



## Jell-O Wrestling Raises Nearly \$40,000



By Anne Maley

WOW. Were you at Woody's on Sunday afternoon? Is there such a thing as too much fun? If you didn't make it to the Jell-O Wrestling event, we can honestly say that you missed something special. What a great time!!

The 16th Annual Reno Gannon Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza certainly would have made Reno Gannon proud. This year's event raised \$19,470 for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, before an unexpected matching gift from Claire Thomas came up and rocketed the day's total to nearly \$40,000. A Jell-O Wrestling fundraising record!

We have so many people to thank (lucky us!). Putting on an event like this is a team effort in so many ways. The crowd in attendance was enthusiastic and positive, and everyone did open their hearts and gave...and gave for SAAF! A huge debt of gratitude is owed to Dave Huff and Frank Schepis, and the staff of Woody's and IBT's for hosting this famous event.

The Jell-O hostesses, Lucinda Holliday, Ajia Simone and Bunny FuFu, aided by Teriakki, Veronica Halliwell and Janee Star, amazed and thrilled the audience. You truly are extraordinary and we thank you for your dedication to people living with HIV/AIDS.

The 2003 team of Jell-O wrestlers was a great group of creative, dedicated people who really put their hearts into the event. Among the wrestling "celebrities" were Will & Grace, Red Riding Hood and The Wolf, Sabrina the Lesbian Witch, and the Ambiguously Gay Duo. All of the wrestlers did a great job of raising sponsorships and entertaining the crowd with their fun skits and matches. We all benefited from the spirit you added to the afternoon. The award for the wrestler who

raised the most money goes to Deb Dale, Fundraising Queen, who raised \$755 for SAAF services. Her dedication and enthusiasm were instrumental to the success of the event. Runner-up Deitrich Benjamin, Fundraising Princess (in wolf's clothing) raised \$585.

A big thanks goes to Joe Roos who returned this year as the referee to keep all the wrestlers safe and happy. And Bob Fishella who was fabulous as the official "hoser-offer" again this year! A round of applause for John Lochert of Millennium Music Service for providing the great music and sound, and for Robin Stancliff for providing her photographic services to make sure we have a visual record of all of the fun we had.

Our resident Jell-O making experts again whipped together the 300 gallons of gelatin: this year in a beautiful shade of purple. Thank you to Dave Locke and his team of volunteers who made the Jell-O with precision and efficiency - this year the Jell-O was made in a record 2 hours! And thank you to La Cocina Restaurant, Tolteca Tlacuilo and Scooter's Cafe for donating the Jell-O. We've also got to thank George Adam and Bob Hankinson for bravely taking on the task of cleaning all those buckets!

The Reno Gannon Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza has become a landmark in the community and would not exist without the dedication of the long-time committee made up of Eddie Gallego, Willie Gradillas, Harry Lewis, Dave Locke, Larry Moore, John Ryan, Helga Wocherl and Natalie Perry. This would not happen without you and we thank you so much.

The Gay Men's Health Project hosted a tasty barbeque-thank you to all of them for working the hot grill all day long.

## Anti G/L Judicial Nominees Could Crowd Bench

WASHINGTON, DC - George W. Bush has begun his quest to change the judicial branch of government to the extreme right.

Bush nominated Claude A. Allen, 42, to the nation's most conservative federal appeals court, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, a powerful panel one stop short of the U.S. Supreme Court that handles cases from Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the Carolinas.

Allen's confirmation process in the U.S. Senate will likely center on issues involving not only his legal skills but his ideological history, which includes abstinence-only sex education in schools and an anti-Gay record that unabashedly refers to homosexuals as "queers."

Supporters at Allen's hearing will present a nominee they see as a careful, measured thinker, while opponents will say he represents a right-wing fringe ideology.

Allen's resume shows a career paved in conservative thinking, starting as campaign pitchman for then-U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.).

"Knowing him has shaped me in many ways in terms of my values and how I conduct myself, all for the good," Allen told the Raleigh News & Observer last year. While in office, Helms was throughout his career stridently and proudly anti-Gay, referring, in 1998, to Gay love as "sicken-

ing." Since leaving Helms's office, Allen's career in government has led him into the center of intensely political debates on public health policy. Allen is a proponent of abstinence over safe-sex education, a view he advocates in his job as second-in-command at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

At HHS, Allen argues on a national stage that the best way to prevent pregnancy and AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases is to encourage young people to abstain from sex until they are married. He has pushed for a doubling of federal funds to pursue abstinence-only educational programs.

"There is no scientific evidence that [abstinence-only programs] have any impact," said Tamara Kreinin, president of the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States. "They are shame- and fear-based. Most Americans are not for them."

In addition, Allen's abstinence message has angered many members of the Gay community who see Allen's "abstinence until marriage" salvo as a not-so-subtle attack on Gay life.

During the late-1990s, Allen was Virginia Republican Gov. James S. Gilmore's point man on issues such as Medicaid, welfare and child health insurance.

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## Democratic Presidential Candidates Back Civil Unions

WASHINGTON, DC - Nearly all of the Democrats running for the party's presidential nomination in 2004 favor allowing Gay couples to enter into civil unions, an unprecedented level of agreement on one of the most divisive issues in the country.

Rep. Dick Gephardt, former Vermont governor Howard Dean, Senator John Kerry, and former senator Carol Moseley Braun - have all publicly endorsed giving same-sex couples the right to enter into binding, legally recognized unions. Long shot candidates Rep. Dennis Kucinich and the Rev. Al Sharpton have gone one step further, indicating they support granting full marriage equality rights to Gay and Lesbian couples.

The remaining candidates, Senators John Edwards of North Carolina, Bob Graham of Florida, and Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut have not gone on the record endorsing civil unions, but have not ruled them out either. Edwards and Lieberman said the issue should be left to individual states, while Graham said it deserves further study.

All nine Democratic candidates say Gay and Lesbian Americans should be given all the rights and benefits afforded to spouses, including access to the health care plans and pensions of their partners. The responses were based on answers to a questionnaire circulated by the Boston Globe.

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# UPDATE

## Pride Parade Fund Raiser Launched

TUCSON - Raffle tickets are currently on sale through June 29, the day of Tucson's annual GLBT Pride Parade.

Tickets are \$10 each, available at EON, Wingspan and Antigone Books presently and the proceeds will go to help defray costs for the Pride Parade.

For more information, E-mail: [tucsonpride@yahoo.com](mailto:tucsonpride@yahoo.com).

## Panel To Address Volunteer/Caregiver Issues May 14

TUCSON - The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) will sponsor a panel, Wednesday, May 14, 7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Cyril Church, 4725 E. Pima, to address the health and caregiver issues that many working in the area of HIV/AIDS and other chronic illnesses experience.

The audience will receive a short presentation on Naturopathic Medicine and caregiver coping skills followed by a short question and answer session.

For more information, call TIHAN (520) 299-6647 or E-mail: [info@tihan.org](mailto:info@tihan.org).

## Publication & Book Release Party For Local Author

TUCSON - Local therapist and novelist Eric Cuestas-Thompson will hold a publication and book release party for his new novel "Burn". "Burn" is a psychological thriller that takes place in present-day Tucson, Arizona. The novel wrestles with a number of significant themes relevant to the Gay community.

Clues Unlimited Bookstore at 16 Broadway Village, at the corner of Broadway and Country Club, is the site for the book release party on Saturday May 10th at 7:00 p.m. All book lovers are invited to come for an exciting evening of food, music, and enjoyable conversation.



## Position Open At AHRF

PHOENIX - The Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF), the statewide Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender political rights organization is seeking to fill their post of Executive Director.

The Arizona Human Rights Fund and Foundation are seeking an Executive Director (E.D.). Our organizations are committed to achieving equal rights for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people throughout Arizona.

The combined AHRF budgets total almost \$500,000, and are funded almost entirely by charitable support and membership dues. These funds finance issue-oriented public education, legislation - policy advocacy, and, through a political action committee, direct involvement in election campaigns. AHRF activity extends throughout central, northern and southern Arizona. The E.D. will be responsible for achievement of all operational and budgetary objectives as established by the Board(s) of Directors. (S)he will be the liaison between the Board(s) of Directors and organization staff and program support volunteers, as well as external opinion leaders.

The E.D. will be responsible for designing and managing activities to cultivate and secure program support from individuals, foundations and corporations, and will train and support volunteers to participate in management of donor relationships. The E.D. will be accountable for the attraction, cultivation and retention of dues paying members. Additionally, the E.D. will provide staff supervision and advancement, present annual plans and budgets to the Board(s) for review and approval, and ensure overall quality of operations. The successful candidate will have demonstrated success in stakeholder and donor relationship management; strategy development and project management; research and analysis; rapid critical thinking and decision making; written and verbal communication and presentation skills and group facilitation.

Salary and incentive compensation commensurate with experience. The deadline for submission of applications is May 14, 2003. Applications should be mailed/delivered to the AHRF offices at 4201 North 16th Street, Suite 170, Phoenix AZ 85016. Telephone is (602) 650-0900. The Arizona Human Rights Fund and Foundation are Equal Opportunity Employers.



## SAGA Workshop Schedule

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) announced the spring schedule for its Arizona Transgender Workplace (ATWORK) Project workshop, a free seminar for employers to learn more about Transgendered people and how their issues impact the workplace.

Transgendered people are among the groups protected from employment and public access discrimination by the City of Tucson.

For Transgender, transsexual and gender-variant people, gender expression is a major factor in their employability. Most Transgender people at some point in their lives possess physical or behavioral characteristics that readily identify them as gender-variant, which carries unwarranted but very real social stigma. This leaves them vulnerable to loss of employment, denial of employment, or underemployment, with a potentially devastating effect on them and their families.

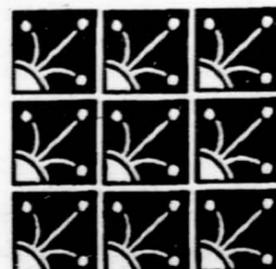
Many employers are finding that they lack even the most basic information regarding people who are Transgender, transsexual or gender-variant. Managers and co-workers have a vital need for information about the issue of Transgenderism and how a person's gender identity and expression (and the workplace's reaction to it) affects the ability of the business to operate effectively.

ATWORK provides the information, education, and resources that Tucson-area employers need to create safe and secure working environments for their Transgender, transsexual, and gender-variant applicants and employees. The ATWORK seminar will be offered three times in Summer 2003, as follows:

Wednesday May 28, 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Pantano Room of the Sentinel Building, 320 N Commerce Park Loop.  
Monday, June 16, 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Downtown Library Basement Conference Room, 101 N Stone.  
Thursday, June 26, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Downtown Library Basement Conference Room, 101 N Stone.

ATWORK works to secure the cooperation and commitment of area employers to Transgender inclusion and overall workplace diversity. It is the first of its kind in the state of Arizona. Attendees will also receive various resource materials, including a free copy of the booklet Arizona Employer's Guide to Transgender Workplace Issues, written by the late Alexander John Goodrum, the Tucson Transgender activist who created the seminar.

This free workshop is open to up to two representatives from any company or agency doing business in the Tucson area. Employers and others interested in attending an ATWORK presentation, or who wish further information on SAGA and its programs, should contact SAGA Executive Director Michael Woodward at (520) 867-0083 or by writing to [michael@sagatucson.org](mailto:michael@sagatucson.org) as soon as possible.





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# GOP Rallies Around Bigoted Senator

By Marianne Means

Senate Republicans are keeping Pennsylvania's bigoted Rick Santorum in their top leadership ranks, despite his alarming declaration that Americans do not have a constitutional right to privacy.

He would sic the cops on people who do not meet his puritanical standards of personal behavior in their own homes.

In an Associated Press interview, he attacked Gay couples who engage in private, consensual sex. He has a long history of similar scorn for married couples who practice contraception, scientists who do stem-cell research and doctors who perform abortions.

In the interview, The senator created an uproar with comments comparing voluntary homosexual acts with crimes that have victims, such as bigamy, polygamy, incest and adultery.

At the heart of his venom is this philosophy: "It all (homosexuality) comes from this right to privacy that doesn't exist in my opinion in the United States Constitution."

In 1972, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Roe v. Wade* that women had a limited right to an abortion based on a right to privacy implied in the Constitution's 14th amendment.

It is difficult, indeed, to imagine how a country could long remain free if its citizens were denied privacy from prying officials.

The right to be left alone is important, to live our lives as we choose so long as we do not harm others.

Yet Santorum's GOP colleagues rallied around him, reaffirming his position in the party's third-highest Senate post.

Only a handful of moderates expressed disagreement with his remarks. What does this tell us about the state of the Republican Party today? Nothing nice.

Santorum was elected to the House in 1990 and quickly became a clone of Newt Gingrich, who was then leading the right-wing revolt that would hand the House to the GOP in 1994.

That conservative wave also elevated Santorum to the Senate. He beat Democratic Sen. Harris Wofford by accusing Wofford of supporting "socialized medicine" in the form of national health care reforms.

He was re-elected despite his harsh views in 2000, mostly by soft-pedaling those opinions that do not reflect mainstream voters.

He has been a constant disruptive force, a disgrace to his party and traditional Senate comity. He tried to shove Senate Appropriations Committee chairman Mark Hatfield out of his job for voting against a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution.

Yet somehow he has lost his dedication to balanced budgets in his current fervor to give the president another huge deficit-creating tax cut.

Early in the Clinton administration, he shocked old-timers by repeatedly showing up on the Senate floor with a chart reading "Where's Bill?"

His lack of respect for the presidency accelerated the coarsening of the political discourse.

Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey, a Democrat, complained, "I was taught when I was in the Navy the commander in chief deserved respect, and I never called the president of the United States by his first name in public, let alone on the floor of the Senate."

But Senate Republicans, far from being appalled by Santorum's rudeness, have proceeded to reward him for his bad behavior.

They are still protecting him. A Catholic who is said to attend Mass every day, Santorum's views on cultural issues reflect those of his church.

In addition to equating homosexuality with incest and bigamy, Santorum is also opposed to abortion and has led repeated efforts to overturn *Roe v. Wade* or at least limit its impact.

Most recently he successfully led the fight to ban a rare type of late-term abortion critics call "partial birth" abortion.

And he opposes potentially lifesaving stem-cell research because it would destroy a tiny ectoplasm that might grow into a baby if implanted in a woman's womb.

When his anti-Gay comments became known, Santorum's office tried the old "taken out of context" dodge and issued a mealy-mouthed explanation that he didn't mean to criticize Gay men and women, only their lifestyle.

AP reporter Lara Jakes Jordan, however, taped the whole interview. What he said was, "I have no problem with homosexuality. I have a problem with homosexual acts . . . It's not the person, it's the person's actions."

This is rather like President Clinton defending the indefensible by saying "It depends upon what is, is."

Jordan asked whether he were arguing that Gays should not have sex. Santorum replied, "If the Supreme Court says that you have the right to consensual sex within your home then you have the right to bigamy, you have the right to polygamy, you have the right to incest, you have the right to adultery."

"You have the right to anything. The idea is that the state doesn't have rights to limit individuals' wants and passions. I disagree with that."

The Supreme Court is currently considering a challenge to the constitutionality of Texas' law forbidding same-sex acts even if voluntary and private.

If there is no constitutional right of privacy, of course, the government or any religion can spy on and meddle in everything we do without legal or political consequences.

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## Prosecutors Drop Hate-Crime Charges In Lesbian Hiker Murder

ROANOKE, VA - Prosecutors said that a Columbia, Md., man had been pursuing one of two lesbian hikers in Virginia's Shenandoah National Park when he abducted them, bound them with duct tape, and slashed them to death.

Darrell David Rice, 35, kept Julianne Williams alive longer than Laura "Lollie" Winans, and he tortured her before she died near a creek-side campsite in 1996, assistant U.S. attorney Tom Bondurant said at a hearing in federal court. "Julie was the object of the attack," Bondurant said afterward. "Her personal belongings are still missing." Dressed in a black-and-white jail jumpsuit, Rice sat quietly during the court hearing as lawyers discussed his previous altercations with women.

Lawyers agreed to drop two of the four murder counts against Rice charging him with the slayings of Williams, 24, of St. Cloud, Minn., and Winans, 26, of Unity, Maine, because of their perceived gender identity or sexual orientation.

The counts would have allowed prosecutors to seek enhanced penalties for Rice if he was convicted. But now that the prosecution is seeking the death penalty against Rice, Bondurant said the hate-crime charges are no longer needed. "If for some reason the jury recommends a lesser murder conviction, then those enhancements would be added again," he said after the hearing.

U.S. district judge Norman K. Moon closed portions of Monday's hearing, saying that psychiatric records and other evidence presented by prosecutors would taint potential jurors who might determine Rice's fate. "The evidence would be so prejudicial to be associated with the defendant in the public's mind," Moon said before sending out of the courtroom three reporters and a victim witness coordinator working with the U.S. attorney's office.

During the open portion of the hearing, Bondurant said that sometime between May 24 and May 25, 1996, Rice encountered the women in the park, stripping them of their clothes and tying and retying their hands, even ripping out the hair of one of the victims. "We don't know how long this took," Bondurant said. "It could have been hours or even a day."

Rice, who was jailed on an unrelated kidnapping charge when he was indicted on April 9, 2002, told authorities the women "deserved to die because they were lesbian [expletives]."

The Roanoke Times sought to keep the entire hearing open. Stan Barnhill, a lawyer representing the publisher of the Times, told Moon that the defense had to prove that potential jurors would be prejudiced by the information presented before the court could be closed. "If you close these doors, the public will never know whether justice was served," Barnhill said.

Defense attorney Gerald T. Zerkin argued that the information from the hearing probably will be released to the public eventually. "There's going to be a trial at some point," Zerkin said. "The public will not be denied this forever, but it will be denied now."

Barnhill said afterward that he might seek to appeal Moon's decision to close the hearing and force the court to

release transcripts of the portions that were sealed.

Rice has been in jail since 1998, when he was convicted of abducting a female bicyclist in Shenandoah National Park the year before. In that case Rice was accused of verbally and physically assaulting the woman, trying to kill her by running her over with his truck. Investigators pursued the case for six years before charging Rice with the deaths of Williams and Winans, tracking 15,000 tips that included interviews with hikers who used the Appalachian Trail at about the same time the women were killed.

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GMHP was able to raise \$713 through this effort; a job well done.

We had a wonderful range of items to auction this year, and we want to express our appreciation for the businesses and individuals who donated so generously. Hopefully you will help us continue to receive their contributions by patronizing the businesses of the people who support our community; without them we simply could not be successful.

Through the efforts of many dedicated people, we were able to raise \$3,722 through raffle sales. Wayne Stevenson was this year's winner of the stay in San Carlos, Mexico and \$250 cash prize. A special thanks to Bob at Full Spectrum Travel and Melinda Louise Real Estate for donating this prize.

As always, we had a great group of loyal volunteers on the scene to help everything run smoothly. SAAF could not host such a great event without their help. Thanks to the staff and board of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation as well for their dedication. Special recognition goes to Angela Putman for donating her time and talent to do all the graphic layout work for the publicity materials. And of course, thanks to the Observer!

To everyone who made this day so successful and enjoyable, our heartfelt thanks and gratitude go out to you. It is with your love and support that great things happen to create and sustain a healthier community.

[Anne Maley is Executive Director of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF)]

## GOP Rallies

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Not just in our bedrooms but in our daily routines. That isn't democracy, it's fascism.

It is a terrifying thought. And Santorum is a terrifying man.

[Marianne Means is a columnist for Hearst Newspapers, and this column ran in the Sunday, May 4 edition of the Arizona Daily Star, from which it is reprinted.]

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## O'Connor Says GLBT Rights A Major Focus Of Courts

WASHINGTON, DC - Legal cases involving the rights and treatment of Gay people are on the increase, Supreme Court justice Sandra Day O'Connor said, suggesting a major new focus for the nation's courts in the 21st century.

tion the Texas sodomy case now before the high court. The court is considering whether states may ban sex acts for Gays and Lesbians that are legal for heterosexuals.

Asked to predict what issue might define the work of the Supreme Court in the 21st century, O'Connor said that cases "relating to how homosexuals are treated legally" are one possibility. "We see a lot of these,"

O'Connor was answering questions as part of a monthlong educational series televised by C-SPAN. She also tackled the subject of race and the issue of terrorism. Justice Clarence Thomas is scheduled to make a similar appearance on May 20 as part of the cable station's program to bring politicians, journalists, judges, and others to schools around Washington, D.C.

O'Connor said. She did not men-

## Mafia Killed Boss For Being Gay

NEW YORK, NY - An informer, testifying at the trial of three alleged mob bosses, described the secret Gay life of mob boss John D'Amato, a colleague of the late John Gotti.

Having a Gay boss was "devastating to our brigada," said Capo, using an Italian word for a mob family. "Nobody's going to respect us if we have a Gay homosexual boss sitting down discussing business with other families."

Prosecutors played a 1991 videotape of Gotti kissing D'Amato while Anthony Capo testified that D'Amato was killed at the hands of his Mafia peers because he was Gay. According to the New York Post, Gotti was unaware of his friend's sexual orientation when he greeted D'Amato, then acting boss of New Jersey's DeCavalcante crime family, with a peck on the cheek.

Capo said he first learned his boss was Gay from D'Amato's two girlfriends, who told him that though he was married, D'Amato went to sex clubs for couples swaps and sometimes had sex with men. D'Amato fled to Florida, and Capo told his bosses in the DeCavalcante crime family about D'Amato's secret life. They decided he had to be killed for breaking mob rules, Capo said. "That is a rule," Capo said. "When I got straightened out, they didn't tell me, 'Don't be a homosexual,' but that was a rule."

Capo explained why the clan, which considers itself the model for TV's *The Sopranos*, feared the revelation.

## Santorum Hostile With PFLAG

WASHINGTON, DC - Four parents belonging to the group Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays reportedly engaged in a frank exchange with Senator Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania.

regulate consensual sexual activity between adults and for comparing homosexuality to bigamy, adultery and incest. Republican leaders in the House and Senate have stood by him as has President Bush.

The New York Times reports the Senator was apparently diffident and hostile to the group and was in such a hurry to end the meeting he tripped over a chair in his eagerness to leave the room.

Representing PFLAG were Mrs. Waldo and her husband, Richard, a lifelong Republican who says he voted twice for Santorum, and two constituents of the senator, Fran and Allen Kirschner of Philadelphia. After a week of persistent telephone calls, Mrs. Kirschner said she was granted a 10 minute meeting.

"What we tried to do in this meeting was reach him on a human level, and we found no humanity there," Melina Waldo, a former constituent who now lives in New Jersey, told the newspaper. She described his behavior as "condescending, belligerent, argumentative and arrogant."

The meeting, which apparently became quite heated at times, lasted about a half an hour. The parents insisted that the senator's statements were hurtful to their children and all Gay people. Santorum, ignoring the portion of his April 7 remarks where he objected to "homosexual acts" and socially corrosive alternatives to marriage, insisted his comments addressed a matter of law and had been taken out of context.

Santorum spokeswoman Erica Clayton Wright characterized the meeting as "a very professional and polite exchange," but declined to provide details. "Constituent meetings are private," she said.

Santorum has been under fire from Gay civil rights organizations for nearly two weeks for saying states had the right to

In 30 minutes' time, an aide interrupted the session and told the senator he had have to leave. Said Mr. Kirschner, "He couldn't get out of there fast enough."

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**WHAT MAKES OUR TOWN TICK**  
 by Jerry D. calabazamusic@yahoo.com

**When I'm Sixty-Four**

Hello readers! I want to start by thanking all of you who helped make this year's Jell-O wrestling event so memorable. From the staff at Woody's, to the volunteers from SAAF, to the entertainment hosts, all involved were at their best in making this year's event one for the books. I was not successful in my match (Cindy D pinned me), but the event as a whole will forever be remembered as nothing short of amazing. I hope to make this an annual ritual and add it to the list of anniversary events in my life as mentioned in last week's article. Congratulations to SAAF and all involved on another wonderful event that will help those in our community.

The event raised well over last year's amount. The auction saw items from our town's merchants and small businesses alike. There were items that could be purchased in retail outlets, as well as items made especially for the annual event. The bidding was fierce with hosts Lucinda Holiday and Aja Simone keeping tabs on the amounts. Aside from the auctioned items, there were bids for the wrestler's clothing and even bids made for particular members of the audience. All the money raised for the event was tabulated on the spot so everyone was aware of how much support was present at that very moment. For those who could not make it to the event, SAAF can take your donation at any time.

I had the pleasure of a visit from my mother this week. She once lived in the Old Pueblo and knows how much our community has changed over the years. My mom is one of my driving forces and has

been nothing but the best in supporting any of my various causes. The greatest compliment I have ever heard is when any of my friends tells me how cool my mom is. She has been there for not only myself, but many of my friends also. I can only say that I hope everyone would have a parent like her. I think that would make our world a much more tolerable place, not to mention a more fun one.

There was something this weekend that caught my eye that was an easy target for my column this week. It is something that I know will be a center of discussing within the Old Pueblo. It is also however a matter that I don't see any resistance to the views you are about to read. Our town probably has the most varied mix of people for a small place than any other in this country. Many of the changes made by our current administration affect all of another or us in Tucson in one form. The latest in Mr. Bush's parade of remodeling our country has to do with the biggest populace in our city.

If passed, the value of a life for someone over 60 will decrease when it comes to environmental safety laws. To put this in simple terms, when the government has to pay to clean pollution and waste, they look at a grid for the population and assess the value of what to spend on the worth of life. The bill on the table would take down the value of our citizens over 60 and drastically decrease for those over 70. Many are already opposing this prospective change as nothing more than an attempt to allow more environmental laws to go by the wayside. Others are protesting the fact that this country seems to be putting our older

members in a smaller priority.

In the middle 1980's I was lucky enough to live overseas in Spain. Being the root of my heritage, I took full advantage of all the country had to offer and learned an extensive amount of history regarding a lot of what formed our own country. Of all that I was able to partake in throughout the small nation (Spain is the size of Texas), the one thing that impressed me the most was the way the older population was treated. Unlike this country, older folks in Spain are not normally put in nursing homes. They get to live their latter days with their family, still partaking in events and helping the household. Women who have lost their husbands primarily live with their eldest child, while the men in that situation are usually found with their eldest sons, still helping the family out in any way possible.

In becoming the world power that we presently are, this nation has unfortunately pushed to the side a part of the reason that has put us in that position. With the baby boomer generation now going on past their 40's, this country is on the verge of seeing the average age grow to an amount never seen before. Laws that take away privilege and demean the status of the older populous will definitely not help our country stay on top of the world market. Those of us who vote can do so till the day we are no longer on this plane. Unlike driving, there is no test for becoming a registered voter. For anyone to think they can pass a law that is against our older members is not only wrong, but also truly not something thought out.

Of all the discrimination in the world, the one that should never exist is that against the elderly. No matter what your race, creed, orientation or monetary status, we are all going to get older. Science has aided the average life expectancy of humans, and it only stands to become a larger number. If we are going to be here in those golden years, we obviously need a clean environment to assure us reaching those amounts. The earth is old, so why not let it age gracefully with its inhabitants. That would make for a better picture than the one being created by our current administration.

On the upswing of this week's column is a welcome to the newest staff at the Yard Dog. Jimmy was put to the test by my friends and I this week, and I think he is gonna do fine. Welcome Jimmy by visiting the Yard Dog Saloon sometime. I will be at Pride Las Vegas this week, so next week's column will review that event. That makes the fifth city I have gone to pride in. Our own pride is being held this year on Oct 11th, so you have some time to plan. You can reach me at my email (calabazamusic@yahoo.com) as always. Have a good week!



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**POLITICS 2003**

by Mark R. Kerr

**'Actual News'**

Legislation that would add sexual orientation to the list of characteristics protected by federal hate-crimes laws was reintroduced Thursday, May 1, in the U.S. Senate.

S.966, the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act (LLEEA), has 49 Senate co-sponsors (McCain and Kyl are not, to no surprise) and has received the endorsement by more than 175 law enforcement, civil rights, civic, and religious organizations across the country.

"Hate crimes are a violation of everything our country stands for. Like all acts of terrorism, they have an impact far greater than that suffered by the individual victims and their families. They send the poisonous message that some Americans deserve to be attacked solely because of who they are," commented Senator Edward Kennedy, D-MA, during the press conference.

LLEEA has already passed the Senate in earlier forms on two different occasions - most recently, in June of 2000, as an amendment to the Department of Defense authorization bill, by a Senate vote of 57-42, with 13 Republicans voting in favor.

In September 2000, the House also passed a motion to instruct in support of the measure, 232-192, with 41 Republicans. The legislation also passed the Senate in July 1999, as an amendment to the Commerce, Justice, State (CJS) appropriations bill. Each time the amendment was stripped out in conference committee

Since the Federal Bureau of Inves-

tigation began collecting hate crime statistics in 1991, more than 11,000 hate crimes based on sexual orientation have been reported. Since 1991, reported hate crimes based on sexual orientation have more than tripled, and increased 7.2 percent from 2000 to 2001, for a total of 1,393 incidents that year.

Comparatively, the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP), a non-profit organization that tracks bias incidents against Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people, reported 1,943 incidents for 2001. The discrepancy in numbers is partially attributed to underreporting of hate crimes to the FBI, which is often motivated by fear of further discrimination and victimization. ...

In a press release, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) announced that it has joined forces with the Gender Public Advocacy Coalition to secure signatures on statements from members of Congress asserting that they will not discriminate in employment practices based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.

In the past, HRC has asked members of Congress to sign statements prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation, but this is the first year that gender identity and expression have been included in a single statement.

A total of 75 members of Congress signed the statements that include both sexual orientation, gender identity and expression. Congressman Raul Grijalva, D-CD 7, was the only member of the Arizona Delegation to do so.

**Presidential Candidates**

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President Bush opposes both Gay marriage and civil unions, a White House spokesman said, and his staunch opposition plays well with his conservative base. But there are signs public sentiment is evolving.

A Kaiser Family Foundation poll

conducted in 2000 found that 47 percent of those voters surveyed supported civil unions, and 42 percent opposed them. Gay marriage was supported by 39 percent, up from 27 percent in 1992.

Dean has attracted early enthusiastic support from Gay audiences for speaking his mind about civil unions. Though the law was mandated by the Vermont high court, Dean has been proudly unapologetic about his support for the law. "I know it was the right thing to do," Dean said in an interview. "We do have equal rights for all Americans. It's what this country was founded on."

Though Dean has stolen some of the early thunder, all the Democratic candidates understand that the Gay community plays an important role in selecting the party's next nominee.

"It's a sign that substantially all of the Democratic presidential candidates understand all the issues that face Gay Americans and Gay families," said Julie Johnson, a Texas activist who directs Gay and Lesbian outreach efforts for Sen. Edwards. "We get to step back and say, not only do we get to vote as Gay people, but we get to vote as Americans."

David Mixner, a longtime Gay activist who is supporting Gephardt, said Gay voters and campaign contributors have the potential to turn races in several states. In California, about 11 percent of 2002 Democratic primary voters were Gay. "It's a potent vote in a lot of key states."

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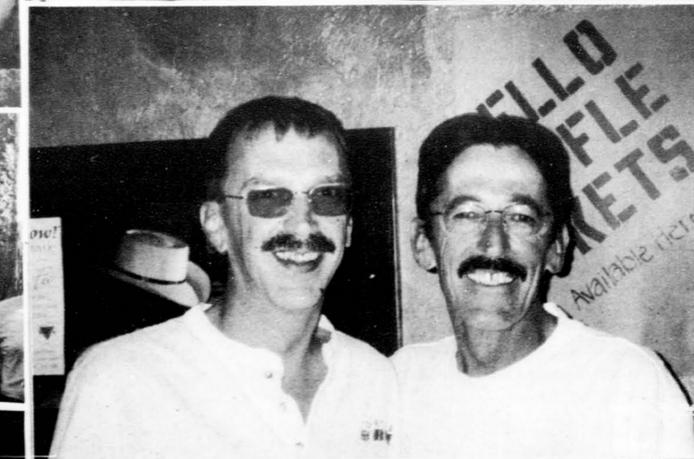
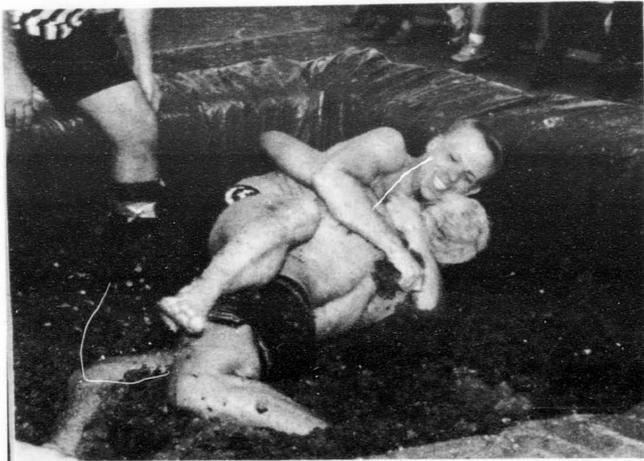
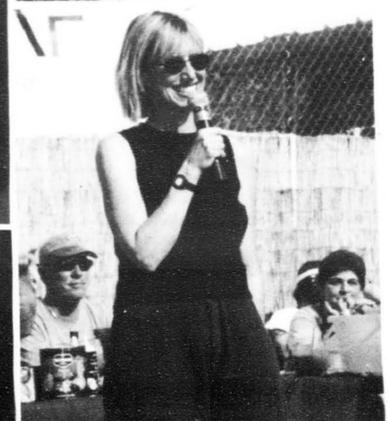
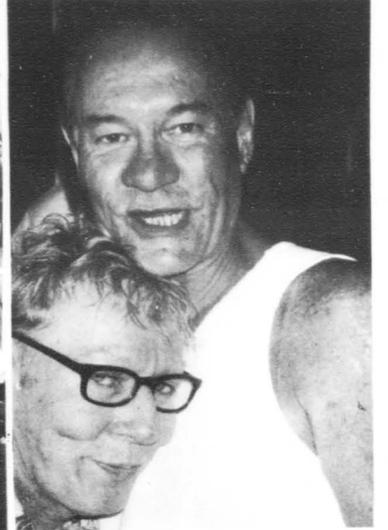
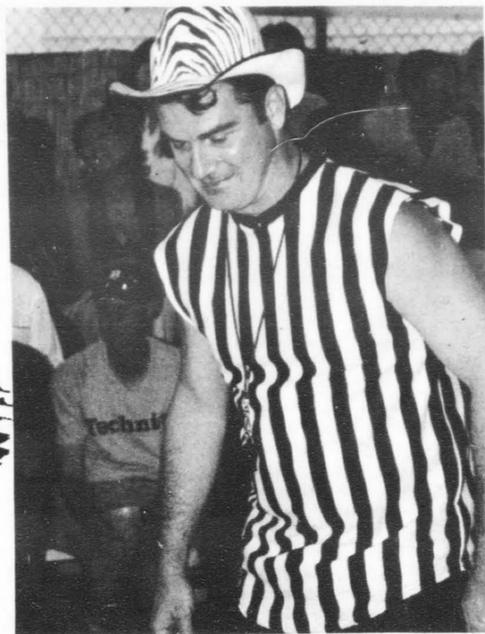
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The Sun conjuncts retrograding Mercury over the next two weeks sending our innocent and not so innocent thoughts into wayward action. Your mind is as sharp as a tack but be careful where you point that thing. Ouch! State your case proud and queer even if others are in a fog. Maybe someone will hear you correctly....

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Gay Rams don't usually count their pennies and now during the Sun / retrograde Mercury conjunction, you can't help but spend, spend, spend. Are you getting what you pay for? Try to harness this out of control fiscal fete and funnel some of your loose funds into long term equity rather than mere sweat. Of course, a few loose coins for a few sweaty things may not be such a waste after all...

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

You receive more public attention than you care to handle when feisty Sun batters inquisitive retro Mercury. Queer Bulls may find themselves at the bare naked center of a public exhibition. Before you catch a chill, use the lessons of retro Mercury to assess any potentially embarrassing situation. Avoid closer scrutiny unless you have something interesting to show. Ahem.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Outreach is the operative word when the expansive Sun conjuncts retrograde Mercury. Generous pink Twins are on a karmic mission and are keen to volunteer to make the world a prouder place. This explosive conjunction may also blow your closet off its hinges if you are sequestered inside. Good thing too; just be sure that you are rough and ready.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Everyone appears to be on the same wavelength when the optimistic Sun collides with retro Mercury. Everyone, that is, except randy queer Crabs who are off on their own steamy little tangents. If compadres are not listening, wait until Mercury redirects on the 20th when everyone is reconnecting. Right now they're screening their messages and you have been mothballed.

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Proud Lions roar ahead without so much as an "excuse me" when the bold Sun hits excitable retro Mercury. Don't be surprised if some of your best ideas do not see the light of day with superiors. Chalk it up to a combination of their lack of vision and the way you deliver the news. There will be plenty of opportunity to toss out the pinstripped bastards in the two weeks.

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

If you're in the mood to plan something globally glorious, do so after the Sun conjuncts retro Mercury. Queer Virgins are itching to reveal the truth to the world. Maybe some folks aren't ready to hear now. They may or may not accept us for who we are but let's not spend time measuring up to anyone's expectations but our own. We pack our own ruler. Ain't it the truth, pal!

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

The cocky Sun collides with mouthy retro Mercury and you come down with a case of acute sex on the mind. Conjure up all sorts of imaginative and acrobatic scenarios but let it rest there for now, proud Libra. There is plenty of time to get Out there and make your wet dreams come true in late May. For now, let thoughts grind and percolate. You will be ready to taste in due time.

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Partnerships get all your attention this week as the optimistic Sun brushes against zesty retro Mercury. Weigh all the give and take between the two of you. But before you set the ground rules, wait until Mercury redirects in mid-May and you focus and prioritize. Proud Scorps have high expectations but are not adept at expressing them clearly now. Talk with your hands.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

A new broom sweeps clean at work when the energetic Sun collides with retrograde Mercury. But are you just pushing the dust around Gay Archers? Housework was never your strong suit and neither is your ability to go with the flow. You may become a bit snarly with those oafs who do not pitch in with the same verve. Keep your tongue in cheek. .... but whose cheek?

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

The magnificent Sun conjuncts retrograde Mercury and heralds in a time of imaginative canoodling. Your creative Gay muse runs wilde, pink Cap and leads you to delightful tangents. You think you are awash with great ideas but they may just be all wet. Wait until Mercury redirects on the 20th to see which ones are drip dry and which are perma press. Hey press this....!

**AQUARIUS**

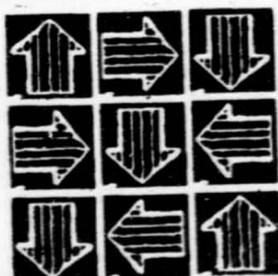
**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Aqueerians are tempted to drag out the familial artillery when the progressive Sun crunches chatty retro Mercury. It is definitely the time to talk to the folks, but leave the bazooka at home. Try diplomacy before you declare war, commander. While compromise is not in the game plan, you may be able to get a full surrender if you stand firm. And you happen to be fairly good at that!

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Guppies may try to use the Sun / retro Mercury conjunction to get their theories and opinions across to the unwashed masses. But you may get hoof in mouth disease and manage to insult and alienate practically everyone. What is your beef, cousin? When in doubt, keep your catty opinions to yourself... at least for the next couple of weeks.




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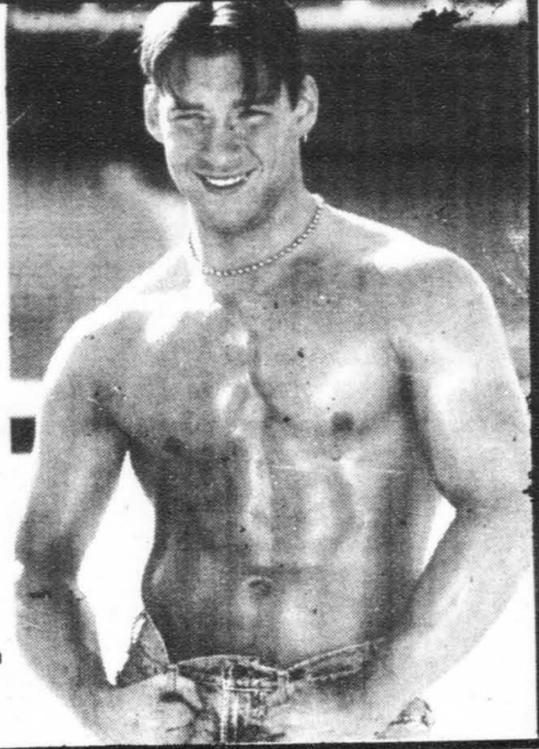
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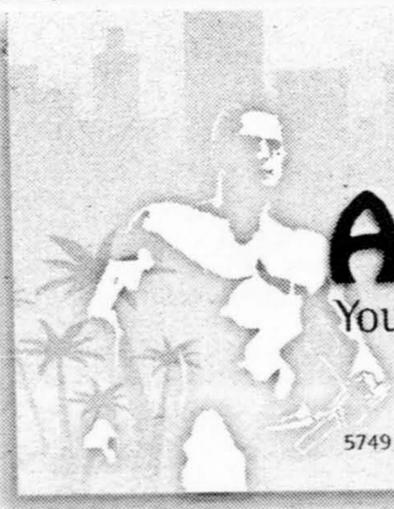
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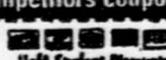
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**GENDER WORLD** BY JONI K. ROJE

I didn't have room to say much about El Cinco de Mayo last week. This is a holiday that commemorates the victory of the Mexican people over their foreign oppressors. As such it ought to be of interest to all oppressed people. In any case, America's largest ethnic minority group is now a political force to be reckoned with.

Hispanics are often stereotyped as having rigid gender roles: machismo y feminidad. While there is some truth to this, it's only part of the picture. New Mexico, with the highest percentage of Hispanics in the United States, just became the third state to protect gender rights. California and New York, both of which have high percentages of Latinos, may follow suit shortly. Texas is another story; but even there the two largest cities, Dallas and Houston, have begun protecting the rights of gender-variant people. El Paso, the largest city in West Texas, recently passed protective legislation for gender minorities. And I hear they're working on it in San Antonio.

Machismo notwithstanding—or maybe even because of it—there has existed in many parts of Latin America a longstanding Travesti tradition, of the feminine male or drag queen. Some of the prettiest drag queens in Tucson are Hispanic. There are Travesti shows every Thursday night at the Escandalo, 4696 South Twelfth Avenue, as well as every first and third Saturday night at the November, 4002 North Romero Road. Most of the dancers identify as Gay men, but a few become transsexual. There is an immediate need for a support network for gender-variant Hispanics in Tucson.

While I was out of town, the Tucson Weekly published a feature on domestic violence. I've finally looked this up, after seeing the many letters that came in. The original article has a few statistics on male-female ratios, though they seem conflicting. The author seems to go beyond the facts in some of her statements. So far the letters written in response, even by

professionals in the field, seem long on rhetoric and short on checkable statistics.

Though I'm a gender activist, I don't see domestic violence as a gender issue. People of all genders and sexual orientations batter and are battered by their domestic partners. And all too often victims of all genders have been disbelieved, ignored, and ridiculed. Injecting gender into an issue like this only raises the verbal abuse to another level. Even if it could be shown that the perpetrators were mostly one sex and the victims another, there are far too many exceptions to ignore.

Anyone can be battered; and all victims of violence deserve far more sensitive treatment than they've received in the past. People of all genders have trouble leaving abusive relationships, and need help. I looked up www.safe4all.org on the Internet, and found it interesting. As one person wrote in, this is a human problem.

Did I forget to mention the National Conference on Gender? It's in Washington, D.C., on May 17-19, and includes speeches by Judith Butler and Carol Gilligan, as well as excellent workshops, entertainment, and congressional lobbying. Contact www.gpac.org/ngc, or ngc@gpac.org. If you read this in time, there's a panel discussion on aging among LGBT people at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street, this Thursday, May 8, at 5:30 p.m. There's at least one transperson on the panel, June Summers.

Desert Girlz (MTF) meet next Monday, the fifth; and Desert Boyz (FTM) on the 13th. Both are at 7 p.m. at Wingspan. I just learned that Kade Collins, one of the Desert Boyz, is featured in the June issue of Teen People. Reportedly Kade was featured on Oprah this week, as part of a program on trans issues. I learned about it too late to let you know (sigh!). As always, you can reach Joni at desertwordsmith@yahoo.com. Be gentle, Sweetie!

**A View From The Rock**

By Joy L. Childress

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

WWJD. There's not too many people who don't know what those letters stand for: "What Would Jesus Do". After all they seem to be worn by so many people these days in such a variety of ways, sweat shirts, baseball caps, wrist bands... Besides being a great money mailer the WWJD campaign has also been a great way for Christians to break the ice with others and tell them the good news about Jesus.

All too often our non-Christian friends or acquaintances are hesitant to join us at church service for many number of reasons. I know it can be overwhelming to go to church not knowing others and

feeling unsure of what to say or do to look as though you fit in. But a simple WWJD can be a great conversation starter. My church it's beliefs and traditions are probably more than most people want to hear about initially. But doing things the way Jesus Christ would and sharing with others why we try to do that seems very non-threatening to others.

So what would Jesus do? Well regardless of the situation He would: deal fairly with everyone; offer forgiveness weather deserved or not; tell the truth despite how difficult it may be to speak; listen... really listen to others; treat others, be they enemies or friends; with love and compassion; and turn to God for all that is needed instead of trying to fill the voids in our lives with people, food, drugs and alcohol. Yes doing things Jesus way is often more difficult but always the best. It may cause pain initially but will always result in healing. It may be opposite of seemingly what every one else is doing but it will feel right.

Everyone wants peace in their lives, and the best way I know to get it to live my life in a manner pleasing to God. Wouldn't this world be a better place if we would ask stop before acting and ask: "What Would Jesus Do"

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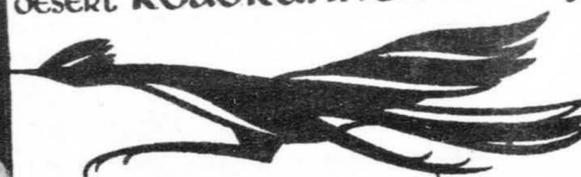


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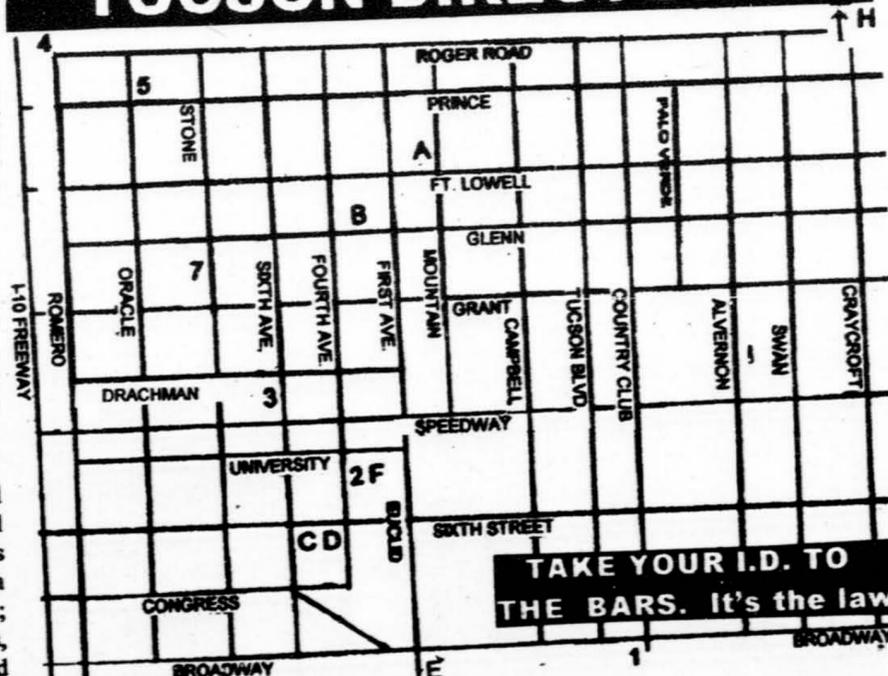
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Dear Dr. X,

I love to read your advice to guys about their situations, so I have a problem that I hope you can help with.

Everyone who knows I'm Gay says that I'm cute. Even supposedly non-Gay friends say that they would date me. So why am I alone? I'm not a flamboyant Gay person. I am more of a fem because I want a relationship; I want someone to hold me in his arms and to protect me from this harsh and unpredictable world. My friends say I should just screw around.

My very best friends--a confused Lesbian and a Gay male--get sex with either gender all the time and I cannot get a man to save my life. Another thing is that I am not a club person (Gay or straight). My friends are not either, yet they continue to get play even with ugly people and I am stuck crushing on a straight guys. Please help.

Lonely

Dear Lonely,

First of all, a man's cuteness, voice, masculine or feminine qualities, and frequency of club-going have very little to do with whether or not he is alone in the world. Flamboyant or butch, skinny or muscle-bound, rich or poor, it makes no difference when it comes to relationship status.

When a man is truly ready to be in a relationship, no matter what he has or doesn't have going for him, he finds a mate. The fact of the matter is that you aren't ready to have a mate. It's clearly not just sex that you want, because you already know how to find that and you don't want to go that route.

A part of you may be thinking that you are ready for a relationship, but your single status is proof that you still have work to do. That work involves working on you. Even though I started this discussion by saying that the qualities you were listing about yourself didn't matter, it is actually good that you are evaluating your current situation. You certainly need to define exactly what sort of man you are and what sort of man you are looking for.

Speaking of the sort of man you are, what about yourself can use improvement? I don't mean improvement so as to be worthwhile in the eyes of another (you don't have anything to prove, nor do you have to earn anyone's approval), but what can you enrich for your own self? Use this time alone to the best possible advantage. Take advantage of your opportunities for personal growth. Pursue and develop your own interests. In doing so, you will come into contact with other men who share your passions.

These men will be far superior to anyone you might meet in a nightclub, because they aren't random people off the street. Follow your heart in your personal life, and your heart will draw others toward it. Focus on what you want out of life and you will manifest it in your reality. Don't focus on your feelings of loneliness because that situation is temporary.

[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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## NON-BAR CALENDAR GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

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.

Video Night - 7:00 p.m. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620

### THURSDAY, MAY 8

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.

The Transgender Employee: What Arizona Employers Need to Know. Arizona Transgender Workplace Project (ATWORK). 8:30 PM to 12:30 PM, Downtown Library Basement Conference Room, 101 North Stone Avenue. www.sagatucson.org, or 867-0083.

7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The Men's Relationship Group meets. It includes a video on tantra. A great way to meet new men. Fee. Call Marc, 881-4582, to reserve a place at the Man-to-Man Club.

### FRIDAY, MAY 9

Dennis Hensley, author of "Screening Party" will visit Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave. tonight at 7:00 p.m. for a reading of his book and signing of autographs. An Arizona native, Dennis is a Los Angeles-based writer whose work has appeared in *Movieline*, *TV Guide* and *Cosmopolitan*. His first novel, "Misadventures in the 213," was an L.A. Times bestseller.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join the guys of MSN for Hearts Night-a fun card game (and we teach if you don't know how to play). For directions and reservations, please call Karol at 744-9017.

### SATURDAY, MAY 10

Gay Wet. Drag shows, swimsuit contests, waterslides, food, beer, lots of fun. Sponsored by Tucson Pride, Inc. \$10 admission. Your only chance to buy tickets to Gay West (June 28) at the promotional discount price of \$20. Noon to 10 PM, Breakers Water Park, 8555 West Tangerine Road, Marana. www.tucsonpride.com. 622-3200.

Art for Life Invitational. The new L'Art Pour L'Art Galleria is hosting a benefit for SAAF. Come celebrate with wine, cheese, music and art. 25% of proceeds will be donated to Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. The gallery is located on the Southwest corner of Oracle and Ina Road at Casas Adobes Plaza. 544-8535.

Local therapist and novelist Eric Cuestas-Thompson will hold a publication and book release party for his new novel "Burn". "Burn" is a psychological thriller that takes place in present-day Tucson, Arizona. The novel wrestles with a number of significant themes relevant to the Gay community. Clues Unlimited Bookstore at 16 Broadway Village, at the corner of Broadway and Country Club, is the site for the book release party at 7:00 p.m. All book lovers are invited to come for an exciting evening of food, music, and enjoyable conversation.

Monthly meeting, Tau Upsilon Chapter of the Society for the Second Self (Tri-Ess). Tri-Ess is a family-oriented sorority dedicated to the support of heterosexual male crossdressers, and their spouses or significant others. 7:30 PM. www.geocities.com, or 296-3472.

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m. Woody's 3710 N. Oracle Rd.,

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The men of MSN head off to Clues Unlimited (16 Broadway Village-at the corner of Broadway & Country Club) for the book release party for Eric Cuestas-Thompson's new novel "Burn". The author will be present.

#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.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bill shows the continuing series "Queer As Folk". For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

### SUNDAY, MAY 11

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. T. Jay invites you to join him for music under the stars as the Tucson Pops play a series of free summer concerts at Reid Park. For more information, please call T. Jay at 881-7919.

### MONDAY, MAY 12

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

Desert Girlz support group for male-to-female transsexuals, crossdressers, and drag queens. Newcomers are welcome. 7 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street. 624-1779. www.sagatucson.org

Prime Timers Lunch - 1:00 p.m. Dakota Café, 6541 Tanque Verde, West end of Traildust Town

### TUESDAY, MAY 13

#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 Jim for Bridge Night. If you don't know how to play, the guys are willing to teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Jim at 790-8735 or 885-5408

## Bar Calendar Of Upcoming Events

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., The Diva Licious Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Bunny FuFu, Lady Ashley and Sade Michaels.

### FRIDAY, MAY 9

IBT'S - 'Island Blue Pucker Party' featuring \$1.50 Island Blue shots and \$3.00 Island Blue - Absolute martinis. Meet the Island Blue Pucker team with prizes and giveaways.

### SATURDAY, MAY 10

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Latino Night. Latino Men's Health Project presents Fiestas de Mayo featuring Fiesta de Las Flores in honor of Mother's Day. Food, dancing, door prizes, raffles and variety shows.

### SUNDAY, MAY 11

IBT'S - Party line-up includes Troy's 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 Wingspan. 8:00 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 Benefit Show for Bunny FuFu, candidate for Miss Gay Copper State. Show stars Bunny FuFu and friends - Lucinda Holliday, Ajia Simone, Janee Starr, Veronica Halliwell and Teri Aki.

### TUESDAY, MAY 13

VENTURE-N - It's Spaghetti Nite here. All you can eat!

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. the "DivaLicious Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Miss Gay Phoenix America Saché and Miss Gay Tucson America Veronica Halliwell.

### SUNDAY, MAY 18

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Latino Night Latino Men's Health Project Fiestas de Mayo presents Tardeada 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Food, dancing, door prizes, raffles and variety shows.

### SATURDAY, MAY 31

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Latino Night. Latino Men's Health Project Fiestas de Mayo presents Fiesta Primavera. Food, dancing, door prizes, raffles and variety shows.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 14

YARD DOG - 'Graduate Family Reunion'. Wear a Grad T-Shirt for drink special. Present a Grad Diploma for free drink. Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) Beer Bust. Special drinks for non-drinkers. PLUS a Grad-style drag show at 9:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

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

Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 p.m. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620.

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### THURSDAY, MAY 15

7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The Men's Relationship Group meets. It includes a video on tantra. A great way to meet new men. Fee. Call Marc, 881-4582, to reserve a place at the Man-to-Man Club.

### FRIDAY, MAY 16

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Marty as he hosts Pizza Night. For only \$5, you get pizza, salad, drinks and desserts. For reservations and directions, please call Marty at 722-8531.

### SATURDAY, MAY 17

#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.

Native American Sweat Lodge Ceremony for womyn. Transwomen welcome. 3 PM. Contact Kulstan@hotmail.com.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch/Business Meeting - 12:00 Noon Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd.

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.,

### SUNDAY, MAY 18

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5:30 p.m. the Men's Group Massage gets together. A great way to meet new men and make friends. Be nude dude and have some clean fun. Fee. Call Marc at 881-4582 for information and to reserve a place. A Man to Man event.

### MONDAY, MAY 19

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.

## 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-6pm \$1.75 Bloody's, 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 - Bar opens at noon. 10 oz Miller draft 75¢ all day. From 12-6 Bloody Marys \$1.50 or Domestic beers \$1.75. From 6-10 \$1 kamikazes and \$1.50 Jellos & Mimosas 9pm Latino Dance with DJ Rafael.

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-HappyHour prices for those in their undies 9pm-close. Queer As Folk show beginning at 8pm. Hot Dancing follows with Johnny DJ. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open Noon. Happy Hour until 9:00 p.m. \$1.75 Domestic Beer or \$1.50 Bloody Marys. Free Pool 8pm to close. \$1.50 Jellos & Mimosas 6pm to 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 - Bar Opens noon. Happy Hour noon to 9pm. \$1.75 domestic beers & \$2 all wells. Fried Chicken Dinner \$4.99 5-8pm.

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 noon-1am Happy Hour noon to 6pm plus drink specials. Shrimp Fry Dinner 5-8pm \$5.99. Karaoke 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 BUSINESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Karaoke 9-close, with \$2 Kamikazes 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 noon-8pm. Happy Hour noon-6pm. 10oz Sirloin Steak w/potato & salad 5:30-8pm, \$6.99. Hi NRG dance music with DJ Raynman 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 NTN game wins special prizes. Free Pool 8 to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

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

### Friday

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

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 10:30am-1am. Happy Hour noon-6pm. Fish or Shrimp Dinner \$5.99 11am-8pm. Country Western Dance with Libby 8pm-closing.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Happy Hour Buffet 5-7pm.

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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-1am. Margaritas \$3 6pm-close. Latino Nite. Drag Show 11/3rd 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.

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**NOTICES**

**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 791-7676.

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

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**AZdykes** is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyan@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.

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**SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA)**. Meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7pm. Dezert Girlz (MTF) Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7pm. Dezert Boyz meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7pm of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAE@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.

**AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus**, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. 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 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

**CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE** to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6647.

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

**ARE YOU GAY OR 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 6pm. Tucson Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OutToberFEST. 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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**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.

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**DESERT DOMINION**, whose focus is providing information and education for people interested in the BDSM lifestyle, meets monthly for group discussion and social events. Visit our web site http://www.desertdominion.org or call (520)792-6424

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

**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. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. 743-4800.

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

**SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous)** has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520) 745-0775 for current information.

**TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)742-7895 or go to our web site http://www.tgssoftball.org

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

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

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**LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP**. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Donan 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.

**TUCSON GLBT ALANON GROUP** meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Call 624-1779 for more information.

**YOUNG AND GAY?**

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**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.

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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

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**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 624-6768.

**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 323-7943.

**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 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT**. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

**GLBT Buddhist meditation group** meets Sundays from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the Wingspan annex space, 739 N. 4th Ave. Please be willing to sit for two twenty minute sessions in silence. All are welcome.

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## NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

### Nationalize Boxing

As Andy Rooney might say, "Ja ever wonder why the hell nobody's gotten around to nationalizing the sport of boxing?"

Don King and the other business titans of the sport undoubtedly believe they've got a sweet thing going, but boxing could be hundreds of times bigger and more lucrative than it is now if it were cleaned up and nationalized.

There's nothing magical about the process. Baseball and football got nationalized because bunches of businessmen decided that creating leagues would make them a lot of money. The leagues aren't mentioned in the Book of Genesis or even in the US Constitution. God and General Washington were left completely out of the play. It was just some businessmen whose names nobody remembers getting together and saying, "Let's make a buck."

The question is, "Does boxing potentially have the wide appeal that the nationalized sports have?" The way it's run now, the answer is "no!" The way it could and should be run, "Yes!"

Boxing as currently practiced has three major elements which drastically limit its popular appeal: holding, bad judging, and crooked sanctioning bodies. All three must go.

If you're a fight fan you realize that holding is a time-honored tactic that can effectively be used to win fights. It's used to save energy, tire and frustrate your opponent, buy time when you're hurt, negate your opponent's angles, and get some angles for yourself. Some fighters develop holding to the level of art and do it so beautifully that it looks like their opponents are holding them.

If you're not already a hard-core fight fan, holding is about as interesting to watch as is the drying of oil-based paint. You sit there wondering, "Why can't these guys decide whether they want to fight or dance?" After about ten seconds of wondering, you change the channel.

Getting rid of holding would drastically change the sport for the better. It would make it about 100 times more interesting to watch. It would shorten the average length of a bout. It would favor athletes who were in better condition. It would increase the number of knockouts and technical knockouts.

If you're a fight fan you're used to bad judging, be it the product of corruption, incompetence or both. If you're not already a fight fan, seeing the obvious winner of the fight get robbed after he's fought his heart out and clearly kicked his opponent's butt is almost unbelievably outrageous. You not only change the channel, you swear to yourself that you'll never watch another fight unless it occurs spontaneously in some alley.

One could propose any number of schemes to get rid of the bad judging. Instead of making a case for one or another, I'll simply point out that the nationalized sports don't tolerate it. Everyone likes to complain about the refs and umps, but there's really no comparison in the leagues for what passes as officiating in boxing.

Finally, the alphabet soup sanctioning bodies are so crooked that TV

commentators openly discuss their specific transgressions during national broadcasts. The broadcasters have no qualms about saying stuff like, "The XYZ must have taken a bribe to change Big Stan's ranking from tenth to fifth last March." Imagine a broadcaster making a crack like that about the Owners Association or the Commissioner of Baseball. Boxing needs the size of a national commission, the size and prestige that would allow it to say, "If you bite off an opponent's ear, you can't box anymore. We don't care how much money is involved."

The special appeal of boxing, the reason it has so much potential and the reason it deserves a better scheme of organization than it now has, is in the very nature of the contest. Ideally, opponents are well matched in equipment, size, experience and skill. What they're not matched up in is will, and will -- its expression, its expansion, its flowering, its testing, and its destruction -- is an awesome thing to witness.

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

## Judicial Nominees

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"He was a typical ideological, Gilmore appointee," said former state senator Joseph V. Gartlan Jr., a Fairfax County Democrat known as an expert on health care issues. "That's the worst kind of mind you could put on a court, in my opinion."

In a statement issued last week, White House Counsel Alberto R. Gonzales said Allen "has led a distinguished legal career, serving in both the private and public sectors. He has a solid understanding of the law and has earned the respect and admiration of those who know him the best."

Another name submitted by Bush, for the federal bench, Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor wrote that a court opinion protecting the privacy of consensual homosexual acts "must logically extend to activities like prostitution, adultery, necrophilia, bestiality, possession of child pornography, and even incest and pedophilia (if the child should credibly claim to be 'willing')." Pryor's friend-of-the-court brief was filed last February, and joined by the attorneys general of South Carolina and Utah.

Even Sen. Rick Santorum stopped short of throwing "bestiality," "necrophilia" and "pedophilia" into the parade of horrors that might be unleashed by a

pro-Gay ruling in the pending high court case of Lawrence v. Texas. The Pennsylvania Republican weathered a small political storm in the last two weeks for placing Gay privacy rights on par with those of bigamists, polygamists and adulterers.

The fortnight of public debate over Santorum's remarks has helped highlight the views of Pryor, who was nominated in early April. In an Associated Press report, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., called Pryor's brief "another red flag for a nominee who is starting out with a troubling record."

"It's hard to believe," Schumer continued, "that in the entire state of Alabama, the administration can't find a conservative to nominate who isn't out of the mainstream and doesn't make incendiary comments."

AP said Pryor declined to comment on the brief or the sodomy case, and referred questions to Jay Sekulow of the extremely conservative American Center for Law and Justice. According to the wire service, Pryor's nomination is also controversial due to his anti-abortion views, but his prospects for confirmation are bolstered by strong local support.

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