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Half Of U.S. States Report HIV Increases

BOSTON, MA - Research presented to HIV/AIDS experts assembled showed that HIV infections rose among Gay men in half of the United States and suggested that complacency and online sex habits may be some of the factors responsible.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released data from 25 states, showing a 14 percent increase in the number of HIV diagnoses in men who have sex with men (MSM) from 1999 to 2001. Among heterosexuals, the increase was 10 percent, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

The 25 states studied do not include California and New York, which are considered high-prevalence states, according to the CDC. But the federal health agency also stressed that data from half the states -- only those that have been reporting HIV infections for years -- is not representative of the whole country.

Based on the available data, a federal official warned that "AIDS complacency" may be reversing the downward trend in new infections.

"We are still dealing with the perception that HIV/AIDS is not a problem in America -- it is just a problem overseas," said Dr. Ronald Valdiserri, deputy director of the CDC's National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention.

Speaking at the 10th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections, Valdiserri urged health care providers to be more active in talking to clients about safer sex and counseling them to get tested for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

"Medical care providers must play an active role in HIV prevention efforts if we are to achieve a reduction in the incidence of new HIV infections in the United States," he said.

Valdiserri also noted that newly diagnosed AIDS cases in the United States rose 1 percent in 2001, the first increase since 1993.

Researchers from the Medical and Health Research Association of New York City also presented results from a study of Gay men's online sexual habits. Surveying 3,000 men from chat rooms on Gay.com, researchers found that 84 percent said they met sex partners online, the Associated Press reported.

In recent years, health officials have also linked transmission of STDs to online chat rooms.

"Chat rooms are an incredibly efficient way of finding sex. What we have to do is find an equally efficient way to help guys stay safe while they're doing it," said Dan Wohlfeiler, former education director of the Stop AIDS Project in San Francisco, after an outbreak in 2001. Both AOL and Gay.com have dispatched safer sex counselors in chat rooms.

Valdiserri said on Tuesday the various data presented at the conference contributes to his concern that the U.S. HIV rate -- roughly 40,000 new cases each year -- may already be rising.

"We are still talking about a deadly disease for which there is no cure," Valdiserri told Reuters.

Bush Re-Election Support Slips

WASHINGTON, DC - According to a recent survey conducted by the The Los Angeles Times, the share of Americans favoring President Bush's re-election in 2004 has fallen below 50 percent for the first time since September 11, 2001.

The survey also found that owing to name recognition and other factors, Sens. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut and John Kerry of Massachusetts have emerged as the early front-runners vying for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The Times found 45 percent of registered voters said they are now likely to support Bush for re election, compared to 40 percent who said they were more inclined to back the Democratic nominee. Fifteen percent said they don't now lean in either direction.

Though the public mood and its support for the president will likely change several times before voters go the polls in 2004, the new results suggest that the close partisan balance that defined U.S. politics before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks is slowly reasserting itself.

The Times Poll interviewed 1,197

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G/L Marriages, Rallies Protest U.S. Laws

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Gay marriage advocates are honoring Freedom to Marry Day with public weddings and rallies to protest unequal marriage laws.

Will the phrase, "I now pronounce you ... husband and husband," ever ring true? If Gay marriage advocates have any say in the matter, the answer will soon be yes, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

On Wednesday, February 12, in recognition of National Freedom to Marry Day, Gay and Lesbian groups across the nation are hoping to make the above statement as acceptable as the one uttered in traditional heterosexual wedding ceremonies.

Nowhere in the United States is a Gay couple granted the same basic marriage privileges as straight couples -- not even in Vermont, where voters there passed the historic civil union law nearly three years ago. The United States lags behind countries like Belgium and the Netherlands in allowing its Gay citizens the legal right to say, "I do."

Lambda Legal, a major voice leading the charge, has issued the Marriage Resolution, a one-sentence proclamation supporting the right for all people to marry. The resolution reads: "Because marriage is a basic human right and an individual personal choice, RESOLVED, the state should not interfere with same-gender couples who choose to marry and share fully and equally in the rights, responsibilities and commitment of civil marriage."

To support the resolution during this sixth annual National Freedom to Marry Week, groups around the country -- from San Francisco and Boston to Louisville, Ky., and Trenton, N.J. -- are staging public events.

Lambda began hosting events on Monday and will continue through Friday -- Valentine's Day -- when it will partner with Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) groups across the country to encourage Gay couples to apply for marriage licenses in their home towns. MCC founder, Rev. Troy D. Perry, and his partner of 18 years, Phillip Ray DeBlieck, will be on line at a Los Angeles courthouse when it opens Friday morning to apply for a license.

Perry, a longtime civil rights activist, believes that marriage is not a religious issue, rather a legal one afforded to all people, regardless of sexual orientation. Perry has decided to focus on Valentine's Day -- the annual holiday to express love to your mate -- in order to display a lack of equality in marriage laws.

"It's time to move the debate on Gay marriage forward," Perry said. "It's time for equality. It's time for the United States to catch up with Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, Germany, France and other countries that are providing marriage rights for Gay couples."

In fact, many Americans believe same-sex couples should enjoy the rights currently granted only to straight couples. In a 2002 Witeck-Combs Communications/Harris Interactive poll, a vast majority of the people surveyed favored giving Gay couples expanded rights, including joint property rights, estate inheritance laws, emergency health care authority and hospital visitation rights -- many privileges enjoyed through the union of marriage.

"The term 'same-sex marriage' perhaps remains politicized and controversial," said Bob Witeck, CEO of Witeck Combs. "However, when basic rights of marriage and civil unions are spelled out, it's not so surprising that the American people increasingly favor fairness and equity for all couples, including same-sex unions."

This week, Gay couples will proclaim unity to each other in public commitment ceremonies across the nation. On Wednesday night, at least 25 couples will gather at the Resurrection MCC in Houston for "A Civil Wedding Ceremony: A Demonstration, Affirmation and Celebration of the Right to Marry," the first official National Freedom to Marry Day event in Texas.

Students at Arizona State University will participate in Kim and Kat Powers' commitment ceremony Friday morning, and Gay and Lesbian couples in Atlanta will don gowns and tuxedos for a strolling wedding party on Wednesday. And yes, cake will be served.

While these ceremonies will likely be viewed in a festive light for the participants, the political impact has the potential to be quite large. Currently, a number of states, including California and Massachusetts, have introduced bills that would, in effect, give same-sex couples thousands of the same rights and privileges legally enjoyed by straight couples.

"The whole purpose of the day is to demonstrate the need for ending legalized discrimination against same-sex couples," said Geoff Kors, executive director of the California Alliance for Pride and Equality.

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Community Forum February 20

TUCSON - On Thursday, February 20, 6:00 p.m., Wingspan focuses on the Latino/a community and the struggle of Latino/a families to overcome the deep roots of homophobia in their monthly forum.

This event will take place at Wingspan's Main Office, 300 E. Sixth Street.

Through knowledge and love we can prove that we are stronger together, than apart. Come join the discussion and watch the award winning documentary featured on Showtime: De Colores, a bilingual 28-minute documentary about how Latino families are replacing the deep roots of homophobia with the even deeper roots of love and tolerance. Through moving personal stories we learn about how families are breaking cultural barriers and how love always prevails.

A free reception will follow after the forum. For more information, email thomas@wingspanaz.org or call (520) 624-1779.

TIHAN Volunteer Training In February

TUCSON - TIHAN conducting the next round of orientations and training at the end of this month:

Tuesday, February 18, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Thursday, February 20, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Thursday, February 20, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Monday, February 24, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. or Wednesday, February 26, at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

This is your opportunity to "change the world" for people affected by HIV/AIDS in our Tucson Community. TIHAN is a non-profit organization in Southern Arizona that works with our faith communities to provide social, emotional, and practical assistance (non-medical) to those who are living with HIV. Volunteers are the heart of our organization and need your help!

Making a difference has never been easier! Here's how you can get involved: First, select only one of the orientation dates/times below and RSVP or for more information, call (520) 299-6647 or e-mail to mike@tihan.org.

6th Annual Valentine's Dance At MCC Feb.15

TUCSON - The Water of Life MCC (Metropolitan Community Church) will be holding its 6th annual Valentine's Dance, 8 p.m. Saturday, February 15 and goes on until Midnight.

The admission is $5.00 and includes music and refreshments. With raffle prizes galore and other surprises, this is an event not to missed. You need not be a church member to attend. Every one is welcome to attend this alcohol free event.

Water of Life MCC is located at 3269 North Mountain Ave (just north of Fort Lowell) and meet every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call (520) 292-9151 or e-mail: WOLMCC@aol.com.

Antigone Books Workshop Feb. 15

TUCSON - Join us for an event at Antigone Books, Saturday, February 15, noon to 3 p.m., for a Portable Shrine Workshop.

Have fun creating your own portable shrine/altar in a 2 ½ hour workshop with instructor Nicole Raisin Stern. We will use colorful handmade papers, leaves, pods, markers, bamboo, etc. to decorate cigar boxes and transform them into personal shrines with doors that open.

Participants are encouraged to bring any special items wanted for inclusion. $40; all supplies included. Advance registration (and payment) required. Limited to 7 participants. Call, (520) 792-3715, or come by the store to register (and see a sample shrine)!

Desert Voices Bringing Mardi Gras February 22

TUCSON - Desert Voices will present their version of Mardi Gras, February 22, at the annual Cabaret Show and Silent Auction to be held at 6245 E Bellevue (N of Speedway and Wilmot behind Trader Joe's).

There will be costumes, masks, music and great items for sale at the Auction, at good prices.

Ticket cost is $15 in advance, $20 at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine. Tickets may be purchased from chorus members, at Antigone Books, or by calling (520) 791-9662.

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.

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.

Reveille Concert February 28

TUCSON - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus presents "De Colores", an evening of joyous music and Reveille's first major concert of the season, Friday, February 28, at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Curtain is at 8 p.m.

"De Colores" will also be presented in Hermosillo, Sonora, February 22 as a benefit for ACCSIDA, Community action Against AIDS. ACCSIDA is the leading community HIV/AIDS prevention organization in Sonora, Mexico. "De Colores" marks the debut of Linus Lerner as Reveille's artistic director. Linus is an immensely talented musician who is completing a doctorate in music at UA.

"De Colores" features rousing folk music from North and South America, some great classics of choral music and pop solos that will knock your socks off. Traditional Mexican pasteles, chocolate and cafe will be offered during intermission and after the concert. This will be a great date event, a great place to meet someone special, a great occasion for a group of friends to gather, and a great event for going it alone. Does that cover it, or what? Remember Friday, February 28, for "De Colores"!

Tickets are $18 advance and $20 at the door. Advance tickets are available at Antigone's Books, from Reveille chorus members and by telephone at (520) 617-3100. There will be only one performance of "De Colores" in Tucson.

Position Open At Wingspan

TUCSON - Wingspan is hiring for the following open position: Advocate/Educator.

Job description: 30 hours / week $ 9.50-10.50 / hr + benefits DOE. Description: The Advocate / Educator provides crisis intervention and advocacy services to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) victim/survivors of violence, as well as community outreach and education about violence within and against the LGBT community.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities: Answer Crisis Line and work with walk-in clients. Provide crisis intervention, advocacy, support, information and referrals to LGBT victim/survivors of violence. Conduct intakes for emergency shelter program. Provide presentations on issues of violence within and against the LGBT community to agencies, classes, and community groups. Help develop outreach materials and staff information tables

Some evenings and weekends required. Some travel required. Other tasks as assigned by either the Executive Director or the Program Director.

Please send cover letter, resume, and list of 3 references to: Wingspan Domestic Violence Project, c/o Cathy Busha, 300 E. 6th Street, Tucson, AZ 85705, or fax to (520) 624-0364 or email to wdvp@wingspanaz.org. Closing Date: Friday, February 21. No phone calls or E-mail questions please. AA/EOE

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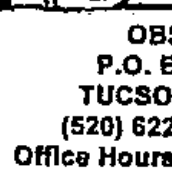

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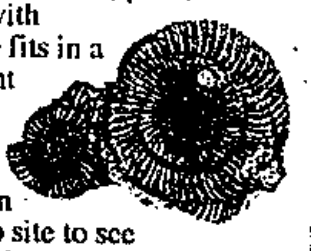

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"Chicago" Leads Pack In Oscar Race

LOS ANGELES, CA - Nominations for the 75th annual Academy Awards were announced Tuesday, February 11, and Gay artists and characters had their best showing ever.

Chicago leads the pack this year with an astounding 13 nominations, including Best Picture (producer Martin Richards with, among others, out executive producers Craig Zadan and Neil Meron), Best Director (out filmmaker Rob Marshall), and Best Adapted Screenplay (out writer Bill Condon). Other notable Gay filmmakers nominated this year include Pedro Almodóvar (Best Director and Best Original Screenplay, Talk to Her), Todd Haynes (Best Original Screenplay, Far From Heaven), producer Scott Rudin (Best Picture, The Hours), Stephen Daldry (Best Director, The Hours), and Dean DeBlois (Best Animated Film, Lilo & Stitch--although an Academy rule that allows only one name to be listed per animated film means that DeBlois's codirector, Chris Sanders, is the listed filmmaker). Salma Hayek received a Best Actress nod for playing Bisexual painter Frida Kahlo in Frida, and competing against her will be Nicole Kidman, playing Bisexual poet and author Virginia Woolf in The Hours. Ed Harris is up for Best Supporting Actor as a poet dying of AIDS complications in The Hours, although the Academy overlooked Dennis Quaid's powerful performance as a closeted Gay man in 1950s suburbia in Far From Heaven. A Best Foreign Film nomination went to the Dutch Gay-themed comedy Zus & Zo. The Oscars will be presented March 23 in Los Angeles.

Best motion picture of the year: Chicago (Miramax), a Producer Circle Co., Zadan/Meron Production, Martin Richards, Producer; Gangs of New York (Miramax), an Alberto Grimaldi Production, Alberto Grimaldi and Harvey Weinstein, Producers; The Hours (Paramount and Miramax), a Scott Rudin/Robert Fox Production, Scott Rudin and Robert Fox, Producers; The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (New Line), a New Line Cinema and Wingnut Films Production, Barrie M. Osborne, Fran Walsh, and Peter Jackson, Producers; The Pianist (Focus Features), an R.P. Productions, Heritage Films, Studio Babelsberg, Runtime LTD. Production, Roman Polanski, Robert Benmussa, and Alain Sarde, Producers

Performance by an actor in a leading role: Adrien Brody, The Pianist (Focus Features); Nicolas Cage, Adaptation (Sony Pictures Releasing); Michael Caine, The Quiet American (Miramax and Intermedia); Daniel Day-Lewis, Gangs of New York (Miramax); Jack Nicholson, About Schmidt (New Line)

Performance by an actress in a leading role: Salma Hayek, Frida (Miramax); Nicole Kidman, The Hours (Paramount and Miramax); Diane Lane, Unfaithful (20th Century Fox); Julianne Moore, Far From Heaven (Focus Features); Renée Zellweger, Chicago (Miramax)

Performance by an actor in a supporting role: Chris Cooper, Adaptation (Sony Pictures Releasing); Ed Harris, The Hours (Paramount and Miramax); Paul Newman, Road to Perdition (DreamWorks and 20th Century Fox); John C. Reilly, Chicago (Miramax); Christopher Walken, Catch Me If You Can (DreamWorks)

Performance by an actress in a supporting role: Kathy Bates, About Schmidt (New Line); Julianne Moore, The Hours (Paramount and Miramax); Queen Latifah, Chicago (Miramax); Meryl Streep, Adaptation (Sony Pictures Releasing); Catherine Zeta-Jones, Chicago (Miramax)

Achievement in directing: Chicago, Rob Marshall (Miramax); Gangs of New York, Martin Scorsese (Miramax); The Hours, Stephen Daldry (Paramount and Miramax); The Pianist, Roman Polanski (Focus Features); Talk to Her, Pedro Almodóvar (Sony Pictures Classics)

Adapted screenplay: About a Boy, Peter Hedges and Chris Weitz & Paul Weitz (Universal); Adaptation, Charlie Kaufman and Donald Kaufman (Sony Pictures Releasing); Chicago, Bill Condon (Miramax); The Hours, David Hare (Paramount and Miramax); The Pianist, Ronald Harwood (Focus Features)

Original screenplay: Far From Heaven, Todd Haynes (Focus Features); Gangs of New York, screenplay by Jay Cocks and Steve Zaillian and Kenneth Lonergan, story by Jay Cocks (Miramax); My Big Fat Greek Wedding, Nia Vardalos (IFC/Gold Circle Films); Talk to Her, Pedro Almodóvar (Sony Pictures Classics); Y Tu Mamá También, Carlos Cuarón and Alfonso Cuarón (IFC Films)

Best animated feature film of the year: Ice Age, Chris Wedge (20th Century Fox); Lilo & Stitch, Chris Sanders (Buena Vista); Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron, Jeffrey Katzenberg (DreamWorks); Spirited Away, Hayao Miyazaki (Buena Vista); Treasure Planet, Ron Clements (Buena Vista)

Achievement in art direction: Chicago (Miramax), Art Direction: John Myhre, Set Decoration: Gord Sim; Frida (Miramax), Art Direction: Felipe Fernandez del Paso, Set Decoration: Hannia Robledo; Gangs of New York (Miramax), Art Direction: Dante Ferretti, Set Decoration: Francesca Lo Schiavo; The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (New Line), Art Direction: Grant Major, Set Decoration: Dan Hennah and Alan Lee; Road to Perdition (DreamWorks and 20th Century Fox), Art Direction: Dennis Gassner, Set Decoration: Nancy Haigh

Achievement in cinematography: Chicago, Dion Beebe (Miramax); Far From Heaven, Edward Lachman (Focus Features); Gangs of New York, Michael Ballhaus (Miramax); The Pianist, Pawel Edelman (Focus Features); Road to Perdition, Conrad L. Hall (DreamWorks and 20th Century Fox)

Achievement in costume design: Chicago (Miramax) Colleen Atwood; Frida (Miramax) Julie Weiss; Gangs of New York (Miramax) Sandy Powell; The Hours (Paramount and Miramax) Ann Roth; The Pianist (Focus Features) Anna Sheppard

Best documentary feature: Bowling for Columbine (United Artists and Alliance Atlantis), a Salter Street Films/VIF 2/Dog Eat Dog Films Production Michael Moore and Michael Donovan; Daughter From Danang (Balcony Releasing in association with Cowboy Pictures), an Interfaze Educational Production Gail Dolgin and Vincente Franco; Prisoner of Paradise (Alliance Atlantis), a Média Vérité/Café Production Malcolm Clarke and Stuart Sender; Spellbound (THINKFilm), a Blitz/Welch Production Jeffrey Blitz and Sean Welch; Winged Migration (Sony Pictures Classics),

Texas Executes Convicted Gay Basher

HUNTSVILLE, TX - An apologetic Henry Dunn Jr. was executed in Texas for participating in the fatal shooting of a Tyler man who was abducted and targeted for robbery because he was Gay.

Strapped to the death-chamber gurney, he expressed love for his family and asked for forgiveness from his victim's relatives. "I hope you can find it in your heart to find forgiveness and strength, to move on and find peace," Dunn said, looking at Nicolas West's sister, brother, and brother-in-law. As the drugs began taking effect, Dunn let out a gasp. He was pronounced dead at 6:15 p.m., six minutes after the lethal dose was administered.

In a written statement released following his death, he complained that the death penalty in Texas is "broke." He said unqualified attorneys were appointed for him under state law. "Texas has executed innocent people, and tonight Texas has shown just how broke and unfair its system is," he said. Dunn accused the state of having no clemency and urged politicians to work to "fix the Texas justice system" and continue to "work for a moratorium on the death penalty in Texas." In the signed statement, he urged his family and friends to "continue to struggle and fight against the death penalty as its only use has been for revenge and it does not deter crime." Dunn, 28, was the eighth Texas inmate executed this year and second this week. Three more are scheduled for lethal injection later this month.

The former fast-food restaurant worker acknowledged being present when the 23-year-old West was gunned down near Tyler more than nine years ago. But he said a companion also sent to death row was primarily to blame for the Gay-bashing hate crime. "I don't hate homosexuals," Dunn, who was 19 at the time of the killing, said last week. "That's their right to be that way if they want to." Donald Aldrich, now 38, also is on death row for the West slaying. A third man, David Ray McMillan, who was 17 when the crime took place on November 30, 1993, received a life prison term. "I did admit to being at the crime scene," Dunn said in a death row interview. "I'm not saying I'm responsible."

The U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday afternoon refused to review the case and halt the execution. Dunn was one day away from injection last May when the fifth circuit U.S. court of appeals stayed his execution so it could consider an appeal.

Authorities believed that Aldrich, on parole after a pair of burglary and robbery convictions, was the leader of what became known as the "CB gang"—because they first became acquainted over CB radios. The gang preyed on Gay men in the Tyler area for months. West, a medical clerk, was abducted from a Tyler park known as a Gay cruising spot. Taken to a remote area of Smith County, he was stripped, ordered down on his knees, and shot as many as 15 times. Dunn called it "a crime that got out of control." Aldrich had lured West under the guise of seeking sex, then drove away with him. Dunn said he and McMillan were waiting nearby. According to a plan carried out several times previously, Dunn and McMillan followed them out of town, where the trio would then rob the unsuspecting victim. "Aldrich was mad because the dude didn't give him all his money," Dunn said. At his trial Aldrich blamed Dunn for starting the gunfire. Dunn replied from death row that he could "not positively say" he did any shooting. Evidence, however, showed that he used a .357-caliber Magnum and that the shot he fired into West's head was the last of the more than a dozen bullets and a shotgun blast fired into the victim. West's body was found two days later. Dunn was arrested driving West's truck.

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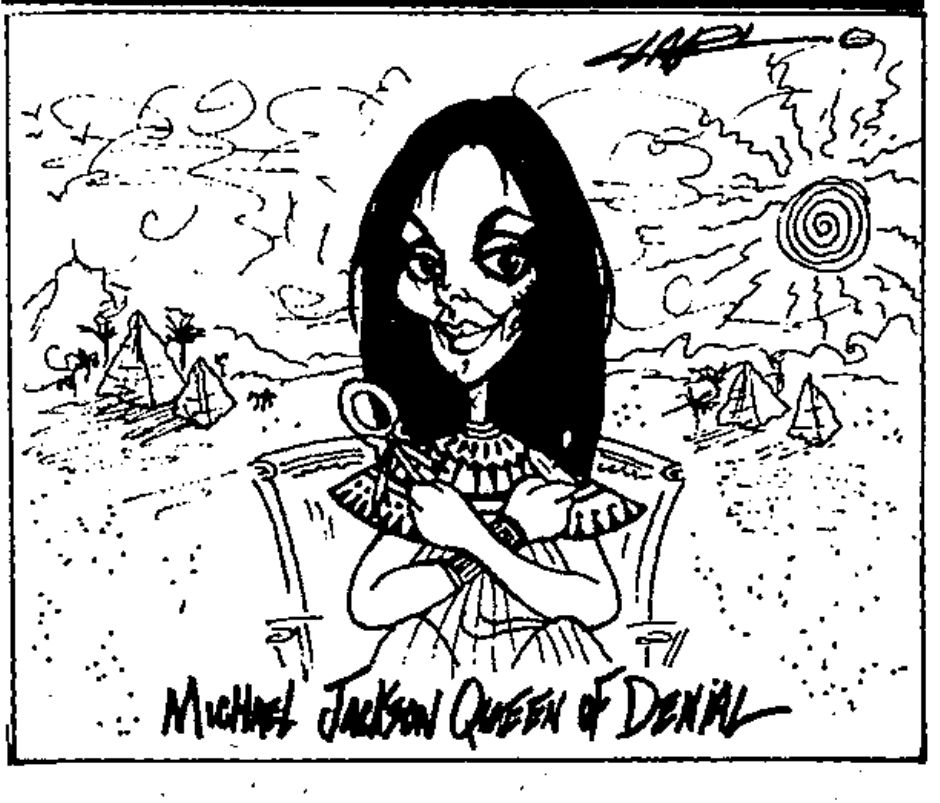
"There are tens of thousands of same-sex couples, who are no different than heterosexual couples, and simply want the ability to take care of themselves and their families."

By coming together across the nation during the week that includes Abraham Lincoln's birthday and Valentine's Day, same-sex couples are telling Americans it's time for a change in attitude and, more importantly, the law.

"We have a great legacy of public actions that helped to move forward the case of justice," MCC's Perry said, talking about women's right to vote and desegregation. "It's time for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender persons to advance our own quest for equality by taking our demands to courthouses and municipal offices with actions that demonstrate both the depth of our love and the unfairness of the restrictive marriage laws."

As I See It - by Clark



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Syphilis Rates Soar In Palm Springs

PALM SPRINGS, CA - The nation's top desert resort for Gay men has become a hot spot in the growing national outbreak of syphilis. Palm Springs, home to clothing-optional guesthouses and circuit parties, is reporting a higher syphilis rate than San Francisco and the counties of San Diego and Los Angeles, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

While syphilis is usually treatable, the rise in cases threatens to boost HIV rates because infection makes it easier to transmit the AIDS virus, said Dan Wohlfeiler, spokesman for California's Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Branch. More than two-thirds of California Gay men diagnosed with syphilis in 2002 were HIV-positive.

"Let's say you're trying pretty hard to be safe but don't do it constantly," Wohlfeiler said. "Your efforts are being undermined by the presence of syphilis."

Palm Springs and neighboring cities have a large Gay population, especially of older Gay men, and plenty of tourists. The city, east of Los Angeles, reported 53 cases of infectious syphilis in the first 11 months of 2002.

That number is fairly small in California as a whole, where more than 950 similar cases were reported last year. But the number is high for an area with a small population. Palm Springs is home to only about 40,000 people.

By contrast, the county of San Diego, with a population of nearly 3 million, reported just 37 cases of infectious syphilis in 2002. Gay and bisexual men made up 25 of those cases, and 17 were HIV-positive.

The Palm Springs outbreak is also notable because of its rapid growth. The city only reported seven syphilis cases in 2001.

"Palm Springs is a resort community, and people come from all over. Some of the disease is brought in by people who come to visit and have sexual encounters," said Barbara Cole, director for disease control for Riverside County, which includes the city. "We also have visitors who come in, have sex and go back with something."

The county is working with a local AIDS group to spread the word about the risks of syphilis, she said.

While penicillin and other drugs can easily knock out syphilis in its early stages, the disease can cripple or kill if not treated. Symptoms, if they appear at all, include sores on the genitals, anus or mouth; non-itchy rashes on the body; flu-like symptoms and swollen glands; and hair loss.

Clinics can detect the disease with a simple blood test. Thankfully, doctors no longer have to stick devices into the urethra to test for the most common STDs, Wohlfeiler said. "Guys should be in the habit of asking their providers for routine STD checkups," he said, adding that older Gay men shouldn't assume they are immune.

State officials in California recommend that Gay men be tested for STDs once every three months if they use drugs during sex or if they if they have many partners, especially hustlers or Internet chat-room users. Health officials across the United States have linked several syphilis outbreaks to men who met through chat rooms.

Boston University Leader Bigoted Says Frank

BOSTON, MA - Congressman Barney Frank went public Thursday with pointed criticism of Boston University Chancellor John Silber and the September closure of the BU Academy Gay-Straight Alliance.

Frank said that after a breakdown in private correspondence between the two men, he felt it his obligation to counteract some of the biased public pronouncements Silber has made on Gay issues.

Congressman Frank published two letters, challenging the chancellor's decision to put financial pressure on Academy officials into closing the school's Gay student support group and criticizing statements Silber made in defense of that action.

"I've tried to communicate with him privately and that had zero impact on him - he just got defensive and angry," Frank told BU's Daily Free Press. "It's an important thing now to counteract publicly what he had to say."

BU spokesman Kevin Carleton said Silber felt Frank's second letter did not warrant a response. "The fact that Congressman Frank wishes to engage in a series of letters on the BU Academy puts no burden on Dr. Silber to continue in the exchange after he has adequately expressed his views."

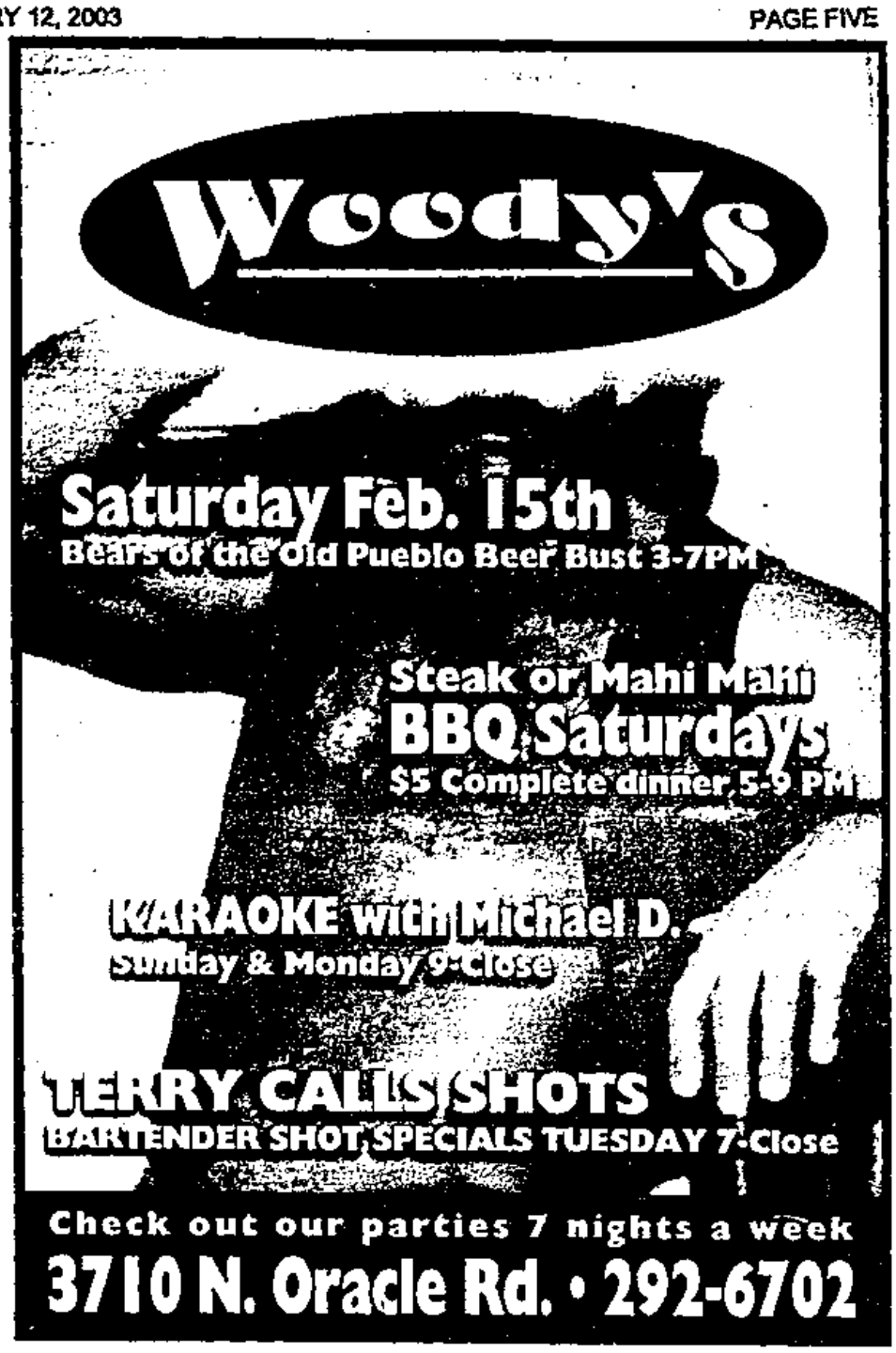
Carleton said Frank's second letter did not "add substantially to the points he raised in his first..." and said Silber's feelings on several points pressed by Frank were well known.

In addition to the GSA closing, Frank was angered by Silber's assertion that organizations had a right to discriminate against sexual orientation and other innate characteristics. He also took particular exception to Silber's assertion that openly Gay people were "rubbing your nose" in their sexuality.

Frank also condemned Silber's contention that Gay people were not naturally attracted to the same sex but were "first seduced into sex," by peers or elders in some implied form of ritual abuse.

Frank said he felt "some obligation," as an elected official who is Gay, "to counteract what I find to be openly anti-Gay rhetoric."

"I can't control what happens with the academy," Frank said. "As a public figure, the one thing I can do is engage him in debate - the thing I have most to bring to this is some ability to help point out the flaws in his attack."



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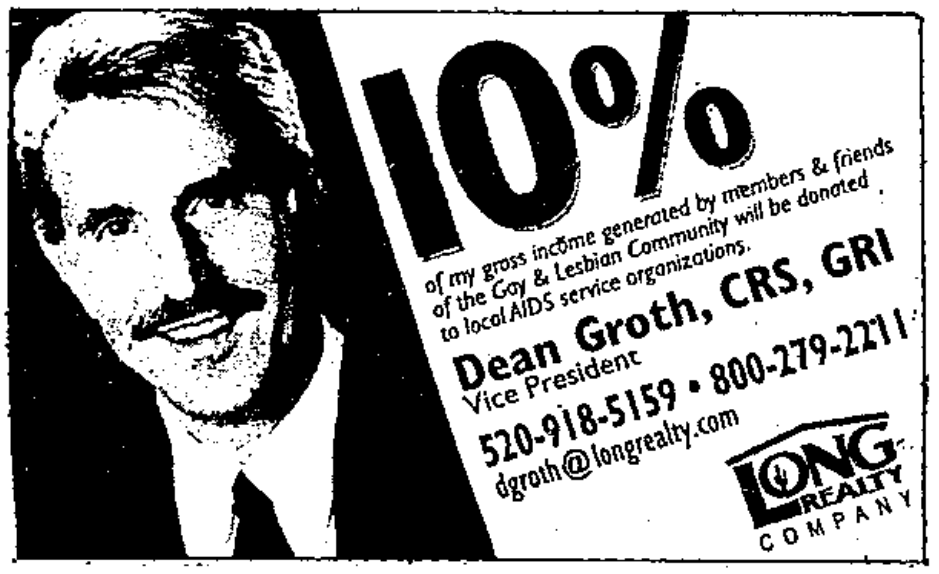

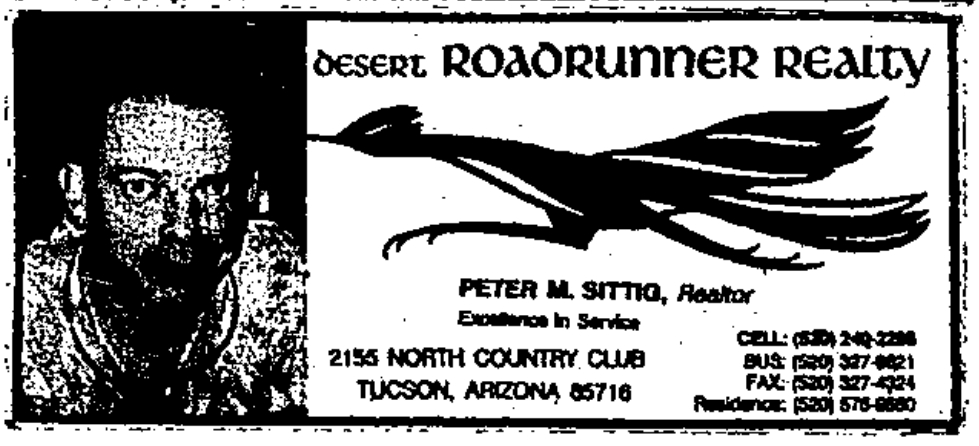

'If The Government Represented Everyone, Perhaps'

On July 1-3, 1863, the Battle of Gettysburg, one of the most noted battles of the Civil War took place. On November 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln dedicated the field in Pennsylvania, as a national cemetery, with his immortal two-minute address, which ended with " ... that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

Tell that to Arizona House Majority Leader, Eddie Farnsworth, an ultra conservative, Mesa Republican, who in an recent interview, said "people have to decide whether they want government by initiative or a representative form of government." You see Eddie is a little peeved that many groups and individuals utilize a wonderful outlet provided for them in the Arizona constitution: the initiative or referendum.

Arizona's constitution says that the state government shall be a representative one but in reality it isn't, thanks to conservative Republicans like Farnsworth, who've hoisted the alt-fuels debacle, draconian spending on social programs and education, as well as tax-cuts that favor business while basing the state's fortunes on just the sales tax, which hurts the working poor the most and the result: Arizona has the budget deficits and an economy that it is in the proverbial crapper.

Representative government indeed, this conservative, anti Gay and anti choice cadre has hoisted its extremist petard on the state with: concealed weapons, chipping away the rights of those wanting to be tested for HIV, as well as the rights of women to freely consult with their medical providers, citing a few of the too numerous examples to list, and also don't forget about recognizing Gay and Lesbian relationships, with Arizona DOMA in 1996, this despite the fact state law already said a marriage is between a man and a woman.

No wonder, Arizona voters face a slew of ballot propositions every general election. Arizona's legislative leaders, bought and paid for by the throngs of lobbyists who write the proposed legislation, as well as their extremist ideology, don't have a reason to complain. In a dozen years, they've managed to take the Grand Canyon State and turn it into a "Big Hole," and they still don't get it.

Voters, through the various initiatives approving medical marijuana, funding for educational programs, providing money for needed trauma centers and social programs have sent a message to the ninety who serve, as well as the Republican leadership, to just do their job and solve the problems the state faces, not create new ones but will they?

Of course not, and with the deadline to introduce legislation for this session of the Legislature passing, the usual extremist proposals, wasting time, patience, and most importantly, tax dollars are back and will be considered, as previously reported in this column, given show-hearings and ramrodded through while other measures may not get even a hearing before a legislative committee.

Take SB 1142 for example, sponsored and co-sponsored 14 state Representatives and Senators, (8 Democrats, 6 Republicans). SB 1142 would allow medical accurate information about HIV/AIDS to be presented in schools to Arizona's future, it's children. Written by the Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance and Planned Parenthood, the bill was assigned to the Senate Education Committee and as of press time, hasn't been scheduled for consideration.

Another measure is HB 2453, sponsored and co-sponsored by 15 state Representatives and Senators, (14 Democrats and one brave Republican), that would ensure that "all persons, regardless of gender, Transgender, ethnic group identification, race, national origin, religion, color, mental or physical disability or sexual orientation shall be afforded equal rights and opportunities in the educational institutions of this state." Enough said but this bill hasn't even been first read, as of press time.

Lastly for the moment is SB 1255, the Arizona Employment Non-Discrimination Act, sponsored and co-sponsored by five state Representatives and Senators (four Democrats and one courageous Republican) proposes to protect the employment rights of Arizona's Gay and Lesbian working populace. SB 1225 was assigned to two committees: Senate Commerce and Senate Judiciary, thus killing it in this form.

These proposals may come back, through subterfuge and another form, thanks to the strike everything amendment and this is a shame. For Arizona to have a representative government, these bills should see the light of day and get consideration. Whether they agree with the proposals or not, measures such as written above should be considered and debated and if they are defeated, so be it, thus representative government.

Until that happens in Arizona, let the initiative's be considered, referendum petitions signed and strike everything amendments go forth and multiply!

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Madonna, Lopez, Spears Among Razzie Nominees

LOS ANGELES, CA - If you think the Oscar battle for best actress is going to be close, wait until you see who's duking it out for the dubious honor of being named the year's worst actress: Madonna, Jennifer Lopez, Britney Spears, Winona Ryder, and Angelina Jolie.

The nominations for the Golden Raspberry, or Razzie, awards for 2002's worst films, actors, and actresses were announced a day ahead of Oscar nominations, and this year the worst actress category seems to be swept away by a high-profile who's who of talent, beauty, and bad luck.

Competing for worst picture are critical flops that include Eddie Murphy's $85 million down-the-toilet action film, The Adventures of Pluto Nash; Madonna's spoiled-wife epic, Swept Away; Spears's wooden screen debut, Crossroads; and Oscar winner Roberto Benigni's wooden remake of Pinocchio. Add to the mix George Lucas's latest entry in what Razzie organizers call a series from a galaxy far, far too long: Star Wars: Episode II–Attack of the Clones.

In filmdom's main event, the Academy Awards, the fight for best actress is expected to be particularly tough this year, with nominations expected for Meryl Streep, Renee Zellweger, Nicole Kidman, and Julianne Moore. The Razzies also are going to be a close fight but in a far worse way. Spears is nominated for Crossroads, Madonna for Swept Away, Jolie for the box office bomb Life or Something Like It, Ryder for Mr. Deeds, and Lopez, who has a shot with two films, Enough and Maid in Manhattan. Now that may be a fight that many a film fan would say was too close to call.

Murphy in Pluto Nash leads the list for worst actor, followed by Benigni for Pinocchio, Adriano Giannini for Swept Away, Steven Seagal in Half Past Dead, and previous worst actor winner Adam Sandler with a chance to win for two films, Eight Crazy Nights and Mr. Deeds. In the worst supporting actor category, it's a fight between Hayden Christensen in the latest Star Wars, Tom Green for Stealing Harvard, Freddie Prinze Jr. for Scooby-Doo, Christopher Walken for The Country Bears, and Robin Williams in Death to Smoochy. Up for worst supporting actress are Lara Flynn Boyle for Men in Black II, Bo Derek for Master of Disguise, Madonna for her blink-of-an-eye appearance in Die Another Day, Natalie Portman in Star Wars, and Rebecca Romijn-Stamos, Rollerball.

The Razzies are ushering in a new category to mark its 23rd annual awards–"Most Flatulent Teen-Targeted Movie"–and the nominees are: Eight Crazy Nights, Crossroads, Jackass: The Movie, Scooby-Doo, and XXX. Nominees for worst screen couple were Adriano Giannini and Madonna in Swept Away; Roberto Benigni and Nicoletta Braschi in Pinocchio; Hayden Christensen and Natalie Portman in Star Wars; Eddie Murphy paired with either Robert De Niro in Showtime, Owen Wilson in I Spy, or himself cloned in Pluto Nash; and Britney Spears and Anson Mount in Crossroads. The battle for worst director came down to Benigni for Pinocchio; Tamra Davis for Crossroads; George Lucas for Star Wars; Madonna's husband, Guy Ritchie, for Swept Away; and Ron Underwood for The Adventures of Pluto Nash.

The Razzies are handed out on March 22 or, as the organizers like to say, "24 hours before that other awards show, a.k.a. 'The Giving-Out of the Little Gold Naked Men.'"

Effort Underway To Block Lesbian Judge's Nomination

ANNAPOLIS, MD - A Republican state senator in Maryland has launched an effort to block a Baltimore judge's appointment to the bench because he believes she lied about her sexual orientation on an application for military service in the 1980s.

Sen. Alex Mooney said that he does not oppose the nomination of out Lesbian judge Halee Weinstein because of her homosexuality but because he believes she must have lied on an Army application requiring her to declare her sexual orientation. Weinstein applied to serve in the military in the 1980s, prior to the enactment of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy. She was appointed to the Baltimore city district court last August by former governor Parris Glendening. "The law is the law, the law is passed by the government, and she decided to lie on her forms," said Mooney, one of the senate's most conservative members. "As a judge she is going to be sitting over people that falsify documents. It's an ethical question." The state senate must confirm the appointment. Weinstein attended the senate session but would not comment on Mooney's allegations.

Maryland governor Robert Ehrlich said he supports Weinstein's nomination and would ask Mooney to drop his plans to block it. The governor said the postponement is "a short-term issue. We'll be able to get to 'yes' on that one pretty quickly. I would like to get that issue settled." The governor said his bottom line is whether the nominee meets his standards: "Does the person have the right judicial temperament? Does the person want to go to the bench for the right reason, in order to interpret the law, not to create the law?" Ehrlich added that he believes Weinstein meets those criteria.

Other supporters of Weinstein said she has served with distinction on the bench since her appointment in July. "I consider her a fair judge who is acquitting herself well on the bench," said chief district judge James N. Vaughan. "I sincerely hope she is confirmed by the senate." A former assistant state's attorney, Weinstein was a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army before her discharge in 1986.

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Neptune, the dreamweaver of the zodiac, nuzzles Mars in a sextile aspect this week unleashing a rare opportunity for even the most snarly of us to charmingly manipulate others. What a break! But use this energy for karmic gay goodness and not for crass self-aggrandizement; the planets will find a way of popping an overinflated ego like a cork and it won't rain champagne, kid.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Mother told us never to talk to strangers but Mars sextile Neptune advises queer Rams to chit chat away. Who knows what life transforming liaisons are in store for more assertive rumbos? Join a club especially one that involves travel, and expand your horizons. But don't sheepishly trot along with the crowd; maintain your individuality and become herd leader.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Gay Bulls have not been as focused as they should be in their career, allowing lesser mortals to stab 'em in the back whenever they damn well pleased. Enough is enough, says crafty Mars, who conjures up a creative counter offensive with the help of deceptive Neptune. War has been declared. It's payback time! Take no prisoners General, unless of course they're fabulous.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Randy Mars sextiles dreamy, creamy Neptune and goads you into modifying unsatisfying aspects of partnerships. Relationships define who you are and changes are refreshingly necessary now. So how about a change in venue to something more romantic and exotically netherworldly? Not a second too soon, dear queer Twin; dates at McDonalds are wearing a bit thin.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Expect a little whipped cream on the job when antic Mars sextiles romantic, but delusional Neptune. A certain co-worker may catch your eye and your fly. Exciting? You bet! But it may be a trip to the water cooler on gossamer wings, pink Crab, so use discretion. It would be a shame to have to face a bagged but tossed quarry the day after... the day after... and the day after.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Who knows who is delectably lurking at the next party? With sparky Mars sextile randy Neptune, I suggest that you get Out there and order the tasting menu. A long term merger can be acquired. For those gay Lions who already have a better half, use this transit to enroll in an arts class or two to rouse your resident gay muse. Creativity hits a high note even if you can't sing.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

If you're thinking of bagging the job commute and working from home instead, consider the impact of the naive Mars/Neptune sextile. Pink Virgos are especially efficient and organized and could pull it off, but would you be happy only having yourself to bitch and moan to? Dream on, cousin; by the time this transit has passed, you'll ache for a ear to bend.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

You're tempted to turn on that magic Libra charm full blast when flirtatious Mars rubs romantic, but foggy Neptune. Gay Libras pack a plethora of pearls of wisdom and don't mind tossing 'em at every swine who trots by. Show some restraint youngster; Neptune never knows when enough is enough and you could find yourself in hog heaven, mud wrestling and all. But maybe that is your thing?

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Queer Scorps may be asked to financially help out a needy family member when successful Mars sextiles kind-hearted Neptune. Is this relative friend or foul? There is nothing as delicious as retribution for an ever vengeful Scorpio! But consider the karma you would be placing on your doorstep and be forgiving and generous. Payback is a bitch if you're a stingy pink meany now.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Getting sun stroke? The spotlight is glaring as Mars and Pluto conjunct in your sign. Proud Archers can't escape from center stage if they tried so use the beneficent Neptune/ Mars sextile to eloquently maneuver and manipulate the crowd. What an opportunity to advance our cause! As long as you're commanding the troops, become a rainbow flag bearer and march into battle.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Rowdy Mars sextiles delusionally spiritual Neptune and has you talking to birds and donating your earthly possessions to charity. Before you fly the coop, queer Cap, see if there is another, more practical way to achieve sainthood. This is a wildly creative transit and there is more than one way to achieve affirmation and karmic fulfillment. In the meantime, hold onto your stuff.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Friendships take precedence when robust Mars sextiles dreamy Neptune. If pals push you Out into the limelight before you're ready, be forgiving. There is enough gay camaraderie to make any personal debut a crowd pleaser. Heed Mother's advice to always wear clean underwear and you'll be prepared for any audience. Did she say anything about crotchless leather panties?

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Expect some ultimately beneficial changes in your career path when assertive Mars sextiles Neptune. Although pink Fish are less able to discern guppies from sharks through the neptunian cloud, this is a good transit and the planets are prepared to protect you in case of attack. But meet the planets halfway, cousin; don't purposely swallow the bait when you know it's really a hook.

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Play Safe!

NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

Quality of Debate

The state of debate on Iraq is lame.

I'm not sure why this should be the case. Perhaps the fear of war, a very healthy fear to have, is clouding our thinking. We seem confused about several issues.

The one that crops up most frequently is the concept of "containment," as in, "Why can't we contain Saddam?"

Containment, as a geopolitical concept, used to mean something. You had, in the simplest case, country A and country B with a border between them. Country A tried to keep soldiers from country B on the other side of the border, to contain them.

But what does containment mean in the post-9/11 world? A crushing blow, hundreds of times more costly than most conventional military battles, was delivered without any borders being changed. The world was very significantly changed in any number of ways with no obvious consequences to borders. If we insist on continuing to use the word "containment" post-9-11, we ought to at least find a serious new meaning for it.

Another issue that is causing terrible confusion is the alleged disparity between US policy toward North Korea and US policy toward Iraq. The question, which seems to me almost unbearably silly on its face, is why are we treating the two countries differently?

The answer, which seems painfully obvious, is that one has nukes and the other may not. Wouldn't you treat two adversaries differently if you knew that one had a gun and you thought the other might be on his way to getting one?

We're letting North Korea blackmail us into giving them all kinds of "aid," which would more accurately be called "tribute," because we don't want them to nuke Seoul or do anything equally disruptive. We're planning to stop Saddam from getting nukes because we don't want him to be able to blackmail us like the North Koreans are and we don't want him to be able to blackmail his neighbors either.

There is no consistency in the policy, not even a little bitty one. It can simply be stated thusly: Pay blackmail when you have to and try to make that necessity occur as infrequently as possible.

And then there's the endless nonsense about what Saddam has and doesn't have. The retired generals come on TV and say that the easiest way for Saddam to get a nuke would be to buy one on the black market, but that he's probably not been able to make his own yet. If it's occurred to our retired generals that the easiest why for Saddam to get a nuke would be to buy it on the black market, why should anyone believe that the same idea hasn't occurred to Saddam?

The bottom line is that we have no idea of what Saddam has. We don't know how many suitcase nukes the Russians have lost track of. We don't know how many disgruntled former Soviet generals might have access to a loose nuke. There has been, amazingly, almost no serious public debate about the feasibility of Saddam's having scored a black market bomb. We've been satisfied to say, "Well, anyway, he probably can't make one yet," and to go on whistling past the graveyard.

We also have no idea of where Saddam's weapons are. No one has even attempted to make the case that Saddam couldn't have weapons of mass destruction hidden away right now in American cities.

For that matter, no one has attempted to make the case that Saddam doesn't have sleeper cells without WMD in American cities. If you'd like to know how much upheaval a two-man sleeper cell with a car and one rifle could cause, just ask the folks in Washington, DC.

And then, most ridiculous of all, are the people who are trying to tell us how much the war is going to cost. Would a nuke removing ten city blocks of a major American city disrupt their calculations?

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

Will you be my Valentine? Would that be sweet music to the ears of many of us single guys 35 years and older.

Let's admit it! Tucson is a town for couples. The majority of our community are in good relationships, well at least they think so! If only I could name some names.

Back to us single guys. I find it difficult to get back into the dating seen now that I'm single. I find that if you're not one or all of the following: a great looking person, have a body that is from the cover of a Health. Magazine with those six pack Abs, your hair is thinning, or starting to form a little pot belly - well, you're pretty much out of the dating scene. What??? If you take that attitude then you are.

Just remember, there are plenty of us 35 years and older that still have a lot to offer.

After all, those people that are judging us, "the ones in the 25 years and older club", are just about 10 years away from being in our club themselves, and as you and I know Mother Nature can be a bitch! Also, those 10 years will pass very very fast....

As ironic as it is, we as a Gay community are fighting for all types of rights to bring us together as a stronger group. On the other hand, we can't even get past how someone looks or acts within our own community, when we should be loving and more accepting of each other for our differences and growing from them. We then will be able to achieve a better community Diversity, Equality. Does that sound familiar?

So Happy Valentines to all those in love. To all my friends, I thank you for being there for me in my life and you know I will always be there for you. I send to you a heart full of love and a very special. Valentine greetings just for you.

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HEY SWEETS - The ways of the heart are unfathomable indeed. Only fear can hold us back. Take a chance, ok? Love, B

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LANCE - How many Florence Henderson jokes can we make in five days? I can't wait to find out. Love, JOHN

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My Dear CHRIS - After twelve years, I am still speechless when it comes to telling you how much my heart feels for you. I still feel the same way today as I did the first night we stood on the beach. The night we saw forever when the ocean kissed the shore. Happy Valentine's Day my love. (wink). Yours Forever and a day Debbie

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RYAN - So young. So pretty... Why did you drop the ball?

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STEVEN - You are cute, sweet, and always there to lend a hand. You'll always be my affectionate little "dirty bird."

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SHAWN and SOPHIA - My favorite fag jag and fag hag in Tucson. Party on! I love you both! Ernie

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DAVID, MARTHA, and JIM - My favorite buds in Zuni. Hope you're enjoying your visit to Tucson. Love all of you! Ernie

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HOSS - The day I met you was the beginning of a whole new life for me. I am so glad that you saw me talking on my cell phone. I love you so much darlin'. TEX

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GUS! - I love you sooooo much !! Happy Valentines Day. Hans

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COWBOY COURT - You guys are so much fun and great to hang out with. I am glad we got roped in. Dancing at November's on Fridays and hanging out Saturday nights. Where's that list?

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TO ALL MY CUSTOMERS - Thank you for all your support. Have a wonderful Valentine's Day. Steve @ Desert Pride.

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Dear TT - Thanks for 'picking' me up at the "park" a little over a year ago. The last year has been very interesting and very rewarding. Thanks for all you do and I love you very much. CB

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TO THE THURSDAY NIGHT CREW - I am sorry I have not been able to make it the last few months. Work schedule will change very soon. Miss all of you. Hope you all still love me. Queer as Folk starts soon!! Don has a .....

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RICH - You are a beautiful and great guy. I've loved you a long time. I think we could be great together. Love, J

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DAVID - You say I'm "perfect." I think you're ideal. Your heart belongs to someone else. What a bummer deal.

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RICH - I'm glad I took the time to get to know you. You are a hot, sensitive, and awesome guy. Your life and experiences are truly inspirational to me. Love you, Gunner.

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JEFF - This year and every year, AZ is ours. I'm yours forever. Your Bear, Tim

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Dear TT - We thank you for a nice 'clean' stop and we send you all our love and affections. CB, W1, W2

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TREAT SWEETS call or write Levi. I still love you. Happy Valentine's Day.

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My Dear LORI - After 16 years, you still make me hot and steamy. Love you lots. Charlene

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BOBBY - You're my lobster!!! I'll love you forever. Jason

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TOON - I love you more today than yesterday, tomorrow I'll love you more than today. Every day our love grows. Love Always, Wookie

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HONEY - You are the love of my life. Let's have another 17 years. Your Tubby Honey

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BRYANNA My Love - Thank you so much for standing by my side. You mean so much! Happy Valentines Day sweetie. Love you always Callie

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ALAN and GERRY - Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Ed

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My Baby CHANTA - I love you with all my heart. You make me so happy. I hope we will always be together. Happy Valentine's Day. Love you always, Danielle Aceto

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JOE - You are the love of my life. You are the man of my dreams and I look forward to the rest of our lives together. Love always, Nathan

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Mi hermosa Social Worker - You will touch the hearts of many. You certainly touched mine. Happy Valentine's Day. Tu Latina "Doreen"

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MARK - Of all the Gin Joints in the world, you walked into ours. Happy Valentine's Day. I am so proud of you. Gary & Bob

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RANDY - Miss American Airlines...! Someday I'll treat you to breakfast. But if you were a truly hooked-up queen, we'd nosh in Paris or maybe Barcelona!!! Until then...The Grille or Pancake House it is!! Love, Josie

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RICK - Love you and miss you. Xoxoxo Pukie, Miss Lilly, Monard

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REJEANNE - To the woman who makes my life a joy. The best part of my day is waking up with you and the hounds from Hell. Sandy

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POOKIE (Sandy) - Thank you for our first year together. We've been through many changes recently. I love you for sticking it out. Thank you for it all - your kindness, friendship and your love. Wait until the second year! Schnookums (Sher)

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RICK - I LOVE YOU. Happy Valentine's Day. Your husband, John

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Dear BOB - It seems like yesterday, but it's been 26 years! Happy Valentine's Day P—Pants. G.N.C.

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Big, Luscious DENVER - Alias "Maggie Reeses' Pieces"! I never see you anymore! You're on the Eastside - I'm Northwest... And the scandals are in between! Til the next! Josie

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To SAM, Thank you. - Lee B

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LUKE - I'm so very glad I found you, Clark"

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SNUGGLE BEAR - You are my weeble - you are my weebie, you make me happy when skies are Gay, You'll never know, dear, how much I love you. Please don't take my weeble away. Snuggle Bunny

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To My Handsome One and Only Cowboy - Happy Valentines day. Love Humpy

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CHIQUITO - Thanx for those wonderful years.... Yoo'll always be in my heart. Gustavo

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JEREMY - 10 kisses to you, 10 kisses all new. We agreed to life, life is long. Let me feel truth from you, and know I will change it all for you. Brendan

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KEVIN BONITO - I fell in love with you the first time ever I saw your face. Daniel

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SCARE - Nothing compares to you. Nifi

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ANGIE - Dearest, I love you forever. Cherie

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GREGITOS - I love you so much. I so appreciate you, P.G.

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CLARK - When I count my blessings, I count you twice. Happy V-Day. Love, Bob

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JAY - Thanks for everything. Ron

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JESUS - Happy V-Day. Luv ya. Viestito! Hugs and kisses. G.B.

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MARK SCHNEIDER - You will always be my favorite funny Valentine. Happy Valentine's Day. I love you... Russ

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PEPE _ The day you came into my life, I became whole. Thank you for making my life complete. Jeff

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Hello MR. MONSTER - It's been a great year being with you. Looking forward to many, many more. Love, Little Truck

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To my Valentine JEFF H. - I love you. Take care, ok? Oxoxoxoxoxo Roy W.

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BOB and CHUCK - Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Linn & Jess

JACK - Just Jack. David

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To My HUMPY - Two years, a few tears, and still, only by your side, do I want to spend the rest of my years!! Love U. Jesse

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RAY - That's a bold face lie! I do pay for my drinks from time to time. M.L.

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JOE MC DERMOTT Left town owing Mark Little $630.00. Enjoy Alaska. Love, Mark

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IRENE - My love, it's been an amazing 3 years. I can't wait for the next 30 years. I love you. Be my Valentine today and always. Lisa

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RAY - Happy Birthday from the Yard Dog Staff.

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WHM - I'm Sorry. DDF

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ADRIENNE - I love you more and more each year! Cubby

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TOM - Thanks for putting the 'Happy' in 'Happy Hour'. M.L.

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LISA THOMAS - Can I tickle your fancy? Irene

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WILLIAM - I Miss You! D. & P.

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JACK R. - We thank you. You are the deal! M.M. & M.L.

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E. GOMEZ - Your beautiful ass and legs have been in my dreams. I'll keep dreaming and it makes me not want to wake up. Dream Weaver

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ZOE - You are the light of my life. I love you. Charlene

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BORIS - You know how I like foreign food. You're my favorite dish. Kenny

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JUSTIN - Will you be mine? Jay

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CHARLENE - Happy Valentine's Day to you and all our friends. Zoe

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DR. BECK - You rock! Love, René

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WILLIAM - I love you. Pearl

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AL - Baby I love you. Thanks for everything. From your friend, Mary

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DUANE - To the love of my life, Happy Valentine's Day. Rob

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RICHARD H. - Thank you for being a friend. Love, Foo

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JEFF - I love you because you helped me see the sky in a deeper shade of blue and showed me that love is true. Love, Pepe

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PEPE - If I were a rich man, I would buy all the stars in the sky and give you one for each day I want to spend with you. The number of stars is endless - and so is my love for you. Jeff

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MADAME MERRIWEATHER - Thanks for being my Grandma. I love you.

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S. BOYER - So people think we are married! It could be worse. They could think we are Nick and Dan. Love ya! Tony

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My Most Compatible ... Libra - I love you - you are the best! Reta

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MR. "BON SOIR" - Take good care of your 'possessed answering machine' We love you, B. & L.

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JOXER - I'm glad you have found your true love. Just remember you will always have a spot in my heart. "Oogabooga"

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To my sweet Valentine - You are a very sweet guy! Let's make this work out. Will you be my Valentine? And Lover? Your boyfriend, Carl

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ARNALDO - Te Amo. Zsa Zsa

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SCOTT - Wanna slip the "Mickey" to "Goofy"? Love always and forever, Mark

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Te Amo Con todo Mi Corazon..... P

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NIC - Be Mine. Love, Mabeline

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RICHARD - My darling sister, a true friend and a loving Valentine. Thanks for all you are. Maurice

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LEAH LIPSON - Thank you for changing my life and opening the door to women! Love, Butch

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To the two greatest guys, SHANNON & TOM and the greatest girl, CASSIE . Love, Jason

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JON - I love you more with each passing day. Happy Valentine's Day, handsome. Love, Sean

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RENEÉ & CYNTHIA - Tucson loves Phoenix. Happy V-Day. Irene & Lisa

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KRISTY Z. - You're hot, I'm cool. Tornado Love!!?? Let's #@^%<. Rene

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ED - To my Friend. David

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Thursday Night Bunch - You are all my love Valentines. Thanks for Hot Times and Warm Hearts. Maurice

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DADDY PEPE - Thank you for choosing me to be a part of your family. I love you and Daddy Jeff very much. Love, P.J.

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LENNY - Like you there aren't any. When I'm with you, I know you are true. I just want to say I love you. Pepe

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CLINT - This is good for one CD. Delivered naked. Muwaah! Happy V-Day! Love, Ken

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BOO - We love you and are glad to have you as part of our family! Love Mark and Manny

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K[redacted] - I love you so much. Thanks for the best year and a half!!! Love, Ponk

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JAY - Thanks for saying I'm beautiful on the way to Cher. Good friends are hard to find. Happy Valentine's Day. Xoxoxoxo. Ken (P.S. Do you have a heart on?)

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To All My Friends and Lovers - I love you. Rosey

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BAMBI - My wife. My best friend. You complete me. I love U. Diana

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COLLIN - I love you sooooo much. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Al[redacted]

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To My Honorable Daddy - I love you with all my heart and soul. I'm very proud of you and honored by your love. Manny

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To my Pickles - I love you. Love, your Pickle

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To all my tricks - Love you. Bar Boy

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BOB - I still love you and miss being with you.

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LIZ - I can't wait until our wedding day! Love, Kristin

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DEE & QUEENIE - Happy Valentine's Day. Love, The Other Step-Sister

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POPS - We love you and are proud to have you as our best friend. Love you, Manny & Mark

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WYATT - Thanks for showing me a new frontier! Josephine

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Valentine wishes JIM A. - To an it that was with all your lust, that with time has only become such Arizona desert dust. Paranoia should be a thing of the past. Instead it's your ongoing daily task. Find some class and find a man that will last. Flame

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SUNSHINE - I love you. You're the best friend anyone could ask for! Smootches

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PENNY - Your support has kept me healthy., Much love, Mike

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ADRIAN - I can't start to say how much your love of 9 years means to me. Much love, Mike

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LISA - Much love to you, the best HIV nurse at the V.A. I love ya!! Mike

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Dearest SHANNON - Thank you for seven-plus wonderful years, baby. I will always love you, need you and want you! Happy Valentine's Day. Yours always, Patricia xoxoxo

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MICHAEL - Happy 19th Anniversary and Valentine's Day. With everything that's been happening in the world, it's great to know you are always there. All my love, Steve

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CONCHITA loves Juanita

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JUANITA loves Conchita

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MERLIN - A cowboy and a farm boy in the same house? I love it. You're my everything. M.L.

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PATRICIA - You have been my love, my inspiration and the beauty in my life for almost eight years. You take my breath away baby. I love you and Happy Valentine's Day. Shannon xoxoxoxo

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DAVID ROBISON - To my Valentine. I love you with all my heart and soul, forever and always. Bob Webb

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STEWART : JAKE - We miss you and will always love you! b.k. and Bananas!

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GOOGOBUTZ - I look forward to your using your "weapons of mass destruction" on me for the rest of our lives! I love you. B. Potting Soil

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To My SWEETHEART - Won't you please take a ride with me in my "old boat" down the "Sippisippi"? Guess who?

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ANDREW - Thanks for the best year of my life. Dan

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To my beloved RANDY - I will always love you no matter where we live or apart geographically. Please be mine. Love, Clay

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To my love, ADAM - The sweetest Hot Valentine in my life. Maurice.

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MIKE - I want to make you smile the way you make me smile. Thanks for showing me the other side of the coin. Vincent

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LEONARD SANCHEZ - My Valentine. I'm so happy that you're a part of my life. You are my best friend. Love ya babe. Lisa Harris

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My Sailor Bob - Happy Valentine's Day! Roses are so red with you, violets so real blue, There's no man to me, as loving, as my special man, "I love you" - Lola and Alfie (our puppies) too! Your cowboy, 'Mr. Fabulous' Chuck

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KATHY - My widdle bug. I misses you a lot precious. I will always love you no matter who or what tries to come between us. Love, Selina

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To My Love CINDY D. - You make the words flow like no one before or since. I love you completely, forever. Love, Jerry D.

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MR. MUGATU - I do love you! So relax. Zoo Lander/Chickenbutt

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PHIL G. - I luv U. Thanks for being there. Luv, Greg

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JEFFY - How wonderful life is now you're in my world. Love, Matt

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CHRISTINE & LOU - I love you both very much. Happy Valentines. Love, Daniel Molnar

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RODGER The Dodger - IB2 Chilly Billy. UK % Bucky. Luv, Sean

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RIC C. - Love ya Blanche. Baby Jane H.

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FUZZY - Big Daddy got Viagra. R.

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CHUCK S. - Love ya like my luggage. Baby Jane H.

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GEORGIE - Well, it's been 13 years now with lots of changes since we first met back "home" in Tucson, and I just seem to love you more and more as the years fly by. Here's to the changes and challenges that await us (adoption, middle age, etc..) as our love continues to grow! Te amo, Wayne

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MARY ELLEN - 20 years and still going strong... And I'm not kiddin'. Love You... Miss Hip

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ROBB - I think this could be the start of something good..... S.

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MARY - Happy Valentine's! This is your Gay Valentine. Love, Al

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Hi POOTIE - Another Valentine's Day has arrived and my love for you has not diminished one bitg. I'm hoping we have many more together. I love you so much and want to spend the rest of our lives together!--Ai shifer yo! Schnookums

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DARRYL JEAN - My cool-ass sistah-woman-hood! Changes, changes, changes! At least our love and impeccable sense of style and humor remain constant!!! See ya at "The Dog". Love Josie.

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To my beloved CLAY - You will always be in my heart no matter how many miles apart we are. Love, Randy

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Dearest SABRINA - Take a chance to make you smile. Be my Valentine for a little while. Love, Jerry

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ERNIE - You're the best, dear. Keep giving out those condoms! Scott

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Dear PUMPKIN - I love you always. You are the most special pumpkin in the world. Lover

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TOON - I'll be your bitch forever!!! Wookie

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To The Thursday Crew: FOX, JOE, ELAINE, PAUL, BRIAN, ELVIS and KIRSTEN - All my love. Nathan

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WILLY and ROGER - I am so glad to have been your friend for 15 years. M.L.

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To the V-N - Love all you dudes in the V-N Crowd. Jess

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MICHAEL (of M&T) - Thanks for all the fun. M.L.

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DANNY PAGEL (MOOSE) - Miss You. Lady Jane, Paul

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ROBB - I think this could be the start of something good..... S.

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CHUCKIE - 17 Months, 15 Days, 7 Hours, 10 Minutes. I miss you so..... Jimmie H.

WILLIAM - We love you. Pearl, Sammy, Boozer, Liz, Zoe, Chiquita, Weezer and Tita.

PEPE - You are the sun, moon and stars in my life - The air that I breath - without you I am nothing. I love you baby, Jeff

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL OF OUR OBSERVER READERS

COME CLEAN.

Bush AIDS Funding Shell Game Exposed

By GMHC

NEW YORK, NY - The Gay Men's Health Crisis, the nation's oldest and largest AIDS service organization, strongly criticized the Bush Administration's new budget for both domestic and international HIV/AIDS programs.

"I regret to report that President Bush's concern for people living with and at risk for HIV/AIDS has not borne fruit in his budget proposal. This Administration's abject failure to respond to the critical prevention and treatment needs in the United States and around the world is appalling" said Ana Oliveira, Executive Director of GMHC.

Full funding of the Centers for Disease Control for HIV prevention activities is necessary to achieve the agency's goal of cutting new infections in half by 2005. Scientists estimate that providing appropriate HIV prevention interventions to all those at risk of sexual transmission of HIV and providing services to all those at risk from injection-drug related HIV infection in the United States would cost an estimated $1.423 billion annually. The Bush Administration's proposal - which amounts to a $4 million cut in domestic prevention programs - spells disaster for those on the frontlines of the battle against HIV.

Equally alarming is the Administration's apparent decision to flat-fund the Minority AIDS Initiative, which works to combat the devastation in communities of color across the nation. HIV/AIDS has now become the leading cause of death for African-Americans between the ages of 25-44. "The intensity of the fight against HIV can not be allowed to lighten as the skin tone of its victims darkens," said Ronald Johnson, Associate Executive Director of GMHC. "We call upon the Administration and the Congress to insist upon the federal government's full partnership with community-based organizations who are heroically working to stem the tide of further infection in communities of color," added Johnson.

Although President Bush's budget for HIV care and treatment programs calls for a $100 million increase in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), it assumes no increase in FY 2003 and delays the proposed increase until October. In the United States, thirteen ADAPs have already either limited access to antiretroviral treatments or closed enrollment to new clients altogether. An additional seven states have reported the potential need to implement restrictions in early 2003 based on current funding levels and projected trends in program utilization. In addition, all other Ryan White programs are virtually flat-funded. President Bush further proposes an extremely modest $5 million increase in the vital Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program in the face of a dramatic increase in need. "Sadly, instead of confronting the issue head on, this President has chosen to tout illusory budget increases while actually cutting vital programs," said Oliveira.

The Administration's sleight of hand has also been detected in its erosion of support for Medicaid beneficiaries with HIV/AIDS. Medicaid is the principal source of government funding for HIV/AIDS care and treatment in the United States, covering 40% of people with HIV and 55% of people with AIDS. While state Medicaid programs are reeling from the deepening recession and require immediate fiscal relief, the Administration's proposal would not provide additional funding to states and, over time, would cap the program. Right now, Medicaid funding grows automatically in parallel with the epidemic and its costs - if there are more people with AIDS, federal funding goes up. Capping Medicaid would severely diminish the program's capacity to respond to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. "The crushing reality is that it is hundreds of thousands of poor women, children and people of color who will be disproportionately impacted by the President's trickery," said Oliveira.

Finally, while we are pleased that the President highlighted the global epidemic in his State of the Union message, the funding in the Bush budget only allocates $2 billion in fiscal year 2004. With over 40 million people around the world infected with HIV and soaring rates of transmission in Africa, Asia, and the former Soviet Union, GMHC is extremely disappointed that a larger first-year commitment was not included in the President's budget. GMHC also believes that the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) should be the primary vehicle for the US contribution to the global epidemic, yet the White House offers only $1 billion for the GFATM over a five year period, or $200 million per year. The GFATM, first proposed by UN Secretary Kofi Annan, is already up and running and has widespread international support. The US should support an annual investment in the GFATM of between $2.5 and 3.5 billion.

[The Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) is a not-for-profit, volunteer-supported and community-based organization committed to national leadership in the fight against AIDS.]

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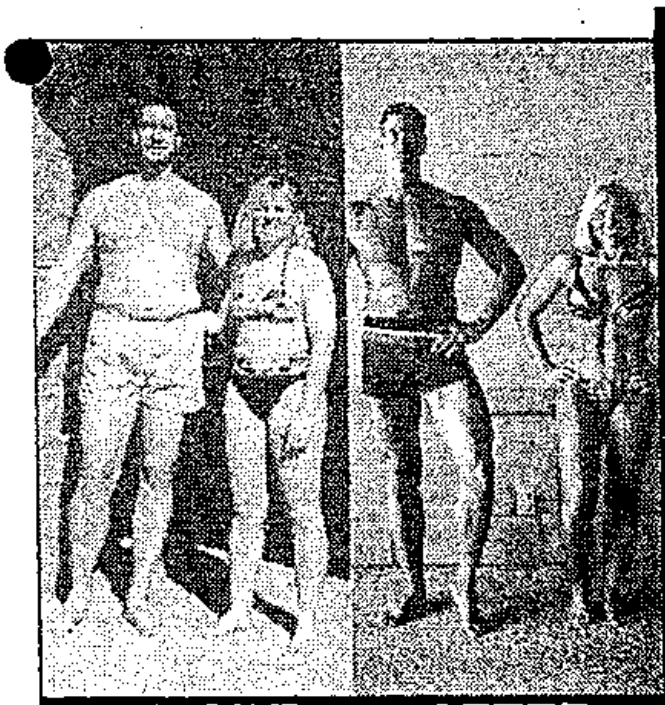

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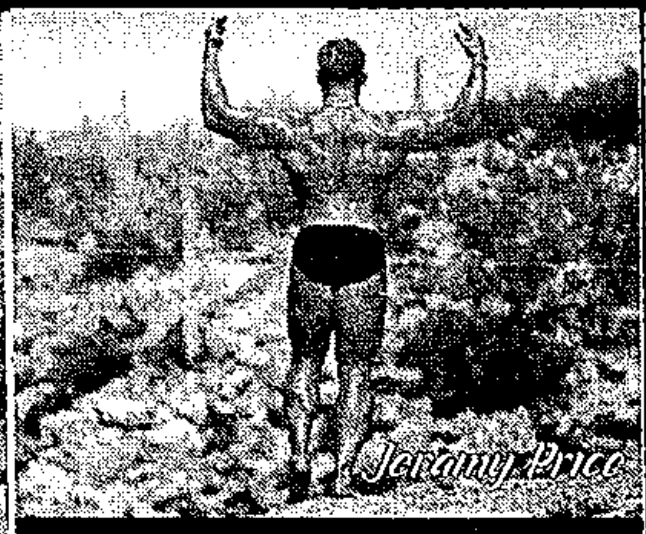

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A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

On Life's Unfairness

I've been in many situations where i have felt life was being very unfair to me--that I didn't deserve what was happening to me. I'm sure that you have felt the same way at times. Let's face it! Life is unfair, and I don't pretend otherwise. There are times when the unfairness of it all can spiral us downward fast into a vortex of darkness. Those are the times when we are tempted to shut God out of our lives, crying, " life is unfair! God is unfair!" those are the times when we are tempted to drown ourselves in drink, alter our moods with drugs, satiate ourselves with sex, flirt with suicide or, look for answers in all the wrong places. There is no answer as to why life is so unfair at times. It just is. Things happen to all of us that are not our fault! There are incidents that happen to use that are out of our beyond our control, and the consequences do dire damage to us. We hoop and holler and cry out "life is so unfair and God is so unfair". Yes life is unfair and we can't do anything about it, nor can we ever know the reason. Take for example a child that is born into an abusive home. none of the abuse is the child's fault, and it is all beyond the child's control. Have you ever observed a child and thought about how innocent, fragile, small, and completely dependant that child is? That small child could never stand up to the abusive parents and stop the abuse! that child could never understand why he/she is being abused. It is totally incomprehensible to a child.

Nor is it the child's fault because a child could never do anything so wrong as to warrant the unfairness of abuse. What do we do with the truth and fact that unfair things happen to us? I have a few suggestions: (1) acceptance that life is unfair (2) learn to count on God to balance out our lives with blessings to counteract the unfair things that happen to us (3) ask God to pour out His blessings on us. If you are a child of God, He wants and desires to Heap the good things of life on you. How do you become a child of God? Simply by believing that Jesus is His son and that God sent Him to die for you, to redeem you, and to give eternal life. Hold that truth in your heart, and then trust God to right the wrongs that have been committed against you, by blessing you with His goodness.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with Thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, wich surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus. [Philippians 4:6-7]

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GENDER WORLD BY JONI K. MAUSSE

About a year ago I was here in the Cyber Center, in the very seat I'm sitting in right now. To my left was sitting a certain trans-sister with whom I was chatting. "Joni," she asked me after a while, "Why do you want to name yourself after a mouse?"

"I don't know," I responded. "I saw the name 'Mausse' on a comic book once, and I kind of liked the sound."

"It's just German for 'mouse,' you know," she added.

I guess I really did know that. I think I found "Mountain," my "masculine" name, a bit grandiose, or something like that. But why "Mausse," of all names? I've pondered that ever since.

Like many gender-variant people I have painful memories of being persecuted, ridiculed, and outright hated much of my life. And like some, though hopefully not all, I've at times internalized all that. I suppose that had something to do with it.

Modesty and humility are fine (you notice I don't call it "Gender Pride" anymore). But that doesn't justify being self-effacing. Too many Queer people have internalized the societal prejudices against us.

I knew a beautiful trans-sister in San Diego who had the lovely last name "Rose." Though I don't think I could ever be as beautiful as she, I can at least adopt her last name. Who knows, maybe positive thinking might help. Let me know what you think.

February 14 is lovers' day; but I really think all love begins with learning to truly, unconditionally love ourselves as we are. Goddess knows we transpeople have tried for too long to try to be what we know in our hearts we've not. Coming out means learning to be our true selves.

Next weekend transmen from all over the country will celebrate their hard-earned manhood at the True Spirit Conference in Washington, DC (www.true-spirit.org). And two weeks later will be the more MTF-oriented Puttin' on the Glitz in Phoenix (http:/glitz-ball.tgharmony.org). Whatever gender you are, be sure to love yourself, Sweetie! Write me at desertwordsmith@yahoo.com.

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EDITOR:

I would like to convey our thanks to the producers, performers, and all those attending the barbeque and benefit show at It's About Time on Sunday, January 26. Both events raised nearly $400 in support of the services provided by the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN).

I want to thank all the performers--Teri Akki, Janee Star, Veronica Hallowell, Sadé Michaels and, host, Lucinda Holliday--for treating us to a wonderful show.

We appreciate the support of IBTs and their staff for providing the venue for both events. And, I would also like to thank the volunteers that helped serve food at the barbeque.

On behalf of all of us at TIHAN, thanks to all who participated and supported this show for your continuing support of people living with HIV/AIDS.

With gratitude,
Scott Blades
Executive Director
Tucson Interfaith
HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN)

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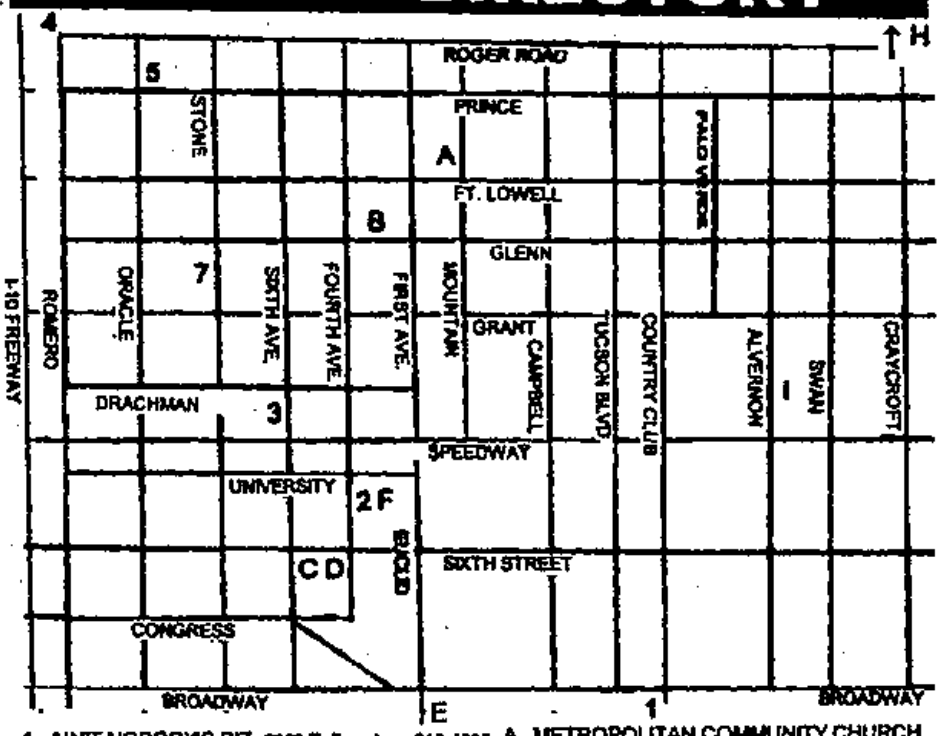

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WHAT MAKES OUR TOWN TICK?

(calabozamusic@yahoo.com) By Jerry D.

'Plenty To Love'

Hello readers! In this week's issue, you can see all of the Valentines created by the many folks of our city. They express their words in simple terms. They express their feelings in deep lines. The written word is one of the most powerful tools that humans have access to. It has formed our country and planet in a way we still use today. I want to extend my Valentine to the entire Old Pueblo and say that love is truly what we need to get us on the right path. As campy as it sounds, Paul McCartney and John Lennon gave the mantra for generations to come with those five simple words "all you need is love."

All the candy and hearts out there in stores never appealed to me growing up. I was like Charlie Brown when it came to Valentine's Day at school. As a youngster, I thought of what it would be like to celebrate the day of love as an adult. It never came to that reality. I consider that a blessing, though, as it gave me the opportunity to see the meaning of love in other aspects. I found love to be an emotion that could be attributed to many different things. You can't truly hate an inanimate object, you can't be jealous of a personality you see on television, but you can surely love both and enjoy loving them truly.

Love of a person is not the only avenue of emotion we can celebrate this week. I was once again treated to how our town could express itself when I attended a concert at the Rialto Theatre. There have been several articles in the past (a couple by myself) about the old theatre, converted to a concert venue. It is what can happen when love of architecture and love of music come together. The sold-out performance of Rat Dog was nothing short of a love-in. Rat Dog was formed from the foundation of sixties icons The Grateful Dead. Any of you who were witness to the decade of love know how a public event could bring out the best in people. The Rialto has given me a series of events that remain in my heart for various reasons.

Love of one's heritage is present this month, of course. Black History Month (I won't call it any other name; it does not make sense.) lets us remember those who, more than likely, were forgotten in their own time. Our country has made the progress dreamed by those who marched so long ago. It is still present in the smallest of pockets, as I have seen; but we are moving towards a time when history will be the only evidence of how anyone of minority status was once treated. I love the many colors that make up who I am, and take pride in remembering those before me who struggled. They are, in every sense of the word, patriots.

There are, of course, those who won't have their loved one by their side this Valentine's Day. Their significant others are far away, at the order of our nation's leader. Love of country can be confusing in many aspects. If we support our troops, who we love with all our hearts, are we not amorous of our nation? We have been split in the past with other conflicts our country has been involved in. We should never let rage dictate our direction though. Actor Richard Gere has been vocal regarding the situation in the Middle East. He has been ridiculed and shunned in some circles because of his views. What he says, though, could be translated to a simple form of biblical writ. "Love thy neighbor" can be translated in any language, so why is it so hard to execute?

Finally, my love is exercised in one more aspect this week. Aside from it being the day this country reserves for expressing love, I get to celebrate the birthday of the one I love. My better half, Cindy D, has a birthday this week. She is a main part of the reason I write this article each week. Love is a driving force. It can make you do things that you never thought possible. This Valentine's Day, think of those who have driven you in any way; there is love. Remember those who you read about in history class and gave you the thought of how anyone could have suffered like that; love was their driving force. It's an emotion that we as a people will never truly understand, but will never want to do without.

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone. Feel free to take that sentence and repeat it to all those you wish. If enough of us do that, who knows what will occur. But I know that it can only be good. This weekend look for me at the Yard Dog's anniversary party (another place I love). Each day will bring events, food and fun. Saturday is the Mr. and Mrs. Yard Dog contest, where the audience gets to vote; so please check it out. I will be there with a smile on my face for all the love that will be there. Have a great week!

La Conexión Latina

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Como parte de los servicios de prevención que Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation ofrece a la comunidad, Salud es Poder y Proyecto Conexión te ofrecen dos entrenamientos en prevención. Estos dos entrenamientos se llaman Currículo para líderes comunitarios y Promesa comunitaria y como dije anteriormente están diseñados para prevenir la infección del VIH y otras enfermedades transmitidas sexualmente así como el abuso de sustancias. Ambos entrenamientos se le ofrecen a la comunidad latina gay, sin embargo está abierto a otros miembros de la comunidad. A continuación describiré brevemente ambos entrenamientos refiriéndome a ellos solo por la primer palabra.

Curriculo es un entrenamiento con una duración de aproximadamente 6 horas. Durante estas 6 horas, revisamos a detalle las barreras culturales que pueden ser un obstáculo en la prevención del VIH. También analizamos las características culturales que pueden reforzar las practicas de sexo seguro en nuestra comunidad. Tenemos una sesión sobre lo básico en cuanto a la transmisión del VHI y otra en la forma correcta del uso del preservativo. Hay otra sesión en donde discutimos el concepto de activadores o incentivos que pueden trabajar en la prevención del VIH y los motivos que podemos encontrar en nosotros mismos como individuos o como comunidad, para practicar sexo seguro. Finalmente tenemos una sesión donde discutimos el modelo de cambios de comportamiento en el uso de sustancias y como esto puede afectar las practicas de riesgo en el ámbito del sexo seguro Esto es sólo una pincelada de la descripción del Currículo para líderes comunitarios.

Promesa es un entrenamiento más breve ya que sólo dura como máximo 4 horas. En este entrenamiento tocamos únicamente tres temas: una sesión más a fondo sobre todo lo relacionado a la transmisión del VIH, una sesión dedicada a las enfermedades transmitidas sexualmente y por último, una sesión sobre el modelo de cambios de conducta en el uso del condón. Otra de las metas de Promesa es buscar líderes en la comunidad latina gay que sirvan como modelos a seguir en la prevención del VIH. Estos modelos a seguir son reconocidos por su habilidad de mantenerse VIH negativos gracias a la práctica de usar preservativo cada vez que tienen relaciones sexuales de alto riesgo. Promesa es un entrenamiento dado únicamente en Tucson y ambos Nogales.

En los dos entrenamientos tenemos comida. No hay costos de inscripción ni de ningún tipo, al contrario, casi siempre podemos dar a los participantes un regalo y/o un incentivo monetario. Te invitamos a participar en nuestros próximos entrenamientos y estés preparado para compartir buena información con tu círculo de amigos, u otros miembros de la comunidad.

Aprovecha la oportunidad de tomar estos entrenamientos, para aprender más sobre el sexo seguro y pasarte pasar un buen rato. Para más información sobre llama a Ernie Pérez, José Muñoz o Rafael Vega al teléfono (520) 628-7223 de Salud es Poder o salud@saaf.org.

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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!

Dear Dr X,

I think I'm ready to come out to my parents. I have the support of my two sisters and I'm pretty sure my parents are gonna be cool about it. Any suggestions on how to make it a little less painful for everyone involved?

All the Way Out

Dear Out,

Congratulations! This is an important step for you. I don't know how old you are but I have to say I think your parents already know. Parents are kind of eerie like that. I would suggest after you tell them to give them a little space and not go all "Gay pride" on them too soon. Maybe you could offer them something to read. Antigone bookstore on 4th Ave has some excellent selections on the subject. Dr X has been out to his parents for a while but over the holidays I was sitting next to my dad and my fag hag cousin and she started talking about my love life. I was dumbfounded and couldn't even talk about it because my dad was sitting next to me. OMG I could have killed her or at the very least had to get in to some kind of therapy. Keep your cool and give them time.

Dear Dr. X:

Stoned or not, tricks who leave their undies behind in my playpad never call or come back. While guys who do cover their privates as they go off into the sunrise often revisit. What's the message?

Love, Inundated w/ undies of all sizes!

Dear Inundated,

I don't have all the details, but how many times has this happened? Is the number of left undies higher than the number of taken undies. If that's the case, it may be you! I hate to say it but maybe the people who leave their undies behind might be in such a rush to get away from you they don't care what they leave behind. In your opinion is the sex with the people who leave their underwear umm...I don't know, horrible? If I were you I would look for a common reason for why this is happening. Good luck.

[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.]

Bush Re-Election

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registered voters nationwide from Jan. 30 through Feb. 2; it has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The fall in the percentage of those expressing support for Bush's re-election parallels a decline in his job approval rating since last fall and the return of sharp divisions along party lines about his performance and priorities.

In the fight for the Democratic nomination, the Times poll showed Lieberman and Kerry establishing a significant lead when 399 registered Democratic voters were asked their early preference. The sampling error for this group is plus or minus five percentage points.

Lieberman led the field with 25 percent, followed by Kerry, with 20 percent. Former Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado, who's exploring a possible candidacy, and North Carolina Sen. John Edwards tied for third, with 8 percent each.

Sen. Bob Graham of Florida, who has said he is likely to enter the Democratic race, and Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri, who will formally announce his candidacy later this month, drew 6 percent each. Trailing the pack were activist Al Sharpton, with 2 percent, and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, with 1 percent.

At this stage in the nomination process, support in national polls is largely a function of name recognition. Also revealing are the contenders' level of support in the critical early states on the nomination calendar – particularly Iowa and New Hampshire. Strikingly, Kerry led both polls.

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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

7:00 - 9:30 p.m. the Men's Relationships Group meets that includes a video on tantra. Call Marc at 881-4582 to reserve a place.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Tucson Pride is sponsoring "Valentine's Sweetheart Bowling" at Lucky Strike Bowl, 4015 E. Speedway, from 7-9 pm. The entry fee of $10 includes shoes and bowling. For more information call the PrideLine at 520-622-3200.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. On Valentine's Day, join us for Hearts Night. This fun, but vicious game is easy to learn and entertaining to play. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15
#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 a.m. Gene and Rich invite you to join them on a birding expedition to see the Sandhill Cranes, along with other birds. For more information, please call Gene at 625-8109.

#2. 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.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Karol 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 Karol at 744-9017.

#1. Tucson Prime Timers Lunch/Business Meeting – Noon, Hometown Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd.

#2. Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drink – 5 p.m., Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

Water of Life MCC holds it's 6th Annual Valentines Day Dance. The festivities start at 8PM until Midnight. Food, Music, & Raffles all for $5.00. You need not be a member to attend. For more information, call 292-9151

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16
#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Bill invites you to join him for a potluck Sunday Brunch and an afternoon matinee showing of "The Ritz", an outrageous comedy set in a Gay bathhouse. For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 887-3743.

3:30 - 5:30 The men's massage group meets. A great way to meet new men and make friends. Call Marc 881-4582 for information and to reserve a place.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. The Triangle Tribe is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 318-1650.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch at 12:30 p.m., Wildcat House, 1600 N. Stone Ave.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
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.

Desert Boyz, Support group for female-to-male transgenderists. Homecoming night for people who went to the True Spirit Conference in Washington, D. C., Feb. 14-16. 7 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. Sixth Street

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Karol for Canasta. 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.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
#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 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 show the film "The Eyes of Tammy Faye"-a look at the televangelist and her rather interesting life. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

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.

Forum on GLBT issues in the Latino/a community, 6:00 p.m., Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bruce as he hosts Pizza Night. For only $5, you get pizza, salad, drinks and desserts. For reservations and directions, please call Bruce at 743-3890.

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 Wilmot 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 divas of all persuasions, beads, trinkets and more!!

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bill will host a video of showing of Josh Groban-a rising young star on the music scene. For more reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

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

Native American Sweat Lodge Ceremony for women (genetic and trans), 3:00 P.M. Kulstan@hotmail.com

#1. Tucson Prime Timers Day trip to Renaissance Festival, Meet at Mimi's in Tucson Mall at 8 a.m. for 8:30 departure. Leave Apache Junction at 3 p.m., Joe Kelly is the organizer, questions, call: 762-5851. http://www.royalfaires.com/ARIZONA/arf_tickets_&_map.htm

Bar Calendar
Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz welcomes back the incredible vocals of Kristi Martel. Show starts at 8:30 p.m. with drink specials all night and DJ Sarah will spin after the show.

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. 'DivaLicious Show' hosted by Lucinda Holliday, starring Janee Starr, Bunny FuFu and Veronica Halliwell.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - Valentine's Day
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Hip Hop Night with DJ Hill spinning the latest in Hip Hop and R&B from 9:00 pm. To closing. No Cover, drink specials every half hour.

IBT'S - Valentine's Day Weekend Party starts at 6:00 p.m. Special Door Give-aways while they last. 6-9 p.m. Live Jazz on the Patio with Susan Artemis and Friends. 9:00 p.m. to closing hot music with DJ Vertigo plus IBT's GoGo Boys

VENTURE-N - Valentine's Day 'Two of Hearts'. Match the hearts and find your match. Drink specials too.

YARD DOG SALOON - 2nd Anniversary celebrating starts tonight at 6:00 p.m. with a London Broil evening meal served by Phil and Keith. This party lasts all weekend.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15
IBT'S - The Valentine Weekend Party Continues. 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Sean's Flavored Martini Special. 9:00 p.m. to closing Hot Dance with DJ Q.

YARD DOG SALOON - Second Anniversary Party continues early today. Breakfast served from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. served by "Knot-Hole Joe". Then at 3:00 p.m. there will be special live entertainment. At 6:00 p.m. authentic Filipino meal prepared by BeBe of November Bar and Grill cooking the meal. At 8:00 p.m. the Annual Mr. & Ms. Yard Dog Contest begins. The 2nd full day of a weekend of fun and games.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16
IBT'S - Valentine Weekend Party winds down with Dennis' Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 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 TIHAN. 7:30 p.m. it's 'Sissy Bingo' hosted by Lucinda Holliday and Ajia Simone with prizes and surprises. 9:00 p.m. it's a special Holliday show starring Lucinda Holliday Janee Starr and Veronica Halliwell.

YARD DOG SALOON - The Second Anniversary Weekend of partying winds down slowly today but begins with a Breakfast served by Tucson Knight Owls from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Come on by..

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. the "DivaLicious Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Faith Michaels, Ajia Simmone, Teri Akki and Miss Saigon.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Budweiser Promo here with $1.50 bottles of Bud and Bud Light from 10:00 to 11:00 p.m. No cover. $1.00 Hot Sex shots and $2.00 Kamakazi shots from 8:00 p.m. to closing.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4
IBT'S - Mardi Gras Party. Baubles, Bangles, Beads, Coins, Masks. Check it out. It gets outrageous.

Daily Bar Calendar

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

IBT's - 10am-8pm $1.75 Bloodys, Screws or 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 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer bust 3-7. Burger Bar-B-Que 5-7. (Donation only).

WOODY'S - Open 11am. $1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas; Happy Hour 11am-8pm $2 well or domestic beer Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. $2.50 sirloin burger or chicken 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm

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

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

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

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

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 11am. Happy Hour 4-5. Chicken BBQ Dinner $5.99 - 5:30-8:30pm. Top 40 and Disco dance 8pm-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
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-4-1 domestic beer and well from 2-7pm. 90s retro music 9pm - close. $1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or $1 Tequila shots 8pm to close.

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

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

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

Thursday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS -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 noon. Grill open 11-8:30pm. Happy Hour 3-5pm. BBQ Steak w/potato&salad 5:30-8pm, $6.99. Techno 9pm-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Ball 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. 60¢ off any Bourbon til 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

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

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10:30a.m. Grill open 11-8:30pm. Happy Hour 3-5. Fish or Shrimp Dinner $5.99 11am-8:30pm. Country Western Dance with Libby 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 Martinis $3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

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

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

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon. Grill open 11-8:30pm. Latino Nite. Drag Show 1st/3rd 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 4-9pm. $1.75 well or domestics. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Filet Mignon or Swordfish BBQ with all the trimmings $5.

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

CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE .25 PER WORD $5.00 MINIMUM

CLASSIFIED ADS MUST BE MAILED NO PHONE ADS

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), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

RAINBOW SUPPORT GROUP: LGBT and supportive friends meet for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Support meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 42. The 3rd Thursdays of the month, the group will meet at 7:30pm at Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse (606 North 4th Ave.) as a social outing. For more information call the church at 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

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

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpglcc.org or call (602)225-6444.

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5855. Leave message. TucsonSources@aol.com

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

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

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-9020

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-0565 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 TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

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

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

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6436 for more info.

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 7pm. Tucson Pride produces Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OUTober FEST. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit the TPI website at www.tucsonpride.com

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7083.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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

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

NOTICES

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

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

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8650 or Ronn 966-2384.

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 624-6788.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

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

COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY! St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church offers a variety of Gay and Lesbian groups and services for the spiritually minded. Come meet the Family! For more information call Debbie 579-9827 or David 323-7843.

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 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9882.

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

HALLELUJAH RECOVERY DRUG & ALCOHOL 12-STEP. Every Thursday 5:30-6:30pm at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. 822-4826.

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC provided daily by the Pima County Health Department. Gay friendly. Confidential. Treatment and Medication too! Any questions? Call 624-6272

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Times fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Times 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 881-1794 - 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)745-9059 (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 293-8624.

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)742-7695 or go to our web site http://www.tgasoftball.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)

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

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

"OUT ON THE TRAILS" - EQUESTRIAN FUN! Rider Club forming. Looking for women and men to ride together on the trails of Southern Arizona. Must have own horse, truck and trailer. For more info write: "Out On The Trails" P.O. Box 44045, Tucson, AZ 85733-4045

PASSAGES MENTALK - Discussion group and more. For men in their 30s, 40s and late 20s. A great way to meet people. Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month at Wingspan 7-9pm. Call 760-8381 for more information.

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

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

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

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7678.

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

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people wanting to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Jennifer at 797-4607, Ext 398

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

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

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 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. Dezert Girlz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dezert Boyz meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more Info. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/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, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

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

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirlo 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, 5809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lcbucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

PERSONALS

GWM, MIDDLE-AGE, LOOKING for relationship. 731-6182. 972

HOUSING/FOR RENT

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED FEBRUARY 2004. Two non-smoking European mineral dealers wish to rent 3-5 bedroom house or apartment for mineral show 2004, but arrange February this year. ClausHedegaard@Yahoo.DK 969

HISTORIC 200 sq. ft. house. 4br/2ba, 2 fireplaces, double carport, 1/3 acre. 3538 N. Estrella Ave. $850/mo. + utilities. Pets OK. Brian 272-4064. 967

LARGE 1600 SQ. FT. HOME, off street parking, fireplace, central air. Pets OK. 2625 E. Prince Rd. $850/mo. + utilities. Brian 272-4064. 967

ROOMMATES

DO YOU LIKE THE QUIET AND SERENITY OF THE COUNTRY? Then the room we have for rent might be the place for you. $375/mo. Includes a furnished room, laundry, electricity, gas and many other extras. If interested please call Charles or Brian at 982-4023 or 861-3051 965

SERVICES

COMPUTER GUY. I hold a Bachelors degree in Information Technology, and a Masters of Science in Computer Information Systems, and have taught at Pima Community College. I am available taste afternoon and evening weekdays for tutoring, troubleshooting and repair. Scott 546-1210. 972

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FULL BODY ORIENTAL MASSAGE. Experience the difference. By Appointment only. 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Call Danny Chong (520)270-8288 967

LET ME PAMPER YOU! With a Full Body Swedish Massage in a quiet, relaxed atmosphere. $35 for a full hour. Ralph (520) 883-7496 975

ENJOY A NICE TOUCH. Attractive man offers a sensuous, relaxing massage. 10am - 8p.m. 745-0231 or 891-7859 968

TENSE? STRESSED OUT? Relax for an hour with a full body rub by Frank. Private studio, off-street parking. (520)271-3660 days, evenings. 972

PERFECT CHOICE: Have yourself an expert holistic tantra massage. Treat yourself to a Major tune-up. 21 years of quality experience. Marc - 881-4582 Licensed. 971

HEAVEN SENT ME. Experience a massage steeped in rich tradition combining ancient, sacred and intimate healing techniques. Strong, yet gentle hands work with your complete comfort in mind. In & Out, Days & Evenings, sometimes at a moment's notice. Call Glen, CMT (520)907-2551 for the touch you so richly deserve. Experienced, professional, and kind ... not bad looking either! 971

ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS

Let me keep your clothes fitting properly and in good repair. Experienced -- Economical -- Prompt. Merle Hudson, (520)889-7264 in Tucson. 970

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WHAT'S BLACK & WHITE & READ ALL OVER?

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WINGSPAN

FilmFest March 06-09

The Loft Cinema
3233 E Speedway Blvd
Tucson, Arizona
wingspanaz.org/FilmFest

Southern Arizona's LGBT Film Festival Highlights:

Family Fundamentals
Thursday, 8:00pm
This documentary focuses on three conservative Christian families whose fundamentalist beliefs are at odds with their children's homosexuality. The film examines America's contempt for homosexuality and its effects on family, culture, and the nation's political landscape.

The Trip
Friday, 8:15pm
From polyester to parachute pants, Anita Bryant to Ronald Reagan, the 11-year romance of two young men is at the center of this film. Beginning in 1973 Los Angeles and ending in 1984 Mexico, *The Trip* tells the story of Alan and Tommy, whose lives parallel the political and cultural upheaval of the times.

Queer Noir
Saturday, 3:00pm
Film scholar Richard Dyer considers the gay and lesbian subtext found in film noir. Dyer will share film clips, examining an era of LGBT history that is not well known.

A Family Affair
Saturday, 8:30pm
Rachel Rosen flees New York City after another breakup with her girlfriend, Reggie. Rachel's parents are adamant to see her settle down with a nice girl. Determined to find "Ms. Rightowitz," Rachel goes on several bad blind dates. Her mother sets her up with Christine; soon Rachel and Christine are a pair. But does Rachel carry a torch for Reggie? The course of true love doesn't always run straight.

Ruthie and Connie: Every Room in the House
Sunday, 6:00pm
They're Jewish, they're grandmothers, and they're lesbians. Ruth Berman and Connie Kurtz first met in 1959; both were married and raising young children. Then, in 1974, something incredible happened: they fell in love. Struggling with homophobia – society's and their own – Ruth and Connie decided to leave their marriages for each other. This documentary tells their story.

Purchase Passes
Three different passes are available for advance purchase at The Loft Cinema and on line at wingspan.org/FilmFest

$65 All Festival Pass
(good for all events)

$35 Feature Pass
(good for all 57 feature films)

$15 Opening Night Pass
(good for all opening night events)

Location
All programs are at
The Loft Cinema
3233 E Speedway Blvd
Tucson, Arizona

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