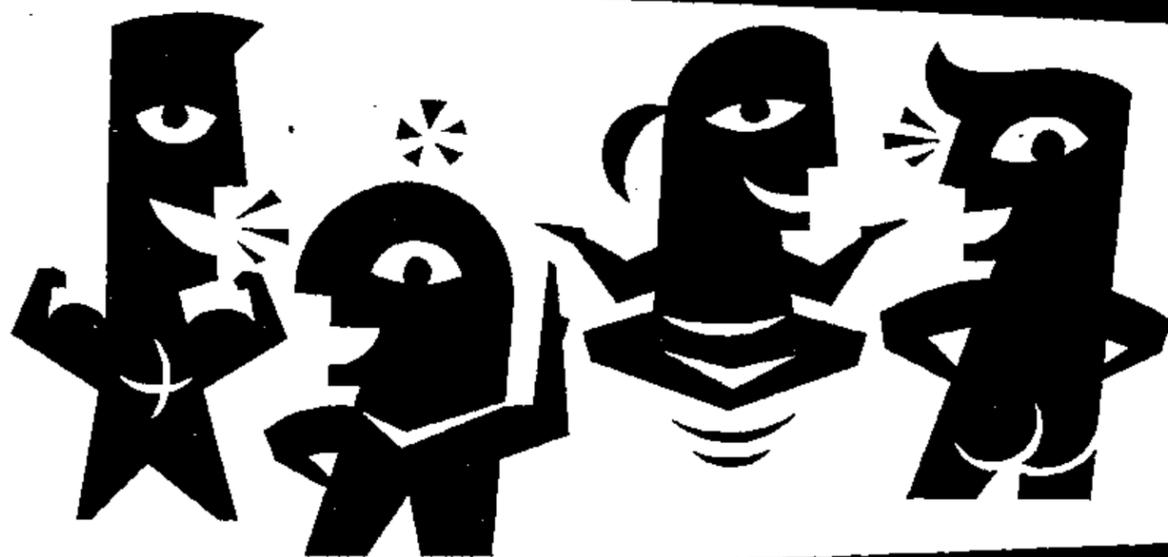
For that matter, what about the state law that mandates that registered voters receive a card from the county recorder, and with more than a couple a million registered voters or so on the rolls, costing taxpayers more than a couple a million dollars?

States with no identification requirement reported no greater incidence of voter fraud than states that have such laws plus these laws allow poll officials to single out voters, especially first time voters and ask them humiliating questions about themselves, intimidating them and making sure they don't vote.

Rep. Linda Lopez, D-Tucson, said it best that it would be an unnecessary obstacle to voting. "We do not want to disenfranchise people, that when folks get to the polls they are denied their right to vote," Lopez said in an interview.

Some conservative Republicans are still sore that they lost the gubernatorial contest, so they want to change the rules about voting, as well as giving contributions to political candidates, as conservative state Rep. Russell Pearce, R-Mesa, said "it's just trying to level the playing field." Fairness and the Arizona Legislature are two other things that don't mix either.

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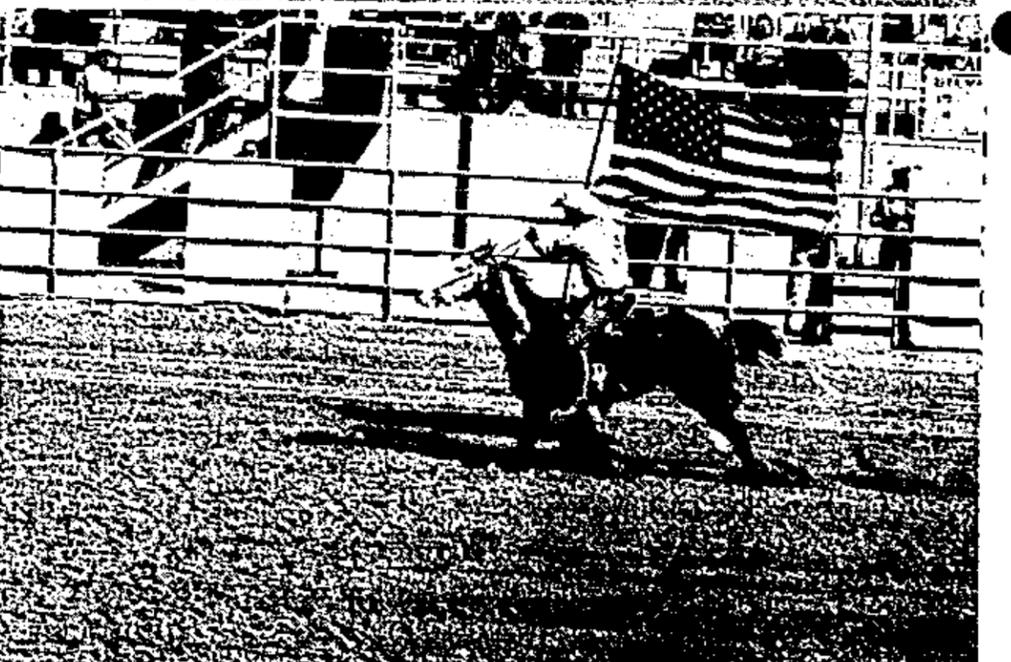
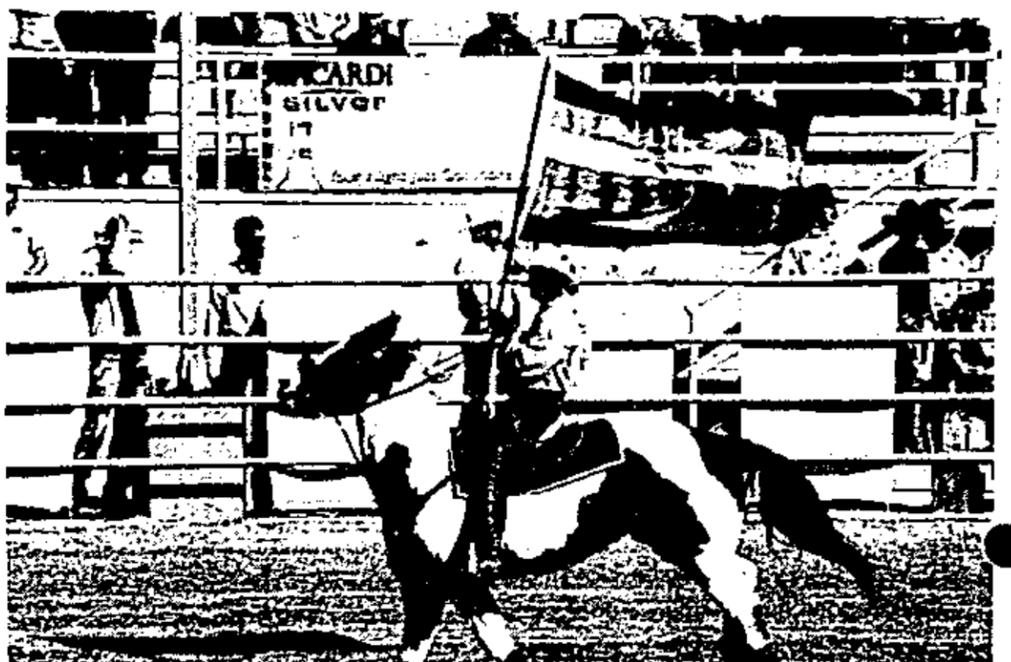
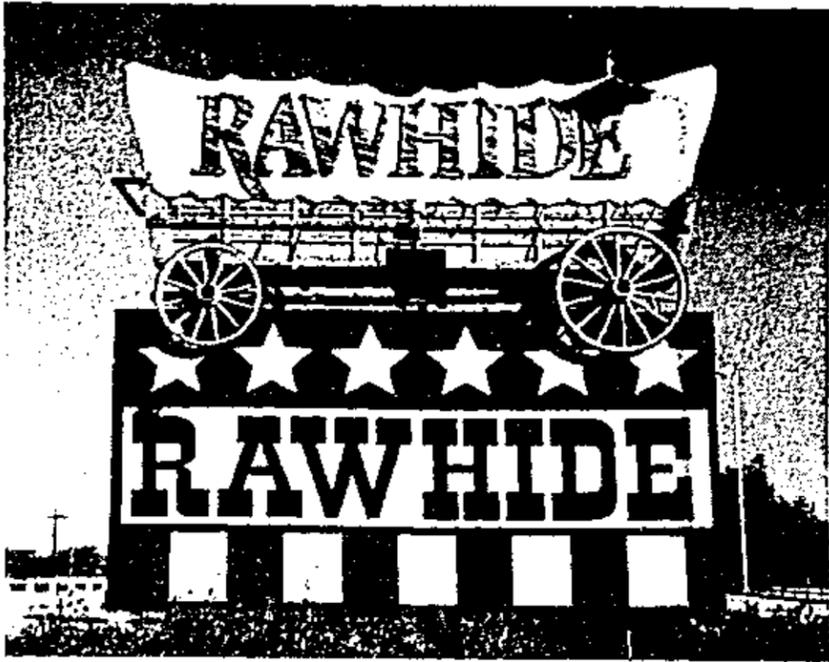


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ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20
 What does the Sun in Aqueerius have in store for all rambling rainbow Rams? I suspect it has a great deal to do with friendships and the way you interact in a herd. It is time to get more involved in the group dynamic through clubs and organizations. The question is - Will you lead the pack or just follow along like a little doggie? Well, at least you will do it in doggie style....

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21
 Queer Bulls may have been biting at the bit to do something spectacular in their career. And now, as the brilliant Sun enters visionary Aqueerius, your dreams of glory can come to fruition. But have you put in the sweat to gain your equity? Before this transit dissipates, put your shoulder to the wheel, your nose to the grindstone and your mettle to the pedal. Such a sight!!

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21
 If you find that you ache to see the world, pack your bags and explore the globe's nooks and crannies when the Sun enters Aqueerius. Pink Twins are avid explorers (possibly because they get bored so easily...). If money is tight, corrupt your hard drive by cruising the internet. Now is the time to overcome your ennui and get to the bottom of things. No names please....

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23
 The Sun in Aqueerius ignites your pilot light. Use the next few weeks to cultivate a taste for seafood, hot pink Crab. As you stew in your bisque remember that lurid passion alone cannot get you to where you want to be in a relationship. A little introspection can help. However if you are not interested in long drawn-out meals, lurid passion alone will definitely do the trick!

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23
 What will get you to the next step in a relationship, proud Lion? Maybe it is the ascent of the Sun into Aqueerius. A domesticated path beckons, you wilde beast you. Will you heed the call? Perhaps the best use of this transit is to weigh and measure exactly what you are looking for in a partner and see if you have it. If you have it, flaunt it. If not, shop it around.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23
 The Sun in Aqueerius lights up your natural house queer Virgin. That means that your most favorite activities - work and health - are highlighted and optimized. Oh happy day! You can get out from under anything that life tosses you and you will feel in top form doing it. Hmm, how about not getting out from under and feeling that top form doing it??

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SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22
 There is excitement brewing at home, queer Scorp as many domestic elements in need of repair vie for your attention. What do you have to attend to first when the Sun traverses Aqueerius? Home, hearth and family all make their demands. Before you become overwhelmed with the size of the task, learn to divide it into bite sized pieces. Heck, more than a mouthful is wasted anyway.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22
 There is so much to say and not enough time to say it when the chatty Sun bounces into bold Aqueerius. Shout it Out, Gay Archer, while this fluid energy gives you greater eloquence and expression. Give your ideas free reign and put a few good thoughts on paper for future use. Your brutal honesty will be overcome by your flair. At least let's hope so....

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20
 The Sun moves from your own sign into Aqueerius this week and the spotlight moves off you and on to your finances. Change your personal perspective to maximize your profits, pink Cap. But what is mere cash when you can change the entire landscape and tenor of your life now through sacrifice, compromise and hard work. On second thought, take the cash.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19
 The Sun makes its move into your own sign and the sky is the limit, Aqueerius. Use the next few weeks to expand your vision and make some necessary changes in your life path. You are a social magnet who attracts all sorts of interesting types. How attractive are you, compadre? Get Out and about as you meet and greet and be the judge for yourself.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
 What is going on in your head when the affirming Sun enters independent Aqueerius? Guppies are imbued with a glorious spirituality and other -worldliness now. Make a good show of it cousin! If your closet is still stuffed with junk, this is an excellent time to empty it out and trash the contents. I know that there are some who are into trash but not this pile, buster.

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ON THE HUNT BY HUNTER JOHNSON

I recently had the great experience of my auto breaking down! My dealership's service department is closed on weekends. So, I took my car to a large Tucson Auto Repair Shop to have it checked out and repaired.

Like most of us we put a great deal of trust in the honesty of our mechanics, if not more so in the well established auto repair shops.

I arrived at the auto repair shop just a mile from my home and was greeted promptly. I was asked to leave my vehicle with them and they would call me back in about an hour. In a little over an hour I was given the dreaded call. It was then explained to me that it was the Water Pump. I was then given a cost for the part of \$135.00 plus labor.

I gave my authorization to make the repairs and was told that it would be done by closing time of 6:00 p.m. Well at 5:45 p.m. I was given a call and was told that the part that was ordered was the wrong one and they would not be able to get the part until Monday when Kia opened up, they would be the only place that carried this part. So, now I'm stuck without a vehicle for the weekend.

Monday came and I called Kia myself and got the cost for a Water Pump

and they gave me the price of \$110.00, I then double checked to make sure I was getting the correct quote. At this point I thought I had just saved \$25.00. Then I called the auto mechanic and he was so eager to tell me that I would have my vehicle by 2:30 p.m. and he then stated that the part was now \$30.00 more than my original quote of \$135.00. Now this Water Pump was \$165.00!

I then informed the mechanic that I had just placed a call to Kia and was quoted \$110.00, he was silent and then said well then I will give it to you for \$110.00.

When I arrived to pay and pick up my car I asked to see the invoice where they paid for the part when it was delivered to them for free from Kia. He refused to show it to me. So now I wonder if he may have received the part at a wholesale price after all this was a large auto repair place.

After all I work hard for my money and would like to not get cheated or ripped off by people who perform services that they already know someone lacks the knowledge of making auto repairs themselves.

So, if you can get anything from this experience, let it be check on prices on parts and labor even if it takes a little of your time. It could possibly save you money. Remember, the ability to investigate the cost of items is one that we all don't lack!

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Sifilis en aumento

En los pasados meses ha habido un aumento considerable de casos de sifilis en varias ciudades del país. Entre ellas Tucson, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Phoenix y Chicago, han experimentado un alarmante aumento de casos de sifilis y han comenzado campañas para tratar de controlar la enfermedad. Tucson ya empezó tomar cartas en el asunto, sin embargo, para controlar ésta y otras enfermedades hace falta tu ayuda. A continuación te diremos algunos de los síntomas que presenta la infección de sifilis y te invitamos a ayudarnos a controlar y reducir los casos de infección.

Antes que nada, comenzaremos por decirte que la sifilis es curable si se detecta a tiempo. Hay medicamentos que atacan y eliminan la enfermedad. La forma de transmisión es sexual, es decir se transmite por el ano, la vagina, el pene y la boca. La sifilis se transmite piel con piel, es decir que no se necesita que haya intercambio de fluidos seminales, o vaginales para poder infectarte. Basta con que una roncha o herida de otra persona causada por la sifilis toque una herida de tu piel por más pequeña que esta sea, para que se dé la infección. Estas pequeñas heridas se pueden dar al tener sexo anal sin protección así que cuidado. Mucha gente no sabe que tiene sifilis ya que no hay síntomas evidentes. Inicialmente, una roncha o herida causada por la sifilis no necesariamente es acompañada por dolor. La infección también puede pasar inadvertida si esta herida o roncha esta dentro del pene, el recto, la vagina o la boca.

Si una persona esta infectada de sifilis, hay de 2 a 5 veces más probabilidades que se infecte de VIH si tiene relaciones sexuales con alguien que es VIH positivo. La gente con VIH y que aparte contrae sifilis aumenta sus probabilidades de desarrollar neurosifilis, la cual es una enfermedad que daña el cerebro y la espina dorsal. Los riesgos de no recibir

tratamiento para la sifilis pueden ser fatales ya que dañan el cerebro, el corazón, pueden paralizar a una persona así como dañar órganos internos como huesos, nervios, hígado, ojos, etc.

Si crees que te has expuesto a la sifilis, no dudes en hacerte la prueba para detectarla. Hay varios lugares en Tucson donde te la puedes hacer entre ellos la clínica del Departamento de Salud del Condado de Pima, 332 S. Freeway, teléfono (520) 624-8272. O llámanos a Salud es Poder para mas lugares al (520) 628-7223 o salud@saaf.org

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Many thanks also to Fran, Gordon, Little David, Arturo, Eric, Steve, Omar, and Sugar for the delicious barbecue fundraising.

A BIG thanks to Terra who won the 50/50, and then generously donated \$50 from her winnings. Thanks to IBT's for providing the opportunity for this benefit, and to all the friends who gathered there to help my sister. Your love and support has meant the world to all of us.

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GENDER WORLD BY JOHN K. MALISE

At the SAGA/TGNet planning meeting this past weekend, a major focus was on the merger of the two organizations to form a single independent nonprofit organization. There was also debate as to whether the combined organization should be referred to as a "gender" or "Transgender" alliance. Though most people active in either organization have been Transgendered, there have been some who aren't Transgendered but are concerned with gender nevertheless. Several times I heard concern that SAGA has not effectively reached out to people like drag performers who play with gender without necessarily self-identifying as Transgendered. In general there seemed to be interest in increasing the cultural diversity of the organization.

As we know, the Vatican has chosen to scapegoat Gay clergy for the sex-abuse scandal they previously tried to sweep under the rug. What's less well known is that they've declared a secret war against Transgendered Catholics. According to a reliable source within the Church, priests are being told to refuse to recognize sex changes, even if the person has complete sexual reassignment surgery. And Transgendered parishioners are to be denied the right to marry, as well as join the clergy or any holy orders.

Normally I'd say it's okay for a religious denomination to enforce their rules on their own members so long as they don't try to use the government to push their ideas on the rest of us. Yet the Roman Catholic Church is one of several Christian denominations with a history of doing just that.

Since it's the world's largest religious body we might watch them closely in this regard. About a week ago I saw a urologist who insisted on examining me—from the inside—using a procedure that he assured me is safe and painless. I'm still in pain as a result of this supposedly "painless" routine examination. The urologist also refused to talk about or even acknowledge my gender issues. I've since learned that two other transpeople have had trouble with this same doctor.

I've had to go to a second urologist, who has me on medication to deal with the damage caused by the first one. Fortunately the second doctor is more sensitive to gender issues, and plans to put me on hormones soon. This incident reminds me how dependent and vulnerable transpeople are in relationship to the medical profession. It's important that we choose our providers carefully.

Don't miss the Bisexual Forum at Wingspan this Thursday at 7 p.m. This is one segment of our GLBT community that's been invisible too long. While most Bisexuals aren't Transgendered, I'd say a good percentage of us transpeople are really bi. Stay tuned; there will be some terrific gender events in February. One I'll mention now is the True Spirit Conference in Washington, D. C., on February 14-17: www.true-spirit.org. Meanwhile, feel free to mail me at desertwordsmith@yahoo.com. Especially if you're planning to see a urologist. To quote the only Latin phrase I still remember, illegitimi non carborundum!

A View From The Rock
A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

On Being A Christian

How many of you have had a friend or a family member that have told you that you are living in sin and are condemned because you are Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgendered?

I think most of us have had this experience. This type of thinking creates problems. It doesn't create problems with the person who tells us that we are condemned. That person lives in a very narrow world and doesn't have the capacity to believe otherwise. If that person or persons, love you, then the only problem they have is to accept you as you are and that, also, may be impossible for them to do. They may not have that capacity, either. The real problem lies with us. We tend to internalize what people have told us about ourselves and live as if we really are condemned by God. We do not have to believe these lies. We can be Christian and GLBT!

In Ephesians 1:4, 5, I read: "For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His

sight. In love, He predestined us to be adopted through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His will and pleasure." To me, this is what these verses tell me: (1) I was chosen by God (even though I am a Lesbian); (2) I am holy and blameless (even though I am a Lesbian); (3) In His love, God adopted me through Jesus Christ (even though I am a Lesbian); (4) It is His will, and it is pleasing to Him, that in love He adopted me to be His own (even though I am a Lesbian). If you are Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered, you can be a Christian. Do not doubt that! You can love Jesus, and you are loved by Him. Do not doubt that! Internalize these truths! If you need help dealing with the person or persons who tell you that you are condemned by God, ask God for wisdom on what to do and what to say. James 1:5 tells us, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault [emphases are mine], and it will be given him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt." Be assured that you are loved by God!

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Dear Dr. X,

Don't know if you know anything about this. My boyfriend is diabetic and it causes problems with him getting a full and lasting erection. He is able to get it semi-hard only for a few seconds. We have tried several things including porn & Viagra, but nothing seems to work. I can't get him to see a doctor for help—he refuses to do it. Do you have any suggestions on what we can try to get him to have a raging hard-on? Also I can't be sure but his dick actually looks smaller then it used too. Any help that you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Erectile dysfunction affects up to 75% of men with diabetes, but such dysfunction is treatable. The penis is just like a muscle—if you don't use it, it will shrink. That explains why his penis is smaller than it used to be. Your partner's diabetes is likely affecting the blood vessels and nerves of his penis. That's why porn and oral sex aren't helping; it's not his hormone level that's the problem, but his physical ability to establish the proper blood flow to maintain an erection. Your man's diabetes is also affecting both of your love lives. It is very important for your man and for your relationship that he visits his doctor and gets examined. If he is unwilling to do this for himself and for you, you should seriously re-examine this relationship.

Dear Dr. X,

My partner and I are both HIV negative. However, he has Hepatitis C and we've been having unprotected sex. If the Hep C virus is transmitted only through blood (unlike HIV, which can be transmitted through blood and semen) how would I get it and what are the chances of me becoming infected? By the way, I also got a tattoo about five years ago. Should I be worried?

Worried about Hep C

Dear Worried,

Great that you and your partner are HIV negative and please stay that way. I hear your concerns about Hepatitis C. The Hepatitis C virus can be transmitted through coming in contact with infected blood, contaminated razors, needles or other personal products that could contain infected blood. Any contact with infected blood that gets in your body certainly would be a potential risk no matter the circumstance. According to the American Liver Foundation, there have been occasional documented cases of people with chronic Hepatitis C transmitting the virus to their monogamous/long-term sexual partner. Those with only one long-term/monogamous partner need not change their sexual practices. Transmission of Hepatitis C happens less frequently sexually, than other activities that provide direct exposure through the skin by infected blood. If you are not aware of what your own hepatitis status is then I suggest you consider finding out, much like you have with your HIV status. Prevention and education are important ways of caring for yourself and your partner no matter what the condition. I'm sure your partner will appreciate your investing the time in understanding more about his being Hep C positive as well. Ah.... The tattoo! I hope you're happy with the tattoo you chose. So long as you chose a tattoo artist that used sterile disposable needles, new ink, wears latex gloves, all instruments &

equipment are sterilized and is clear about using and following good health & safety standards then your probably fine. Have doubts? Consider testing with a local physician. My best to you and your partner. I appreciate your enthusiasm in seeking health information and your interest in self-preservation.

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

GMHP Expo Jan.25

TUCSON - The Gay Men's Health Project announces its Men4Men Health Expo Saturday, January 25, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Muse, 516 North 5th Ave.

The expo is an educational forum where men can learn to develop a well-rounded healthy lifestyle. There will be information tables, live deejays, on-site physical training, STD testing, Hep B vaccinations, HIV counseling and testing, a live interactive art installation, and a dining and socializing area. The expo will also include four tracks of workshops devoted to mind, body, spirit and sexual exploration. The expo is sponsored by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation.

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NON-BAR CALENDAR GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

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

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.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Bisexual Community Forum, Wingspan, 7 p.m. 300 E. 6th St.

A Fellowship Group starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Water of Life MCC. All 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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

#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 finale of the continuing saga of the Fisher family in "Six Feet Under". For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

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

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.

GLBT Support Group for youth under 23. 3 p.m. Wingspan 624-1779

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Sex Addicts Anonymous, GLBT-friendly 12-step meeting. Wingspan Annex. 624-1779

Tantra Workshop. A new/old approach to sex. Discover a safe sex approach to fun and better relationships. Call Marc 891-4582.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

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.

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.

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

Desert Gitz Male-to-Female Tea Night, 7 p.m. Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. 4th Ave. 624-1779.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

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, JANUARY 29

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

Bear Coffee Night - Bears of the Old Pueblo. 7 p.m. Rainbow Planet Coffee House. 790-5775.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

The Committee on Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Studies at the University of Arizona presents "Race, Gender, Sexuality & Identity in Visual Art." This is one of a series of three by queer visual artists. A reception will follow the lectures. Tonight at 6:00 p.m., Nick Cave will be the presenter. Cave, an African-American sculptor and performance artist from Chicago, is well known for his mixed-media work about masquerade and camouflage; about concealing, revealing, performing and constructing identity; about being "a black male in America." Aerospace & Mechanical Engineering Building Auditorium, Room S202, 1130 N. Mountain Ave., at the northeast corner of Mountain Avenue and Speedway Boulevard, parking available

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Jerry and Les host a Murder Mystery Dinner. Italian food and passion results in murder-and you can be in on the action. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Native American Sweat Lodge Ceremony for Men (including transmen) 3 p.m. Eaglebearboyd@juno.com

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Monthly meeting Southern Arizona Gender Alliance, 7 p.m. Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. sagatucson@yahoo.com, or 624-1779

Bar Calendar Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

IBTS - 9:00 p.m., the "Diva Licious Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Deora Le Blanc, Faith Michaels and Bunny FuFu

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Super Bowl Party! Come watch your favorite team on 3 TVs Big screen and surround sound. Free food and munchies during the game. Shot specials all day. Stay for the after-Bowl party with DJ Hill spinning Latin music from 9:00 p.m. to closing. No Cover.

IBTS - Super Bowl Party line-up includes Sean's Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Mary Buffet, Screwdrivers or Mimosa's. 4:15 p.m. Super Bowl Game. Karaoke Party with Michael D. on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to TIHAN. 9:00 p.m. It's a Benefit Show for TIHAN. Hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Janee Starr, Teri Aki, Veronica Halliwell, Stella Virgin and Sade Michaels.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Super Bowl Party here with 2 big screen TVs and Happy Hour Prices during the game. Grill open all day. Chicken Wings, Hamburgers and Sandwiches.

WOODY'S - Super Bowl Party. 3:00 til 9:00 p.m. 10 TVs plus the patio bar with sound on! Drink specials, food and party with friends.

VENTURE-N - Super Bowl Tailgate Party! Drink specials, snacks, bossburgers and 50/50 raffle at halftime. Dart tournament at 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

IBTS - 9:00 P.M. The Diva Licious Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Teri Aki, Chantelle Douglas, and Nikki Knoffs.

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YARD DOG SALOON - 2nd Anniversary Party. Mr. & Ms. Yard Dog Contest on the 15th. 8:00 p.m. Watch for more details!!!



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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Gender Outlaws support group for all genders, 7 p.m. Wingspan 300 E. 6th St. sagatucson@yahoo.com or 624-1779

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Big Benefit for Desert Voices "UnMasked!!" Mardi Gras Cabaret and Silent Auction, :00 p.m. at 6245 E. Bellevue (behind Trader Joe's at Wilnot and Speedway). Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Available from any Desert Voices member, Antigone Bookstore on 4th Ave. or by calling 791-9662. Intrigue, glamour, outrageous costumes, stunning dives of all persuasions, beads, trinkets and more!!!

Daily Bar Calendar

5:10-10:45

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Beer Bust 6-10, \$1.25 pitchers Bud or Bud Light. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9pm to close. Drink & Shot specials all night.

IBTS - 10am-8pm \$1.75 Bloodys, Screws or Mimosa's. 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, Mimosa's; Happy Hour 11am-8pm \$2 well or domestic beer. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 airfain 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

AINT 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.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Uncle Montie. Happy Hour prices for those in their undies 9pm-close. Queer As Folk shown beginning at 8pm. Hot Dancing follows with Johnny DJ. 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 8am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Tuesday

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestic beer & well 2-7pm. Pool journey 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 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

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, Mel Tai's.

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

Wednesday

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-4-1 domestic beer and well from 2-7pm. 90s retro music 8pm - 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. HIRRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Happy Hour 3-5. 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-lebath-leather nite with Michael \$1 off your favorite drink. Chill dogs or bowls \$1.

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

Thursday

AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Karaoke 9-close, with \$2 Kamikazea and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9. HI NRG video dancing with Johnny DJ 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 Aas drinks. Top scores on NTI; game wins special prizes. Free Pool 8 to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

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

Friday

AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Music with DJ Hill 9pm - close. Shot and drink specials all night. No cover.

IBTS - Open 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.

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.

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

Saturday

AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Bar matches pot. \$2 pitchers for pool players. DJ Hill 9pm-close.

Drink & Shot Specials all night.

IBTS - 10am-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 9pm-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 4-8pm. \$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 8am. 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 (TINAV), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

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

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1438 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

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA) Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Dezeri Girtz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dazert 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
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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 (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.tgssoftball.org

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 8809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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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 Donna Easty. 882-7723 Facilitator.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8680 or write P.O. Box 36204, Tucson, AZ 85740-6284. All replies confidential.

TUCSON GLBT ALANON 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.

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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 624-1779.

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 299-0663 and ask for a contact person.

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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 ALANON - 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 693, 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 824-8768.

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. Geronomo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9459 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 576-9827 or David 323-7843.

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. 8th Ave. Call 791-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #385, 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 890-9585 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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

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

ARE YOU GAY OR 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 3rd Sunday of each month. It's 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 981-4582 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 OUTBERFEST. 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

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The Hours, Chicago Dominate Golden Globes

BEVERLY HILLS, CA - Two films from Gay creators filled with strong female roles triumphed at the Golden Globe Awards, as the jazz-belted lady prisoners of Chicago won best musical-comedy and The Hours claimed best drama for its tale of women seeking solace in the work of suicidal author Virginia Woolf.

"I say to the writers, please keep writing for us, we're very interesting," Nicole Kidman said after winning best dramatic actress for her role as Woolf. "And to the directors, please keep taking chances and giving us complicated, rich characters to play." Kidman's award Sunday night marked her second consecutive Golden Globe after her win last year for Moulin Rouge in the musical-comedy class. She also won in 1996 for To Die For.

Chicago star Renee Zellweger won best musical-comedy actress for her role as murderer and wannabe cabaret singer Roxy Hart. Zellweger had a previous win in the category for 2001's Nurse Betty. Kidman and Zellweger each bested co-stars: Meryl Streep (playing a Lesbian) from The Hours and Catherine Zeta-Jones from Chicago. Streep did win supporting actress honors for playing a fictionalized version of author Susan Orlean in Adaptation.

The TV category for best drama and comedy marked an upset by edgy cable shows. The Shield won best TV drama, upsetting such major shows as The Sopranos and The West Wing, and its star, Michael Chiklis, was named best actor in a drama series. His Golden Globe follows his surprise Emmy victory last year for playing

a rogue cop on the violent, profanity-laced series on the little-watched FX cable channel. HBO's acerbic sitcom Curb Your Enthusiasm won best TV comedy series over Sex and the City, Friends, The Simpsons, and the Gay-themed Will & Grace.

The Golden Globes ceremony, hosted by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, is considered by some to be a barometer for the upcoming Academy Award nominations in February. Many of the nominated films, including The Hours and Adaptation, have been unavailable in most parts of the country as studios waited to do wide releases closer to the awards ceremony and next month's Oscar nominations. Nominated crowd-pleasing hits such as The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers and My Big Fat Greek Wedding were shut out at the Globes. Richard Gere won best comedy-musical actor for playing a flashy lawyer in Chicago, while best dramatic actor honors went to Jack Nicholson's performance as a disheveled retiree trying to change as he nears the end of his life in About Schmidt. "I always do films that are a bit difficult and not down the middle of the street," Nicholson said backstage, adding: "I threw out my vanity." Adaptation co-star Chris Cooper received the supporting actor prize for playing the stringy-haired and toothless orchid poacher chronicled in Orlean's book. Martin Scorsese received the best director award for the Civil War-era immigrant saga Gangs of New York, a film he had wanted to make for decades that, once completed, was delayed for more than a year by Miramax Films. "I was seven years old when I first heard the stories about this time and it's taken about, I don't know,

some forty-something years to get it done," he said. Irish rockers U2 won the best movie song award for "The Hands That Built America" from Gangs of New York, and composer Elliot Goldenthal received the best original score award for Frida.

Alexander Payne and Jim Taylor won the screenplay award for About Schmidt, adapted from the novel by Louis Begley. Gay Spanish filmmaker Pedro Almodovar's drama Talk to Her, about two men in love with comatose women in the same hospital, was chosen best foreign film. Gene Hackman accepted the Cecil B. DeMille Award, which honors the star of The Conversation and Crimson Tide for his career spanning more than 80 films. His roles in The French Connection and Unforgiven won him both Golden Globes and Academy Awards, and he received an additional Golden Globe honor last year for the comedy The Royal Tenenbaums. Golden Globe honors are chosen by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's roughly 90 members, who cover Hollywood for overseas publications.

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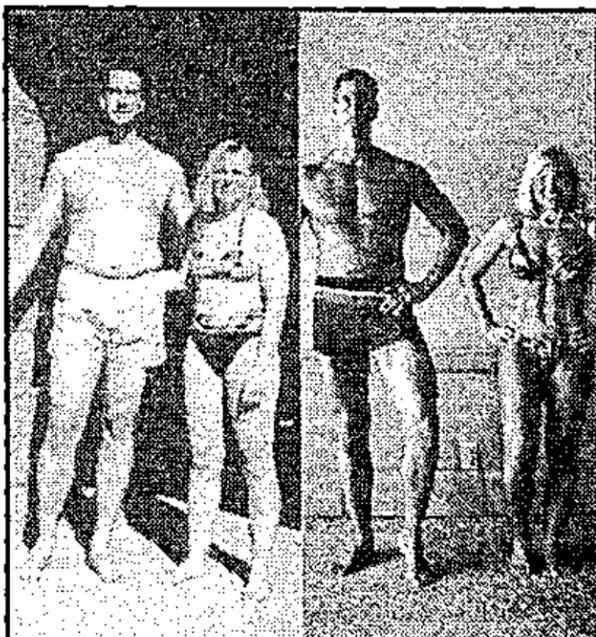
tion and other health groups debunked the idea that Gays are mentally ill or that sodomy laws have a connection to AIDS prevention. And a group of nearly 30 religious leaders and institutions argued that many of the faith-based groups that disapprove of homosexuality still staunchly defend the constitutional rights to privacy and equal protection of every American, Gay or straight.

The American Bar Association weighed in with a range of arguments, including the impact of sodomy laws on Gays in the legal profession. Although they didn't mention this particular incident, it was just a few days ago when a Virginia state legislator sounded the alarm over a Lesbian circuit court judge, who is up for a normally routine reappointment.

"There is certain homosexual conduct that is in violation of the law," said Republican Robert F. McDonnell, speaking of Judge Verbena Andrews. "It certainly raises some questions about the qualifications to serve as judge." (Oral sex is against the law, however, for all couples in Virginia.)

Finally, every Gay and Lesbian group you might think of signed on to a civil rights brief, along with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Puerto-Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, People for the American Way and others.

The briefs by and for Texas are due Feb. 18, and oral arguments are expected to be scheduled for sometime in March.



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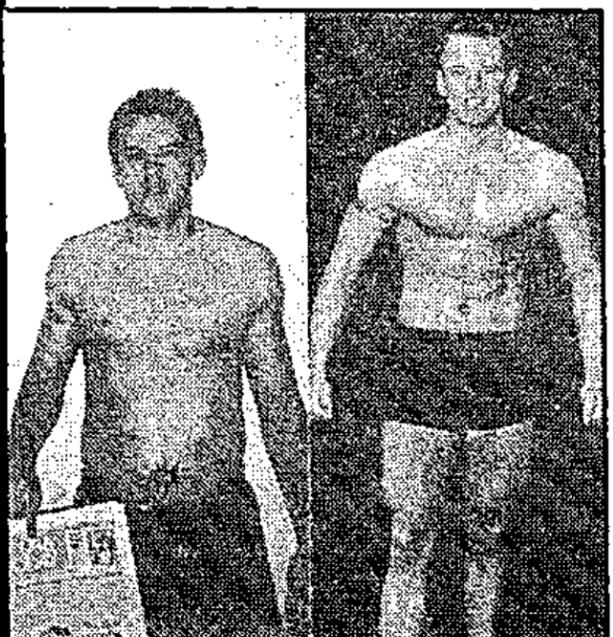
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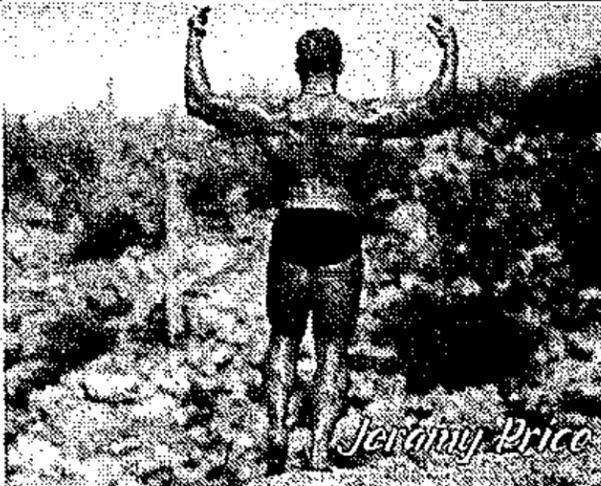
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