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Sept. 11 Fund Compensates Lesbian Partner

WASHINGTON, DC - A federal fund created to compensate victims of the Sept. 11 attacks has awarded over \$500,000 to the longtime partner of a woman who died at the Pentagon.

Sheila Hein, 51, a civilian Army employee who worked as a management analyst, died when a hijacked American Airlines jet slammed into the Pentagon.

Hein left behind Peggy Neff, with whom she had a relationship for 18 years and shared a home in the Washington area.

"She was my entire world and my soul mate, my closest confidante and my best friend," Neff wrote in an affidavit filed with her federal claim.

"The government recognized Peg's loving relationship with Sheila as being similar to that of a spouse and compensated her accordingly," said Jennifer Middleton, the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund staff attorney who handled Neff's claim and has worked with nearly two dozen Lesbians and Gay men whose partners were killed on Sept. 11.

"This is the first time the federal government has recognized a same-sex relationship this way."

Neff had applied for assistance from the federal fund after being rejected by a state fund in Virginia, where the Pentagon is located.

In Virginia, surviving partners of same-sex couples are not eligible for state aid.

In contrast, a New York state law enacted in August, gave 20 Lesbian and Gay survivors whose partners died in the September 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center workers' compensation - the same benefits surviving spouses receive under the state's Workers' Compensation Law.

That amount is as much as \$400 a week for the remainder of the spouse's life. New York Gov. George Pataki also issued an executive order providing same-sex partners the same Crime Victims Board benefits that husbands or wives receive.

However, in Virginia, the state limits the benefits to spouses, parents, grandparents, siblings and children. Neff's claim for state aid was turned down by the Virginia Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, which said it was not allowed to provide her with benefits.

But Kenneth Feinberg, special

master of the Sept. 11th Victim Compensation Fund established by the Department of Justice after the terrorist attacks concluded that Neff, who is in her mid-fifties, was entitled to compensation.

The federal Sept. 11 Victim Compensation Fund is still reviewing claims from hundreds of people who lost spouses or family members in the attacks and, based on several factors including lost financial support, has already awarded compensation to dozens of them.

Feinberg wrote on Nov. 26 that Neff had accepted \$557,390. The letter, released this week by Lambda Legal was first reported by the Washington Post.

"The fund was set up as a safety net for people who lost family members. That protection should be there for every victim - regardless of whether they were straight or Gay," said Lambda's Middleton. "We're enormously pleased that Peg's claim is resolved and she can move beyond fighting to have her relationship recognized, gfn.com reported.

It is unclear whether the decision would become a precedent for other compensation claims filed by domestic partners. The federal compensation for Sept. 11 victims is being decided case by case.

Computer Game Sparks G/L Backlash

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands - A computer game made in the United States that lets players shoot different types of people, including Gays, has been labeled a dangerous homophobic toy by some.

An earlier version of the game has already been banned in Australia, and a Dutch Gay rights activist is attempting to have the government ensure it does not wind up on store shelves in the Netherlands, 365Gay.com reported.

"Postal 2" is scheduled to go on sale in March.

Henk Krol described the game as "disgusting" and said he hoped to make potential buyers aware of its content.

Krol, who is also editor of the leading Dutch Gay newspaper Gay Krant, said: "In the Netherlands we have anti-discrimination laws to protect people from discrimination based on sexual prefer-

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Report Rebukes U.S. Policy On G/L Military

WASHINGTON, DC - The Human Rights Watch (HRW), the largest human rights organization based in the United States, issued an exhaustive report condemning the U.S. military's ban on openly Gay and Lesbian soldiers and calling on Congress to repeal the law.

The report cites research confirming that known Gays currently serve in both foreign and American military units without impairing combat performance.

It further suggests that the current policy on Gay soldiers is "counter-productive" and "antithetical to military objectives" because it wastes valuable talent and creates a hostile climate in which Gays and Lesbians must work.

In its report, HRW faults the U.S. for rhetorically championing democracy while maintaining laws that deny equal treatment to its own citizens. "The United States may wage war against those who disavow human rights," reads the report, "but it remains adamant against recognizing the fundamental rights of the Gay men and Lesbians who volunteer to fight, and die, for their country."

Citing research conducted by

government and private organizations including the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military (CSSMM), a think tank at the University of California, Santa Barbara, HRW describes the "utter lack of empirical evidence" to support the need for a ban on known Gay soldiers, pointing out that twenty four nations now allow Gays to serve openly in their militaries.

Beginning in 2000, CSSMM reviewed government and military documents and interviewed enlisted personnel and military leaders to assess the impact of lifting the ban in Canada, Israel, Australia and Britain. Researchers found no serious disruptions and no impairment of unit cohesion or military readiness in any of the foreign militaries it studied.

Dr. Aaron Belkin, Director of CSSMM, said the HRW report corroborated evidence that the military's Gay ban is not required by military necessity and appears to undermine military readiness. "The extensive research that has been conducted on Gay and Lesbian service clearly indicates that our national security is not threatened by the presence of Gay soldiers but by inflexible ideologies both abroad and right here at home," Belkin said.

Bush Choice For AIDS Panel Withdraws

WASHINGTON, DC - The cries of protest from Gay civil rights and AIDS advocacy groups and an investigative cover story in the Washington Post prompted Jerry Thacker to decline his appointment to the Presidential Advisory Commission on HIV and AIDS.

The New York Times reports Thacker sent a letter advising the White House he intended to withdraw his name and refuse the post with the intent of ending the controversy surrounding his selection.

The naming of Thacker to the commission promoted outrage from national Gay civil rights advocates and AIDS advocacy groups. His frequent references to AIDS as the "Gay plague" and his "reparative" or "conversion" therapy for Gay men threatened to completely undermine the commission's legitimacy in devising AIDS prevention policies.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation reported Friday that media scrutiny into Thacker's systematic deletion of anti-Gay commentary on websites under his control posed an embarrassing predicament for his conservative supporters in Congress and the White House.

GLAAD reported that using cached Google documents, it was possible to compare the sanitized sites with earlier

undoctored versions of material that amply demonstrated the extent of Thacker's anti-Gay bias.

The organization said the efforts to conceal the true content of Thacker's public pronouncements ought to raise disturbing questions in mainstream news organizations about other nominees forwarded by the Bush White House.

With regard to a controversial nominee to the federal bench, GLAAD notes that access to Charles Pickering's earlier rulings has been tightly controlled and only selectively made available to the public.

The attempt to rewrite history with the intent to mislead and misinform, said GLAAD, "raises questions about how other appointees and nominees are being vetted, selected and prepared."

"GLAAD urges journalists to not miss the big picture," said GLAAD's Cathy Renne. "The media's recent missed opportunity to include the ways LGBT people are affected by issues like Trent Lott's prejudicial comments - as well as broader issues like federal funding of anti-Gay religious organizations and the battle over reproductive rights - remind us that the media have a responsibility to connect the dots around these stories."

UPDATE

Desert Voices Show & Auction February 22

TUCSON - Desert Voices Cabaret Show and Silent Auction is coming February 22nd with a fun and frolic Mardi Gras theme.

Desert Voices will be singing lots of good music in large and small groups, solos and duets surrounded by masks, beads, and festive Mardi Gras decorations.

Tickets may be purchased from chorus members, at Antigone Books or by calling (520) 791-9662. The \$15 advance purchase (\$20 at the door) includes the show and auction, beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres. Doors open at 7 p.m.

'Peace Through Pride' Announced As Theme

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.

Man Gets Life In Prison For Slaying Phoenix Gay Man

PHOENIX - A man convicted of beating and dragging to death another man, targeted apparently because he was gay, was sentenced Monday in federal court to life in prison.

Aaron Ray James Miguel, 26, was convicted of second-degree murder in October by a U.S. District Court jury, which found the crime was motivated by Justin "Pete" Enos' sexual orientation, the Associated Press reported.

During the trial, prosecutors said Miguel lured Enos, 54, out of a Halloween party in October 2000 before beating him and dragging him behind a horse on a desert trail for a half-mile.

Miguel showed no visible signs of remorse toward Enos' family during the sentencing, but he did apologize to his own family.

Enos was hit with a shovel 10 times in the neck before he was buried in a shallow grave on the Gila River Indian Reservation.

'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 administration 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.

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.

Desert Players Auditions Feb. 15

TUCSON - Desert Players Theatre will be holding auditions for "Move Over Mrs. Markham," by Ray Cooney and John Chapman.

Auditions will be held at The Cabaret Theatre at the Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott, February 15, 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Four males and five females are needed. Cold readings from the script. Bring bio and photo.

For more information, call (520) 733-1076.

More Social Activities For Rainbow 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.

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HIV Studies Probe Notifying Sex Partners

WASHINGTON, DC - Researchers in Colorado and Louisiana are suggesting that the hazards of "partner notification" about HIV aren't all they're cracked up to be.

If you've been exposed to HIV by your boyfriend, don't expect the government to let you know about it. Only about a third of health departments in the United States make efforts to contact the sexual partners of people found to be infected with the AIDS virus. But researchers in Colorado and Louisiana are suggesting that the hazards of "partner notification" aren't all they're cracked up to be.

Two studies published this month, including one that mostly looked at Gay men, report that couples weren't much more likely to break up if one partner learned that the other is HIV-positive. One study, in the conservative enclave of Colorado Springs, found that HIV-positive patients who received counseling as part of a partner notification program were actually more likely to use condoms.

The debate over HIV disclosure continues, however, and one observer said the findings may not represent what happens in the "real world" where health department employees may not be well-trained.

"Horrible abuses may still occur," said David Evans, program director at the STOP AIDS Project in San Francisco.

Health departments first got into the business of contacting the sexual partners of sick people in the 1930s. Officials figured it made sense to warn partners of syphilis patients so they could get tested, be

treated and avoid infecting others, said John J. Potterat, former director of STD and HIV Control in Colorado Springs.

But the same approach met plenty of resistance in the early days of AIDS, when treatments were rarely effective. Some people, like Potterat, argued that the potentially exposed partners "had the right to know they might have something serious." Critics - including the American Civil Liberties Union - argued against government interference and invasion of privacy.

In the new studies, researchers wanted to see how partner notification affected couples and their relationships, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

In New Orleans, they looked at two groups of people - 76 patients with syphilis and 81 with HIV - and tracked down about a third of their sex partners. And in Colorado Springs, researchers examined several groups, including 19 HIV-positive patients whose partners were notified of their risk of illness and 74 people in HIV-negative couples. Most of the subjects in New Orleans were straight, while most in Colorado Springs were Gay or Bisexual.

The findings of the two studies appear in the January 2003 issue of the journal Sexually Transmitted Diseases. The researchers found that notifying partners of their HIV risk didn't do much to boost their risk of breakups when compared to the other couples.

Potterat, who wrote a commentary in the journal in support of partner notification, said the findings provide even more

evidence that health departments must make efforts to contact the partners of people with HIV.

Unfortunately, he said, critics have made it sound like health departments force HIV patients into listing their sexual partners. "Patients never have to cooperate nor are ever intimidated into it. Repeat: never."

Evans, the Stop AIDS Project official, is a bit more cautious. He has heard stories of partner notification programs in

the South and Midwest "where people literally had notices taped to their front doors from the local health department notifying them of their HIV test results."

But he supports programs that train their staff members to be sensitive and careful. "A few earlier studies found that a vast majority of people who test positive for HIV and other STDs willingly provide a list of partners for notification if they are asked. Many are grateful that someone else will do it (the notification) for them," he said.

Iowa's Governor Champions G/L Rights

DES MOINES, IA - Iowa's first Democratic governor in 32 years, Gov. Tom Vilsack, was sworn into his second term of office, calling for the people in his state to embrace change and dare to "be one harmonious people."

The Des Moines Register notes Vilsack put himself to the task, when in a departure from his prepared remarks, he called for greater tolerance among Iowans. "We can soften our hearts and be open to ideas," he said.

The governor also reached out his hand to Republicans with an offer for movement on two divisive issues. Saying that if Republicans eased their opposition to the passage of a Gay civil rights law, he might be inclined to allow church groups into the provision of some social services.

"Perhaps we can find a middle ground to do both," the Register quotes

Vilsack as saying.

The Des Moines Gay Men's Chorus performed at the ceremony -- a gesture of inclusion not lost on the audience. Shaine Rasmussen, 39, told the Register it was a marked departure from the past.

"I thought it was an excellent speech... talking about equal protection and anti-discrimination," Rasmussen said. "That was a very nice message. It sent a very clear message to the state of Iowa."

Vilsack has long supported the advancement of Gay civil rights in the state, battles that often put him at odds with the Republican controlled legislature. In 1999 and again in 2001, Vilsack issued executive orders pledging his commitment to battle against Gay bias in the state.



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Protest Grows Over Rolling Stone Article

NEW YORK, NY - HIV experts and Gay advocates are criticizing the Feb. 6 issue of Rolling Stone magazine that includes a controversial feature about how some HIV-negative men seek to become infected with the virus through unprotected sex with men they know are HIV-positive.

HIV virus, but the figure is likely to be very small.

The article - "Bug Chasers: The Men Who Secretly Long to Be HIV" - claims these men believe that the disease is "beautiful and sexy" and refer to the HIV-positive men who may infect them as "gift givers."

Marshall Forstein, the medical director of mental health and addiction services at Fenway Community Health in Boston, also said the feature was a "fabrication." He admitted there are so-called "bug chaser" cases, but he said they are very uncommon.

In the feature Bob Cabaj, M.D., director of behavioral health services for San Francisco County and former president of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, is quoted as claiming that 25 percent of Gay men now infected with the HIV virus actually wanted to become infected, reported Gay.com UK.

The story has been criticized in other news outlets and by HIV prevention advocates and Gay groups. Cathy Renna of GLAAD called the Rolling Stone piece "groundless," and Shana Krochmal of the Stop AIDS Project called the statistics "inaccurate," adding that bug-chasing is a "relatively uncommon behavior."

Cabaj, however, claims he did not say this. In a Newsweek story posted on the Internet, Cabaj said the feature is false and it is impossible to know how many Gay men deliberately go out to get infected with the

GLAAD urged readers who are concerned about the article's claims to write letters to the editor of Rolling Stone, Ed Needham.

Rolling Stone, however, has stood by the validity of the feature and the freelance journalist who wrote it, Gregory Freeman.

Virginia GOP Denies Askew Seat

RICHMOND, VA - Republican legislators in Virginia concluded late last week that Circuit Court Judge Verbena Askew apparently lied about advances she made toward a female administrator in her Virginia courthouse and threw her off the bench.

"No," Stole replied. "This came to us because there was a sexual harassment complaint and as part of an effort to cover that up, the judge did a number of things she shouldn't have done."

A scathing commentary published in the Washington Post details how with "heavy hearts, genuine tears and barely concealed glee" conservative lawmakers denied her reappointment as a Circuit Court judge in Newport News, Virginia.

The Virginia chapter of the Log Cabin Republicans joined Democrats across the state in condemning the behavior of the judiciary committee and called on the chairman of the House courts committee, Del. Robert McDonnell to resign for his "selective and vindictive use" of the anti-sodomy statutes.

The newspaper characterized the machinations of the General Assembly's confirmation hearing on Askew as "Let's Hear Juicy Bits About Lesbians Week." The lawmakers subjected Askew to a seven-hour hearing last week that barely touched on her performance on the bench but was rife with lurid speculation about her love life.

Del. Dwight Clinton Jones accused Republicans of engaging in "sexual and racial innuendo" to discredit Askew. "I tremble when I think that a judge whom we appointed was summoned before us in a process that has all the markings of a prosecution," he said.

Kenneth Stole, chairman of the Senate Courts of Justice Committee, told the Post there would have been no interest in debating Askew's reappointment had it not been for sexual harassment allegations, that were long ago settled out of court.

"I tremble when persons elected to positions of power use that power to drag a sitting judge through a public inquisition more worthy of another place, another time, another form of government."

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By Jerry D.

'State Of Whose Union'

Hello readers! Another football season has come and gone and, once again, the commercials were better than the game. I am glad I did not take the trip to San Diego this year, the ride home would have seemed longer. We now have that lull when Baseball has not started and Hockey is not worth watching. I can catch up on my reading this time each year, so I guess it's all for a reason.

When this week's article has gone to press, our President will have already given his annual State of the Union Address. I am sure that the Old Pueblo faithful will have a set of views and observations worth listening to. Like the big football game each year, this event draws a large crowd. With the pending situations we all are facing, it gives little comfort to see our nation's leader stand there and tell us that things are going to be okay. One of our constitutional rights, though, gives us the chance to hear him tell us what we already know.

In the time prior to television, radio, or mass print, the State of the Union was a vital information seed planted in our country. The nation's leader would address Congress and give the plan for the following year. Now we have news at our disposal with a click of a mouse or remote. The annual event does not seem as important, only because we can read the speech online prior to its delivery, or see the highlights on the evening news. This year's speech is no exception. What is going to seem like a first will actually be the aftermath of what is said and proposed.

The State of the Union should not be delivered from the person furthest away from the heart of the nation. If you want to know the true state of what our country is dealing with, ask the folks who sit at the bus stop every morning in any town, USA. All of the plans and proposals the President will speak of will have no true bearing on those folks, since they are in the category most forgotten by government. They are the class that is not really a class. It is the voice of those who work from paycheck to paycheck

who should let us know how our country is doing. I would love to see what they have to say after listening to what the President has for us.

The power of the voter is a privilege that most take for granted. This very newspaper does all it can to assure you of the facts and lead you to an informed decision when it comes to your vote. All that is left is for you to do is enter the polling place and mark the decision that you probably have already made well in advance. The only problem with voting someone in is the work it takes to remove them before their term is up. The President gets four opportunities to show his progress in one term. Whether we agree with his future for our country or not, we have to live with it until the next election. Think about that the next time you are voting, or worse, not casting your vote at all.

Now on to a happier subject. I had the pleasure of visiting Tucson's newest BGLT establishment. "November" is nestled on the corner of Roger and Romero. The bar has a patio front and seems to be drawing bigger and bigger crowds as the news gets around. They feature nightly themes, ranging from Latin night to Country night. For those of you who were around when it was open, "November" reminds me of the old "Rumorz." There is a mixed crowd each night and the entertainment can range from a DJ to live shows. Feature nights at "November" include Saturday's Latin Night. As mentioned in Joni's column a couple of weeks ago, there is a Latina drag show. Along with the show, the Latin Men's Project has a table set up with information and condoms for everyone. It's nice to see the Latin community represented in all facets, especially health. With the news of Latinos being the new major minority, we need all the help we can get.

Don't forget to visit any of the establishments mentioned in the Observer to submit your Valentine. It's a nice way to say I love you without breaking your bank account. Until next week, readers, enjoy! I'll see you out there!

La Conexión Latina

Salud es Poder

Te quiero mucho pero más me quiero yo

Recuerdo cuando te conocí. Estabas en aquella esquina en pleno centro histórico, como esperando a alguien. Pasaba yo por ahí pues siempre me gustaba ir por las noches al centro para sentirme rodeado de gente y disfrutar del fresco de la noche. Le di la vuelta a la plaza dos veces cuando por fin me detuve dispuesto a hacerte plática. Tu me diste entrada y fue así como nos ligamos. ¿Recuerdas que a la semana ya éramos pareja? Si, si, todo fue muy rápido pero ni hablar, así es nuestra vida. A veces tenemos que experimentar con mucha gente para por fin encontrar nuestra media naranja. Desgraciadamente en el mundo gay no tenemos muchos modelos a seguir puesto que casi no hay parejas que duren mucho tiempo. ¿Qué tu crees que nos pase? ¿Por qué no habrá muchas parejas que duren para toda la vida?

Pero bueno, como te estaba diciendo. Tengo muy buenos recuerdos de ti pero no por eso voy a hacer todo lo que me digas como si fuera tu esclavo. Yo soy una persona que también piensa y que toma sus propias decisiones. Desde que nos conocimos siempre hemos usado condón y

no ha habido problemas. ¡No entiendo ahora por que me sales con que ya no lo quieres usar! Según tu, dices que no se siente igual y que como somos pareja ya no tenemos que usarlo. Eso de que no se siente igual lo entiendo pero no nomás porque somos pareja no lo vamos a usar. Todavía no te conozco lo suficiente como para confiarme del todo de ti. Son como cuatro meses los que hemos estado juntos y aunque creo que me has sido fiel, todavía no te tengo una confianza plena en esas cosas. Y no es que no te quiera, estoy aprendiendo a quererte mucho pero hay que darnos más tiempo para tomar esa decisión tan importante. Te voy a decir una cosa que quiero que se te quede bien grabada en tu cabecita, ¡te quiero mucho pero más me quiero yo!. Así que mijito, si quieres seguir conmigo tenemos que seguir usando condón.

Mira, desgraciadamente nos tocó vivir en una época en que el preservativo es parte de nuestras vidas. Nosotros no nacimos en los sesentas cuando no existía el SIDA y no tenías que preocuparte por usar

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE
by Lee Thorn

Our Turn

A growing gaggle of Democrats are wading into the 2004 presidential pool without making a splash or even a ripple. Joe Lieberman wants to be a new kind of Democrat. Gee Joe, that's really exciting. Some other guy wants to represent the ordinary man or some such. Spine tingling.

Why do so many of these guys think that the W will be vulnerable in '04, and why do they think he'll be vulnerable to anything as vapid as a new kind of Democrat? Have they already forgotten the lesson of two years ago when they believed that if they just showed up in their places with bright shiny faces they'd win without ideas? Hey guys, you got stomped.

Maybe they're hoping for a rerun of Bush the First's re-election campaign. Maybe they're hoping that the war will be over or averted, the economy will still be limping along, and they'll be able to say, "Okay. They had their turn. Now it's our turn again."

That could possibly happen. History could repeat itself. But in view of the beating they took two years ago, it might be a little more prudent for the Dems to start coming up with ideas for programs that would solve some of the country's problems. It's not like we've run out of problems to solve.

Sooner or later somebody's going to have to address the health care mess. We've got people dropping dead because they can't afford their medications. We've got doctors giving up their practices because they can't afford malpractice insurance. We've got over 40 million citizens with no health insurance, and the folks who are still hanging on and paying their premiums are getting creamed. Throw in a nationwide nursing shortage and the fact that your chances of being killed by medical error are rising. Help!

We may not be ready for socialized medicine, but we wouldn't mind someone coming up with a system that we could afford and didn't have to fear.

And what about the criminal justice system? The outgoing governor of Illinois just kicked everybody off death row because he'd lost all faith in the system's reliability. The ever expanding forensic uses of DNA have shown the criminal justice

system to be defective beyond the imaginations of its severest critics.

We may not want to give up capital punishment, but it would be nice to limit the executions to people who actually had something to do with the crimes.

And what about corporate corruption? After the worst and most widespread rip-off of investors in history, the reforms look more cosmetic than substantive and a pitiful few indictments have been handed down.

And while we're at it, will somebody please figure out a way to increase racial diversity in grad schools without imposing quotas?

If the Democrats are going to try and bring some new ideas to the table in the next presidential election, something besides their bright shiny faces and their yelling, "Our turn," now is the time to start putting those ideas out there. The problems alluded to above and a dozen other toughies aren't going to be solved by Joe's being a nice guy or whatever it was he wanted to be. They're going to be solved by ideas that nobody has even floated yet.

It takes time to float an idea, to get it talked about, developed, debated and refined. It takes time to build a popular consensus for an idea, especially an idea that's new enough and radical enough to solve these problems that don't seem to want to budge under the pressure of the conventional thinking that's been available to date.

Since they virtually sat out the '02 campaign, perhaps we should remind the Dems of how the game is played: You're supposed to come up with proposals that the public likes but that the opposition for whatever reason — philosophical or historical — can't support. You should NOW be directing your liberal think tanks to be pouring out a thick rich idea stew, ideas for proposals to solve America's problems large and small. The operative word is now.

If we come to the next election with Bush saying, "More tax cuts," and the Dems saying, "Our turn," we're going to set a new record for low voter turnout.

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

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preservativos. Ni hablar, nos toca crecer ahora y pues tenemos que hacer del condón uno de nuestros mejores amigos. Aparte, no está del todo mal el usar preservativo, nomás hay que ponerle lubricante al pene antes de poner el condón y después ponerle lubricante al condón y todo va a estar bien. Mira, vamos a hacer del condón nuestro mejor amigo y a seguir echándole ganas a la relación y tal vez algún día, cuando estemos totalmente convencidos de que podemos ser fieles y no vamos a andar poniéndonos los cuernos, entonces si dejamos el condón a un lado. Pero mientras tanto, ¡no mi chiquito!, Tenemos que seguir como hasta ahora.

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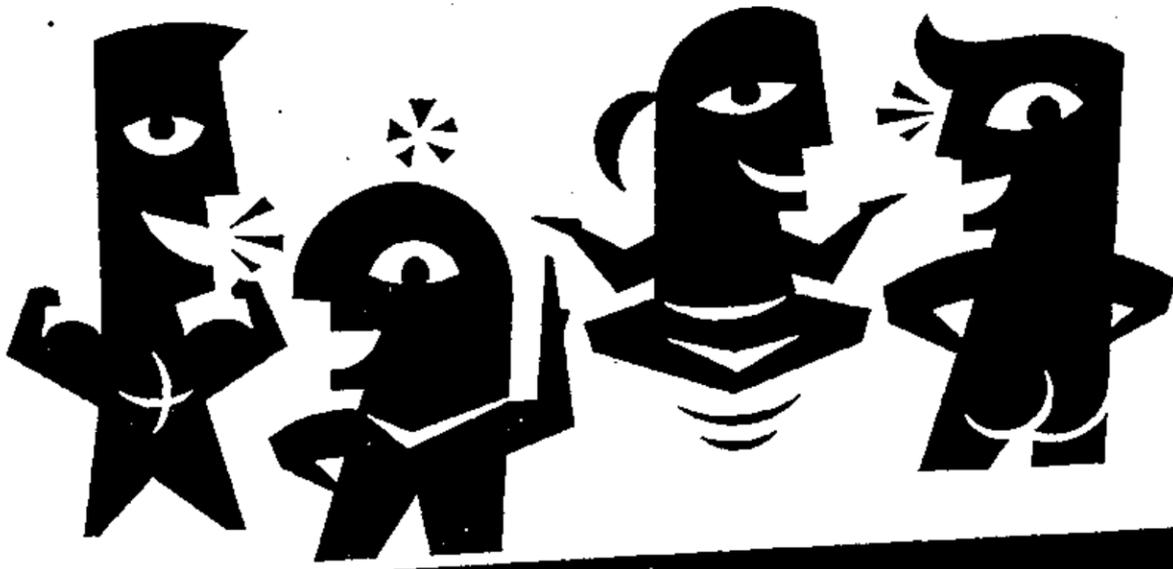
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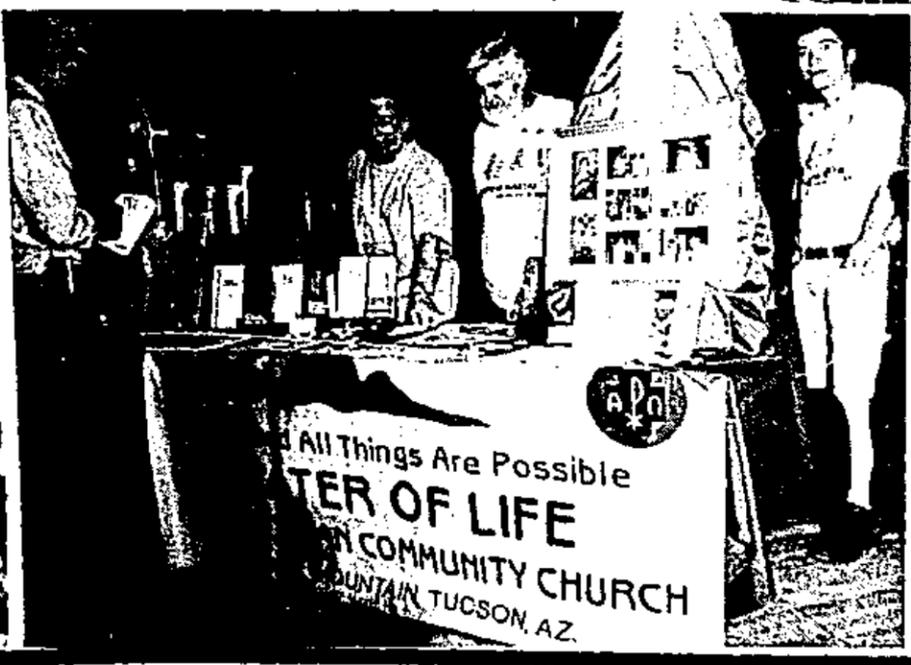
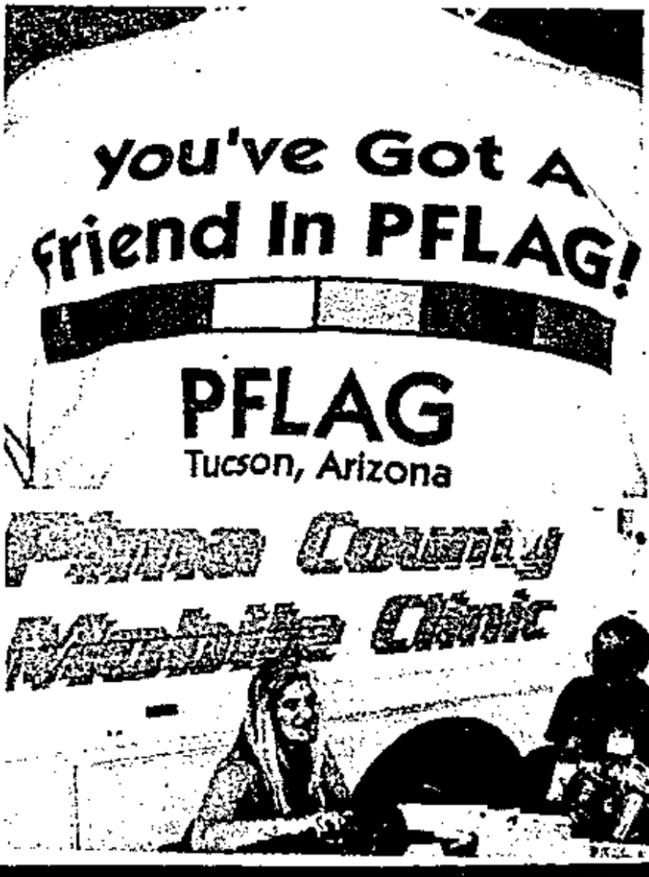
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Prepare for a planetary pile-up this week as the Sun "conjuncts" explosive Uranus. This means that our long term dreams can be thwarted by what we spontaneously say, think or do. Ready for fireworks in February? Keep on poking those embers, bubbele.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

More often than not, rainbow Rams prefer to go it alone. Why is that? The answer becomes quite clear when the Sun conjuncts sparky Uranus and friendships become more trouble than they are worth. If you tire of the scene, take a breather until next week when everybody's nose sniffs up new business and moves out of yours. For now though, keep your knees together.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Queer Bulls face a changing professional landscape as the sands shift with the planets. The Sun conjuncts Uranus and creates a few potholes in your superhighway of success this week. While the temptation is to act or react, clever Bulls will trot along with the crowd and graze. This corporate situation will soon downsize and you'll be in a good position to capitalize on it.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

It may not be the best time to take your act on the road. Pink Twins may find that their glorious plans don't seem quite so delicious when the Sun jabs crusty Uranus. Maybe it's best to step back and take a serious look at the blueprints. You may find that a few of the finer points are missing. Review and replan; next week you will act up with authority.

HOROSCOPES

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

All dressed up with no place to go? Blame the down time on the Sun conjunct Uranus. Pink Crabs may yearn to scratch a low down dirty itch but may find there is no suitable scratcher available. Wiggle around until next week as the transit passes and your urges can be unleashed in all their hot and heavy fury. Temperatures rising...waters boiling.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Partnerships may hit a snag when the Sun shunts Uranus. Proud Lions may feel romantic and supportive but the feeling may not be mutual (or vice versa). Keep your sunny side up as your commitment is tested. Remember that Rome wasn't built in a day so don't expect quick fixes. Of course a few quickies here and there may not be a bad idea....

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

You've been trotting down a primrose path at work for quite a while, queer Virgo. Now, as the Sun collides with Uranus be prepared to step on a few thorns. A new demand here or there could have you shunted into the sub-basement before you can say "Pass the paperclips, please". On the bright side, if you're angling for new employment, this could clear the way.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

When is enough, enough? Hard to tell when the Sun jabs Uranus. Fun has a way of getting out of hand this week so perhaps it's best to stow the stash and settle into a easy chair while this transit howls overhead. Gay Libras are like bulls set loose in a china shop. You break, you buy, cousin so don't forget to bring your credit card and your knee pads.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

If your home isn't all it should be, it's fine to begin to explore new options. But don't rush into anything while the Sun hamstring Uranus this week. Queer Scorps are awash in great decorating ideas but sometimes the best ideas on Monday are no nos by Friday. Sure, crushed red velvet bucket loveseats make a statement, but do you want to be quoted?

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

The sages say that a picture is worth a thousand words. Heed their advice and let fingers to the talking rather than a flapping jaw. Queer Archers may become a little too expressive when the Sun conjuncts Uranus this week, saying things they would normally chew on for a while and swallow. The secret is not to bite off more than you can handle. (Ain't it the truth, kids!)

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Somewhere along the line, a bear has trampled on your carefully constructed financial portfolio. Don't panic, pink Cap; this is just the fleeting sting of the Sun conjunct bearish Uranus. Before you sell short, chalk the rollercoaster up to market fluctuations and bide your time. You'll be the master of both the bulls and bears by next week at this time. Pack your whips, bud.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

There is considerable commotion occurring in your own sign this week as the Sun and Uranus collide in Aqueerius. While some of the faint of heart may prefer to remain on the sidelines, those with greater courage may venture Out and create an unintentional social stir. You'll have 'em talking for weeks, cousin so give 'em something to talk about. Hold the front page!!

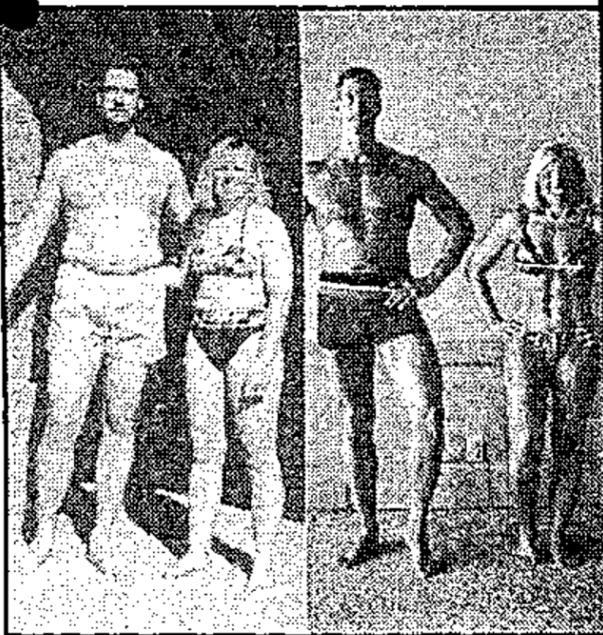
PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

If you get your wires crossed, blame it on the Sun conjunct Uranus. Prophetic Guppies are apt to stash their crystal balls this week and let others do the divining. As long as others are in charge of the excitement, why not use this transit to explore relaxation techniques like meditation, yoga or even hypnosis? Clear your mind and prepare for next week. Huh?

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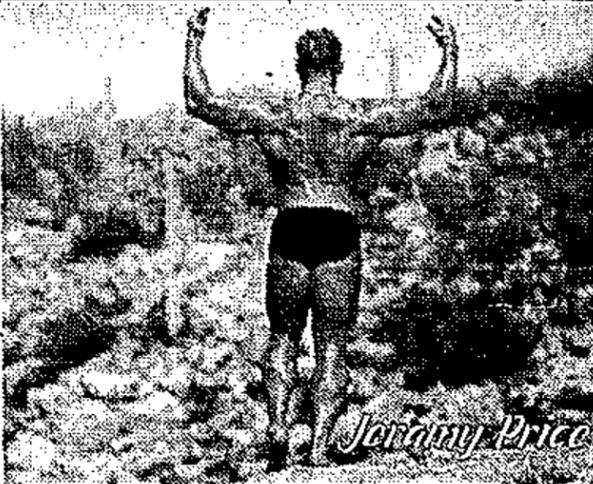
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GENDER WORLD

BY JONI K. MALISE

Having lived for years in lowland California, I've gotten used to thinking of Valentine's Day as the first day of spring. While it won't be spring yet in Washington, D. C., the annual True Spirit Conference begins on the evening of February 14 and runs through the 17th. Sponsored by American Boyz, True Spirit is a weekend get-together for female-to-male Transgenderists and their admirers.

Last year the keynote address was by the late Alexander John Goodrum from Tucson. At least six people from Tucson are going this year, including Michael Woodward, who introduced Alexander last year.

Make your reservation at www.true-spirit.org. If you get into town early with \$95 to spare, you can also attend the Transgender Aging Intensive from 8-5 on February 14 at the Holiday Inn, 415 New Jersey Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20001.

We in the MTF community will be busy next month too. Transgender Harmony is sponsoring Red and White Fantasy Night at the Cactus Rose, 8617 North Black Canyon Highway, on the north side of Phoenix, at 7 p.m. on February 8. And from February 28 through March 2, they'll be Puttin' on the Glitz at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2532 N. Peoria Avenue in Phoenix.

For information visit <http://glitzball.tgharmony.org/2003>, or write glitzball@tgharmony.org.

It was standing room only at last Thursday's Bisexual Forum. From the panelists I learned that bisexuals are the largest of the GLBT communities, but the least visible. If our panelists are any example, it isn't necessarily that bisexuals want to hide in the closet; they're just not noticed or acknowledged very often. In all these respects this is very different from the experience of Transgendered people. Yet I've always believed (maybe because I'm both) that many transpeople are bi. Maybe more people in general are bi than I've realized. Bisexuals make up a large, until-now silent and invisible community whose awakening could transform Queerdom: definitely an ally to be cultivated. While there's no bisexual support group I know of in Tucson right now, in Phoenix there's the Bisexual Network of Arizona: www.binetaz.org, or (602) 280-9074. The national Bisexual Resource Center can be reached at www.bi-resource.org.

Okay, what did I leave out? I know there's more going on in February than that. Write me at desertwordsmith@yahoo.com. See ya, Sweetie!

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

On Going Straight: A Word Of Caution

I remember when I was in junior high school, my church youth group had a week-end, winter retreat up in the mountains in Colorado. We had several toboggans to use at the site of the retreat. There was fresh powdery snow on the hillside where the lodge was. It started melting somewhat the first day we were there. That night the top layer of melting snow froze, and then it snowed again, leaving soft snow on frozen snow. It was just right for tobogganing!

Early the next morning, we climbed up the hill and made a toboggan run with a jumping off place at the bottom. We divided up into teams and had a contest to see which team could fly off the bottom of the run and go the farthest before we landed. It was loads of fun, and we all laughed pretty hard! The toboggans we had could hold 4 to 5 people, and the person at the front would call out, "Lean right" or "Lean left" in order to avoid hitting trees. The toboggan was supposed to go to the right or left, depending on which way we leaned.

On one trip down the hill, we got off to a bad start, and when our leader called out, "Lean left", some of us did and some of us didn't. The failure of not heeding our leader's command caused the toboggan to go straight and smack into a tree! We were all thrown off, but none of

us were hurt very badly, just jarred!

Now, I think you know where I am going with telling you of this experience I had. I am convinced that we as Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, and Transgendered people were made this way by God. And there comes a time when each of us has to make peace with God and with ourselves on this issue. For many of us, it has been a life-long process of learning to obey God's command to "lean right" or to "lean left".

When we do not obey His commands, we go "straight" and hit headlong into all kinds of blockades that prove disastrous to us. The lesson that eventually needs to be learned is that we, too, were made in the image of God, and that we can find peace with God through Jesus Christ, trusting His wisdom as to why He made us GLBT. Heed God's directions, and He will lead you to accept His peace and in so doing, He will lead you to accept yourself as you are.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13



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[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.]

Dear Dr. X,
 I'm a 25-year-old Gay virgin. I have a really good friend who is straight. He has agreed to let me satisfy my curiosity with him. I know that I want to try, but I guess I'm scared. What can I do to make it easier?

Curious Guy

Dear Curious Guy,
 Each guy has a lifetime of experience with at least his own penis. Man-to-man activity has nothing to do with sexual orientation - it's simply about being comfortable and not having hang-ups or guilt about the way your body responds to these activities. You already know how to handle yourself, so start with that. Your friend seems comfortable enough to let you explore things with him. He seems like he's up for anything, so let your curiosity lead you from there. The great thing about man-to-man encounters is that both guys know what it takes to make each other feel good. Before you begin you might want to have a little talk and let your partner know that neither of you have to do anything you aren't ready to do. Your curiosity is nothing to be ashamed of, so just relax and enjoy!

Dear Dr. X,
 I need to get an HIV test, but I'm afraid of what the results are going to be. I have had quite a few questionable experiences in the past 6 months, and now I'm feeling that I wasn't using my best judgment in those situations. How do I get over this fear?

Fearful

Dear Fearful,
 You seem more afraid of the results than of actually getting it done. Put your feelings in perspective and think about your health. If you do test positive you need to realize this is a disease that needs to be taken care of as soon as possible. I understand you made choices in your past and have to deal with the consequences of your actions. I am hoping the best for you and that these little scares will be a learning experience and not just a reprieve from your actions.

Dear Dr. X,
 What is a sidewalk sale? Are they safe?

Confused

Dear Confused,
 A sidewalk sale is a colorful little phrase used to describe the mingling and hanging out that occurs outside of a bar after it closes. Here you can learn about all the parties, gossip, see people who can't get into the bars and say your hellos & good-byes. Just a few words of caution, there can sometimes be a lot of fighting, hooking-up and all around drama. Be careful and have fun.

Computer Game

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ence and that makes it easier to do something.

"A lot of these games are being bought by parents and grandparents, and one of our goals is to get people to understand what they were buying," he said.

In "Postal 2," the player is a character called Postal Dude, who lives in a town with a wide variety of people with different ethnicities, builds and sexualities.

Vince Desi, the chief executive of Running with Scissors, the Arizona-based software company that produces "Postal 2," said that while players could shoot Gays, they did not have to and could not gain any advantage by doing so.

"It's definitely not anti-Gay," said Desi. "You know what? It's a game - get over it."

Virginia GOP

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The Richmond Times-Dispatch reports 61 judges have come before the General Assembly for reappointment and only three - all women who ruled favorably in cases involving Lesbian rights - have been singled out by the GOP majority.

FREE Valentines in the February 12th issue of the Observer. Get them in by Feb. 10 Limit four to a person. Leave your Valentine messages at any of Tucson's Gay bars, or at Wingspan, Antigone Books, Rainbow Planet Coffee House or S.A.A.F., or send directly to the Observer at any of the addresses on Page two. Join the fun. Hundreds do every year!

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NON-BAR CALENDAR

GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

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 Chef'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

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 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

#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 Pollack and Social Gathering where we invite you to have dinner and get to know the nice guys of MSN. We also have our annual Auction-a fun event where we raise money for the group, and you can find some good buys. It's a nice, safe setting in which to meet new men and greet old friends. For directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

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

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Special Guest, Rev Tony Freeman from San Diego MCC will be leading the 10:15AM Sunday Worship Service at the Water of Life MCC. Come and hear this enlightened speaker preach the word of God. For more information, call (520)292-9151.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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.

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

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

#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. The Investment group, Tucson Stockmen, meets. Currently there is one opening available. For information, please call Carl at 331-4238

Gender Outlaws support group for all genders, 7 p.m. Wingspan 300 E. 6th St. sagatucson@yahoo.com or 624-1778

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Marv for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Marv at 745-0304.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join the guys of MSN for a great Lunch Out at La Fuente, a place for great Mexican food. For directions and reservations, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

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.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. The Diva Licious Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Teri Aki, Chantelle Douglas, and Nikki Knolls.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

IBT'S - Party line-up includes Dennis' Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. Karaoke Party with Michael D. on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to Gay Men's Health Project. 7:30 p.m. it's 'Sissy Bingo' hosted by Lucinda Holiday and Aja Simone with prizes and surprises. 9:00 p.m. it's a special Benefit Show for Gay Men's Health Project. Show stars Janee Starr, Lady Ashley, Stella Virgin, Teri Aki, Veronica Halliwell and Decra La Blanc.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

VENTURE-N - Aquarian Madness Party from 8:00 p.m. to closing. \$1.00 Schnapps plus snacks and Birthday Cake. Come on down all you Aquarians!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. "The Diva Licious Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Aja Simone, Samantha White and Tabatha Lovell.

FRI - SAT - SUN, FEBRUARY 14-15-16

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - Valentine's Day

IBT'S - Valentine's Day Party. Watch for further info.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

IBT'S - President's Day Party. Watch for more info.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

IBT'S - Mardi Gras Party. Watch for more details.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. A theatre outing takes us to "Who's Under Where?", a romp involving two married women, jealous husbands, and a male model. For tickets, please phone the ticket office at 733-1076.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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.

Red and White Fantasy Night, Cactus Rose, 8817 N. Black Canyon Road, Phoenix Sponsored by Transgender Harmony

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner - 6:00 p.m., Pastiche - Modern Eatery, 3025 N. Campbell Suite 121. Reservations - Don: 622-1835

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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.

Desert Girlz, Support group for male-to-female transgenders. 7 PM, Wingspan 300 E. Sixth Street

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

#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. Join Tom for Bridge Night. If you don't know how to play, the guys are willing to teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 326-6196.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bruce for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, 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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join Karol for an afternoon of miniature golf. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

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

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday
AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Beer Bust 5-10. \$1.25 pitchers Bud or Bud Light. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9pm to close. Drink & Shot specials all night.

IBT's - 10am-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 11am. Brunch 11am-2pm. Pool Tourney 3pm Hip Hop 8pm-close 1st/3rd Sundays; "November Girls" 2nd/4th Sundays.
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. 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 sirdin 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.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Undie Mondie- Happy Hour prices for those in their undies 9pm-close. Queer As Folk shown beginning at 8pm. Hot Dancing follows with Johnny DJ. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Grill open 11-8:30pm. 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

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestic beer & well 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, bar matches pot. Country music 9pm to close. \$2 bottled Bud products 8pm to close.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Tea'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. Today's Hits-Yesterday's Favorites 6pm-close
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

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

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

Wednesday

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-4-1 domestic beer and well from 2-7pm. 90s retro music 9pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 6pm to close.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well, 6pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holiday and guests. HNRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Grill open 11-8:30pm. Happy Hour 3-5. Shrimp Fry Dinner 5-8:30pm \$5.99. Karaoke with Mistle & Steve 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- Jettish-leather nite with Michael \$1 off your favorite drink. Chik dogs or bowls \$1.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 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 Kamikazees and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBT's - 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. Grill open 11-8:30pm. Happy Hour 3-5pm. BBQ Steak or Chicken 5-8pm, \$5.99. Tectno 8pm-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Pool Tournament 7pm. 3 entry. (Special prices for players).

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close plus 50¢ off all Big Ass drinks. Top scores on NTN game wins special prizes. Free Pool 8 to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

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

Friday

AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Music with DJ Hill 8pm - close. Shot and drink specials all night. No cover.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10am. Grill open 11-8:30pm. Happy Hour 3-5. Fish or Shrimp Dinner \$5.99 11am-8:30pm. Country Western 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 Martini's \$2.00 all day. Call Martini's \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

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

Saturday

AINT NOBODY'S 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.

IBT's - 10am-6pm \$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. Grill open 11-8:30pm. Latino Nite. Drag Show 11:30pm Sat. 10:30pm. Free HIV testing by SAAF.

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 domestica. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Fillet 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

AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center. 300 E. 6th St. offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 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, Swen and River Road, Room 42. The 3rd Thursdays of the month, the group will meet at 7:30pm at Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse (606 North 4th Ave.) as a social outing. For more information call the church at 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

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

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

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

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AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3289 N. Mountain. All alcoholic 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 890-8565 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 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 681-4582 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 815-8436 for more info.

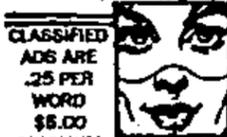
TUCSON PRIDE, INC. (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 7pm. Tucson Pride produces Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and QUTOFEST. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3220 or visit the TPI website at www.tucsonpride.com

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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

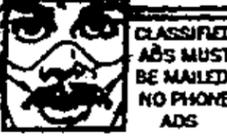
P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8650 or write P.O. Box 36284, Tucson, AZ 85740-6284. All replies confidential.



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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 858-5541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 6:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Elie 581-6850 or Ron 958-2384.

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 624-8788.

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 325-9458 or Ray at 748-5247.

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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 781-9682.

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The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 690-4513, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL. For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call information and Referral 681-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm. Mon. - Fri.

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)745-8059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-0219 (Phoenix)

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. 743-4600.

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

SAF (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.tgsofball.org

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

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at 4639 E. First Street. Call Jesse 743-4320 or Maurice 323-2293. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. TucsonStonewall@aol.com

GUYS BOOK CLUB meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm, Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 806 N. 4th Ave.

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

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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 325-8892

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 792-4007, Ext.398

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCL. The show "Tina Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 688-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

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

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

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 8523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-278-4805.

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

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

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High Game Handicap - Michael H., 312; Heather H., 283; Mama's Boys, 788.

Martina Triumphs At Australian Open

SYDNEY, Australia - Open Lesbian tennis great Martina Navratilova reached another milestone with a straight-sets victory in the Australian Open mixed doubles final, reports the Los Angeles Times.

Navratilova teamed with India's Leander Paes to defeat Australia's Todd Woodbridge and Greece's Eleni Daniilidou, 6-4, 7-5. It was the 57th Grand Slam title for Navratilova, who at the age of 46 years and three months surpassed Norman Brookes as the oldest winner of a Grand Slam title.

"I think people put too much on age," Navratilova said. "I certainly didn't think I would still be playing at this age. When I was growing up, I wanted to be the youngest to win something, not the oldest.... It's pretty bloody good, isn't it?"

Gay Athlete Scholarship Named For Tuaolo

WASHINGTON, DC - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will unveil the nation's first-ever college scholarship for Gay student athletes, to be named after former NFL defensive tackle Esera Tuaolo, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

The scholarship, the first of as many as seven that PFLAG plans to unveil for college-bound teens in coming months, would go to an openly GLBT student who plays on a high school team, PFLAG Executive Director David Tseng said. The amount of the scholarship hasn't been set yet, Tseng said.

Students will be able to start applying this fall for the first batch of scholarships, which are intended for students starting college in fall 2004.

Tuaolo, who will be on hand at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., for the scholarship announcement along with Rep. Robert Matsui, D-Sacramento, said he's excited and humbled by the use of

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his name. He came out last year by describing to the media his torment at having to remain in the closet during his nine NFL seasons playing for five different teams.

"I didn't expect all or any of this, but the response in this country has been so supportive," Tuaolo told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network. "It's not about me anymore. It's not about my family. It's something bigger than I am. My story adds another dimension to the fight for Gay rights."

Tseng said Tuaolo is a role model for student-athletes.

"We're honoring his leadership because he came out as an openly Gay man and withstood his life in professional sports," Tseng said. "His resilience and bravery deserve to be recognized."

PFLAG's new program will also include as many as six other scholarships with as-yet-undetermined qualifications, although he said that both GLBT and GLBT-supportive students would be eligible for some of the honors.

"We believe it's important that we both recognize and support the leadership of GLBT youth and their allies in secondary schools across the nation," Tseng said. "We feel a deep responsibility to honor these students and also emphasize that we are invested in their future because they are our future."

Tseng said funding for the scholarships will come mainly from a "considerable" bequest the organization is receiving

from a wealthy Gay Palm Springs man who died last year. The amount of the bequest can't be disclosed because the estate of Palmer B. Carson is currently in probate, Tseng said.

Tseng said Carson had no known prior connection with PFLAG and that he did not know how Carson earned his fortune. No obituary for Carson appeared in the Desert Sun, the local Palm Springs daily, and prominent Gays in Palm Springs said they have never heard of him.

S.F. Giants Clashes With Gay Pride Plans

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The San Francisco Giants baseball team has ruffled feathers in the Bay Area with a proposal to move the popular "Until There's a Cure Day" game to June 29 this year, reports the San Francisco Chronicle. That's the same day the city's annual Gay pride celebration roars through town.

The team—which in 1994 became the first professional sports team in the nation to host an AIDS-related community outreach event—has usually held the fund-raiser in August and attracted many Gay fans. But Gay leaders said the proposed date change is sure to anger Gay Giants fans and force AIDS organizations participating in the game's red-ribbon ceremony to make a choice between two major events occurring at the same time.

"There will definitely be some outcry," said Tom Nolan, executive director of Project Open Hand, which marches in the

city's pride parade and was one of the main beneficiaries of last year's "Until There's a Cure Day" game. "It presents a conflict for me. Project Open Hand always has a marching contingent in the parade, and that's where I need to be."

Shana Daum, director of community relations for the Giants, said the team changed the date to drum up publicity for the 10th anniversary of the fund-raiser and to make it more of a Bay Area event, since the Giants will be playing the Oakland A's on June 29. Daum said the team was unfamiliar with the pride parade date and didn't realize the scheduling conflict until two weeks ago, when parade organizers called it to their attention.

"We have been discussing it," Daum said. "It is very likely that [the date conflict] is not going to occur, because we want to do what's right for the communities that we're trying to reach out to."

Basketball Team Courts G/L Fans

ROANOKE, VA - The Roanoke Dazzle, a minor league basketball team from Virginia, will sponsor a Gay and Lesbian fan appreciation night titled "All in the Family" on March 8. Discounted tickets will be offered to Gays, Lesbians, their families, and friends.

Team president Dennis Robarge says the event will be no different than any other promotional night, though the team will promote the event only through word of mouth and fliers.

"I think it's a positive move," said the Reverend Catherine Houchins, pastor of the local Metropolitan Community Church. "The first time a group does something, it's probably going to anger or upset someone. I think it's a courageous thing for them to do."

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