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Labor Day Festivities at Reid Park

Governor Janet Napolitano (center) walks with workers to Reid Park Festivities.

Mayoral Candidate Tom Volgy attending the Labor Day event.

TUCSON - About 1000 people attended this year's Labor Day festivities held at Reid Park last Monday, September 1.

The crowd marched along the outside of the park from Hi Corbett Field over to the band shell to kick off the day's events. Representatives from local unions, civic groups and government joined the marchers who carried signs and were greeted by the traffic running parallel to the marching route. The mile long trek gave an opportunity for some of the community to see the turnout celebrating this countries day reserved for the worker.

After arriving at the band shell, participants were treated to free hot dogs and hamburgers as well as beverages. The day started overcast but quickly became warm, so there were tents set up to provide shade for those on hand. Guest speakers from union groups and local organizations gave short speeches giving their views of the holiday and what needs to be done to better represent the working population of this country.

Governor Janet Napolitano, as well as Congressman Raul Grijalva and Mayoral candidate Tom Volgy attended the day's events and also gave speeches. Governor Napolitano promised to stay true to her budget cuts and not let any programs for children get affected. She stated that any bill brought before her that she feels is not fair to unions and workers would not be passed while she was in office. More Photos on Page Twelve. PHOTOS: Cindy Diaz

EDITORIAL

Observer Recommendations: Tucson Primary Election

In 2002, during the fifth annual dinner for Wingspan, former Tucson Mayor George Miller, who helped get the city's human relations (anti-discrimination) ordinance adopted in 1977, as a Council member, and who, as Mayor, also created the GLBT Task Force and City of Tucson Commission on GLBT Issues, summed up the 2003 City of Tucson election in his address accepting an award from the organization.

"Tucson's Mayor and Council should be giving instructions to the City Manager, not taking instructions from the City Manager," Miller said, receiving thunderous applause from the sold out crowd, more than 700, at the Tucson Convention Center Ballroom.

We couldn't agree more with Miller, who was right on the mark with those words, posing the important question about the direction that the current Tucson Mayor and Council has gone in the past two years and the Observer editorial board strongly believes a change is sorely needed.

Thanks to the "majority", three Republicans and two Democrats, consisting of current Mayor Robert Walkup, Councilmembers Fred Ronstadt, Kathleen Dunbar, Carol West and Shirley Scott, Tucson has endured:

a wasteful transportation initiative election in 2002, costing taxpayers $1.6 million, monies that could have gone for important city programs or funding community organizations;

a draconian budget, stripping funding for important, needed city services while increasing funding for unneeded items, such as more public information employees; and,

a pay raise for the City Manager, his subordinates and supportive department heads, while City employees go without another raise promised them, citing three of the many examples.

Our questions about the Mayor and Council's direction don't stop there. When it comes to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) issues, Tucson's Mayor and Council has been supportive, recently approving the concept of a domestic partner's registry and updating the language in the human relations (anti-discrimination) ordinance.

But when it came to an important matter, when the off-duty Tucson Fire Fighter was convicted of assaulting an openly Gay man outside a local restaurant, GLBT Tucsonans were let down by the five mentioned and other city officials, despite the valiant efforts of the Commission on GLBT Issues, who tried to pursue the matter to no avail.

This is a matter that should not be conveniently pushed aside. GLBT voters can do something about it, by ensuring that a positive working majority is on Tucson's Mayor and Council.

On Tuesday, September 9, from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., eligible Tucsonans who have been registered to vote, will be able to go to the polls to decide who their party's standard-bearers, Democratic, Republican, Libertarian and Green, will be for: Mayor, and three City Council seats in Ward's One, Two and Four.

If you are registered as an independent, no party preference, or with a political party other than the Democratic, Republican, Libertarian or Green Party, you are eligible to vote as well and need to speak to an election official at your precinct to get the official party ballot you wish to cast your vote in.

For this primary election, there is only one contested race, for the Democratic nomination for the Ward Two City Council seat, in which the winner of this contest would be unopposed in the November general election, since no other candidates had filed for the elected post in the other recognized parties.

For more information, call the City of Tucson Clerk's Office, (520) 791-4213

State Department Withdraws Funding For Overseas AIDS Program

WASHINGTON - The State Department announced Tuesday, August 26, that it is withdrawing funding for an HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment program for African and Asian refugees because one of the groups that runs the program has been accused of supporting forced abortions and sterilization practices in China, The New York Times reports.

The program provides HIV/AIDS counseling and supports health care services for thousands of individuals in several countries, including Angola, Congo, Rwanda, and Eritrea. About $1 million in U.S. funding was pulled from the program because one of the partners, United Kingdom-based Marie Stopes International, which also provides family planning counseling and abortion services in addition to HIV/AIDS programs, works as a partner in China with the United Nations Population Fund. The Bush administration in July 2002 pulled $34 million in funding from UNPF, saying the U.N. agency supports the "one-child" policy in China that has led to forced abortions and sterilization of women after having one child. Although State Department officials say they have no proof that Marie Stopes International is involved with such activities, the department opted to revoke the organization's funding because of concerns that the agency's work supports the Chinese government's "one-child" policy.

AIDS activists were incensed at the announcement, calling the State Department's decision a way to placate anti-abortion factions in the Bush administration and further proof that the Administration is injecting conservative

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UPDATE

Wingspan Dinner Tickets Available

TUCSON - Pull out your party clothes! Here's your chance to support Wingspan's important mission, recognize the individuals who help build a better LGBT community in Southern Arizona, and have a blast at the same time!

Wingspan's 6th Annual Benefit Dinner takes place Saturday, September 13 at the Tucson Convention Center, and will include a Silent Auction, Awards Ceremony, a fabulous three-course dinner, and presentations by Lorri Jean, CEO of the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center... and comedian Greg Walloch!

The no-host Reception begins at 5:30 p.m., and the Dinner starts at 7:00 p.m. Individual tickets (cash bar reception, dinner, and awards ceremony) are $75. A Reserved Table (for ten people, with recognition of you as a table host) is $750. You can also donate individual tickets ($75) or a table ($750) for youth, Wingspan volunteers, or others who would otherwise be unable to attend.

To purchase tickets, please call (520) 624-1779 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Tucson Pride Seeks Volunteers

TUCSON - Tucson Pride, Inc., Southern Arizona's pride event organizer, is looking for volunteers to help at this year's OUToberFEST, October 11, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Reid Park in Tucson.

Admission to the event will be $5.00, but a two-hour time commitment for volunteering will get you into the event for free, as long as you are in their volunteer database prior to the event. Additionally – Tucson Pride, Inc is continuing its tradition of "Volunteer for Dollars": Tucson Pride will make a cash donation of $8.00 per hour to the charity of your choice for your volunteer hours worked. This is a great opportunity to designate the charity of your choice for dollars, as well as contribute to Tucson Pride's mission of promoting and producing Southern Arizona's largest GLBT annual festival.

Tucson Pride hopes to find a few "key volunteers" who are willing to be area managers, and make a four-hour time commitment for volunteering on the festival day. Tucson Pride will make a bonus donation to the charity of choice for these key volunteers – and you'll have more fun and meet more people with this extended volunteer commitment!

Please contact Tucson Pride volunteer coordinator Nancy Robinett, (520) 591-9345 or E-mail: nancy.robinett@azbar.org.

DISCOVER YOUR GIFT OF LOVE...

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Remember 'Bear' September 14

TUCSON - On Sunday, September 14, noon to 3 p.m., a Community Potluck and Open House to remember "Bear," Godat Award recipient, Alexander John Goodrum, will take place at 5919 E. Calle Agua Verde (Vicinity of River and Craycroft)

This event, honoring Goodrum, is being hosted by the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance, Michael Woodward and Sarah Showard. Organizers ask that persons attending bring either a dish or dessert to share.

For more information, or directions, call (520) 529-2910 or E-mail michael@sagatucson.org.

Antigone Books Event Sept. 26

TUCSON - Please join Antigone's, 411 N. Fourth Avenue, for an event Friday, September 26 at 7 p.m.

Join in for an evening of fabulous gay literature with Trebor Healey and Felice Picano, co-sponsored by The Men's Social Network. Trebor Healey will read from his new novel, Through It Came Bright Colors (Southern Tier, $19.95).

This compelling tale of crisis around a family illness is also a bittersweet story of love and the search for honesty. Healey's rich, lyrical prose provides a unique and intimate look at one gay man's struggle to live openly, to love and to be loved free from shame and guilt.

Also reading that night is Felice Picano, the award winning author of 19 books. He will read from and discuss his newest work, which includes the memoirs Ambidextrous and Men Who Loved Me, and an expanded new edition of The Joy of Gay Sex. Picano was a founding member of the legendary Violet Quill Club, and co-founder of the Gay Presses of New York.

Refreshments will be served. The reading will be followed by a question and answer period. For more information, call (520) 792-3715.

New Dinner Theater Sold Out

TUCSON - The first performance to be held at the Dog Bowl (The back of the Yard Dog Saloon) has already sold out.

The performance of "The Quest" scheduled for September 25th and 26th, sold out before September ever arrived. It looks as though dinner theater is what the community wants, and they will be treated to performances year-round. If you missed out on the chance for this performance, the next one is scheduled for some time in January, also held at the back patio of the Yard Dog.

For those of you with the acting bug, auditions for the next performance will be held after the weekend run of "The Quest". Check this very page for upcoming news and information about auditions and performance dates. The Yard Dog wishes to thank the community for responding so quickly in such short notice for the upcoming performance. We look forward to this and many other evenings of dinner theater in the Old Pueblo.

Fun-Bus-Run To Phoenix Sept. 13

TUCSON - On September 13th, Tucson Knight Owls will host the "Owl Express", a Fun-Bus-Run to Phoenix,. Anyone wishing to go on the run can purchase tickets at the Yard Dog Saloon or the Venture-N at a cost of $25.00

The round-trip includes basic food and drinks on the bus and four stops at local bars in Phoenix. Smoking is permitted on the bus.

Participants will meet at the Venture-N at 12:00 noon. The bus will leave for Phoenix at 1:00 sharp!

The group will spend approximately enough time at each bar for everyone to enjoy themselves before going to the next one. The bus will depart Phoenix between midnight and 1:00 a.m. back to Tucson.

TKO invites one and all to join in on this fun trip and "leave the driving to us!" This trip is co-sponsored by the Tucson Knight Owls (TKO), Yard Dog Saloon and Venture-N.

Long-Running Cabaret Revival To Close

NEW YORK - Playbill.com reports that the Roundabout Theatre Company revival of Cabaret, which has enjoyed a longer run than the show's original 1966 production, will close November 2.

The revival, which has been running since March 19, 1998, at Studio 54, was directed by Sam Mendes and out Oscar nominee Rob Marshall (Cabaret). The original cast featured out actors Alan Cumming (who won a Tony as the Emcee) and John Benjamin Hickey (soon to be seen on ABC's It's All Relative), and subsequent casts have included such favorites of Gays and Lesbians as Jennifer Jason Leigh, Joely Fisher, Michael C. Hall, Neil Patrick Harris, Gina Gershon, Katie Finneran, Brooke Shields, Jon Secada, Deborah Gibson, and Molly Ringwald. After the final show, the Cabaret revival will have run for 2,306 performances and 37 previews.

The Roundabout has purchased the venerable Gay disco as a permanent theater space and plans to mount a new revival of Stephen Sondheim's Assassins there, to be directed by out director Joe Mantello (Take Me Out).

State Department

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ideology into grant-making decisions.

The six remaining partners in the HIV/AIDS program—International Rescue Committee, CARE, the American Refugee Committee, the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, John Snow International, and Columbia University's Department of Population and Family Health—rejected a State Department offer to continue to receive funding if they disassociate themselves with Marie Stopes International. "We were disappointed that for reasons of solidarity with Marie Stopes they should refuse our money," said a State Department spokesman. "We had hoped they would show more humanitarian statesmanship than that." The groups said they refused to break ties with Marie Stopes over "baseless accusations."

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California Approves Sweeping Domestic Partner Bill

SACRAMENTO - The California Senate approved groundbreaking legislation just before the holiday weekend that would give same-sex couples who register as domestic partners new rights and responsibilities similar to those enjoyed by married couples, reported gfn.com.

On Thursday, August 28, Gov. Gray Davis reiterated his longstanding pledge to sign the legislation, which will keep California a national leader in Gay rights.

Although Davis is facing a recall election in California in October, his stance on Gay rights continues to enjoy popular support. On Friday, a Field Poll showed 72 percent of Californians support domestic partnership laws granting same-sex couples legal recognition and rights; the poll also showed Californians evenly split on the issue of Gay marriage.

The legislation, approved by the Senate in a 23-14 vote, would treat domestic partners the same as married couples in child custody cases, child support, spousal support and property acquisitions and give partners the right to make funeral arrangements.

Democrats supplied all the yes votes and Republicans voted no. Three senators did not vote.

The legislation by Assemblywoman Jackie Goldberg, D-Los Angeles, would require couples whose partnership lasts longer than five years or involves children to go to court to break up, like a divorce married heterosexual couples must go through.

The bill, also known as the Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act, would also give domestic partners access to a variety of programs reserved for married couples, including family leave, health coverage and married-student housing.

It now returns to the Assembly for approval of Senate amendments, which included removing a provision that would have allowed joint filing of state income taxes.

Geoffrey Kors, executive director of Equality California, called the bill "an important measure that will provide critical protections for tens of thousands of Californians."

Opponents argue the bill undermines Proposition 22, a ballot measure approved by voters in 2000 that defines marriage as being between a man and a woman.

Sen. Pete Knight, a Republican from Palmdale and Proposition 22's author, said the bill puts "the state in the position of promoting a same-sex marriage" and undermines the initiative, which is also known as the Defense of Marriage Act, or DOMA.

About 22,000 couples have registered with the secretary of state as domestic partners. Under the law, opposite-sex couples who include one person 62 or older can also register.

G/L Marriage on the Table in Massachusetts:

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court is expected to issue a decision this fall in a suit filed by seven Gay couples seeking the right to marry. Because of the makeup of its court and its past Gay rights decisions, legal experts and advocates have predicted that Massachusetts could become the first state in the country to legalize Gay marriage.

On Monday, September 1, House Speaker Tom Finneran, a socially conservative Boston Democrat, predicted the Legislature will react with a constitutional amendment to ban these unions if the state's high court approves Gay marriage.

Under the process laid out in the state constitution, no amendment could be placed on the ballot until 2006 at the earliest, meaning that thousands of couples could potentially get married between a favorable court decision and the voters' verdict.

Any amendment would have to be approved by a joint session of the House and Senate before this two-year session ends, in December 2004, and again during the 2005-2006 legislative session.

This lengthy process may have the effect of voters rethinking their position against Gay marriage, according to Gay-rights proponents. Instead of voting on whether to deny Gay couples' rights in the future, voters would be deciding whether to strip Gay couples of rights that had already been granted.

"You will have families who are married and settled," said state Sen. Cheryl Jacques, D-Needham, who is a Lesbian. "I think that's a big step for people to say that should be undone. Opponents of Gay marriage will be asking others to affirmatively undo families."

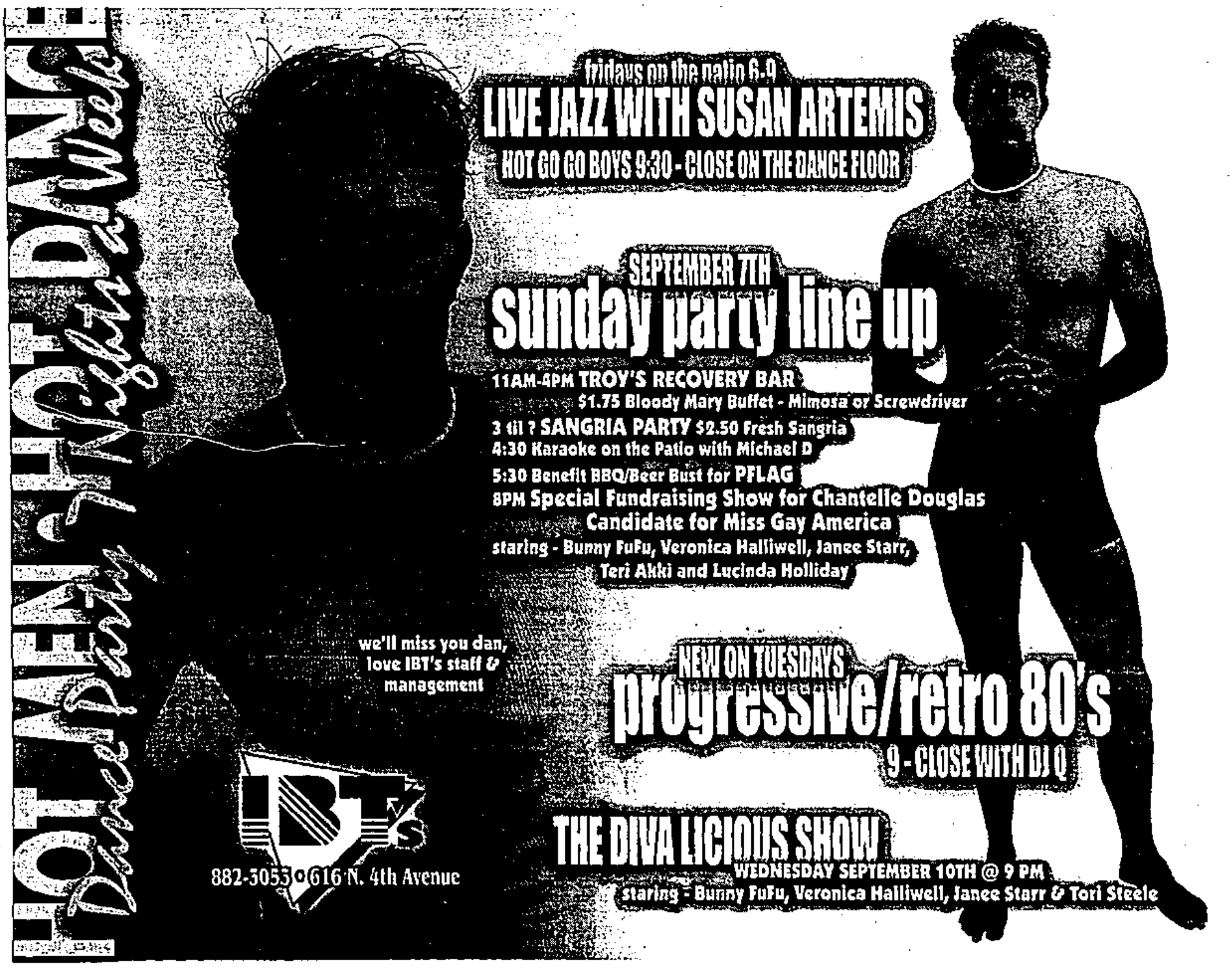
The high court, which heard oral arguments in the case in March, was expected to issue a decision by early July, under a 130-day deadline for a verdict. The court filed a waiver, however, and has given no indication about when the decision may be issued.

'Queer Eye' Sets Up Literary Deal

LOS ANGELES - Variety reports that the Clarkson Potter imprint of Random House has obtained worldwide rights for a tie-in book to the hit Bravo series Queer Eye for the Straight Guy.

The book is tentatively set for a February 2004 publication date. All of the show's "Fab Five" will be involved and will share author billing for the book, which is set to be a hardcover featuring stills from the show.

"Ever since we saw the on-air promotions, we knew it was our kind of book," publisher Lauren Shakely told Variety. "It's counterintuitive compared to the way some of these things are going, but it's a very classy show and a classy audience. But we'll be working quickly to bring it out in a timely way."



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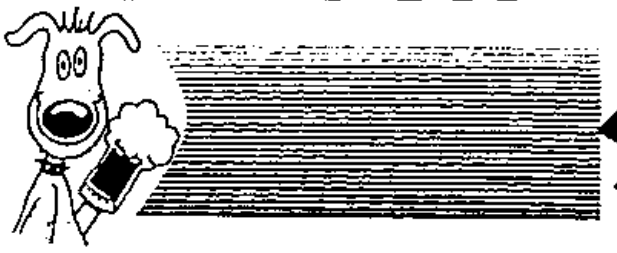

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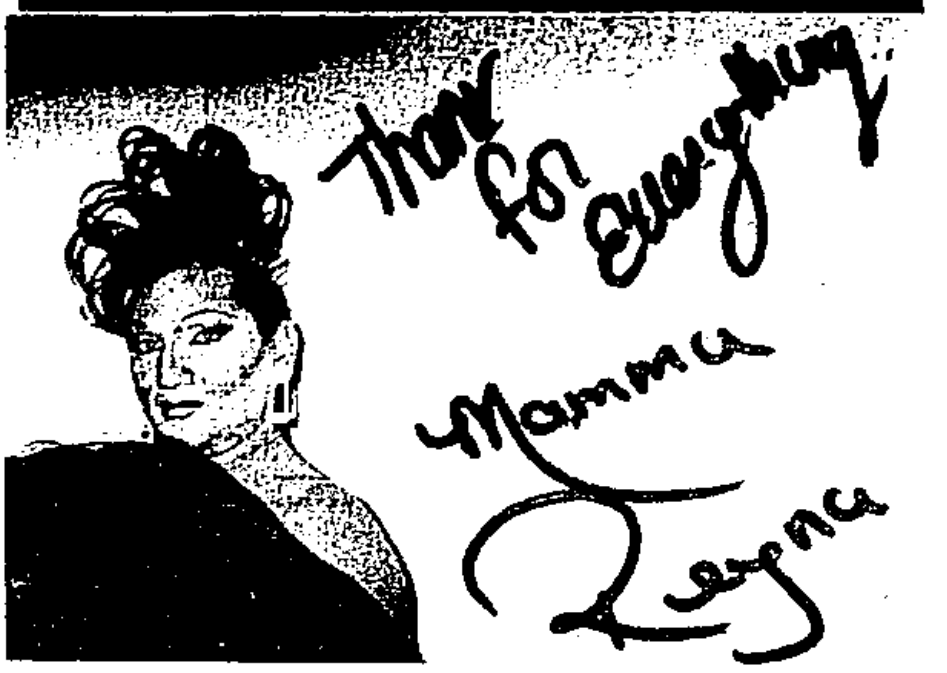
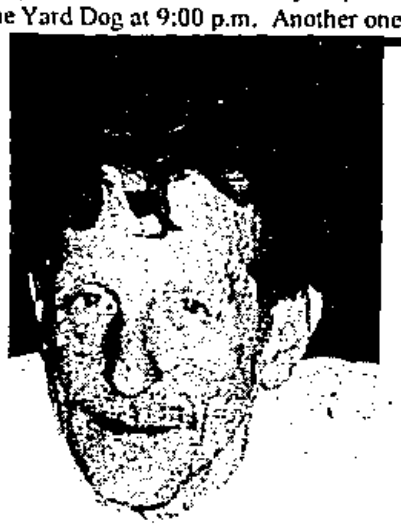


Ruben Escamilla aka Mamma Reyña

Mamma Reyña was killed in a car accident early Monday morning, September 1, 2003. Funeral and memorial arrangements have not yet been made.

Help is needed for funeral expenses. Fund raising shows will be held Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Yard Dog at 9:00 p.m. Another one on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at JBT's "DivaLicious" Show with a special showtime of 8:00 pm.

To make donations (all amounts appreciated) please contact Lucinda Holliday at (520)327-1576.



James Leo "Jimmy" Hughes, Jr.
January 13, 1955 - August 17, 2003

Jim was the son of James L. Sr., and Georgia Hughes of Brooksville, Florida. He was born in Rawlings, Wyoming and lived in Chicago for 30 years, where he attended public schools. He was employed at the Art Institute of Chicago. He was a writer of stories and was a life-long activist of Gay rights.

Jim is survived by his brother and two sisters and numerous nieces and nephews. Jim's ashes will be flown to Chicago where his family will hold a memorial tribute. His ashes will be released to the wind in October.

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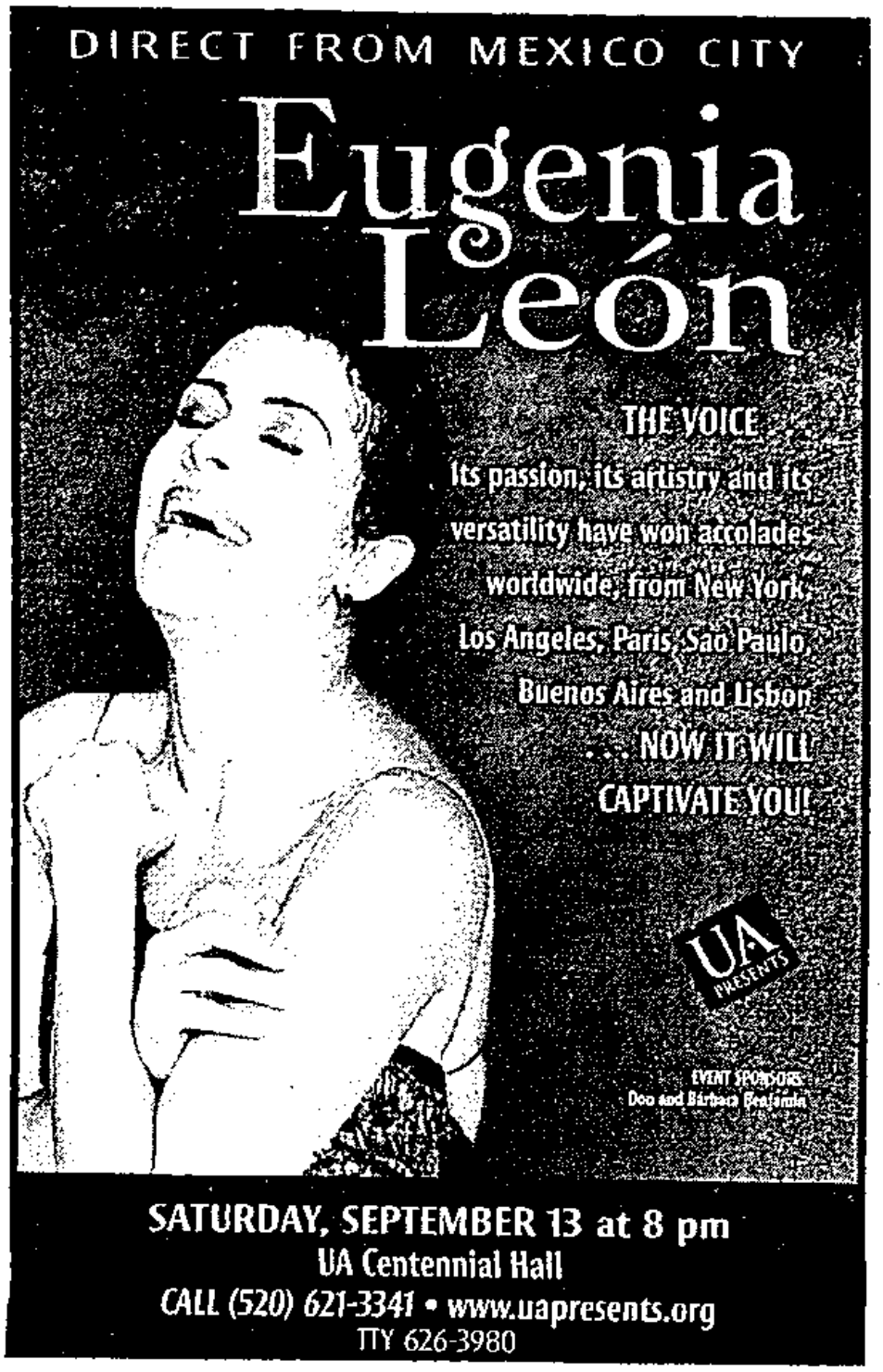

Big Brothers Pro-Gay Policy Challenged By Christian Group

SCOTTSDALE - The Alliance Defense Fund, an Arizona-based law firm that supports conservative Christian issues, released letters to school districts and parents warning that the Big Brother Mentoring Program could be liable for millions of dollars in legal costs if the organization places a child with a Gay mentor without the consent of the child's parents.

The ADF letter says, in part, "...schools open themselves up to substantial legal liability if physical or emotional abuse occurs as the result of a school-based mentoring program."

The Fund's letter also attacks the Big Brothers' policy of matching Gay and Lesbian volunteers with children of the same sex.

"BBBSA does not allow the pairing of children with mentors of the opposite sex [but] amazingly, BBBSA does not apply the same precautionary standards when it comes to matching children with same sex mentors who publicly prefer homosexual acts."

In 2002, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America expanded their nondiscrimination policy to give its 490 local affiliates explicit permission to invite openly Gay and Lesbian volunteers an equal chance to serve as one-on-one mentors to children.

Though BBBSA gives parents the option of rejecting mentors for various reasons, including sexual orientation, the move to make their non-discrimination policy binding provoked outrage from conservative organizations.

Donald Wildmon, chairman of the Tupelo, Miss.-based anti-Gay American Family Association, said BBBSA "will become a magnet for homosexuals who exploit opportunities to engage young, impressionable children with their unhealthy lifestyle."

"The response from right-wing groups is mean, vicious and downright reprehensible," said David Smith of the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest Gay civil rights organization.

The 98-year-old youth organization – whose mission is to help children from single-parent homes – offered no comment to reporters on ADF's letter writing campaign, but has previously said it is undaunted by the criticism of conservative groups, who have called for the organization's corporate backers to halt donations.

"We're getting incredible, positive support for the action we took," the organization's president, Judy Vredenburgh said last summer.

Big Brothers Big Sisters serve children in 5,000 communities across the country, with their goal of serving 400,000 children by 2004.

In addition to the threat made against BBBSA, the Scottsdale, Arizona-based ADF is also involved in a law suit against Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano for signing an executive order barring employment discrimination based on sexual orientation, as well with the Harvey Milk High School, the nation's first LGBT high school, based in New York City.

Catholic School Won't Admit Lesbian Couple's Daughter

EUGENE - A Lesbian couple alleges that O'Hara Catholic School in Eugene, Ore., refused admission to their 4-year-old daughter because of their sexual orientation.

The couple has complained to the Eugene Human Rights Commission and the Oregon Child Care Division. One of the women, Lee Inkmann, said O'Hara principal Dianne Bert told her in mid August that having a family with two mothers at the school would confuse other children and that Gay unions are in conflict with Vatican teachings.

Bert did not immediately return telephone messages Friday, August 29 seeking comment. O'Hara issued a statement saying the school does not discriminate on the basis of "race, color, national and ethnic origin" in admissions but that it "cannot comment on decisions of academic placement for any specific student." The Reverend Mark Bachmeier of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the parish priest who oversees O'Hara, is also refusing to discuss the matter. "I think we'll just let that statement speak for itself for now, "he said.

Bud Bunce, spokesman for the archdiocese of Portland, said there are multiple factors involved in not accepting the child, but he said he could not discuss the specific reasons the girl was not admitted. "The school did not make the nontraditional lifestyle of the parents the issue; the parent did," he added.

The Human Rights Commission assigned an advocate, Neil Van Steenbergen, to the case with the hope of ironing things out between the two parties. But O'Hara officials did not wish to meet with him, Inkmann said. On Wednesday, August 27, she said Bachmeier told her the final answer was no.

The city's ordinance prohibits discrimination in housing, employment, city contracting, and public accommodation on the basis of a list of characteristics, including actual or perceived sexual orientation. Whether a private school falls under the mantle of "public accommodation" is open to interpretation, but Dave Fidanque, executive director of the Oregon American Civil Liberties Union, says it should. A Catholic school, he said, "is essentially a business that provides service to the public at large."

AROUND THE GAY USA.....

Madonna Steals MTV VMA's ...Again

NEW YORK - Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, and Madonna opened the 20th annual MTV Video Music Awards with a bang Thursday August 28, while Coldplay, Beyonce Knowles, and Justin Timberlake tied for the lead with three wins each.

Spears and Aguilera sang Madonna's "Like a Virgin" while decked out in racy wedding attire similar to what the Material Girl wore during her performance of the song at the 1984 ceremony. Madonna then appeared to sing her latest single, "Hollywood," at one point exchanging open-mouth kisses with both Spears and Aguilera. (Los Angeles's KTLA-TV reports that Spears allegedly rinsed with Listerine following the performance, likening the smooch to "kissing the NBA.")

Missy Elliott joined the fray to offer a few lines from her hit "Work It." Aguilera returned later to perform a medley of "Dirrty" and "Fighter" from her latest RCA album, Stripped, with assistance from Jane's Addiction guitarist Dave Navarro and rapper Redman. "You'll be hearing those songs at strip clubs for years to come," quipped host Chris Rock.

With 14 of 21 awards given out during the three-hour broadcast from New York's Radio City Music Hall, performances ranging from pop to hip-hop and modern rock filled much of the show. Metallica ended the show on a high note with a covers medley of Lenny Kravitz's "Are You Gonna Go My Way," Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit," the White Stripes' "Seven Nation Army" and Michael Jackson's "Beat It." Introduced by rapper DMX, Mary J. Blige performed parts of "Let Me Be the 1" and "Love @ 1st Sight," with brief guest appearances by Method Man and 50 Cent before a huge crowd outside in Rockefeller Center. Chris Martin--who during Coldplay's acceptance of the best group video award for "The Scientist" noted, "I know we don't look as good as Destiny's Child"--led the U.K. band through a performance of the somber song. "I hope you guys didn't slit your wrists to that one," Rock said afterward. "The Scientist" also received honors for breakthrough video and best direction. After dangling upside down as she descended to the stage, Knowles pulled a troupe of dancers through her singles "Baby Boy" and "Crazy in Love." Although Sean Paul wasn't onstage to deliver his part of the former, her boyfriend Jay-Z bounded out from the wings to add his bit to the latter, which was prized for best R&B video, best female video, and best chorcography.

Reunited veteran pop act Duran Duran was startled to receive the MTV Lifetime Achievement Award when they took the stage to present an award with Kelly Osbourne and Avril Lavigne. "This is a surprise," singer Simon LeBon said. "Thank you to the whole MTV generation."

Timberlake saluted Johnny Cash, over whom he triumphed in the best male video category. Cash's clip for "Hurt" won the award for best cinematography in a video, but the country legend was unable to attend the ceremony after being hospitalized earlier this week in Nashville with a stomach ailment. "It's an honor to be in a category with Eminem and 50 Cent, people I admire, John Mayer too," Timberlake said. "But my grandfather raised me on the music of Johnny Cash. I was raised in Tennessee. This should be his. In some cool way, I guess, I share this with him, and he deserves a round of applause." Timberlake's "Cry Me a River" also took the prize for best pop video, while "Rock Your Body" won best dance video.

The show took a few pokes at itself, particularly when Jack Black took the stage dressed as Michael Jackson and mocked Jackson's speech from last year's ceremony, when the artist mistakenly thought he was accepting an "artist of the millennium" trophy. Referencing his tussle last year with the puppet Triumph the Insult Comic Dog, Eminem appeared with a puppet from the Comedy Central show Crank Yankers to announce how he now felt "violence was wrong." But in no time the puppet's annoying yelps led Eminem to slap and then choke it, as the crowd roared in delight.

Among those who presented awards or introduced performances were the Fab 5 from Queer Eye for the Straight Guy, along with musical artists Kelly Clarkson, Ludacris, Evanescence, Sean Paul, Nelly, Murphy Lee, Outkast, Iggy Pop, Mya, and Run-D.M.C.; actors Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen, Pamela Anderson, Hilary Duff, Jimmy Fallon, David Spade, Ben Stiller, and Drew Barrymore; and tennis stars Serena and Venus Williams.

Attack Victim Appeared 'Too Gay' Claims Lawyer

CHEYENNE - The victim of a stalking "invited harassment" by appearing too Gay, say lawyers defending a Wyoming man accused of stalking a Gay man.

The legal team defending Michael Grisson, 19, accused of stalking and continuously harassing Jimmy L. Bryan, 18, said in court papers Bryan's behavior and clothing "invites these kind of remarks."

Grisson allegedly said to Bryan, "I wish it wasn't illegal to kill fags out of innocent fun."

In his brief, defense lawyer Louis Walrath wrote that by wearing "short shorts, high heels and carrying a purse" Bryan "upsets young heterosexual males, probably some females also."

According to Bryan, he's been harassed by Grissom since high school and said he is afraid of him.

Bryan also said he was only dressing up in the shorts and high heels for Halloween, and that his appearance and behavior were irrelevant, reports the Associated Press.

"I'm somewhat flamboyant and open about my sexuality," he said. "I have a Gay pride flag in my car and when I walk there is a bit of swagger in my hips. But I don't introduce myself as 'Hi, I'm Jimmy and I'm Gay.' My world doesn't revolve around being Gay."

Bryan told reporters he is leaving Wyoming to move to Denver, where his boyfriend lives and works.

"People need to accept there are Gay people in the world, even in small towns, and they can't be treated unfairly,"

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POLITICS 2003

by Mark R. Kerr

Dear Gracie. . .

To say that the level of bile that Tucson's Pulitzer-owned morning newspaper, the Arizona Daily Star, has risen to new heights is an understatement, especially in lieu of an article entitled, "Bush Takes Middle Ground On Gays," appearing in the Sunday, August 31 edition.

This is surprising Gracie since recently, the allegedly-liberal daily newspublication of the Old Pueblo, ran two interesting pieces on local Gay/Straight Alliances, and a wonderful item on UApresents head, Ken Foster, who just came "out of the closet."

One would think the Daily Star was on the right track on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) issues but the August 31 article showed that hypocrisy still reigns at Park & Irvington, where their offices are located, generating such tripe. Interesting as well since it employs many openly Gay and Lesbian individuals in all aspects, including editors and their editorial board.

Written by some unknown hack, Gracie, for the Knight-Ridder Newspaper wire service, an organization with a very-conservative bias and not known for being too GLBT friendly, to say the least, this waste of newspaper space purports, quoting two Log Cabin Republicans (one a former Member of Congress) that Dubya actually has:

Gay friends he socializes with; "compassionate personal views which struggle with his conservative political philosophy"; his "heart is in the right place"; and, appointed some supportive individuals to posts in his administration.

Another Barney Frank or Tammy Baldwin indeed Gracie but it gets better, this article cites Dubya's accomplishments for GLBT citizens, including his:

appointment of Gays to an ambassadorship as well as two AIDS Czars; calling for more funding to fight HIV/AIDS and to do more research; and, affixing his signature on a measure to allow the District of Columbia to extend benefits to the same-sex domestic partners of their employees.

Another Harvey Milk indeed Gracie but the facts and Dubya's GLBT record, as "Occupier and Thief" tell a much different story than the fabrications Knight-Ridder and the Arizona Daily Star are trying to force down the throats of their readers.

Dubya's ambassadorial appointment, Michael Guest, was that of a career diplomat who just happened to be Gay and the two openly Gay AIDS Czars, Scott Evertz and Dr. James O'Neil, had been removed from his post already, something the article fails to mention as well as the supportive individuals in posts in his administration are in the past tense, all gone. Funding for AIDS research and to prevent the spread of would come after the 2004 fiscal year, or in other words, more hot air and promises than actual dollars. There were enough votes to override any veto, forcing Dubya's hand, who signed it in a very private ceremony.

Continuing Gracie, this "fine work of solid reporting" doesn't mention:

about the Faith Based Initiative that discriminates against GLBT citizens which Dubya signed an executive order authorizing; how Dubya's State Department is withholding funding for HIV/AIDS groups working in Africa and Asia; how his administration is targeting AIDS service organizations (with multiple politically-biased audits) that receive federal funding using programs not to their liking, as well as withholding or outright censuring critical information on Web sites and pamphlets for federal health agencies, as well as still pushing the outdated theory about abstinence, when the highest rates of new HIV infections and cases of AIDS are coming from people, age 15-24, citing a few of the many points of Dubya's GLBT record conveniently ignored in the article.

Usually when writing a story, a professional, unbiased writer would try to get quotes from both sides, pro and con. So where are the quotes from U.S. Representatives Barney Frank, Tammy Baldwin or for that matter, Jim Kolbe, or anyone from the current leadership of the Log Cabin Republicans, the Human Rights Campaign or the National Stonewall Democrats?! None are in the story in question, showing blatant bias by the writer, news-service and the Arizona Daily Star.

This blatant misrepresentation of the facts ends with a quote from an openly Gay friend, who said that Dubya has been straight and warm with him, something he appreciated. Dubya's record on issues of GLBT concern has not been and GLBT citizens across this country don't appreciate that and plan to do something about it in 2004!

Until next time Gracie, as always ever faithful.

Janice Ian Weds

TORONTO, Canada - Out musician and former Advocate columnist Janis Ian, whose songs include "Society's Child" and "At Seventeen," married her partner, Patricia Snyder, in a ceremony at city hall in Toronto.

Ian, who lives in Nashville, wed Snyder, a criminal defense lawyer, on Wednesday August 27, said publicist Tamara Saviano. Ian's Web site quoted Snyder as saying, "After 14 years, it's about time." The couple wed in Toronto because Ontario is one of two Canadian provinces that legalized same-sex marriage under recent court rulings. The other province is British Columbia.

Ian's "Society's Child," a song of interracial love, was released when she was 15. She won a Grammy award in 1976 for best female pop vocal performance for "At Seventeen." The 52-year-old singer will release Janis Ian Live: Working Without a Net on October 7 and said she plans to release her first studio album in four years in early 2004.

The couple planned to honeymoon at "Torcon 3," the Worldcon science fiction convention being held in Toronto, according to Ian's Web site. "I think the idea of spending my wedding week with a group of geeks masquerading as giant lobsters and Star Trek characters is perfectly in character with my life with Janis," Snyder was quoted on the Web site.

G/L Americans Go North To Take The Plunge

NIAGRA FALLS - Walter Dietrich and Greg Snell got the first flight to Buffalo in upstate New York and took the scenic route to Niagara Falls. Not Niagara Falls in the US, where they are citizens and destined, for now, to stay single. But the other one, over the waterfall and into Canada, where their relationship could receive official endorsement, reported the [London] Guardian.

Almost exactly 23 years after they met, Walter, 44, and Greg, 52, were getting married. And like many same sex couples across America they had to go north to do it. "It's not going to mean anything in the US but it will mean something to us,"Walter said. "It means we're not different."

Given the rancorous battle over Gay rights that has recently surged to the fore in American politics, it was partly a gesture of defiance. "It's like a symbol to say fuck you America," said Greg. "We're supposed to be this superpower and we can't even look after our own people."

For the most part they were getting married for the same reason as most people, only far later in their relationship because of the legalities. "We're like an old married couple,"said Walter. "It's just the two of us and our cat. We work hard, come home and fall asleep in front of the TV."

When they told their friends, Gay or straight, about their intentions they just said: "It's about time."

Since June, when the US supreme court struck down Texas's anti-sodomy law, which criminalized sexual practices between same-sex couples, activists in America have been gaining confidence in their ability to mount a legal challenge that would open up marriage to Gay couples. The supreme court of Massachusetts is pondering the issue and is expected to pass its judgment very soon.

In the meantime, a number of alternatives have sprung up in America to avoid the "m" word. Since 2000, Vermont has been the only state that recognizes civil unions giving same-sex couples legal protections and rights in state law. But many cities and companies recognize same sex partnerships, which make partners eligible for health insurance and other employment benefits.

Public opinion has also become less censorious. In 1991 71% said Gay sex was always wrong, compared with 53% last year, according to the General Social Survey, a leading cultural barometer.

But Greg and Walter were not interested in half-measures. "[Civil unions and domestic partnerships] don't give you anything," said Walter. In essence the reason they praise Canada for extending the right to marry is the very reason others in America want to deny them such a possibility. "Finally a government is legitimizing us and saying yes, they're a couple and yes they're OK," Walter added.

Such legitimization does not look likely in the United States in the near future. American tolerance of Gay lifestyles stops at the altar. The heterosexual institution may be shaky, but when it comes to denying marriage to Lesbians and Gay men, attitudes remain firm.

Thirty-seven states already have what are called defense of marriage acts, stating that marriage is between one man and one woman.

"I've been writing for a long time about how tolerant Americans are, and how the culture has changed, yet Gay marriage is the line," Alan Wolfe, a Boston college professor of political science, told the New York Times. "Marriage is the one institution that touches on everything that Americans really care deeply about."

Gay couples are not the first section of society in America to break for the Canadian border to secure rights they could not enjoy at home. Just as America has continued to be a magnet for economic migrants from all over the world, so its northern neighbor has attracted political migrants from the States.

Claims that the latest migration illustrates Canada's inherent liberalism are true only to a point. Two provinces, Ontario and British Columbia, ratified same-sex marriages in June, and the federal government has drafted legislation to legalize the practice across the country and has asked the supreme court to review the proposed law. But the bill's passage is by no means certain and the issue would be likely to figure prominently in a federal election if it were called next year.

"My sense is that we're on a collision course with the electorate on this issue. This thing is really heating up, folks. I've never seen an issue like this," Liberal MP Dan McTeague said.

Meanwhile, however, a steady flow of Gay and Lesbian Americans are descending on border towns such as Niagara Falls to take advantage of the new law. At the city hall they are performing about one Gay wedding every two days since the law changed, and according to the city clerk, Dean Iorfida, 90% of couples are American.

Unitarian lay chaplain Doreen Peever, in nearby St Catharines, has married couples from as far afield as Florida, Texas, California and South Carolina on her front porch. The day before she met Greg and Walter she had a phone call from an American in Vietnam asking whether she would marry him and his Vietnamese partner, and later she had a Lesbian couple coming in from Michigan.

After their journey and a big breakfast Greg and Walter arrived at Niagara Falls city hall with their two best men, Chris and Craig, to register.

The change in the law has prompted a shift in expectations at the clerk's office. "Before you assume it's going to be a man and a woman getting married," Mr Iorfida said. "So if a man came in with his dad or his friend you'd think they were coming in for something else. Now you don't really know for sure."

The next day the couple went to Ms Peever's home for the ceremony. Both men wore ties and Ms Peever's cat miaowed as she read them their vows. They held hands as she told them that marriage was "an honorable state" and "by the power invested in [her]" she declared them husband and husband.

They headed back to their hotel,

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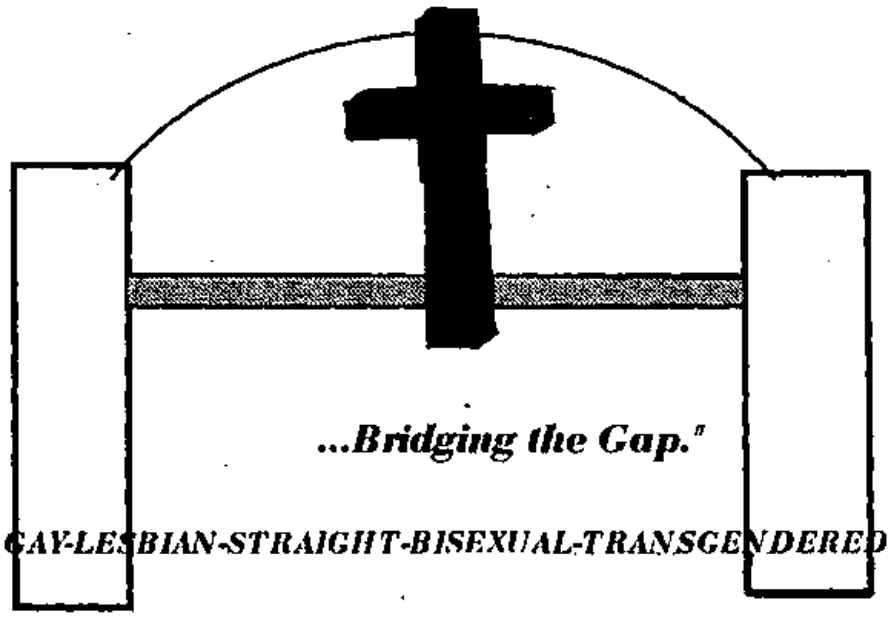

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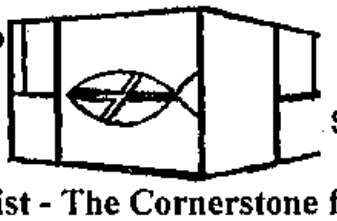

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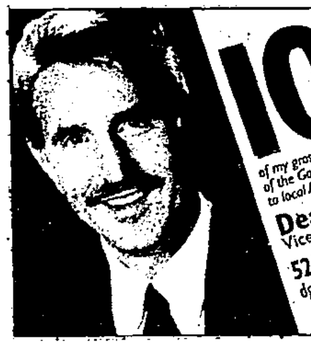

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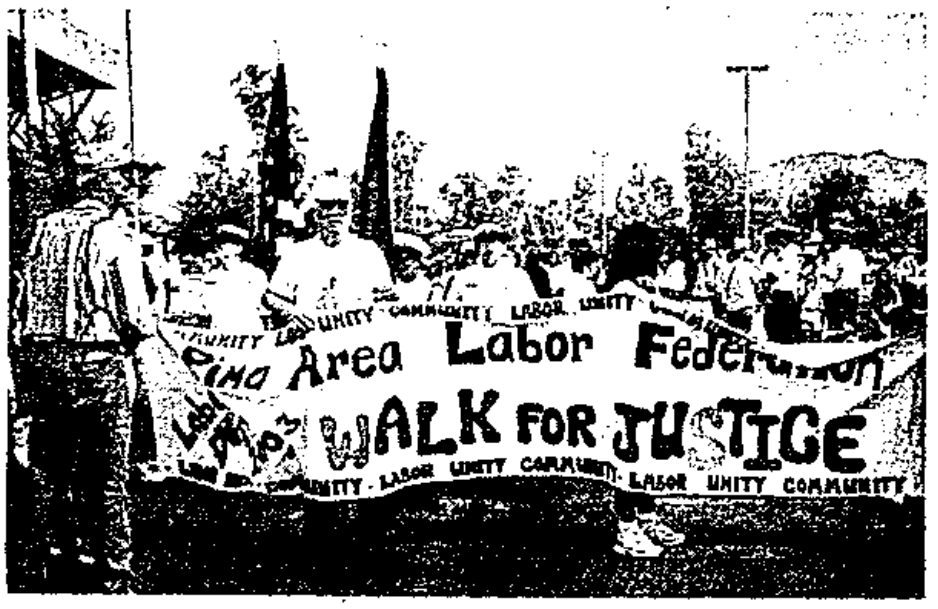

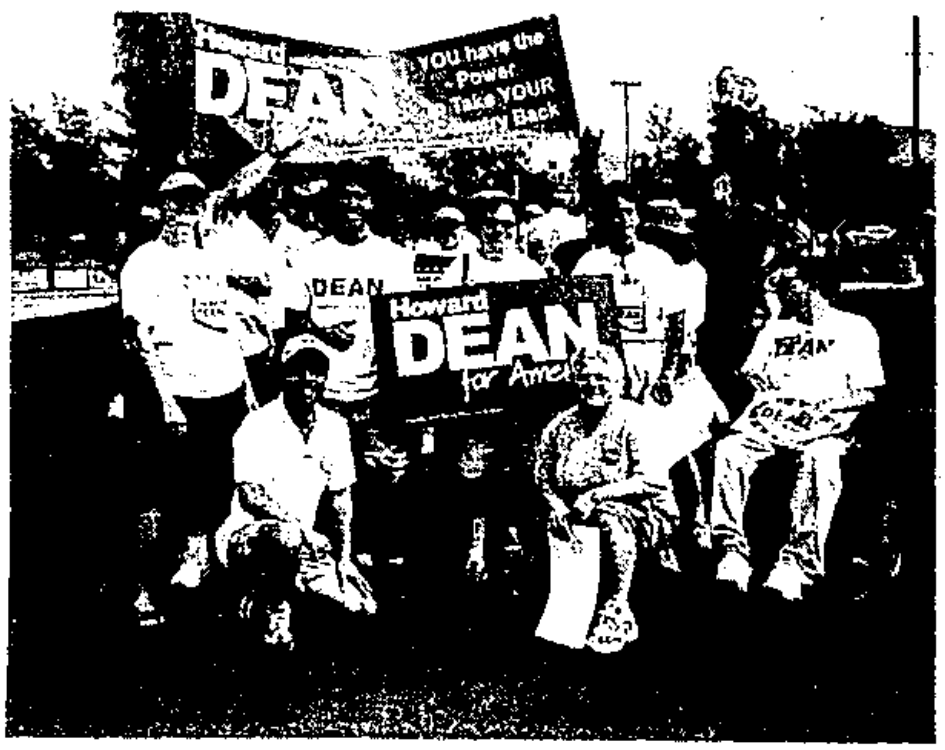

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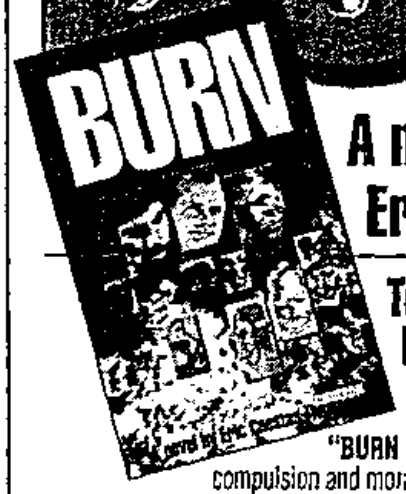

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The end of the summer can bring happy endings to all unresolved issues so let's welcome September and its harvest moon. Mercury, Pluto and Mars change course as Venus and the Sun amble into lovely Libra. Is it possible to have too much of a good thing? Oh why not try!

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

The greatest challenge you face this September is the balance between work and your sense of personal satisfaction. Perhaps you feel that what you do is not in sync with who you are. That may in fact be true Gay Ram but don't toss out the paycheck with the ideal. Pluto comes to the rescue with a much needed escape to refresh and recharge. Don't forget to pack the batteries!

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Before you cross some of your dearest compadres off your party list, remember that everyone is entitled to an opinion, even if it differs from yours. Proud Bulls may feel that friends and social obligations are holding them back from true divahood. Thankfully September teaches you the difference between anchors and dead weights. Be sure to ask the right seaman...

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

If you feel a push me pull you energy this September, chalk it up to the fierce planetary battle of hearts and minds with these redirecting planets. Pink Twins cannot seem to please both employers and family and, just as you cannot dance at two parties with only one tush, it is unfair to expect you to please all the people all the time. Please yourself and the believers will follow.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

If a queer Crab shouts in the woods and there is no one around to hear, have you really made a noise? Hell yes, cousin! September is the month to make yourself heard loud, proud and queer, even if you think no one is listening. Not only are you fanning the air, you are making a tsunami. Walk the gangplank and blow a few mast heads down. Ahoy matey!

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

The challenge this September will be to balance your own money with "other peoples money". Redirecting planets are focusing on your finances and what you truly value in life. Does that mean that only money can buy happiness, proud Lion? Not necessarily but it certainly can buy tubloads full of expensive champagne and lurid party weekends in Gay Paree.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Life is a balancing act this September as you begin to feel more in control of your life and become more energized to try new things. Don't let partners hold you back from tackling the unknown. Gay Virgos are not usually the pioneering type, but the planets are sending you on an expedition, alone if necessary. But you will discover many new acquaintances on the way.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Your intuition is right on target this September as a pride parade of planets ying and yang between the practical and the ephemeral. Rub your crystal ball Gay Libra and see where the spirits spirit you. But don't abandon your more down to earth obligations; the cosmic flow can take you to the trash heap as easily as the top drawer. But maybe you are into trash?

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

What becomes a legend most? Some say it is the company you keep. Others say it is the interests you enjoy. September brings you a series of choices. Are you self made or a product of your social environment, Gay Scorp? The real test comes when redirecting planets force a standoff between what you and your pals want to do. Will you graze with the herd or munch on your own?

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Proud Archers can become superstars this September as Mars, Mercury and Pluto redirect and parlay your talents into bonafide corporate success. But somehow partners are decidedly unimpressed. Will you be pressured into compromising your gains for their own selfish purposes? Some say that it is lonely at the top, but try seeing life from the bottom.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Pack your bags and set sail this September. Pink Caps crave the open frontier and want to make a global splash. Thankfully there are a rush of redirecting planets that speed you along and even help pay for your ticket. But are you packing too many big ideas in your knapsack? Who cares! Make your opinions known and there will be someone to help you carry the rainbow flag.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Everyone and everything has its price. This September you will have to decide if the price for one particular sexy bauble is simply too high. All these redirecting planets have you questioning the value of the company you upkeep and the rising price of adoration. Are you simply a well endowed benefactor, Aqueerius? I guess the situation could be worse.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

There are those rare instances where your opinion is simply not as compelling as your partner's. September and its redirecting planets provide several examples of those instances. Guppies would do well to heed others advice before taking a certain new course of action. Those who love you, warts and all, have your best interests at heart and will hold you up to the mirror. Uh oh.

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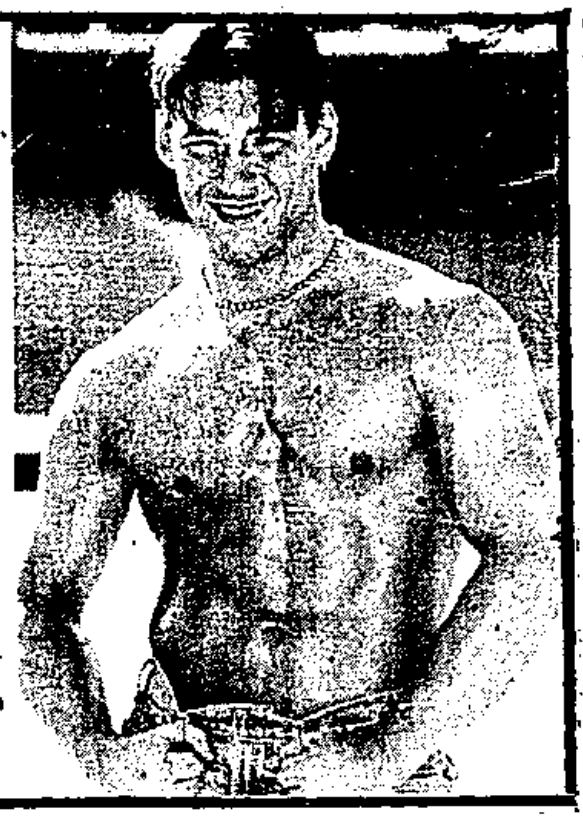

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

Five Shows, One Stop

While the Tucson Museum of Art is between major shows, the University of Arizona's Museum has five distinctive offerings that will be up through mid September, two shows that are just passing through and three drawn from the permanent collection.

One of the featured shows is "Hot Art," paintings by Susan Crile. The artist went to Kuwait in 1991 to see and paint the oil field fires. How commendable and unusdal it is for an artist to bestir herself to that extent!

Fire and smoke for subjects result in a vibrant palette, but most of the paintings here seems rather flat and static. The great exception is "Heart of Darkness," oil and pumice on canvas. In this work the fire looks like it's burning. The landscape looks three—dimensional. And the whole mess looks like it's coming right at you. You can well imagine how scary the real thing must have been.

Heart of Darkness" appears to have been done by a much more skillful hand than that of the other works. Perhaps it represents the last effort in a steep learning curve.

The other featured exhibit is "Love and/or Terror," contemporary book art. It consists of objects that resemble books to one degree or another. The "Do Not Handle" and "Please do not touch" signs tell the whole story of the show.

An object that wants to function as a book or as book art needs to be touchable. Books have moving parts called pages that cry out to be turned. Judging an example of book art without being able to touch it is like judging a pizza without being able to taste it.

I don't mean to suggest that book art is an impossible concept. An artist from the East Coast recently sent me a book filled with his paintings. Its only words were the titles of the paintings written on them in pencil. The pages were obviously meant to be turned and book was obviously meant to be taken as a unified work of art. If we can accept a triptych as a single work of art, why not a booktych?

The museum is also showing, "20th Century Mexican Art" from its permanent collection. I liked the wide range of styles included and was struck by Jorge Alzaga's "Noctiluca," oil on canvas. Two figures are doing something interesting, but what? Looks like it might involve science or possibly cooking. The ambiguity draws you in, as does a palette that seems both bright and muted. The surface treatments are interesting as well, giving the work an almost underwater feel. "Noctiluca" is a work of great presence; you may not be able to figure it out, but it's hard to ignore.

"Natural Pursuits" is another offering, fauna and flora without much of a concept to tie them together. It includes a striking monoprint with watercolor by Forrest Moses titled "Iris #8653." The delicacy of the flowers is starkly contrasted by their presentation is space. They come at you like charging exclamation points. At first glance they might look dashed off, but a second look reveals how carefully and beautifully rendered they really are. High energy and delicacy is an aesthetically winning combination in any number of venues.

Also from the permanent collection, "In Line," drawings from the 16th through the 20th Century, and "Curiouser and Curiouser," selections from the first half of the last century (and a little bit earlier).

The curators put a lot of work and thought into coming up with themes under which to show parts of the permanent collection. It probably keeps them off the streets and out of trouble, but for my money they could do with just one theme and just one title, "Some More Stuff from the Permanent Collection."

And one hopes and assumes that they're selling off works in the permanent collection that they never get around to showing.

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

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Hello Everyone,

I am writing everyone I know to ask for your help. As I am writing this I sit in amazement that today we have lost a very dear friend.

Mamma Reyna was hit while driving today and it was fatal. Mama has been a part of both Phoenix and Tucson history for a long time. Mamma has given so much of himself to both communities and will be greatly missed. I am writing for his mother, she has no finances to properly bury him.

I am asking everyone to give a donation to help cover this expense. I am sure that you will hear more as the days go by, but we need to act now! Whatever you can do will be greatly appreciated by his family and friends.. I am not sure where to send them, but I work at the Wells Fargo Parking Lot at 35 E. Alameda. You may drop them off there and I will get them to where they need to go.

To Mamma Reyna's friends and family: Mamma Reyna you will always have a place in my heart. I am asking that God keep you safe and that He wrap His arms around your friends and family and comfort them.

Everyone thank you for your time.

In God Love and Light,
Brian Fox aka Alotta Whoremoan's

[ED NOTE: Mamma Reyna's passing is noted in our 'Memoriam' column in this issue of Observer. A fundraising plan is described there, including two scheduled fund raising events. Her death has shocked all of her fans. Since this has happened so suddenly, final plans have not yet been completed as of press time. More information will be included in next week's issue.]

Play Safe!

What Makes Our Town Tick?

Celebrazamusic@yahoo.com By Jerry D.

'Goodbye Wild Bill'

Hello readers! Those of you familiar with my column know that August is not one of my favorite months. Death is never easy for anyone, but for some reason the month that launches our monsoons also seems to trigger a rush of sorrow that no other time of the year brings. I was just about to finish the month this past week when sure enough, loss once again visited my door.

I went to the 7-11 the other day to get a snack. As I left to walk back to work, I noticed the day's newspaper lying on a bus stop bench. I picked it up without a second thought and carried it to my office. I had an afternoon appointment on the East Side of town. That meant that I would be passing by a stoplight where Wild Bill sells his newspapers. I have known Wild Bill for over 10 years, and for all that time all I have ever seen him do is sell papers on the median.

A couple of years ago, Tucson tried to ban median sales and panhandlers. They claimed it was a safety issue. Those who made their living selling papers would be put out of business. The local paper covered the story of Wild Bill and how his only income was selling on the median. The law was passed, but not without a special clause that protected those like Wild Bill. I was happy to see him on a regular basis and today I was set to give him $1 for the paper. He had given me a couple of issues last week without asking for anything in return. He would stick out his arm as I passed the light and toss it into my car.

As I passed the median to see Bill, I noticed another vendor instead. That has happened before so I figured Bill missed his chance on his corner. As I stopped at the light, I noticed a sign next to the light post. In the center was a picture of Wild Bill with his arm out to the street, holding a paper in his now famous fashion. The words that surrounded his picture though were not what I was intending to see.

It simply said, 'We will miss you Wild Bill". I found out that Bill passed away this week. Another seller was now filling his corner of many years. I started to cry after passing the light. 10 years of Bill selling me papers and giving me advice on everything from food, to the weather in Tucson, and even love.

I thought about that paper I found this morning, and can only attribute it to Bill giving me one last paper, from wherever he is now. I will miss you Bill. I will never buy another newspaper without thinking of you. I am glad that August is now over, but know that in a very short year it will be back. We each have a time of the year when we wish it would pass as quickly as possible. I guess it's just a way for us to be more thankful for those months when everything seems to go right. Have a great week and remember the upcoming primary!

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Robinson Praised By Episcopal Leader

NEW YORK - The head of the Episcopal Church is defending the denomination's decision to confirm its first openly Gay bishop in a letter to U.S. clergy and his fellow Anglican leaders around the world.

Presiding bishop Frank Griswold told the 37 leaders, called primates, that a "blessing" can come from the controversy over the Reverend V. Gene Robinson, bishop-elect of New Hampshire. Robinson has lived openly with his male partner for more than 13 years.

"I must say in the strongest possible terms that if I believed in any part of my being that the consent to this election was unfaithful to an authentic way of reading Scripture and contrary to the leading of the Holy Spirit, I could no longer serve as the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church," Griswold wrote in the letter released Monday.

The Episcopal Church, with 2.3 million members, is the U.S. branch of the 77 million-member Anglican Communion. Several Anglican leaders overseas threatened to cut ties with the American church after Robinson was confirmed on August 5 at the Episcopal General Convention. Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, head of the communion, has summoned Anglican leaders to an October 15-16 meeting in London to discuss the fallout.

Griswold, in his letter, noted that some conservative Episcopalians who lobbied against Robinson plan to seek authorization for a separate North American Anglican province. Griswold committed himself to "helping our church to find a way forward that both preserves the unity of the church and honors the deeply divergent points of view among us."

Top Catholic Sees Anti-G/L Marriage Moves

NEW YORK - The Roman Catholic Church will intensify its efforts to prevent legalization of same-sex marriage, the president of the nation's Catholic bishops said Friday, August 29

Bishop Wilton D. Gregory said the bishops could endorse a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution to define marriage as only heterosexual, though he stopped short of making such an endorsement himself, reported the Associated Press.

Gregory, of Belleville, Ill., said the church is seeking "the best, most effective and surest means" for protecting marriage. "At this point, everything is on the table," he said.

The Vatican denounced same-sex marriages in a July doctrinal decree, while Canada's government is working to legalize them — a move that Gregory said "brought this close to us."

Some Republicans in Congress are calling for a constitutional ban on Gay marriages nationwide. President Bush has not endorsed that proposal but has said marriage is between a man and a woman, and "we ought to codify that one way or the other."

Gregory said, "We believe the government has an obligation to protect marriage as an institution," and U.S. Catholic leaders will cooperate with "others who are similarly concerned with preserving the Judeo-Christian-Islamic religious understanding of marriage in society."

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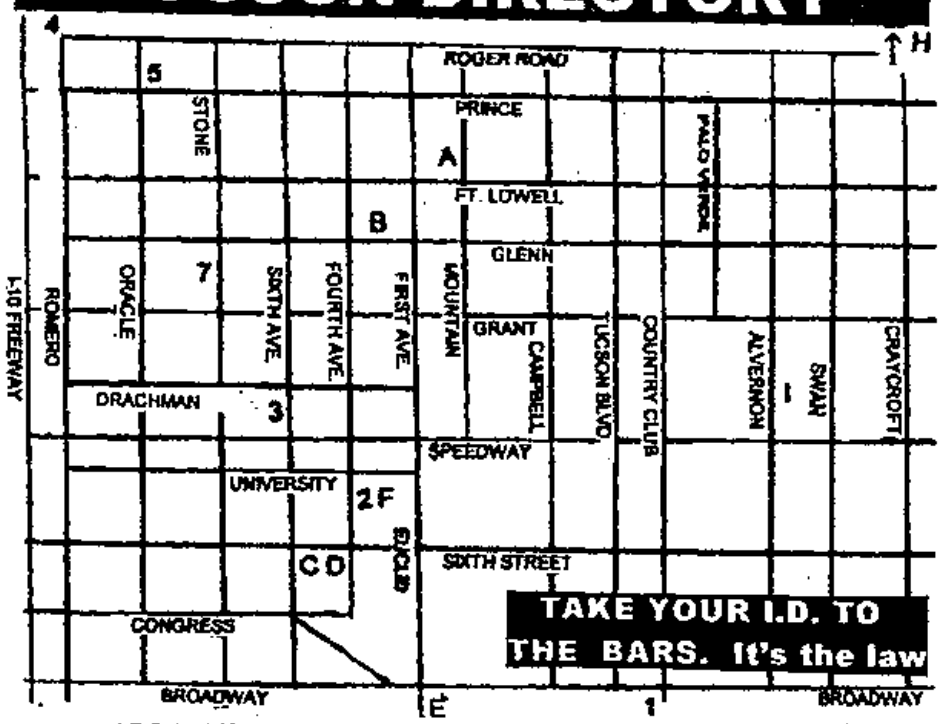

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Attack Victim

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Bryan told AP.

Wyoming is one of the few states without a law that enhances penalties for hate crimes.

Stalking is a misdemeanor in Wyoming, carrying a maximum penalty of six months in prison and a $750 fine. The trial is set to begin September 26.

Take The Plunge

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knowing that by the time they boarded the plane in Buffalo a couple of days later the official imprimatur on their relationship would have already faded.

"If someone asks me if I'm married I don't know what I'll say," Walter said. "I suppose I'll tell them I am in Canada but not at home."

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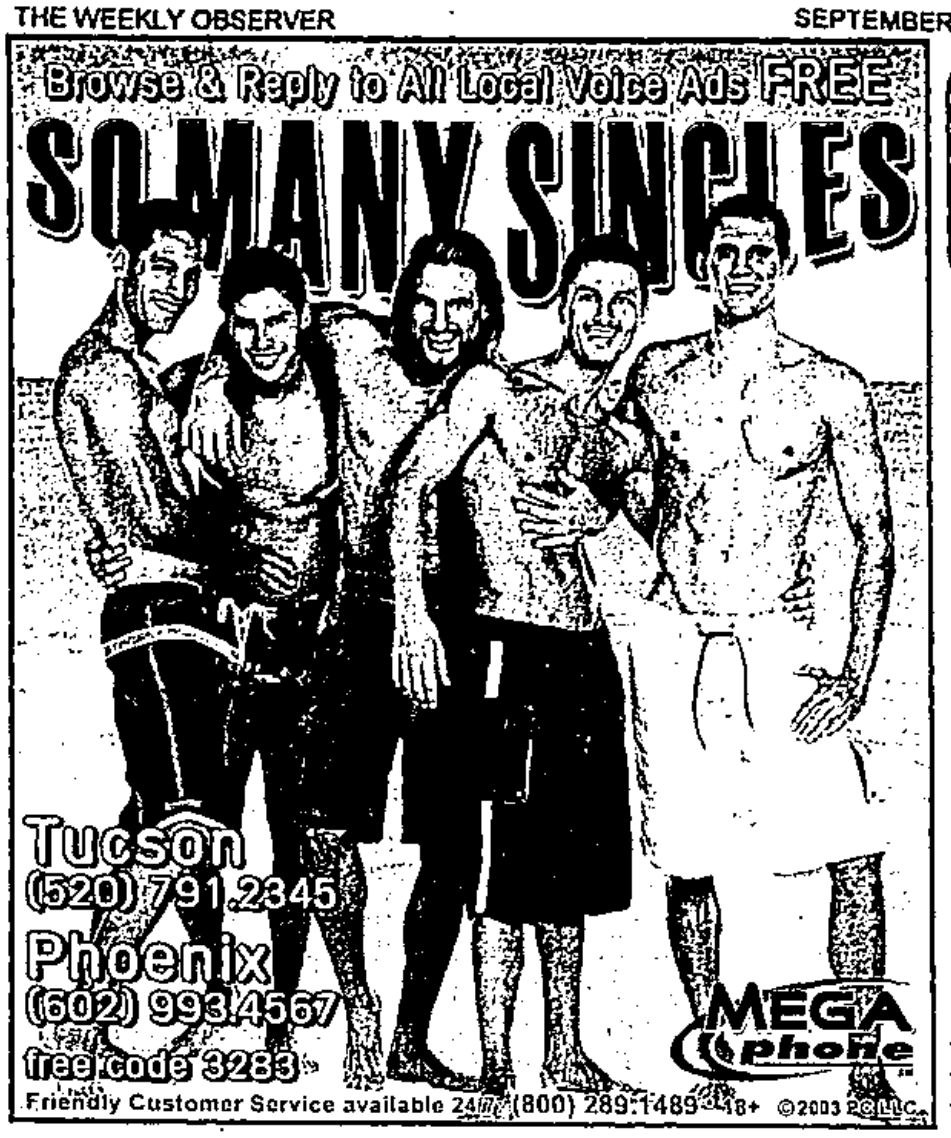

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Dear Dr. X,

Sometimes I have a problem getting an erection and/or keeping it. Is Viagra safe? How does it work? Are there any other options?

Limp Biscuit

Dear LB,

Erectile dysfunction is a serious problem and can be very damaging to ones self-esteem. Most men will have times when they can't get or keep an erection and older men may take longer to get an erection. These are all normal events. Problems are often the result of other diseases (both physical and/or mental) or the medications used to treat them.

Getting and maintaining an erection is a complex process. It depends on sexual feelings, healthy arteries and veins, a healthy nervous system and normal hormones. You should see your doctor and get a checkup right away if you are having erection problems. Viagra is a very serious solution and not to be treated like picking up a pack of gum. Viagra does not treat the underlying causes of erection problems.

A chemical called cGMP causes arteries in the penis to widen and increase blood flow causing an erection. After a man cums an enzyme is produced that causes the penis to get soft. Viagra inhibits that enzyme and creates more cGMP. This makes it so that an erection is more likely to occur and to last longer. You should also never mix poppers and Viagra. Both cause a condition known as vasodilation, which means that your blood pressure drops and blood vessels open up wide. Combining the two can cause you to get very lightheaded, have a fatal drop in blood pressure and possibly cause a heart attack. Hope this helps.

Dear Dr. X,

Where do you get off saying that open relationships are "seldom successful"? What's your evidence?! Just because you couldn't make it work doesn't mean many other Gay men don't exist wonderfully in open relationships. I am in an open relationship and it has worked for over ten years now. It has been difficult to manage at times, but it has increased the quantity and quality of sex-related communication between my spouse and I. If it is your opinion that open relationships rarely work, then fine. Just please state that it is your opinion, and not fact.

Sincerely,
Openly Pissed

Dear OP,

It was not my intention to piss you off and I apologize for any misunderstanding. I was talking from my own experience and from conversations I have had with friends and should have made that clear. It was my opinion, not anything based in fact. It was our combined opinions that make me think that open relationships do not work.

However, I need to hear from men like you who are in open relationships that do work. Dr. X is always open to learning (it is a continual process until we die). What would be interesting for our readers and myself is to hear more of how you and your partner make it work. Do you have a contract? What are your rules or guidelines? Would you define yourself as being emotionally monogamous but sexually open? Answers to these and other questions would help those struggling with this same issue to see how they could make it work.

I do agree that people can be totally committed to one another and want to be a couple, but that sex has become boring and predictable. Perhaps opening it up would help make sex exciting again? I want to know more and hope you will write again to let me see your side. Thanks!

[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.]

NON-BAR CALENDAR
GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
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 Marty at 722-8531.

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 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.

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
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 591-2828.

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
Tucson Prime Timers Breakfast – 9:00 a..m. The Egg Connection, 3114 E. Ft. Lowell Rd. (& Country Club)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
Tucson Prime Timers Lunch/Business Meeting - Noon. Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd.

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

Bar Calendar
Entertainment Events

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
IBT'S - 9.00 p.m. The 'DivaLicious' Show starring Faith Michaels, Veronica Halliwell, Tabitha Lovatt and Teri Akki.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
IBT'S - Bon Voyage Bathing Suit Party for IBT's Lifeguard, Dan, on his way to Key West. 6:00 until ???.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
IBT'S - Party line-up includes Troy's Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. $1.75 Bloody Mary Buffet, 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 week's proceeds go to PFLAG. 8:00 p.m. Special fundraising show for Chantelle Douglas, candidate for Miss Gay America. Show stars Bunny FuFu, Veronica Halliwell, Janee Starr, Teri Akki and Lucinda Holliday.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
VENTURE-N - Spaghetti with Jimmy D's super sauce. 6-8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. The "DivaLicious" Show starring Bunny FuFu, Veronica Halliwell, Janee Starr and Tori Steele.

VENTURE-N - Full Moon Party! Drink Specials 9 to close.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
VENTURE-N - DJ Larry's Birthday Party. Larry spins music 9:00 to close. Drink special.

WOODY'S - 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. A Parking Lot Garage Sale and Car Wash to benefit Tucson's candidates for Miss Gay America Bunny FuFu and Veronica Halliwell.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
YARD DOG - Another special from the Dawg - Village People Contest begins at 9:00 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
Tucson Prime Timers Lunch – 12:30 p.m., The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
Tucson Prime Timers Video Night – 7:00 p.m.. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Memoir Writing Workshop. Author Trebor Healey will be teaching a free workshop on fictional vs. non-fictional memoir writing. He will also focus on how to approach the process of expressing creatively the watershed moments of our lives; whether they are emotional, erotic, interpersonal or spiritual. Trebor is the author of the novel Through It Came Bright Colors and has taught writing workshops with Discovery Gay Men's Retreats, LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center), and at the Grasshopper Palace in San Francisco. Sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Committee of the Tucson-Pima Public Library, Joel D. Valdez Main Library, Lower Level Meeting Room, 2:00 - 4:00 P.m.

Arts & Entertainment

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Live Theatre Workshop presents "Cash Flow" by D.B. Giles. A hilarious comedy about a publishing firm on the brink of financial ruin. The round table discussion between the top three executives centers around their ideas on how to save the company. The son of the former president, Elliott Gallagher (cliff Madison) wants to bring in a questionable investor, the company treasurer Marty Blasingame (John McRosstie), wants to file bankruptcy, and the veteran sales manager Casey McDermott (Bruce Bieszki) suggests they hire an arsonist (Tony Eckstat) to burn the building down. One glimmer of hope lies in the inventive educational program designed by the editorial chief Carolyn McNeil (Maria Fletcher). But where to get the money to develop it? Does the answer lie in corruption or destruction? A laugh out loud romp with a surprise ending. Show times are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinee 3:00 p.m. only. Tickets range from $14 - $12. Call 327-4242 for reservations and information about 2003-2004 season ticket packets.

SEPTEMBER 3 - 14
"Rumors" a play by Neil Simon, presented by the Arizona Repertory Theatre and directed by Samantha K. Wyer. Evening performances Sept. 3-6 and 11-13 at 7:30 p.m. Matinees: Sept 7,13&14 at 1:30 p.m. Marroney Theatre on the UA Campus located at the southeast corner of Park Ave. and Speedway Blvd. General admission $22 with discounts for seniors, students and employees. Tickets available through the UA Fine Arts Box Office, 621-1162. Check out the web site http://www.UATheatre.org

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
In concert, the Goo Goo Dolls: "Here is Gone", "Slide", "Name". Gates open at 7:00 p.m. Show starts at 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
Direct from Mexico City, UA Presents Eugenia León - The Voice! Its passion, its artistry and its versatility have won accolades worldwide, from New York, Los Angeles, Paris, Sao Paulo, Buenos Aires and Lisbon. Now it will captivate you! 8:00 p.m. at UA Centennial Hall. Call (520)621-3341 or www.uapresents.org.

Julio Inglesias live at the Desert Diamond Casino Entertainment Center Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets $38-$48 and $60 in advance. $43-$53-$65 day of show.] For concert information call 1-866-DDC-WINS or www.DesertDiamondCasino.com

Gallery Four Ten presents "Roots" featuring artists Bob Bergier, Lydia D'Amico, Maurice Grossman, Judith Mariner, Darin Schoeny, Jorge Vergeli and Richard Zelans. Opening reception this evening from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Gallery Hours are Wednesday through Saturday fom11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by Appointment. 520-740-1947.

SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 5
The Invisible Theatre Season Opener "Having Our Say: The Delaney Sisters' First 100 Years." $16 Preview Mon. 9/15 7:30 p.m. $20 Tues., Weds., Thurs., Sun. 7:30 p.m. $22 Fri., Sat., 8:00 pm. And Sat & Sun. 2:00 p.m. For reservations call 882-9721 10am - 4pm. Invisible Theatre, 1400 N. First Avenue (at Drachman). Two unforgettable pioneering African-American sisters, 103-year-old Sadie and 101-year-old Bessie Delaney, take us on a remarkable journey through the 20th century of our nation's history. The play is an invitation to visit with the Delaney Sisters as they relive their memories of the past, their secrets of the present and their hopes for the future.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
The Allman Brothers Band in concert at AVA Casino Del Sol. Show starts at 7:00 p.m. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets on sale now. TicketMaster 321-1000.

SEPTEMBER 17 - 28
Borderlands Theater presents the world premiere of a new play, "Electricidad (An American Tragedy), by Luis Alfaro at the Pima Community College Center for the Arts, Proscenium Theatre, 2202 W. Anklam Road. Set in a Tucson barrio, Electricidad is a Chicano take on Sophocles' Electra written in Spanglish. This heartbreaking and humorous saga explores the confines between love, murder, grief and revenge. A mother and a daughter square off against each other at all costs and change the course of their family and community forever. Thursdays-Fridays-Saturdays 7:30 p.m. Sundays 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. For reservations call (520)882-7406.

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 -Open Noon $1.75 Bloodys, Screws or Mimosas.. Sangria Party $2.50 from 4-1 Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5:30-8pm. Karaoke with Michael D. on the patio 4:30-7:30. 6:30 shows or special events or Hi energy dancing w/DJ T.C. Wildman'. 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Bar opens at 2pm. Bloody Marys $2.00. Free pool all day.

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 Beach Volleyball games 5-?. $2.50 sirloin burger w/salad 5-8pm. 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 Noon. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, $2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Bare Chest Nite- Bare it and get happy hour prices from 9 to close. Progressive/Retro '80s dance with DJ Q. 9 to close

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Bar Opens 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. $1 Kamakazi, Jellos.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8

WOODY'S - Open Noon. $2 well or domestic til 7pm. Bartender Calls it drink specials..

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am.50¢ off any Tequila until 7pm Kennel open 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 8 to close.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, $2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Tee's & Tattoo Nite, wear an House Hi-Nergy Dance 9pm to close W/DJ-Q

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Bar Opens 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. $1 Kamakazi, Jellos.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8

WOODY'S - Open Noon. $2 well or domestic til 7pm. Bartender Calls it drink specials..

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

Wednesday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-4-1 domestic beer and well from 2-7pm. 80s retro music 8pm - close. $1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or $1 Tequila shots 8-1.

IBT's - Open Noon. 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 4-7pm. plus drink specials. Shrimp Fry Dinner 5-8pm $5.99. Karaoke 8pm-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. $2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Free Hot Dog Buffet 5-11pm. Underwear- fetish- leather nite w/Gary and Chris along with GMHP. $1 off any drink or bottled beer (Excludes draft & schnapps) for all in leather or underwear.

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, $2 Kamikazees and $1 Hot Sex..

IBT's - Open Noon. 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 4-7pm. 10oz Sirloin Steak w/potato & salad 5.30-8pm, $6.99.

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 7pm. 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.

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10:30am-1am. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Fish or Shrimp Dinner $5.99 11am-8pm. Country Western Dance with Libby & Pat 8pm-closing.

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 7pm. Martini Party - Well Martini's $2.00 4-8pm. Call Martinis $3 from 4-8pm. Complimentary Shrimp Cocktail 4-8pm. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

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

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

IBT's - 10am-5pm $4 Martinis and Daquaris. 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. Grill open 1-7pm. Margaritas $3 6pm-close. Latino Nite. Dancing w/Dr. Carlos. FreeSAAF HIV testing.

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 7pm. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Steak or Mahi Mahi 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

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NOTICES

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

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

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 21 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 615-3491, 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.

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

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

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

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

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message. TucsonSources@aol.com

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

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

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

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

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

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 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)371-3102

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. Want to join? E-mail: www.desertvoices.org or call 791-9662.

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

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave. All alcoholics welcome.

NOTICES

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, contract TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

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

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

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

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 6pm. Tucson Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OUTober*FEST*. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit the TPI website at www.tucsonpride.com

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7063.

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-sensative clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

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

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

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people 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 838-3975.

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 Sunday from 7-8 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI.

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

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

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

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

DESERT DOMINION, 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.

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HALLELUJAH RECOVERY DRUG & ALCOHOL 12-STEP. Every Thursday 5:30-6:30pm at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4626.

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC provided daily by the *Pima County Health Department*. Gay friendly. Confidential. Treatment and Medication too! Any questions? Call 624-8272

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

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS: a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6219 (Phoenix)

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. 743-4800.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE MAN TO MAN Social/erotic education club is the tantric men's group that offers passionate friendships, fun activities and sex education. Marc 881-4582

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.

PERSONALS

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Attackers Plead Guilty In Broudy Beating

LOS ANGELES - The final two suspects charged in the near-fatal attack on Gay actor Trev Broudy pleaded guilty on Thursday, August 28 - one year after the incident occurred in West Hollywood, Calif.

Torwin Sessions, 20, and Vincent Dotson, 19, pleaded guilty to mayhem and conspiracy to commit robbery in the attack, the Associated Press reported. A day earlier, a third suspect, Larry Walker, entered the same plea, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Broudy, who appeared in the movie "The Fluffer," was attacked during Labor Day weekend last year after he hugged a male friend outside his home. The assailants beat him with a baseball bat, leaving him in a coma. Broudy was hospitalized for 10 weeks and still has not completely recovered his eyesight.

The attack shocked of the Gay-friendly city of West Hollywood and mobilized residents to be vigilant against similar attacks.

Broudy believes he was targeted because he is Gay, but prosecutors declined to file hate crime charges in the case.

Authorities believe Sessions and Dotson participated in the beating, while Walker searched Broudy for valuables.

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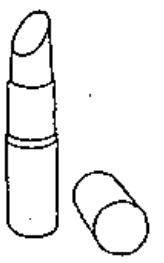

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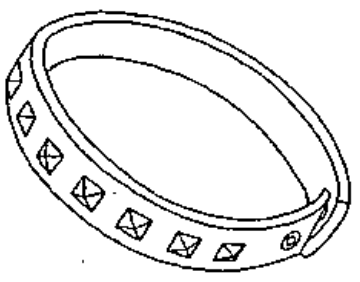

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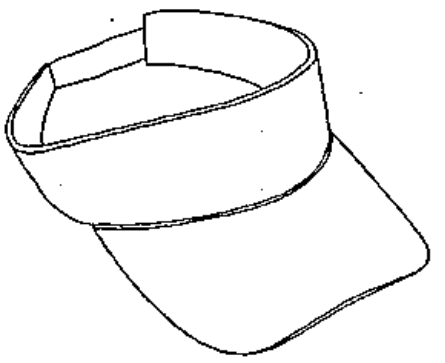

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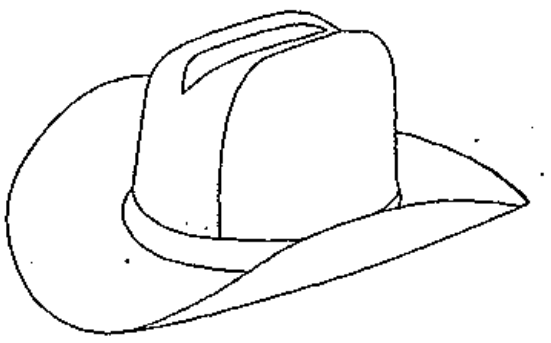

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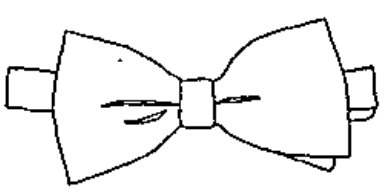

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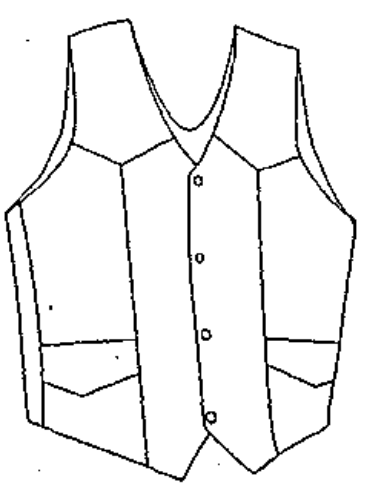

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