

Reveille Chorus Huge Hit In Hermosillo Concert



HERMOSILLO, Mexico - Last Saturday night the Reveille Gay Mens Chorus of Tucson played to a full house during a benefit concert for Sonora's HIV/AIDS organization, ACCSIDA. The concert was held in the main auditorium on the campus of the University of Sonora. Most of the chorus is shown above posing outside of the auditorium the afternoon before the concert. Their performance got rave reviews from the Mexican press. A review of their concert appears on page three of this issue.

AIDS VACCINE JUDGED TO BE A FAILURE

RISBANE, CA - The first AIDS vaccine ever approved for testing on a large number of people has failed to protect a significant percentage of them from HIV infection, vaccine-manufacturing officials at VaxGen announced.

"Certainly we were disappointed that the vaccine did not induce a reduction in infections in all populations," says the firm's Chief Executive, Dr. Lance Gordon.

Curiously, the vaccine did seem to significantly lower the infection rate among African-Americans and other non-Hispanic minorities who participated in the trial, The New York Times reports.

Researchers were at a loss to explain why there would be ethnic differences in response to the vaccine and called the finding totally unexpected.

Whites and Hispanics, the majority of the study population, did not benefit. But research scientist Michael Para says for Blacks, Asians, or other minorities who were vaccinated the infection rate was significantly lower.

"The 'Black, Asian, and others' subgroup showed clear evidence of vaccine efficacy, with an efficacy of 66.8 percent," said Michael Para. "When the smaller group of just black volunteers was considered, we see a vaccine efficacy of 78.3 percent. Both of these [results] are highly significant."

The drug company says it does not know yet if racial differences or differences in the virus caused the broad variation in infection rate.

The numbers were small, about 500 patients, but statistically significant.

There was a less than 1 percent chance that the findings were the result of chance.

"We're skeptical about the small numbers," said Dr. Donald N. Forthal, chief of infectious diseases at the University of California at Irvine and one of the investigators in the trial. "On the other hand, this is a very intriguing finding."

Nevertheless, the vaccine failed in its prime objective. The vaccine showed virtually no effectiveness over all, making it extremely unlikely that it could be approved for use without further trials. But the data offer clues to possibly productive avenues of research.

"This is the first demonstration of protection in humans, and one of the most significant findings in H.I.V. vaccine research in many years," Dr. José Esparza, lead researcher of UNAIDS in Geneva. Though the vaccine is "not the final product that we need for public health use" and is not ready to be licensed for sale, he said, it "should give encouragement to all vaccine developers."

The vaccine, known as Aidsvax, is made from a protein called gp120, the same protein that protrudes from the surface of HIV and helps the virus dock with cells of the body's immune system. The vaccine, which poses no risk of HIV infection, is designed to provoke an immune response that would prevent future HIV infection.

Most mainstream AIDS researchers expressed doubts about the approach, noting how rapidly HIV mutates and the multiple subtypes of the virus. Many speculate a more effective vaccine approach would be to boost the effectiveness of so-called killer T cells.

Domestic Partners Registry Proposed in Tucson

TUCSON - A city commission is seeking creation of the registry for couples, who, for whatever reason, are unable to marry.

The primary attraction would be for same-sex couples, said Nancy Robinett, co-chair of the 13-member Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender Commission, which unanimously endorsed the proposal last month. But it would also be open to others, such as seniors unable to marry because of pension, Social Security or children issues, who want some record of their union, the Arizona Daily Star reported.

While offering few tangible benefits, the registry would provide same-sex couples a level of official recognition, Robinett said. The commission hopes to present the issue to the City Council this spring.

Republican Mayor Bob Walkup said he supports the idea in concept, although the council hasn't been presented with a specific proposal.

Walkup said a lot of cities have similar registries without problems.

Before going to the council, Robinett said backers of the proposal are meeting with business leaders hoping to drum up support, or head off opposition, before the council debate begins.

While Tucson would be the first city in the state to authorize a registry, she said Arizona lags behind much of the rest of the nation, where similar registries are common.

California's adoption of a state registry last year, for instance, came only after many cities created their own registries over the years, she said.

Kent Burbank, executive director of Wingspan, a local resource center for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community, said registry backers hope Arizona follows the same pattern. In the 1970s, Tucson was the first Arizona city to outlaw discrimination against homosexuals, opening the way for other cities, and eventually the state, to follow suit.

Although it would be a city registry, Robinett said it would be open to non-city residents.

In the 2000 Census, 2,262 households in Pima County filed as headed by same-sex unmarried partners. That figure includes 1,480 such households in the city of Tucson.

Demographic experts say this category is often undercounted as people do not disclose such personal information.

To be eligible for the registry, partners could not be blood relatives who would be precluded from marrying, and

both would have to be unmarried, over 18, share the same residence and declare that they are each other's sole domestic partner.

The partnership would be terminated if either partner dies or marries someone or if the partners file a termination statement with the city.

Robinett said most of the benefits of the registry are intangible because the city has limited ability to confer the benefits that accrue automatically to married couples. That authority rests almost entirely with the state and federal governments, which are the eventual goals, she said.

Registration would require hospitals in the city to allow visitation by partners, which most already do, Robinett said, and give partners the same standing as traditional families when qualifying for city services, such as recreation programs.

"The more significant aspect is the ability to say to family and friends that we have a partnership," and a form of official recognition to back it up, she said.

Lisa Bibbens, a founder of Rainbow Families, a social group for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender families and their children, said that's an important benefit.

"From the perspective of children, it's important for them to have their families recognized," Bibbens said.

The record that partners "existed as a couple" adds "some permanence to the family, and an extra point of stability for the kids," she said.

Shannon Cain, who shares a home with partner Karen Ulich and daughter Brennan Cain-Nuccio, said she looks forward to creation of the registry, which could be a first step toward state recognition and eventually legalized marriage.

While she doesn't necessarily want to get married herself, Cain said that should be an option for those who want it. "We should have all the same rights," she said.

The certificate issued by the city clerk "is not what's important. What's truly important is the feeling we have for each other," Cain said.

But "generalized societal recognition" is "a necessary tradition," she said, noting she frequently has problems with businesses that don't recognize her union, like the credit card telemarketer who refused to talk to her even though she is an equal signer on their joint account.

Burbank said that while the Gay and Lesbian community is split on the issue

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UPDATE

'Peace Through Pride' Theme for Tucson Pride

TUCSON - The International Pride theme for 2003 is "Peace Through Pride." Tucson Pride has also elected to use this theme for Pride events in Tucson during 2003.

Tucson Pride announces an art contest for a logo illustrating this theme. The art contest will run from Jan. 15 until March 7th. The TPI board will select the winning artwork on March 11. TPI will award \$150.00 to the winning artist.

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

For additional information, call the PrideLine at (520) 622-3200 or send email to pride@tucsonpride.com. The TPI web site is www.tucsonpride.com.

Volunteer Training At Wingspan

TUCSON - Wingspan will be holding volunteer training sessions for their Domestic Violence Program (WDVP) as well as for the Center.

The WDVP will hold a free, engaging, interactive, and informative training for new volunteers, service providers, and interested community members from 6 to 9 p.m. on the following dates: Wednesday, March 5; Tuesday, March 11; Thursday, March 13; and Tuesday, March 18.

This training will prepare volunteers to provide phone support and information to folks who call the WDVP's 24-hour crisis line. Crisis line volunteers never meet with a client in person. Internships opportunities with a monetary stipend are also available. People wanting to volunteer should plan to attend all four nights of the training. If you'd like to volunteer, but are unable to attend all four sessions, please email cathy@wingspanaz.org.

A general volunteer orientation for all new and potential Wingspan volunteers will take place on Tuesday, March 25, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., for a variety of areas, including: Front Desk, Domestic Violence Project, Library, CyberCenter, Administrative Office, I&R Data Entry, Youth Programs and Mailings.

For more information about both training sessions, call Marc at Wingspan (520) 624-1779.

Two Positions Open At Wingspan

TUCSON - Wingspan, Southern Arizona's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center, is hiring for two open staff positions.

The first is for an Advocate/Educator (30 hours/week, \$9.50-10.30/hr, DOE), to provide crisis intervention and advocacy services to LGBT victim/survivors of violence, as well as outreach and education about violence within and against the LGBT community. Some evenings, weekends, and travel required.

Please send cover letter, résumé, and list of three references to: Wingspan Domestic Violence Project, 300 E. 6th Street, Tucson, AZ 85705, or fax to 520-624-0364, or email to wdvp@wingspanaz.org. Closing Date: Friday, February 21, 2003. AA/EOE. No phone calls or email questions please.

The second position is for Development Associate (full time, health benefits, \$24,000-\$28,000, DOE), to coordinate and implement aspects of Wingspan's development plan in conjunction with the Executive Director, Board Members, and other volunteers. Duties include grant writing and reporting, as well as researching, developing, and implementing grant opportunities, corporate sponsorships, major donor and direct mail campaigns, and fund raising events.

Submit letter of interest, résumé with dates of employment, and names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references to: Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street, Tucson, AZ 85705, or fax to (520) 624-0364, or email to wingspan@wingspanaz.org. Open until filled. AA/EOE. For more detailed information about both positions, visit Wingspan's website: wingspanaz.org.

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IN MEMORIAM

John Bircumshaw

PHOENIX - John Bircumshaw, one of the Phoenix Gay community's biggest advocates, fundraisers and supporters passed away suddenly, from a heart attack, last Friday, February 21, at his home. He was 52.

Born Jan. 5, 1951, in Salt Lake City, Bircumshaw had resided in the Valley since 1951. He was a graduate of Arcadia High School and Arizona State University, and also attended Oxford University in England.

Bircumshaw's community involvement included AIDS Project Arizona and Body Positive, the state's two largest AIDS service organizations. He was named volunteer of the year at Body Positive for 2002.

Survivors include his father, John Sr., a sister, a brother-in-law, niece and nephew. The family asks that donations be made to Body Positive.

Fourth Friday Continues On Feb. 28

TUCSON - Wondering how to start the weekend? Want to meet and greet before the Reveille concert? Then come to Fourth Friday, held again this month at the Hotel Congress, 311 E. Congress, Friday, February 28, from 5 to 8 p.m.

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

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Reveille Gay Men's Chorus Gets Rave Reviews From Mexican Press And Concert Goers

By Renata Tebaldi

HERMOSILLO, Mexico - A large and enthusiastic audience filled the main auditorium of the University of Sonora in Hermosillo on Saturday night, February 22, to hear Reveille Gay Men's Chorus perform "De Colores". The concert was a benefit for Sonora's leading community HIV/AIDS organization, ACCSIDA - Community Action Against AIDS.

"De Colores" will be presented in Tucson for one performance only this Friday, February 28, at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church. It is a full program of folk, classical and popular music that highlights traditional Mexican favorites.

The big crowd pleasers in Hermosillo were the American pop solo classics "Only You" and "Over the Rainbow", and "Sixteen Tons". The Mexican favorites were, "De Colores" and "Las Mañanitas".

Reveille's new director, Linus Lerner, a Brazilian wunderkind (aka the Brazilian Firecracker and the Boy from Ipanema) who is fluent in Spanish, introduced the English language songs with eloquence and style and had the audience singing along with the Spanish pieces.

The purpose of the Hermosillo benefit was twofold - to raise money for ACCSIDA and to bring issues of homosexuality and homophobia out of Mexico's

cultural closet and into the light of the Sonoran day. Organizers of the concert had feared a low turnout or even a protest demonstration and were elated by the large, diverse and supportive audience.

The concert was covered extensively by the Hermosillo news media, including Sonora's leading newspaper, El Imparcial. As one member of the ACCSIDA board said, "This was truly an empowering experience for us in our struggle against AIDS."

For Reveille, the concert was also memorable - a great audience, new friends who welcomed the chorus into their homes and hosted dinners, parties and "field trips" to Hermosillo's Gay bars. Most important, this concert was an affirmation of Reveille's mission of promoting human rights, reducing prejudice against GLBT people, and celebrating diversity and individual worth.

Tickets for the Tucson performance of "De Colores" are available in advance for \$18 from Antigone's, Desert Pride, Wingspan, any Reveille member or by telephone at (520) 617-3100. Tickets are \$20 at the door and half price for students. Remember, darlings, the only Tucson performance of "De Colores" will be Friday, February 28, 8 p.m., at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 2331 E. Adams St. And take it from someone who knows, these guys are good!



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The Dire Consequences Of A War With Iraq

By David Williams

By the time you read this editorial, we may already be at war with Iraq; nay, we may have already won. But the concerns it raises will still be with us for decades to come. To oppose this war is not to support Saddam. In a real sense there are many potential dangers to the future of this country that won't become apparent until after it's over.

Why are we going to war? I have no idea. Certainly, Saddam Hussein is an intolerable tyrant whose departure from the world stage will be enthusiastically applauded by most. A great many Iraqis will be grateful. But dozens of other leaders are just as rotten; some even have nuclear weapons. Why him and not them? Bush won't say.

When was the last time Hussein threatened the safety and security of the US? Never. His military is too weak. Any missiles he has aren't pointed at us: they can barely reach Jerusalem. Even if he were foolish enough to attack Israel, its retaliation would be swift and fierce.

Is he developing nuclear weapons? So far, UN inspectors have found no evidence. With all due respect to Collin Powell (whose evidence was flawed), there aren't many signs of other weapons of mass destruction, either. That's not to say Saddam doesn't have them, just that we need more time to find them...and destroy them without recourse to war.

Has he sold whatever weapons of mass destruction he had to al Qaeda? Get real. Muslims are just as divided as Christians. Hussein, the socialist, and Osama bin Laden, the fundamentalist Muslim, hate each others' guts. Bin Laden can barely be brought to say Hussein's name. On the other hand, because of America's bellicosity towards Iraq, there are signs he's cautiously supporting Hussein out of a sense of Islamic solidarity. If we'd left Iraq well enough alone, that could never have happened.

Sure, Hussein is playing some cat-and-mouse game. He's a lying sneak. He probably does have dangerous weapons somewhere. But has he expressed a desire to use them against this country, or sell them to those who would? Show us the proof.

In truth, the inspection process is working; given enough time, it can work better. Needless bloodshed can be avoided and countless lives saved. The UN is doing what it's supposed to do, so why the rush? Bush needs to let them be. But, of course, he won't.

We have to look long and hard in recent history to find someone who's as anxious to go to war. Our president has been acting like an angry pit bull jerking a frayed leash. Strange behavior for one who went AWOL for a year during the height of the Vietnam War so he could party down. He says his favorite philosopher is Jesus. One has to wonder which part of Jesus he doesn't understand.

Most alarming is his frightening philosophy of pre-emptive strikes, which goes against everything America has ever stood for. If exercised, this new policy will most assuredly come back to haunt us in the coming years. With the possible exception of the Mexican War, America has never struck another country without provocation. If there were imminent danger from Iraq, war would make sense and we'd support an attack. There is not, and so we can't.

What happens if we do attack and win? Our loss. For starters, expect an increase in religious fanaticism in other Islamic countries. Some friendly governments will fall. Be prepared for the vilification of the world community, not to mention a tremendous loss of respect by some of our closest allies. Look for our economy to nosedive and deficits to soar. That's because no one knows how long we'll be staying in Iraq, least of all Bush. And who's going to pay for all that? You can bet it's not the president's corporate buddies, who never saw a hole they couldn't loop.

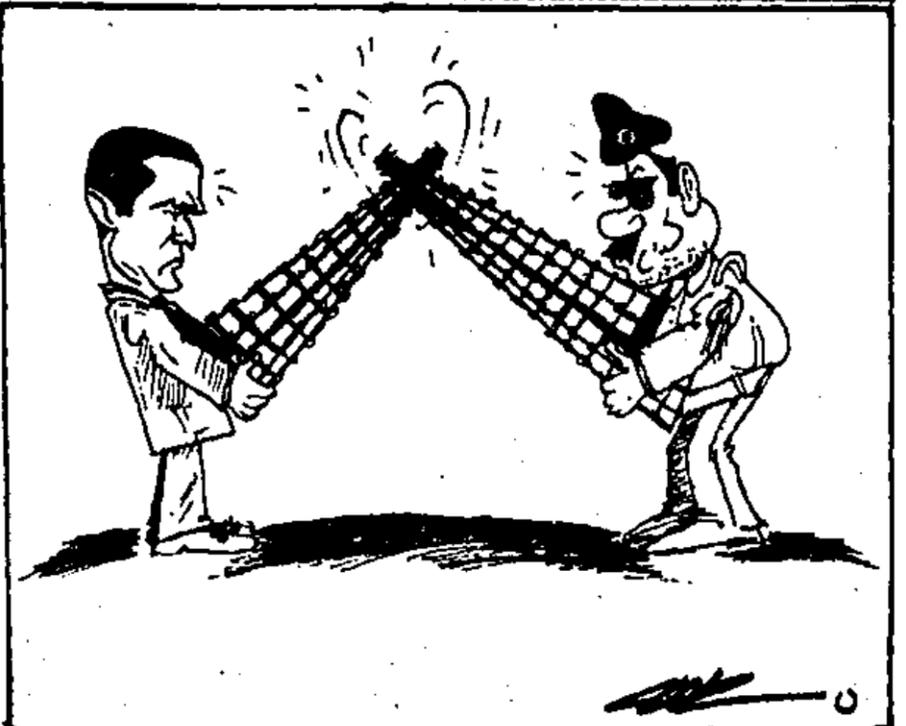
If we do go to war, this paper will certainly support our troops, who, after all, are unwitting pawns in this deadly game of hardball chess. But we hope they don't have to fight: they will find no honor in that bloody sand.

This war has all the markings of a shameless imperial bullying that goes against every ideal we've ever been raised to believe in. It smears our image, it insults

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by Clark



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Rights Bill Passes New Mexico House

SANTA FE, NM - A proposal to outlaw discrimination based upon sexual orientation was approved by the New Mexico house of representatives on Monday, February 24, and supporters say they are hopeful the measure will be enacted this year.

It was the first time the house passed the measure despite more than a decade of debate over whether New Mexico should extend anti-discrimination protections to Gays and Lesbians.

"It's 2003--we shouldn't be discriminating against anyone, anywhere, anytime," said Rep. Gail Beam (D-Albu-

querque), who sponsored the bill.

The legislation will broaden the state's Human Rights Act to cover sexual orientation, making it illegal to discriminate on that basis in matters of employment, housing, credit, public accommodations and union membership. It will apply equally to heterosexuals, homosexuals, and Bisexuals. The bill passed the house 39-27 and now goes to the senate. Linda Siegle, of the Coalition for Equality in New Mexico, said she is confident the senate will approve the measure. Gov. Bill Richardson has pledged to sign the bill into law. In 2001 the bill was rejected by the house 35-31.

Egyptian Court Upholds Conviction Of Gay Man

CAIRO, Egypt - Authorities have upheld the conviction of a Gay man who was arrested after using the Internet to arrange a meeting with another man who turned out to be an undercover policeman.

A Cairo appeals court upheld the penal sentence against Wissam Toufic Abyad, a 26 year-old Lebanese national. Police arrested Abyad a month ago after he arranged to meet "Raoul", whom he met via an Internet personals site. Undercover police have used the name "Raoul" in the past to entrap suspected homosexuals.

The Heliopolis Court of Misdemeanors convicted Abyad on Jan. 20 on charges of the "habitual practice of debauchery", a charge commonly used in Egypt against private, consensual homosexual conduct. The court also convicted him of advertising "against public morals" and "inciting passers-by" on a "public road or traveled or frequented place. . . to commit indecent acts," in reference to his Internet personals ad.

Other recent cases of Internet entrapment have been reversed on appeal. Representatives from international human rights organization Human Rights Watch say they are concerned that the appeals court's decision in Abyad's case may signal increasing harshness by the Egyptian authorities.

Human Rights Watch is campaigning for the Egyptian authorities to conduct a fair review of all sentences handed down in such cases, and to free from prison anyone convicted solely for private, consensual conduct among adults.

"For two years now, the Egyptian authorities have conducted an on-going campaign of harassment against suspected homosexuals," said Joe Stork, Washington director of the Middle East and North Africa division of Human Rights Watch. "The police are raiding private homes and using the Internet to entrap men on trumped-up charges of 'debauchery.' People looking for support and community find a prison cell instead."

Cincinnati Ponders Article XII Repeal

CINCINNATI, OH - Ten full years after Cincinnati residents voted to bar the passage of laws that extended any legal rights or protections to their Gay and Lesbian neighbors, several groups are pressing for a rematch.

One group, called Citizens to Restore Fairness, was created specifically to work for the repeal of Article XII, the 1993 amendment to the city's charter.

The Cincinnati Enquirer quotes local Gay civil rights advocates who assert that attitudes have changed over the years. These activists are looking to put before another ballot proposal before city residents they hope will prove them right.

Repealing Article XII, the 1993 amendment to the city's charter, requires rights supporters to either collect 9,000 signatures or coax a majority sitting on the Cincinnati City Council to put the issue up for a vote.

Many believe the Cincinnati City Council's Feb. 5 vote to add sexual orientation to the city's hate-crimes ordinance was the opening salvo in the repeal battle.

"Article XII is an embarrassment to our city and we believe a large majority

want it repealed," said Rev. Harold Porter of Citizens To Restore Fairness. "Our [repeal] campaign plan is being finalized now."

The city's business community seems firmly behind repeal, backing a study conducted by the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) in early 2002, which sought to measure the impact of Article XII on the city's economic, social and civic life.

The Greater Cincinnati Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Cincinnati Association, Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio helped pay for the study, along with other organizations.

Councilman Crowley, who led the effort to expand Cincinnati's hate crimes ordinance, cautioned that the rights and business coalition groups should not count on the council to put Article XII back on ballots.

"The wise thinking would be to use a petition drive to build a base of support and to educate the public," Crowley said. "The anti groups have the ability to raise a lot of money and get out a big group of supporters."

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'Media Power At Its Best'

Hello readers! My original intention was to cover this week's Grammy Awards in this article. I am going to give my two cents regarding that along with something I have been noticing lately with coverage of all our news worthy events. Prior to the broadcast from New York, Grammy officials (who ever that is), notified the artists that mentioning their view on the coming war could force the show's producers to turn the microphone off during such speeches. Now with all the yelling about free speech being one of the rally cries of those opposed to our presidents quest to own all the oil in the world, I found the news ironic. Here is the evening laid out to honor those in the recording industry. Recording does not necessarily limit itself to just music. There is a category for spoken word recording, as well as one for production of speech recorded. Previous winners include speeches by Martin Luther King, Jr., John F. Kennedy, and even Stephen Hawkings. I hope someone takes heed to this behavior and decided to record any speech given in the numerous rallies being held against the war. They might just be witness to an event that will give full circle to a decision most find unbelievable.

Being a music fan of course, I watched the show anyway. Norah Jones walked away with more Grammys than she could carry. I am getting used to the Academy finding the quick and easy route in awarding the annual prizes to those who pose the least amount of harm to their industry. I am not saying Ms. Jones is not worthy of any award (her album is a nice one), my point is simply that if awards are going to be given out for the best of a category, lets prove that via populous and not politics. The show itself was quite anti-climactic, with little highlights and no surprises. I would love to write the article one year that talks about how the Grammy awards shocked the heck out of me, but I fear that will not come to pass.

Media has had quite a workout lately with all the world events happening. Some have taken to be as middle of the road as they possibly could. Unfortunately their intentions may be true, but their outcome is far from real. Little has been mentioned about what the people of Iraq think regarding this entire situation. I am sure that they are in more fear than we are here. Our

over-saturation of information has made us a society with fears conceived only by rumor and speculation. In 1939 when Orson Welles scared the nation with a simple broadcast on the radio, he was arrested and brought to trial. Imagine the courts being flooded by 6 networks covering their own arraignment if that were the case today.

The power of the pen is one which is taken for granted. I myself am guilty of that simply by writing this article every week. The main difference there is in my eyes this. I don't want to give you a false sense of fear with what I write. If the networks took the time to think that what they say could cause more harm than good, there would be far less news made by sources, and more made by actual people who are on the scene. I am sure that Edward R Murrow did not hide in some trench in World War II, hoping to get a whisper of what might come.

This weekend, I am going to leave this time behind. I am going to visit a time when media was controlled by the land's ruler. It was a time when what you said could get you into more trouble than what you think. I know you are asking what the heck is different from today?. This era is make believe, so it can only be fun. I am going to take part in this year's BLGT day at the Renaissance Festival. The fair staff have selected this Saturday, March 1st as the day of the event. Folks from all over will be there in total comfort and fun with their loved ones. Enjoy the day in medieval style. Wear a costume and take part in the games, shows and events all day. The fair is held in Wilcox and tickets are available at local Fry's Supermarkets. Hope to see you all there. Have a good week!

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EDITOR:

I would like to send a special shout out to Tucson to let everyone know that I have captured the title of Mr. National Capitol Cities 2003. The event was flawless. It took place last Sunday, Feb. 23 at the host hotel Sunshine Quality Inn Hotel in Phoenix. There were a total of six contestants and the talent was unbelievable. I captured the Jililssa Michaels 'Best Talent Award' and was the winner overall.

I would first like to thank Tod, for without him none of this would have been possible. Thanks also to my Corporate Sponsors IBT'S (Dave and Frank); Ain't Nobody's Biz (Marti, Hillary and staff); Salon 527 (Ajia Simone); photographer Sergio Kardenas; November Bar and Grill (Bob); Markley's (Robert). I thank you all very, very much.

It was an event that, without my friends and family, would have been a hard task. Darryl, Lindsey, Jaime and Jazz thanks for dancing Will, Nick, Albert, Adrion and Quinton, DJ Raymond, Tony, Sachè, Foxy, Lady Ashley, Jasmine, Diana Flair, Janee, Bunny FuFu, Aerial Spears and fellow contestants, George and Steve. Thanks a bunch.

If I have forgotten anyone please forgive me, for you all are truly a blessing. Much love

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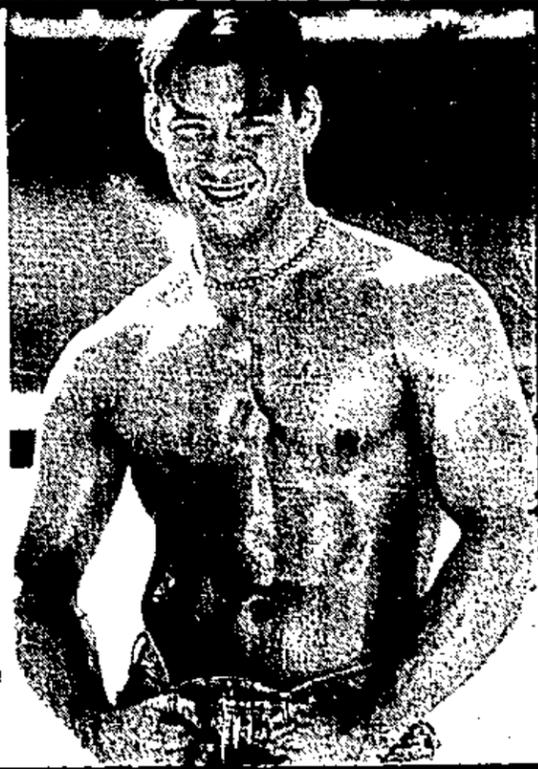
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POLITICS 2003

by Mark F. Marr

'So What's The Excuse?'

"When someone attacks another person because of his or her beliefs, ethnic background, age, gender or sexual orientation, that attacker really is trying to silence or destroy groups of people or ideas," a recent editorial stated.

This same editorial went on to say, "In a nation that values free expression, free religion and the right to peaceably assemble, this becomes an attack on the nation's core ideals, and that sort of crime deserves an enhanced penalty."

Entitled "Pass the hate-crimes bill," the publication rejected arguments that the legislation would establish a thought crime. "Nor would the bill establish protected classes of citizens or imprint some official stamp of approval of homosexuality," said the editorial.

Broadcast editorials on a radio and television station, owned by the same group who controls the newspaper, said of a measure that "It is high time to approve it."

In a statement released by Dale Bills, a spokesperson for the group which owns the radio, television station and newspaper said, that it "abhors all hate crimes" and that its actions, "should never be interpreted as justification for hatred, intolerance or abuse of those who profess homosexual tendencies, either individual or as a group."

Before you waste any time trying to guess which group/organization would make sure bold, progressive statements, especially during these times, this reporter will save you the trouble, since you wouldn't have guessed in a "million years."

It was the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the Mormons, about pending legislation, presently before the Utah Legislature.

So now the Mormons have joined other religious affiliations to publicly support hate crimes laws. In addition to churches, synagogues, mosques, etc., many businesses organizations, rights groups and civic professionals, such as law enforcement and county and city prosecutors approve of the enactment of bias crimes legislation.

Domestic Partner Registry

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of marriage, both sides of that issue seem to agree on the registry, even though it is "largely symbolic."

Like Cain, Bibbens looks forward to the time when same-sex couples have the same rights as heterosexual couples, allowing them to deal straightforwardly with such things as finances, child custody and guardianship and survivors rights.

"It's only fair that we should have the whole thing . . . but I don't think it's politically possible all at once," she said. The registry is "an incredibly important move in that direction," she said.

Burbank said backers expect opposition from those who object to homosexuality but have heard little dissent beyond that.

Some critics question the cost, he said, but because city recognition carries so few tangible benefits, there would be virtually no cost other than to process the registration certificate, and couples would be charged a \$50 fee to cover that.

That is the case in Arizona but does the leadership listen to wants of their constituent, especially on such an important issue?

Whom are we kidding, this bunch is passing gun laws, creating new political posts and stripping away the rights of cities to enact worthless measures while ignoring reality about the pending budget deficit and ignoring such measures as SB 1210 that would have extended the state's bias crimes to cover misdemeanor offenses.

This past Thursday, February 20, was the deadline for bills to be heard by a committee in their respective chamber so SB 1210 is dead in that form and may be resurrected in another form as a strike everything amendment and as the Desert News, KSL radio and television, the Mormon-owned media outlets said so well about this, "It is high time to approve it." ...

In other legislative news, SB 1142, was re-voted on by the Senate Education Committee on Monday, February 24.

SB 1142 would mandate that public schools provide "medically accurate information" to their students on sexual transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS. With the 5-4 by the Senate Education Committee, SB 1142 now goes to the Senate Rules Committee. ...

Arizona's statewide Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender rights group will be hosting a "Family Education Day," at the State Capitol in Phoenix to show that families come in all types.

Dilia Loe, the executive director of AHRF, (the Arizona Human Rights Fund), said the rally will take place Monday, March 10, 12:30 to 4 p.m..

Loe went on to state that Raily's emphasis will be on the diversity by the term "family," to show that families come in all types.

AHRF is also seeking photos of partners, children, parents, pets or anyone that is considered a part of your family for the photo exhibit. For more information, call (602) 650-0900.

That lack of actual benefits is also a point of criticism from those who think the city registry doesn't go far enough, he said.

While she agrees on that point, Bibbens said "overnight change" is politically unrealistic, particularly in a state as conservative as Arizona, making "incremental movement" the next best option.

Commentary

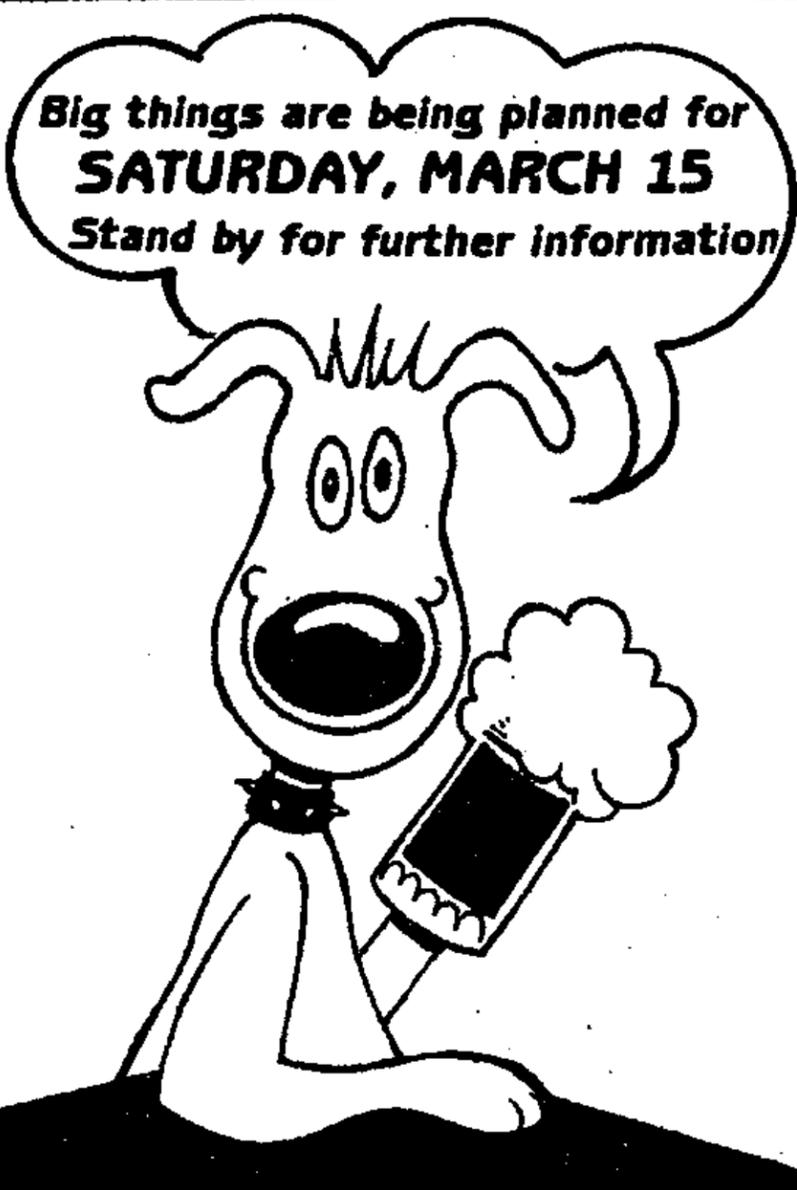
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our deepest values, it's a slap in the face of our founding fathers.

Unless Bush can come up with better evidence of a threat to this country, we adamantly oppose this war and will continue to support every effort to stop it.

Just like his favorite philosopher would have done.

[David Williams is the editor of The Letter, the GLBT newspaper of Louisville, Kentucky.]



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Aggressive Mars "opposes" re-directing Saturn this week. Mountains emerge from molehills as little actions take on mammoth proportions. Be careful of what you wish, cousin; the speck of dust you blow today becomes a tornado tomorrow.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Gay Rams receive huge amounts of affirmation from international travel or foreign folks. The Mars / Saturn opposition combines higher learning, communication and the day to day job in a highly charged way. One inspiration spurs another and you may find your more passionate nature guided to global Gay manifestoes which you yourself will type, xerox and distribute.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Queer Bulls are not the most passionate of folks, but now the Mars / Saturn opposition turns up the hot tub to full boil. (Do I smell cooked meat?) But this hot sexual spike carries with it a cost of living increase. All that wining and dining associated with the pursuit of desire ultimately costs more than it's worth. Ah, but in the meantime, what a way to go!

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Partners have an uncanny way of goading you to take dramatic action when Mars smacks surly Saturn. Could your dissatisfaction with certain relationships in fact be dissatisfaction with how you are perceived in general? You can run but you can't hide pink Twin. Sit in front of the mirror and ask who is truly the fairest of them all. Then go spike an apple, you wicked thing.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

It seems that the harder you work, the more there is to do. Feisty Gay Crabs are up to it, especially when there's a greater good for our community at the end of the rainbow. You must no longer accept living in a closet. Saturn's lesson is to blow the closet door off its hinges. You'll find it liberating. Remember, you're beautiful... except when you wear houndstooth polyester.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Are you paying wholesale or retail for your jolly times? It all depends upon how much affirmation you receive from social outlets and friendships. The Mars / Saturn opposition indicates that no price is too high to pay for true friendship but you can be cheated if the group of the hour is not playing your tune. I say make your own beautiful music and see who comes to dance.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

You can run but you cannot hide in your career queer Virgin. The Mars / Saturn opposition will push you Out of the closet ready or not. Good thing too, cousin; it will become impossible to balance your home life with your professional aspirations unless you can achieve an inner peace and harmony. What better way than to remove the disguise and stop playing it straight.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

The urge to express yourself will become overwhelming during the Mars / Saturn opposition. But remember that loose lips can sink battleships now sailor. Carefully weight your words before you anchor your opinion, queer Libra. Saturn's uncanny

punishments can land you on the front page with a very unflattering photo. Hey, which one is the horse?

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Can money buy happiness? It may seem that way when feisty Mars unleashes it's fury on stingy no-nonsense Saturn. Proud Scorps can reap a financial windfall if they can keep their attention to the bottom line. Thinking of buying a house together? Put it all on paper now so there are no hard feelings later. (However, some of us like it that way.)

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Gay Archers can be attentive and generous to partners. Now, with the Mars/Saturn opposition, you demand a little TLC for yourself. Them's who gives, gets, cousin so do something good for yourself that will also have a beneficial effect on the relationship. If you're still searching for a dreamboat, you can make an aggressive and daring first impression. Pack your missile.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Mars encourages you to expend greater than average energy into volunteering for our community. No good Gay effort goes unrewarded; expect beneficial impact on the job thanks to the Mars / Saturn opposition. If you feel like a rat on an ever speeding treadmill, don't despair; the goddesses have a way of rewarding even the mangiest of well intentioned rats in a big way.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

If your idea of fun is seeing how many friends you can pack into an already packed schedule, you will fully enjoy the Mars / Saturn opposition. Aqueerians never seem to know when enough is enough and this transit is no exception. Mull it over the next morning as you nurse your hangover and try to figure out where you left your nipple clamp.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

The Mars/Saturn opposition hits Guppies in some pretty personal places. Let's put it this way; career thrusts have a long term and probably beneficial effect at home but they will also force you to face certain chaffing family issues. Obviously things can't be changed overnight but it can't hurt to expose them to the light of day. Look at 'em scurry under the rug!

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Deplorable Porn

How can someone who adores porn, who's been paid by national publications for writing porn, who's traveled to see the somewhat corny porn that the most famous eruption of Vesuvius was kind enough to spare, how can a porn lover like that be disgusted and appalled by the porn currently being offered up by the National Broadcasting Company in their show called "Cheaters"?

To begin with, my more literate and politically correct friends inform me that the word "porn" itself is pejorative and that, if I don't disapprove of it, I should use the word "erotica" instead. On the other hand, my less literate and less politically correct friends say that "porn" is perfectly fine. I'll go with the latter, of course.

I've always taken the minority, admittedly simplistic but logically unassailable position that if there's nothing inherently wrong with sex there's nothing inherently wrong with depictions of sex or with selling sex.

Most of my friends who consider themselves quite sexually enlightened feel that sex is okay but that there's something slightly wrong with pictures of it and something morally if not criminally wrong with selling it. They claim that porn actors and prostitutes are necessarily, by the very nature of their activities, being unfairly exploited.

I claim that sex workers, if there's nothing wrong with sex itself, aren't necessarily being any more exploited than non-sex workers.

Take the average typist. Let's just stipulate that she doesn't believe that there's anything inherently immoral or degrading about the act of typing. But let's also say that she doesn't enjoy typing. Let's say she finds it boring. Let's say she's only doing it for the money. Let's admit that if she overdoes it she could get carpal tunnel syndrome. At the end of the day our sex worker isn't necessarily any worse off than our typist.

You can say that current conditions in the sex business are harsh and the unions haven't developed, etc. But you could say the same to an even greater degree about some eras of the mining industry, the garment industry, and many others. All this proves is that labor has to organize to look

out for itself. The politicians will take care of management.

And so we come at last to "Cheaters." The premise of the show, for those who haven't seen it, is that private detectives will find out if your lover is cheating, document the fact, and then arrange for you to confront the cheaters. Sounds like a public service, right?

My first objection is that, if you believe the premise of the show, the people whose sexual behavior is being served up for our entertainment are not being paid for it.

My second objection is that the audience's disapproval of infidelity does not give the audience, or anyone else, the right to violate the privacy of anyone and everyone who's ever been unfaithful.

Thirdly, the show turns the audience into peeping toms. I would argue that peeping toms — be they cops, private eyes, or garden variety scum — are morally despicable. If you're not sure whether you agree with this blanket judgment, try to imagine someone you look up to, your spiritual adviser perhaps, assuming the role of a peeping tom.

And then there's the cruel exploitation of the people the show claims to be helping. They're encouraged to confront the cheaters on camera so that everyone's shame, grief, tears and anger can entertain all the nice people sitting in our dens and roaring so hard with laughter that we're in danger of spilling our beer.

And finally, the whole thing could be a hoax. I could only stomach two incidents of one episode, but in each case something was moved by one of the participants so that you could see the sexual movement but no skin. If these people don't know about the camera, how do they know where to put the blanket or other obstruction? For that matter, why would they employ any obstruction? Are they worried about embarrassing the walls?

They succeeded in embarrassing and disgusting me. And I'm no virgin.

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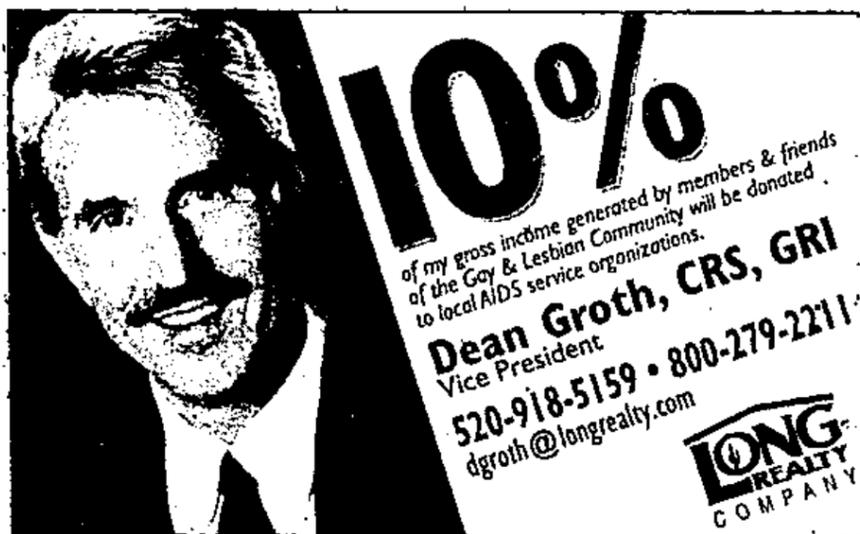
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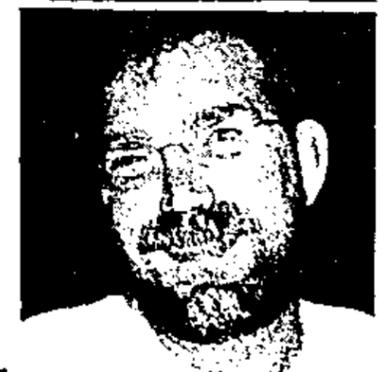
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	2000	1990	JUNE 01	JUNE 02	DEC. 02		JUNE 01	JUNE 02	DEC. 02	
APACHE	69,423	66,299	22	23	23	13	4	7	8	0
COCHISE	117,755	105,671	89	92	91	52	55	59	59	7
COCONINO	116,320	108,381	81	84	88	39	48	46	46	4
GILA	51,335	42,845	20	20	21	11	7	7	7	1
GRAHAM	33,489	29,094	197	24	24	9	11	13	13	0
GREENLEE	8,547	8,617	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	0
LA PAZ	19,715	15,522	15	17	18	8	4	4	6	0
MARICOPA	3,072,149	2,399,600	5281	5638	5923	3183	3538	3847	3849	361
MOHAVE	155,032	116,523	128	129	136	72	66	66	71	6
NAVAJO	94,470	84,150	31	36	37	24	20	19	19	2
PIMA	843,748	751,311	1584	1658	1684	952	986	1020	1046	88
PINAL	179,727	128,820	132	142	156	72	80	92	109	8
SANTA CRUZ	38,381	33,340	23	24	24	11	11	11	10	2
YAVAPAI	167,517	123,894	91	99	103	54	59	66	67	4
YUMA	160,026	120,827	94	96	97	48	54	60	63	7
UNKNOWN			2	2	1	1	1	1	2	0
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GENDER WORLD

BY JONI K. ROSE

From the Wingspan Forum on LGBT issues in the Latina/o community I learned that Transgenderism is an important issue in this community, that there is wide-spread ignorance on the subject, and that more outreach needs to be done in the Hispanic community by organizations like SAGA. Of course all this is true in all ethnic communities. It just appears the need is currently perhaps more critical among Hispanics. Maybe the new SAAF southside office will be a step in the right direction.

Regarding the Wingspan Film Fest, do you have that flaming-orange brochure handy? "Trans-lation," the three Transgender oriented films, include "Unhung Heroes," "A Full Cup," and "Myth of Father." They'll be shown at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 8, in the Little Theater. They apparently cover gender transition in both directions.

Friday, the day before, there will be a series of films called "Girls and Bois" shown at 4:45 p.m. in the small theater and then at 10:30 p.m. in the large theater. These seem to relate to butch-femme roles, and you can be sure the "Kings" aren't the Henry VIII kind. In between, at 7:15 p.m. in the small theater is scheduled a panel discussion on gender identity; though so far no one I've talked to has any idea who's going to be on the panel.

"By Hook or by Crook" is showing at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, the last day of the Fest, in the small theater. It's been getting good reviews in the Lesbian press. Evidently it's about two guy-friends who just happen to be genetically female. The Fest closes at 8:30 p.m. with "Gaudi Afternoon" in the small theater. It's supposed to have all kinds of gender-bending. By the way, I haven't seen any of these films; so write me if you have and tell me your impression.

Here's good news from Florida: transman Michael Kantaras has finally won his right to custody of his children after his ex-wife sued unsuccessfully to invalidate their ten-year marriage because he was born female. On the other hand, Amnesty International is concerned that Attorney General Ashcroft seems inclined to nullify a Clinton-administration ruling that recognizes the right of asylum to victims of domestic violence in other countries. This would be a major human-rights setback. You can write him at Attorney General Ashcroft, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001. Ask him to have a heart for victims of domestic violence who want to seek asylum in the United States.

You can write me at desertwordsmith@yahoo.com. See you at the Glitz, or at the Fest, Sweetie!

A View From The Rock

By Joy L. Childress

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

'Love Casts Out Fear

When I was 12 years old, my mother answered an ad in the "Help Wanted" section of the Denver Post newspaper. The job was for a camp cook at a square dance, round dance, and folk dance camp on top of Lookout Mountain in Golden, Colorado. People from all over the U.S. came for a week of dancing instruction, dancing parties, and culminated at the end of the week with a buffalo steak cook-out. The camp operated for 8 weeks during the summer, with a new group of dancers coming in each week. My mother was hired to do the job, and I went with her. This was the summer I fell in love with a woman. Her name was Edna Ritchie from the "Ritchie Family Singers", a well-known folk-singing group from the hills of Kentucky. I stood in awe of this woman. She was warm, funny, graceful, and had a beautiful singing voice. Each evening before the dancing would start, she would lead the singing in our "sing-along's". I remember her sitting by the piano, with her dulcimer (a Kentucky mountain string instrument) on her lap, wearing a blue square dance dress, and the light from the ceiling shimmering down onto her blond hair, turning it golden and making a glow above her head, giving me the impression of an angel. She was MY angel, and I fell in love; deep, hard, fast, and all-consuming in that onslaught of mixed emotions that sweep over a pre-teen that has just experienced the lightning bolt of first love. She was my idol, my heroine; and my heart knew nothing else but this woman. She wrapped her warm, humane demeanor around me, and I felt safe for the first time in my life. I would have given my life for her.

One day, I asked her about her dulcimer, where it originated, how it was made, and how to play it. She started teaching me to make simple cords on it. She let me practice on it one night while she and her sister (who was married to the owner of the camp) went down the mountain into Denver. We both bunked in the same cabin, and I sat on her bed, feeling her presence while I practiced on her dulcimer. I was

trying hard to master the position of my fingers on the strings of the dulcimer, when one of them snapped back at me, and I knew that the string had broken because I had wound it too tight. I was so scared, man, oh, man! Was I ever scared!! I wrote a note to her, explaining that one of the strings broke, and that I had wound the strings too tight. I wrote that I was sorry. Then I went to bed. She didn't get back to camp until very late that night. I couldn't sleep, but when she came in the room I pretended to be asleep. I was trembling with the fear that she would not love me anymore. I just knew that she would come over to me, shake me, yell at me, and then turn her back on me. To a 12 year old, this type of rejection would be devastating. I cracked my eyes open, and I saw her read my note; and I still pretended to be asleep. I was terrified of her rejection, and I just knew she would be mad at me and hate me. Instead of yelling at me, she came over to me and kissed me on the cheek. I was so surprised; I didn't react, I just kept on pretending to be asleep. But I'm sure I didn't fool her. The next day, she went down the mountain and back to Denver and came back with a new set of strings. She re-strung the dulcimer, showed me how to put the strings on, and gave the dulcimer back to me to practice some more. I no longer was afraid of her wrath, because she showed love and kindness to me instead of anger.

I look back on this episode in my life and realize that I had experienced the truth in I John 4:18, "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love." Her love, kindness, and understanding towards me cast out all the fear that I had had. At that time in my life, I was made perfect in love. Edna was a Christian, and she showed me a Christ-like love, and my fear left. We as GLBT Christians need to show that kind of Christ-like love to others in our community, so that their fear of rejection, of being punished for being GLBT, will be cast out, and they can see

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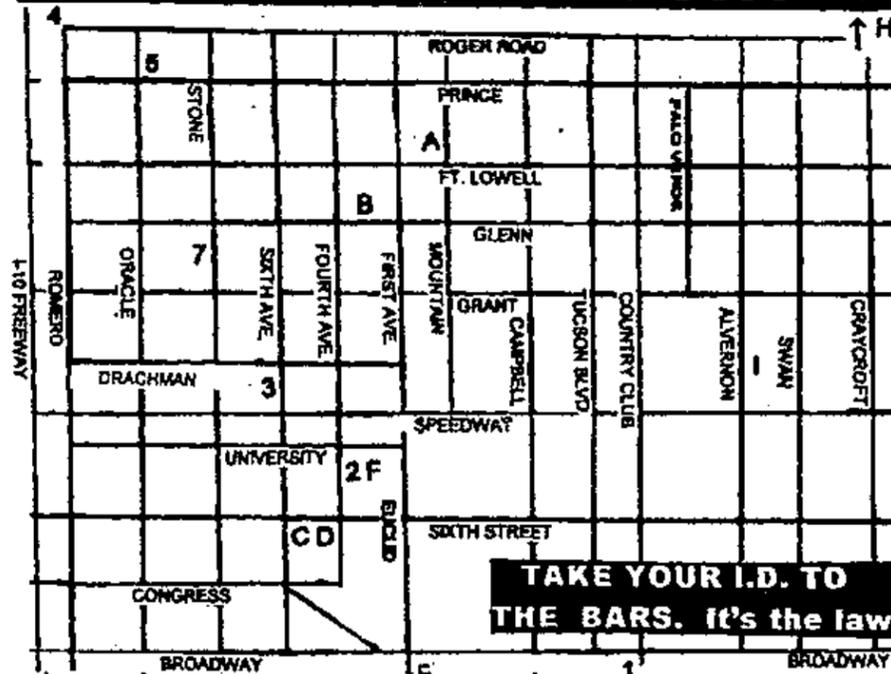
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that Jesus loves them. When all of us in our community experience the pure love of Jesus Christ, we all will be released from our fear of rejection and condemnation.

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Dear Dr. X,
 I have a problem, and don't know what to do (well it's not really a problem as I don't really mind having these feelings). I am heterosexual, but for the last few years I have been having these really strong urges to have oral sex with a guy. I know I am not Gay, cause men don't turn me on at all, but these feelings are really strong, and I really want to act on them. My first question is, should I act on these feelings? The second question is how do I go about it? I am really scared of disease, so how do I go about finding someone to experiment with who is disease free? I am so desperate, I am thinking about going to a Gay bar in California, and the first man I meet just go for it. Finding someone clean to try it with is my biggest scare though.

Mr. Should I

Dear Mr. Should I,
 You mentioned that men don't turn you on at all, and yet you have very strong cravings to fool around with a man? That seems contradictory. If you mean that you are not romantically attracted to men that is fine. A great many men fool around with their fellow men, letting off sexual steam in a physical way but never experiencing feelings of love for one another. Oral sex is one of the most profoundly intimate acts you can do, and it should not be done lightly. Yes, it is important to protect your health. For that reason, your first time should be with a man that you know (not a total stranger who may be very promiscuous), and you should perform oral sex with a

condom. However, if you are perhaps a bit conflicted about your feelings toward other men, you should do some soul searching before you start to act on your urges to protect both yourself and your future partners from getting emotionally hurt. There is nothing wrong with being turned on by other men.

Dear Dr. X,

I have a small penis! I will only give oral sex. I have placed a few ads in local papers offering oral sex. They come to my house and get serviced and leave. I tell people that I am impotent so they won't see my penis. My penis is about 5 inches hard. I'm only 28 yrs old. I have thought of suicide a few times. I'm scared of therapy and don't know what else to do!

Tiny Tim

Dear Tiny Tim,

First of all, you do not have a small penis. According to the billion studies out there the average penis is 5 1/2 to six inches long. Your penis may be a little smaller than average but it's not freakishly small. From what you've told me, your penis functions normally but you're scared of the size. I'm kind of disturbed by the ad you have placed. What you're doing can lead to some very dangerous situations. I would suggest getting out of your house and join a local Gay social group and work out some of your fears through them. I have a feeling that some socialization and some open discussion will help you immensely. I know you have a fear of therapy, but there are several places in Tucson to get help. You can even find some places who will work on a sliding scale if cost is an issue. There are so many other things to worry about in life, the size of your penis shouldn't be one of them.

[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.]

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GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

#1. Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - Noon, ShoGun Japanese Restaurant & Sushi Bar, 5036 N. Oracle Rd. (NE corner @ River). Reservations: Call Don @ 822-1835

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. The men of MSN join their brothers for a Reville Concert of "De Colores" at Grace St. Paul. For more information, please call Dave at 745-9059.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

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

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

REME DE LA Do Hair & Fashion Show to benefit SAAF, featuring local salons and boutiques. At the Rialto Theater, 318 E. Congress. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the show begins at 7:00 p.m. \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Call SAAF 628-7223 for more info.

MONDAY, MARCH 3

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

Monthly Membership meeting Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA), 7:00 p.m., Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Chris for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For directions or more info, please call Chris at 304-5814.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The investment group, Tucson Stockmen, meets. Currently there is one opening available. For information, please call Carl at 331-4238.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Richard for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Richard at 579-7291.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. We head for Dinner Out at the Rose Garden. Great Chinese food, and good company. For details and directions, please call Alan at 603-5726.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

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

THURSDAY THRU SUNDAY, March 6-9

The Wingspan FilmFest screens an ambitious program of ground breaking films at the Loft Cinema over the four day period. (3233 E. Speedway). Simultaneous screenings will take place in both theaters of The Loft to show the best new queer film and video. Check out the list of films in the Wingspan ad in the Observer or call 624-1779 for more information.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

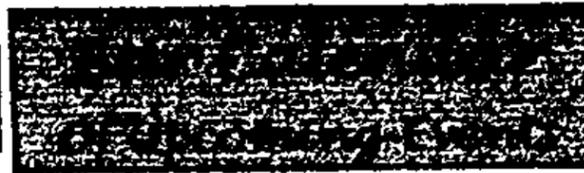
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les as they host Pizza Night. For only \$5, you get pizza, salad, drinks and desserts. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 890-9565.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Steve 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 Steve at 664-2078.

MONDAY, MARCH 10

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 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.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. the "DiveLicious Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Stella Virgin, Chantelle Douglas and Nikki Knolls

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

IBTS - Dennis' Recovery Bar from 11:00 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 the Reville Gay Men's Chorus. 8:00 p.m. it's Sissy Bingo with Aja Simone and Lucinda Holiday. 9:00 p.m. it's a special Benefit Show for Samantha White - candidate for Miss Gay Tucson America starring Samantha, Lucinda Holiday, Bunny FuFu, Teri Ajki and Janee Starr.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. the "DiveLicious Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Bunny FuFu, Tabetha LaVol, and Samantha White.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

IBTS - Gay Men's Health Project "Gender Bender" Fund Raiser. Watch for details.

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IBTS - 4th Avenue Spring Street Fair

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Chris for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For directions or more info, please call Chris at 304-5814.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Willie for Bridge Night. If you don't know how to play, the guys are willing to teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Willie at 297-8756.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:30 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 expand your relationship with God. You need not be a church member to participate. For more information call (520)292-9151.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join the guys of MSN for a great Lunch Out at Maria Bonita, a place for great Mexican food. For directions and reservations, please call Paul at 293-1238.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

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

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. 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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 3:00 p.m. Art & Jeff host dinner and a movie. The film is "Wonderland", a film about 2 boys caught up in a murder at a club. For directions and reservations, please call Art or Jeff at 762-9135.

MONDAY, MARCH 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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 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.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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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YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 12m. 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.

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

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 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, Mal 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 8pm-close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8pm to close.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 9pm "Dive-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holiday and guests. HNRG

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 Kamikazes and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9. HI NRG video dancing with Johnny DJ 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 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. Daily special til 7pm. Pool Tournament 7pm. 3 entry. (Special prices for players).

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

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

Friday

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

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10:30am. 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 Martinis \$2.00 all day. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

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

Saturday

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

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon. Grill open 11-8:30pm. Latino Nite. Drag Show 10:30-12:30pm. 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 open 5pm. 5-9pm Filet Mignon or Swordfish BBQ with all the trimmings \$5.

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

NOTICES

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 8:30 - 9:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

RAINBOW SUPPORT GROUP: LGBT and supportive friends meet for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Support meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at St. Francis in the Footprints Church, Swan and River Road, Room 42. The 3rd Thursdays of the month, the group will meet at 7:30pm at Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse (808 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 2007, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2007. E-mail: webmaster@gpglcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

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

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MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 890-9585 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-8847.

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

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

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

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 815-6438 for more info.

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

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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 8:30 to 9pm. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty. 682-7723 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 575-8080 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the Hotline at 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. Elise 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6788.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Gerontimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-8488 or Ray at 1740-5247.

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 578-8827 or David 323-7943.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 781-9882.

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

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings, luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 690-4613, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 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. 743-4900.

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at 65 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 295-8624.

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)742-7895 or go to our web site http://www.lgseofball.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)

REVELLE 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.

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

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TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-8847.

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 781-7878.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1438 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info, Call Anabel at 325-8892

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Jennifer at 782-4607, Ext.398

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 8:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCL. 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 18th year! (2nd in Tucson).

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

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.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at 4638 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.

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.

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 8809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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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.

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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.

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