

AIDSWALK RAISES \$225,000



Pictured above is the IBT'S-Woody's AIDS WALK team which won the award for raising the most money by a Small Business (50 employees or fewer). The team raised \$3596.00 for their participation in AIDS WALK 2003. This money added to the rest of the teams of walkers raised the total of over a quarter of a million dollars. Congratulations to the IBT'S-Woody's team and to all the other individuals and teams who walked in support of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation in their battle with the AIDS epidemic. More photos on page ten of this issue. All photos are by Amanda Irvin. See story below.

By Anne Malcy
Executive Director, Southern Arizona
AIDS Foundation

TUCSON - What a day it was! October 19, 2003 and it promised to be a warm one. However, nothing could discourage the 4000 people who came out in support of the fight against AIDS by participating in the 15th Annual AIDS WALK TUCSON. With the remaining donations coming in, AIDS WALK will have raised \$225,000 this year!

Looking across Rillito Park on Sunday, one could see an incredibly diverse crowd. People from a wide spectrum of lifestyles, ages, and ethnicities were gathered to walk or run as part of this major fundraising event. The message was clear: everyone is touched in some way by AIDS. The opening of nine quilts from the National AIDS Quilt Project and the presence of several quilts from the Tucson AIDS Quilt Project at the event made that point very clear.

Helping achieve Sunday's success were corporate underwriters including the co-titles sponsors: Desert Diamond Casino and Safeway Pharmacy. Other major sponsors included Long Realty, Community Partnership of Southern Arizona (CPSA), Cox Communications, 104.1 The Point, KEVT-Radio 1030, KOLD-TV, and the Tucson Weekly.

Teams and individuals raised the remaining amount needed to meet goal. The winning teams for each category in order of the amounts raised were: Small Business Team (50 employees or fewer): IBT's and Woody's - \$3596; School Team (K-12): Hermosa Montessori - \$2788;

Corporate Team: Raytheon - \$2330; Organization/Nonprofit Team: TIHAN - \$1785; College University Team: University of Arizona, College of Pharmacy - \$1776; Friends and Family Team: Eric's Energy - \$601; The individual who raised the most money was Rosie Tucker who brought in \$2655.

Many food and beverage vendors welcomed the walkers to an array of delicious items and liquid refreshments. The walk began with the enthusiastic musical accompaniment of John Lochart's Millennium Music Service with DJ Quentin Jenkins spurring walkers on and welcoming them when they returned.

Special thanks goes to TIHAN for offering a well-attended Interfaith Service prior to the Quilt Opening Ceremony. Thank you also to Reveille Gay Men's Chorus who sang for the Interfaith Service attendees.

Tucson is a caring community, and I want to thank you for participating in AIDS WALK 2003. Many people's lives have been enriched because you have given of yourself. You're great!

COMMENTARY: . . .

Observer Recommendations Volgy - Ibarra - Scott

Voters in the City of Tucson will go to the polls, Tuesday, November 4 to decide who will lead the city, as Mayor, and who will serve in two contested of three seats on Tucson's City Council for Ward One, Two and Four, up for consideration this year.

This is an important election for all Tucsonans and participation is a must, either through early voting or by going to the polls because the direction of how this city and its government proceeds will be decided.

In the contest for Mayor, the Observer is disappointed in the actions and the lack thereof, by the current occupant for the post who is seeking another four year term and strongly feels a change is needed. Tucson is going through tough times and the community needs someone, with the knowledge, experience and expertise, not a cheerleader. Former Tucson Mayor, Democrat Tom Volgy is the person who can do this and has, in his previous term as Mayor, when he inherited a similar situation and helped to get the government out of its financial doldrums in 1987, when he was sworn in after the stock market crash of that year.

Volgy is a strong supporter of issues of concern to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) community. As Mayor he issued the first GLBT pride proclamation, and had participated in the Pride Picnic's held in June, as the Ward 6 Councilmember, one of the first elected officials to do so. During the recent candidate forum held, October 14, Volgy stated that GLBT citizens will get the same protection and services from government as everyone else, and there will be "zero tolerance" to future situations similar to that of the off-duty Tucson fire fighter. Tucson Mayors had issued Proclamations, openly participated in GLBT events and taken part in fund raisers for AIDS Service Organizations, something the current occupant has not done since his initial campaign and election in 1999.

For the Ward One Council seat, the choice is quite clear for Tucson's GLBT Community. Councilmember Jose Ibarra

has been one of our solid, and most strongest supporters. From the creation of the City of Tucson GLBT Commission, adding protections to the anti discrimination ordinance, approving grant funding for GLBT community and AIDS Service Organizations, calling for the removal of the off-duty fire fighter, speaking out for the GLBT commission, naming a few of the many issues and instances of note, Ibarra has been there for us and we need to be there for him, by casting a vote for him in the Ward One Council race.

In the other contested race, for the Ward Four City Council seat, the Observer is recommending the return of the incumbent City Councilmember, Shirley Scott, Democrat, for another term. Councilmember Scott has been supportive on most GLBT issues but her Republican opponent, a perennial candidate who has run for the State House of Representatives twice prior, panders to the religious right and sought the support of the Center for Arizona Policy, an ultra right-wing, anti-GLBT, conservative political organization out of Phoenix, so the choice here is a clear one.

For more information about the election, call the City Clerk's office, (520) 791-4213.

Lambda Urges Court To Uphold Governor's Order

PHOENIX - In an important case for lesbian, gay and bisexual Arizona state employees, Lambda Legal on October 17, urged the state Supreme Court to uphold Gov. Janet Napolitano's executive order that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation against state employees.

Napolitano issued the executive order in June, adding Arizona to nearly two-dozen other states with similar policies barring anti-gay discrimination against state employees. Six state legislators have asked the state Supreme Court to overturn Napolitano's order, claiming the governor lacks the authority to set such a policy. The state Supreme Court will decide whether to hear the case later this month.

"We don't believe the Supreme Court should even hear this case because the governor so clearly has the authority to set policy for state employees she oversees. But as the justices weigh this, we want them to have all of the information in front of them, which is why we submitted an extensive brief today," said Jon Davidson, Senior Counsel for Lambda Legal in its Western Regional Office. "It is absolutely

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Gay Soldier Returns From Middle East Deployment

SANTA BARBARA - A U.S. soldier whose homosexual orientation was known to most members of his unit returned recently from deployment in the Middle East, and described his experience to researchers at the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military (CSSMM) at the University of California, Santa Barbara. The soldier, who will be referred to as Ryan, is the president of Gay and Lesbian Servicemembers for Equality (www.glsme.org), which was formed shortly after national attention focused on the expulsion of Gay Arabic translators from the Army in the fall of 2002.

Ryan, who was deployed to the Middle East for a six-month tour, reported that most of his unit knew he was Gay and that serving openly had no adverse effect on cohesion or readiness. "It was a non-factor," he said. "Especially in a combat situation, it's really the last thing on anyone's mind. It's just a question of doing your job." Ryan explained that the military has many methods of addressing inappropriate behavior, such as sexual harassment, and that there should be a single standard for the conduct of Gays and straights alike.

Although other soldiers' knowledge of his sexual orientation did not undermine cohesion, the "don't ask, don't tell" regulations themselves added extra burdens to the task of bonding with his fellow troops. The policy prohibits any conduct or statements that reveal a "propensity" to engage in same-sex sexual conduct. "You cannot have any sort of relationships with people in that sense," including emotional ones, Ryan explained, because the law bans any behavior which a

"reasonable person" might regard as indicating likely homosexual conduct. This regulation, he said, interferes with the bonding process essential to forming cohesive fighting forces. "When I was in a unit where people didn't know [that I was Gay], it made it harder to form interpersonal relationships to the point where people can go to war together." When soldiers deploy, he explained, "it's not like you can go home at the end of the day and you have your friends who you can talk to about something like this."

Ryan's remarks on the round-the-clock nature of military service offered new insight into the effects of the Gay ban on military effectiveness. Defenders of the ban have argued that allowing known Gays to serve would compromise heterosexual privacy rights because they cannot go home at the end of the day. Ryan's experience, however, seemed to indicate that that same situation for Gays can hamstring their capacity to bond with their peers. "It is not the presence of Gays in the military that undermines privacy, but the ban itself," said Nathaniel Frank, senior research fellow at CSSMM. "Don't ask, don't tell" forces Gay soldiers to train, live and fight under a peculiar burden of isolation, which is particularly onerous when troops deploy to hostile territory."

Researchers have noted that the Gay ban, although it was designed to protect the privacy of straights, actually "occasions a systematic invasion of heterosexual privacy." Melissa Sheridan Embser-Herbert, a professor of sociology at Hamline University, and a retired U.S. Army Captain, argues that "don't ask, don't

tell" does not only affect Gay soldiers, but requires all soldiers to "go out of their way to be read as heterosexual." In her research of soldiers' attitudes toward gender and sexual orientation conformity, Embser-Herbert was stunned by the degree to which women, in particular, spoke of the need to "display heterosexuality." "The part that really shocked me," she said, "was the number of women who talked about either dating or having sex with men to ensure their heterosexuality." She added that many of these women were actually straight. "By creating an environment where people are at risk if they're thought to be non-heterosexual," she concluded, "you create an environment where soldiers are compelled to make sure people think that they are heterosexual, and that creates an invasion of their privacy."

These "compelled performances," some observers worry, may interfere with the bonding process in training and combat situations. Ryan described how serving under the Gay ban erodes the mutual trust that is essential to effective bonding. "A great deal of military service is being able to trust the people around you," he said, "being able to be comfortable enough around them that you can trust someone with your life." When you are forced to offer a partial picture of who you are, he explained, it becomes difficult to have confidence that your peers are embracing the true you. "Having to conceal something like this [one's sexual orientation] can make you doubt the personal bonds and professional bonds that you have with people," he said. "Lying makes it hard for others to trust you. It's a forced lack of integrity on your part, and if you're living a lie, they're not trusting you, but a picture of

you that you put in their head."

Ryan also cited feelings of resentment toward the military that can undermine a soldier's morale and commitment to the institution. He said that some Gay soldiers question why they should put themselves in harm's way for an organization that treats them as second-class citizens. "If the military is going to discriminate against me, [some people feel,] why should I fight for that institution and risk death? This is the way a lot of Gay people feel, and it's unfortunate because it's a great opportunity to serve your country."

"One of the biggest tenets of military service is personal integrity," Ryan added, "and what the military is doing is forcing people to lie."

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Sexual Identity Hard Wired By Genetics Study Says

LOS ANGELES - Sexual identity is wired into the genes, which discounts the concept that homosexuality and Transgender sexuality are a choice, California researchers reported on Monday, October 20.

"Our findings may help answer an important question -- why do we feel male or female?" Dr. Eric Vilain, a genetics professor at the University of California, Los Angeles School of Medicine, said in a statement. "Sexual identity is rooted in every person's biology before birth and springs from a variation in our individual genome."

His team has identified 54 genes in that may explain why male and female brains look and function differently.

Since the 1970s, scientists have believed that estrogen and testosterone were wholly responsible for sexually organizing the brain. Recent evidence, however, indicates that hormones cannot explain everything about the sexual differences between male and female brains.

Published in the latest edition of the journal *Molecular Brain Research*, the UCLA discovery may also offer physicians an improved tool for gender assignment of babies born with ambiguous genitalia.

Mild cases of malformed genitalia occur in 1 percent of all births -- about 3 million cases. More severe cases -- where doctors can't inform parents whether they had a boy or girl -- occur in one in 3,000 births.

"If physicians could predict the gender of newborns with ambiguous genitalia at birth, we would make less

mistakes in gender assignment," Vilain said.

Using two genetic testing methods, the researchers compared the production of genes in male and female brains in embryonic mice -- long before the animals developed sex organs.

They found 54 genes produced in different amounts in male and female mouse brains, prior to hormonal influence. Eighteen of the genes were produced at higher levels in the male brains; 36 were produced at higher levels in the female brains.

"We discovered that the male and female brains differed in many measurable ways, including anatomy and function," Vilain said.

For example, the two hemispheres of the brain appeared more symmetrical in females than in males. According to Vilain, the symmetry may improve communication between both sides of the brain, leading to enhanced verbal expressiveness in females.

"This anatomical difference may explain why women can sometimes articulate their feelings more easily than men," he said.

The scientists plan to conduct further studies to determine the specific role for each of the 54 genes they identified.

"Our findings may explain why we feel male or female, regardless of our actual anatomy," said Vilain. "These discoveries lend credence to the idea that being Transgender -- feeling that one has been born into the body of the wrong sex -- is a state of mind."

Lesbian Appeals Divorce-Like Ruling

SPOKANE - An appeals court is being urged to throw out a lower court ruling that would force a woman doctor to split assets 50-50 with her former Lesbian partner, just as a divorcing couple must, the Associated Press reported.

Though Washington state doesn't recognize same-sex marriage, Yakima County Superior Court Judge Heather Van Nuys had ruled in November that the 10-year relationship between physician Julia Robertson and nurse Linda Gormley was "sufficiently marriage-like to provide equitable relief" when the couple broke up in 1998.

Washington state's "community property" law requires married couples getting a divorce to split assets gained during the marriage equally.

Van Nuys said the relationship between Robertson and Gormley had been an "intimate domestic partnership" that allowed both women the same community property rights given to a husband and wife in a divorce.

Robertson, who made significantly more money than her lover, appealed the ruling.

Robertson's lawyer, Bryan Myre, argued before the three-judge appeals panel Wednesday that Robertson and Gormley never signed an agreement to divide their assets equally.

Robertson, Myre argued, "contributed the majority of income and assets to this relationship." He said Gormley "requested not what she put into the relation-

ship, but one half of everything."

Howard Schwartz, representing Gormley, said Van Nuys' ruling was just, fair and equitable.

The appeals court is expected to rule on the case by the end of the year.

Gormley sued Robertson after the couple ended their relationship in 1998. She had been responsible for her share of debts owed on joint credit accounts but had no claim to the house purchased in Yakima in 1993 under Robertson's name. When they broke up, Gormley was paid for a share of the house and other property was divided between them.

Same-sex marriage lacks full legal recognition in all 50 states. Vermont recognizes civil unions, which give homosexual couples the benefits and responsibilities of marriage but are separate from legal marriages. A new California law, in effect in 2005, grants domestic partners many of the rights and responsibilities of marriage, including allowing them to seek alimony.

The Washington Supreme Court took up the issue of same-sex relationships in May, ruling that a Seattle man's 30-year same-sex relationship was enough like a marriage to grant him a share of his deceased partner's estate.





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POLITICS 2003

by Mark R. Kerr

So Where Do They Really Stand? Dennis Kucinich

Continuing in the series on how the Democratic Presidential candidates stand on GLBT issues is U.S. Representative Dennis Kucinich.

In 36 states, no laws protect Americans from employment discrimination based on sexual orientation, like the federal laws that exist on race, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability. As president, would you support and work for passage of a federal bill that would prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation?

Kucinich: Support. Comments: Representative Kucinich was an original co-sponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, a bill to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, in the 105th, 106th, and 107th Congresses. Mr. Kucinich continues to be a strong supporter of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, although it has not been reintroduced in the 108th Congress.

As president, would you support and work for passage of a federal bill that outlawed discrimination in the workplace based on gender identity and expression?

Kucinich: Support. Comments: In May of 2000 Representative Kucinich signed a Gender Public Advocacy Coalition pledge to publicly affirm that an individual's gender expression or identity is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in his office. Mr. Kucinich reaffirmed this pledge in March of 2003.

Currently federal hate crime laws do not cover sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. Would you support the inclusion of protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity to the law passed in 1968 which covers the categories of race, religion and national origin?

Kucinich: Support. Comments: Representative Kucinich was an original co-sponsor of HR 1343, the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2001, a bill to provide Federal assistance to States and local jurisdictions to prosecute hate crimes, including those crimes motivated by prejudice based on a victim's sexual orientation. Mr. Kucinich was also a co-sponsor of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act in the 106th and 105th Congresses, a bill that amends the Federal criminal code to set penalties for persons who willfully injure a person because of their sexual orientation.

New treatments have improved the quality of life for those living with HIV/AIDS, but those treatments are expensive, and not available to everyone who needs them. As president, would you support: Increased funding for the Ryan White CARE Act?

Kucinich: Support. Comments: Representative Kucinich was a co-sponsor of HR 4807, the Ryan White CARE Act Amendments of 2000 in the 106th Congress. This bill provided grants to states to support programs established under the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act of 1990.

Allowing low-income Americans better access to treatment through the Early Treatment for HIV Act (ETHA)?

Kucinich: Support. Comments: Representative Kucinich was a co-sponsor of HR 2063, the Early Treatment for HIV Act, a bill to permit States the option to provide Medicaid coverage for low-income individuals infected with HIV.

Increased funding for HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and research?

Kucinich: Support. Comments: Representative Kucinich voted in favor of HR 1298, the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003 to provide assistance to foreign countries to prevent and combat the spread of HIV/AIDS. Mr. Kucinich is also an original co-sponsor of HR 2470, the MEDDS Act, a bill to increase the availability of medicines for HIV/AIDS and other diseases in developing countries. On May 13, he testified at a hearing on behalf of the Congressional Progressive Caucus to call for more AIDS funding domestically and internationally.

Comprehensive and age-appropriate sex education for America's students that includes science-based prevention methods?

Kucinich: Support. Comments: Representative Kucinich has long supported age-appropriate sex education to prevent unwanted pregnancy, and to reduce the spread of STDs.

Currently, no state recognizes any legal form of marriage for same sex couples. Do you believe the civil institution of marriage (with absolutely no requirements imposed on religious institutions) should be made legally available to two committed adults of the same sex?

Kucinich: Support. Comments: Representative Kucinich believes that it is the prerogative of religious institutions to sanction only marriages they deem appropriate. He believes the civil law should treat heterosexual and same sex couples equally before the law.

If you do not believe that civil marriage for same-sex couples should be made available to same-sex couples on the same basis as opposite sex couples, is there any legal construct you do embrace that would extend legal recognition to same sex couples?

Kucinich: N/A Supports full civil marriage.

If a state has taken the steps to recognize same sex couples (and their families) for purposes of state-based benefits, rights, privileges and responsibilities, should the federal government recognize the state's legal recognition of such couples and families for purposes of federal benefits and tax treatment?

Kucinich: Support. Comments: Representative Kucinich is a co-sponsor of HR 2426, the Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act of 2003, a bill to provide federal benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees. Additionally, Mr. Kucinich supports the repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). He believes the repeal of DOMA would set the groundwork to provide

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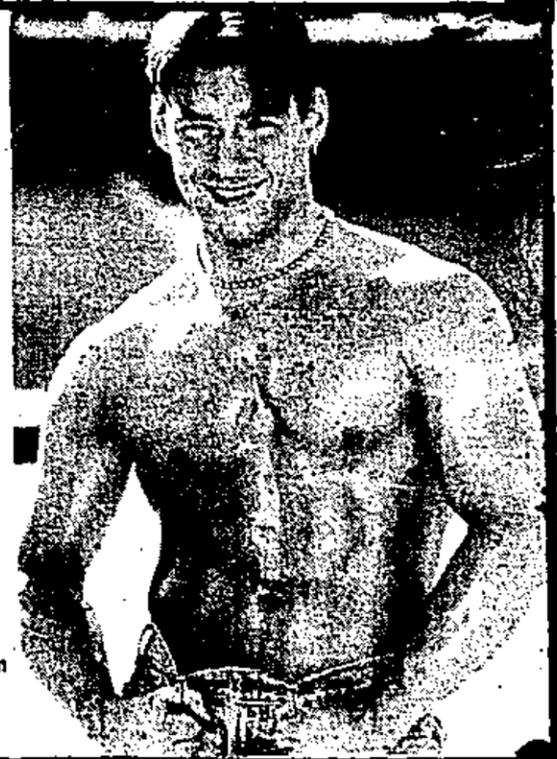
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Gay and Lesbian Americans pay federal taxes. According to a 1997 GAO study requested by Judiciary Chairman Henry Hyde, there are over 1000 benefits, rights and privileges provided to married couples and their families in federal law. Same-sex couples cannot access such benefits, rights and privileges because same sex couples are not allowed to marry in any state in the union. Do you support extending federal benefits, rights, privileges and responsibilities to same-sex couples (and their children) provided the partnership meets certain federal standards of commit-

ment and mutuality of interest?

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Specifically, do you support the expansion of the Family and Medical Leave Act to cover domestic partners and their children?

Kucinich: Support.

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What Makes Our Town Tick?

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By Jerry D

Hollywood Goes To War

Hello readers! With the last quarter of the year now upon us, there are the annual symbols of another year quickly coming to a close. In stores, sales start becoming more spectacular, with bargains for those wise enough to beat the holiday rush. In most of the country (we seem to be an exception for this one), weather changes lets us see the fall and winter fashions that were showcased just last spring. And in our entertainment venues, new television shows are being launched and movies are gearing up for their major releases.

I had the opportunity to hit our local multiplex this weekend and see "Kill Bill (Part I)". You can take the hype regarding the violence in this picture and multiply it tenfold. It brought back memories of the old Sam Peckinpah classics where bloodshed was as commonplace as the dialog in the show. Quentin Tarantino spares no one in his latest work, which was divided into two separate movies to please the studio, fearful of the backlash of a three-hour feature with so much violence. Fans of the writer, director and part-time actor will see the references of past films within "Kill Bill", but it is definitely not for the weak of stomach or faint of heart.

Prior to the feature we were treated to the now obligatory coming trailers. Sometimes the previews outshine the feature itself, so I was actually looking forward to seeing what Hollywood had in store for the coming Oscar season. I was sadly disappointed at the perspective crop if the previews were any indication of this year's possible nominated films.

In a time when unrest and diplomatic policy seem to be at a scary crossroad, the big studios have elected to show us war. The fighting to be seen is not the current situations we face in the Middle East and Africa, but instead a look back at conflicts in our histories past. There were a couple of films in particular that definitely seemed to be geared towards audiences getting their fill of combat, without having to tune in to the nightly news.

Russell Crowe is back on the big screen with "Master and Commander". The film is based on some famous battle at sea that I don't remember from history class. It appears, at least from the trailer, to have that Academy Award staple for a winning film. There is a struggle within the main character, to overcome an obstacle, and keep his faith and dignity all the while. Crowe was successful with "Gladiator", but from the whispers in the audience, a long movie that takes place on a boat is not going to fare well with audiences.

The other preview of interest was for "The Alamo". Movie buffs will of course remember the classic starring John Wayne, which can be purchased at any Wal Mart for a super low sale price. I am not sure if this is a remake, or a new take on the historic battle in Texas that history has twisted and curved to please both sides of the battle. Billy Bob Thornton, fresh from his divorce is the star of this epic. There was enough star power in this preview to give Academy voters an instant nod; the question of course will be how historically accurate this latest version is.

In past history, our country has turned to the silver screen in times of war to ease tensions and drum up patriotism. As a society, we have learned that real war is not

glamorous. Hollywood is as always a money-making vehicle, so its interests in what the people want will always point to the dollar. I am sure in a century or so, our grandchildren's children will be downloading their weekly movie fix with trailers for the latest film about the war in Iraq that was valiantly won by the American forces. Lets just hope they keep facts right so that they don't question the way we do today. Have a great week!

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Do you support fair and equal tax treatment of same sex couples on the same basis as married couples?

Kucinich: Support.

Do you support modifying the Social Security System to pay survivor benefits to the same-sex partners of Gay and Lesbian people?

Kucinich: Support.

Many Gay and Lesbian people serve in the federal government but do not receive the same health insurance and other employee benefits of married couples. Do you support domestic partner coverage for Gay and Lesbian employees of the civilian federal workforce?

Kucinich: Support. Comments: Representative Kucinich is a co-sponsor of HR 935, the Tax Equity for Health Plan Beneficiaries Act of 2003. This bill seeks to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage for employees' spouses and dependent children to coverage provided to other eligible designated beneficiaries of employees.

While 47 states allow Gay and Lesbian people to adopt children, some legislators are pushing to prohibit capable, committed adults from adopting because of their sexual orientation. As president would you support giving appropriate judicial authorities the full authority to make decisions on adoption based on the best interest of the child, without bans based solely on sexual orientation?

Kucinich: Support.

Would you support the Permanent Partners Immigration Act (H.R. 832) which would enable an American citizen to petition for immigration sponsorship for a same-sex partner, and the INS would treat the relationships between opposite and same-sex couples in the same manner under the immigration code?

Kucinich: Support. Comments: Representative Kucinich is an original co-sponsor of HR 832, the Permanent Partners Immigration Act.

Would you support a congressional repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy which would allow Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual soldiers the right to serve openly in the military as is currently the policy in nearly every NATO country?

Kucinich: Support.

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

Illegal Immigration

As strange as it will seem to those who know me, I really don't have an opinion on the subject of how to deal with illegal immigration. Like everyone else, my heart goes out to the folks who die of thirst in the deserts of the American Southwest every year, but I don't know the answer to the problem. I begin with this disclaimer because I don't want any of what follows to be interpreted as a subtle plug for some grand scheme that I haven't even dreamed up.

My problem is with many of the arguments I hear concerning illegal immigration. Coming to them with no argument of my own, they always seem to include totally absurd assertions that are rarely challenged. The arguments also seem to overlook the fact that, no matter how much suffering it causes, there are people who profit from the status quo.

The most common absurd assertion is that illegal immigrants shouldn't be penalized for breaking the law because "they work hard and pay taxes." How can anyone even say anything this silly? How can it go unchallenged? If working hard and paying taxes puts you above the law, what do we do with murderers, rapists, arsonists, etc. who work hard and pay taxes? Do they get a free pass too?

The second most common absurdity may be that "illegal immigrants do work that Americans won't do." As an American who has, along with other Americans, worked carrying rebar for 12-hour shifts with one half-hour lunch break on a six-day week for minimum wage with no health or other benefits, no vacations, no sick leave, no holidays and no overtime, I've got to wonder what illegal immigrants do that's tougher than that.

And there's no shortage of Americans working in the mining industry - the hardest, dirtiest, most dangerous work I know of - where, according to the Bureau of Labor-Statistics, you're about twice as likely to break a bone and twice as likely to sustain multiple injuries as you would be working in agriculture.

My own experiences in the workplace, along with the numbers provided by the Bureau of Labor Stats, pretty much convince me that the category of "jobs Americans are unwilling to do" is a figment of somebody's extremely sheltered imagination.

Another seemingly absurd assertion, seldom challenged, is that it would cost a fortune to end illegal immigration. If someone were serious about it, a very big "if," it would cost almost nothing. All you'd have to do is put any CEO whose company regularly hired illegals in jail for a year. Draft a law that said you don't have to prove the CEO intended to do it or knew it was being done. His company regularly hires illegals and he goes to the slam to rub elbows with folks who he's never met at his country club.

Of course the CEO thing would never work as a threat because no one would believe it. You'd actually have to throw about 20 CEOs in the pokey before anyone took you seriously. But at that point, with few jobs to be had, illegal immigration would slow to a trickle.

Don't anybody hold your breath waiting for the powers that be to do this. It's far too real to make it into their wildest

dreams. I'm just making the point that the "cost a fortune to end illegal immigration" arguments is bogus. We lack seriousness of purpose, not money.

And that brings us to the status quo, which wouldn't be the status quo if it didn't enrich somebody. The illegal worker is enriched because he can make more money here than he could there. He's also enriched by increased access to education and health care.

The employer is enriched because he has a labor force that can't as easily organize and negotiate as an American labor force could. It must be very pleasant indeed to negotiate with people who you can have deported if they don't see things your way.

The American consumer is enriched because she gets products produced by illegal labor cheaper than they'd be if they were produced by Americans.

The two big losers are American workers and taxpayers. Workers are deprived of jobs that could be organized into union jobs that paid a living wage. Taxpayers are taxed to pay for education and health benefits for people who aren't supposed to be here. Taxpayers also pay for a Border Patrol that has very little impact on the situation.

I don't know what to do. I admit it. But I do know that the people who claim to know are mostly talking nonsense.

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Schumer & Clinton Slam Bush's GOP

ALBANY, N.Y. - In a joint fund raising appearance before members and guests of the Empire State Pride Agenda in Albany, U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Hillary Clinton unleashed a wave of criticism against policies being pursued by President Bush and the Republican Party.

The indictments came even in the face of a surprise appearance by Republican Gov. George Pataki, who told Pride Agenda organizers earlier in the year he would be unable to attend the October 9 event.

Pataki offered a few brief remarks, thanking the Pride Agenda for endorsing his 2002 re-election campaign and noting New York's adoption of the Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination Act or SONDA, which he signed into law last December. The law made New York the 13th state to ban discrimination against sexual orientation in employment, housing, and public accommodations.

Senator Schumer followed Pataki, and in remarks made to supportive cheers, charged Bush and his administration with seeking to transform the federal judiciary in a way that would deny civil rights progress to millions of Americans. Bush, he said, is intent on packing "the judiciary with right-wingers who want to turn the clock back to the 1890s."

"They have this sort of little patina of philosophy but underneath it all is meanness, selfishness and narrow mindedness," said Schumer. "We are standing in their way. We are a log in their path. And we will not let it happen."

Sen. Clinton followed Schumer's remarks with some blistering commentary of her own. Pausing to acknowledge cheers from the audience, Clinton said the 2004 general election campaign was shaping up

to be a contest between extremist conservatives on one side and moderate, fair-minded Americans on the other.

Sen. Clinton said the administration wanted to erase decades of progress on the civil rights front -- part of a wider effort to roll back generations of advances. "I realized these people wanted to turn the clock back on everybody back through Franklin Roosevelt and they're on their way to Teddy Roosevelt to try and get back to a time when they didn't have to deal with women or Gays or anybody else."

The former first lady spoke at length about the proposed constitutional amendment that would bar civil recognition of same-sex relationships in the United States. Clinton warned that Republicans will attempt to use the proposed Federal Marriage Amendment to "try to drive wedges between Americans."

She noted that the push for the amendment represents the first time an attempt is being made to amend the Constitution to specifically deny rights to any group of individuals.

"If the Administration and their allies want to make a campaign issue out of amending the Constitution we will not only stand against it but we will point out that they'd rather talk about taking away rights and undermining the ability of Americans to live their own lives, to have their own families, than to talk about the miserable economy, to talk about their miserable foreign policy, to talk about their role-back of environmental laws and workers' rights, education and health care."

The annual fund raiser raised an estimated \$650,000 for the New York state organization's Gay civil rights advocacy work.

Massachusetts Legislature To Hold Public Meeting On G/L Marriage

BOSTON - The debate over Gay marriage in Massachusetts will switch--at least temporarily--from the judicial to the legislative branch as lawmakers conduct the first-ever public hearing on a prospective bill legalizing same-sex unions.

"We have to take a very hard look at what rights can be conferred on same-sex couples," said Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty (D-Chelsea), cochairman of the state judiciary committee and a top lieutenant to house speaker Thomas Finneran. "More and more it's becoming an issue that's going to have to be dealt with in some way, fashion, or form."

The scheduled hearing before O'Flaherty's committee is occurring as Gay rights advocates across the nation await word from Massachusetts's highest court on a case filed by seven same-sex couples who were denied marriage licenses.

Experts on both sides of the issue anticipate that the supreme judicial court decision, which was initially expected in early July, could make Massachusetts the first state in the country to issue marriage licenses to Gay couples.

"Everyone's just holding their breath and hoping the court will provide our families with the legal protections that we have been denied for far too long," said Josh Friedes, advocacy director for the Freedom to Marry Coalition of Massachusetts. "The court case has forced the legislature and the public to recognize that the Gay and Lesbian community is not going to accept second-class citizenship."

Rather than wait for a judicial edict, several lawmakers have said that the legislature should take the matter into its own hands. Senate president Robert Travaglini (D-Boston) said last month that he was committed to bringing civil union legislation to the floor for a vote. In the past the senate has approved domestic-partner benefits for Gay public employees, but the measures have always been defeated in the more conservative house of representatives. The legislature has conducted several public hearings on a constitutional amendment that would legally define marriage as a union between one man and one woman. Thursday, however, will mark the first time the legislature has begun consideration of a pro-Gay marriage bill. Other bills under consideration would establish civil unions for Gay couples.

While Gay rights advocates call the hearing "historic," Ronald Crews of the Massachusetts Family Institute said it is simply part of the legislative process and no sign that change is forthcoming. "I hope that the legislators are aware of the public sentiment out there," Crews said. "I don't see support in the populace for counterfeit marriage."

The Gay marriage legislation would give Gay couples all of the approximately 1,400 rights and benefits of marriage. Civil union legislation would confer only about 350 protections and create a legal status that would not be recognized in other states.

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people like Crews, who want no benefits of marriage conferred upon Gay couples, and people like Friedes, who believe Gay couples deserve all the benefits of marriage, is the challenge facing the legislature, O'Flaherty said. "There's a lot of heels dug in on both sides of the issue," O'Flaherty said. "But I think that as a legislature, it's our duty to find compromises on troublesome and vexing public policy issues. I'm just hopeful to some degree that we can move the discussion to a point where we have a bill or proposal in front of our colleagues that can be agreed upon by a majority."

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Aggressive Mars "opposes" lucky Jupiter and the fur flies! This transit packs a punch, but I'm always in the mood for a wilde planetary goodie fest. After all kids, what's the fun in being out if you can't be outrageous? Read ahead to see how good vibes explode on the scene. Hey, some of us like it like that.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rams feel particularly giving and self sacrificing during the Mars / Jupiter opposition. Maybe you are prepared to put in a few extra hours on the job or volunteer for a worthwhile community cause. The warning is to not to rush or overdo; Mars give you extra pizzazz as Jupiter pulls into overdrive. You would hate to be remembered as the oil slick on the road to salvation.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Queer Bulls are urged to rub elbows with compadres and have fun, fun, fun when exuberant Mars opposes jolly Jupiter. It will be easy to accomplish; your personal magnetism lures the troops like moths to a flame. However, be careful of singeing any flying limbs as the party progresses. There is the potential to overdo as Jupiter is unable to set limits. Obey the stop ... and yield signs.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Pink Twins are pressed to choose between guzzling the corporate milk or nuzzling the family bosom. Zesty Mars provides you with ample confidence and professional chutzpah while its opposition to expansive Jupiter creates opportunities for harmony at home. Your attention and energy are tested as you feel pulled in two different directions. The choice is yours cousin.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Gay Crabs experience "itchy feet" when robust Mars opposes generous Jupiter. You're tempted to escape from the day to day drone. If that means traipsing off to a faraway paradise, then do so. If it means stalking flea markets for a potential treasure, then so be it. Whatever you decide, be sure that it fits in with your budget. If you can't afford first class, go lower... as usual.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud Leos feel their oats when zesty Mars opposes gigantic Jupiter. The pursuit of the cheap, lurid and easy never seemed so enticing. Same old, same old! But, like everything else in this world, be careful not to overextend your many ... ahem... charms. There is nothing sadder than a dissipated old Lion nursing a sore point the morning after.

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VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

The Mars / Jupiter opposition sets potential relationships into fast forward motion. Heck, queer Virgins may even be enticed into making a commitment. For those who are already spoken for, this opposition may require the two of you to compromise on areas of difference. Remember lover, this transit is swift and fleeting. Do you want to consolidate or divest?

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Although it may not seem especially exciting, the Mars / Jupiter opposition adds a bit of zest to the day to day job. Proud Libras can easily tackle even the most onerous tasks and work seems almost enjoyable and cathartic. Tap into this serviceable energy while it lasts, cousin. Sometimes we can move mountains by just pushing paper. But it has to be a heck of a lot of paper!

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

The Mars / Jupiter opposition pours it on hot and heavy and you may not know when enough is enough. Do I smell a heart burning? Is romance in the air? Be advised, proud Scorp that this is a fast and furious transit; the love of the moment could be a love of the nanosecond. Ever hear of a trip to the moon on gossamer wings? Expect just one of those crazy old things.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Gay Archers feel in command of their home surroundings but may be tempted to attend to career issues that take them away from their comfortable lair. The Mars / Jupiter opposition encourages you to balance these two area of your life. Roast the corporate sharks in your stewpot. Redecorate both your home and your office. Perhaps something in a prideful lavender?

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Proud Caps push the envelope and our political agenda when mouthy Mars opposes jolly Jupiter this week. Do you have an opinion? State your case clearly and emphatically cousin and see how far you can get. Feisty Mars gives you courageous oomph and expansive Jupiter gives you a microphone. Testing, testing... is anyone Out there? Oh yeah, they are!

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Take inventory of all that you hold near and dear, Aquarian. The Mars / Jupiter opposition requires you to survey the bottom line in more ways than purely financial. There is a great temptation to shop till you drop or to be lavishly generous to lovers and hangers on. They say that you can't buy love but they never said anything about sex. (Is there a difference?) Ask for a hard copy receipt.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Fiery Mars sits in your own sign and opposes Jupiter this week. Partners demand consideration. Are you willing to cash in on a bit of your independence for the sake of marital harmony? (Hint: the answer is, "Of course!") For those impractical Guppies who can't bear the thought of compromising anything, anywhere, I hope you enjoy spending Thanksgiving with your pet rock.



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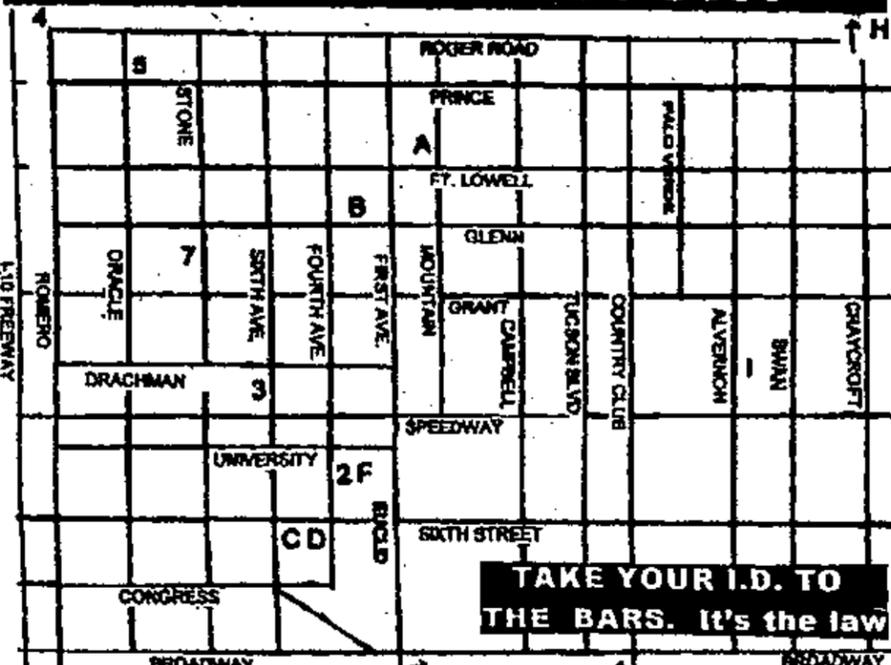
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Dear Dr. X,

I think my boyfriend might have a problem with eating. He has always been very thin, and I thought that he was just lucky or something. However, recently I have noticed that he continues to lose weight, and he is starting to look sick. You hear all the time about girls who have eating disorders but you never hear about guys. Could he have a serious problem? Is this a common thing for guys or could it be something else? Also, can you give me some suggestions for confronting him with this?

Signed, Hungry Man

Dear Hungry Man,

In these body conscious times more and more men are developing eating disorders. It seems in this day and age the thinner the better. I have said before that the national media is inundated with skinny, muscular, "perfect" people. As Gay men we also buy into the idea that if we are skinny we could have who ever our hearts desire. When we have friends who lose weight we always say things like "you look great" or "wow you lost so much weight", but we fail to acknowledge when a person gets to thin. Male eating disorders are another one of those Gay taboo subjects such as Domestic Violence, or open relationships. It's a subject that not many people want to discuss. In fact men account for less than 5% of the total people that seek help for eating disorders. If you think

you or a friend have an eating disorder, contact a counselor or doctor yourself, or contact the folks at Wingspan for a GLBT-friendly referral and get some help. Their number is (520) 624-1779.

Dear Dr. X,

I love poppers during sex! They make anal sex so much better and I am way less inhibited when I use them. I have heard that they can be addictive or even cause you to get HIV. Is this true? I like using them but I don't want to become addicted or worse infected. I need the truth.

Signed, Popper Pig

Dear Popper Pig,

Poppers or Video Head Cleaner are a stimulant inhalant used during sex to intensify the feeling or make anal penetration easier. Poppers are vasodilators, a term that describes the opening of the blood vessels in the rectum. This makes it easier for anal penetration. Just as you stated, you tend to be less inhibited. This can lead to all sorts of other problems such as unsafe sexual behaviors due to bad judgment and abuse of other drugs such as alcohol or Viagra. This is a big no-no. Poppers + Viagra is a horrible combo that can lead to loss of consciousness and strokes (bad pun.) Poppers are very dangerous for men with HIV and AIDS. Poppers are considered immuno-suppressive; which is a big word for saying that this is a drug which lowers your immune system and makes you more susceptible to health problems if your immune system is already compromised.

I'm unsure if they are physically addictive but a lot of men develop a psychological addiction and believe that they can't have sex without them. Try and have sex without them and see what happens. Who knows, you may find that the sex is just as good.

[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 gmhp.org.]

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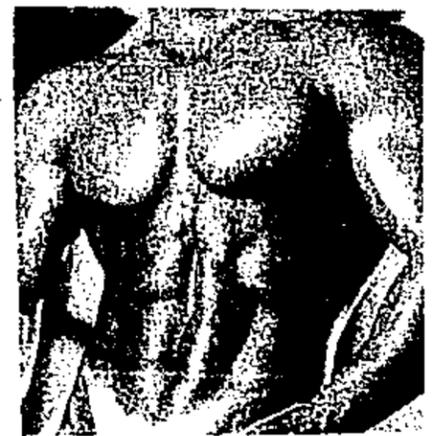
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Daily Bar Calendar

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church, Tucson's premier GLBT Church, will be holding their first-ever fund raising event. Entertainment by Tucson's Gay Men's Chorus, delicious desserts, and the ever-popular silent auction. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. at 3269 N. Mountain Ave. Tickets are \$25 and are available at Antigone Books, Wingspan and Water of Life MCC. For more information call the church at 5220-292-9151.

Holly Near and Cris Williamson in the Peace & Love Tour at 8:00 p.m. at the Berger Center for the Performing Arts, 1200 W. Speedway. Tickets available at Antigone Books, CD City and Blue Coyote Productions hotline 696-1612. \$22 advance / \$25 at the door. Be a part of this historic event as two of women's music pioneers unite forces for an evening of inspiration, joy and unabashed entertainment.

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OCTOBER 23 - 24

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. Divalicious Show. Hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Toni Steele, Lady Ashley and Venecia.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

VENTURE-N - Steak Night from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. \$5.00 your meat or theirs. They will supply the side dishes.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

IBTS - Meet Mayoral Candidate Tom Volgy at 7:00 p.m. during IBT's live jazz program.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

IBTS - Annual Blackout Party Weekend kicks off tonight. Glow necklaces. LCD Lights (\$1.00) plus GoGo Dancers plus Smirnoff Triple Black \$3. The dance party starts at 8:00 p.m.!

WOODY'S - 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Beer Bust for Southwest Leather/Sir and Leather Boy. \$1.00 Red Cup Bud, Bud Light and Miller Lite.

YARD DOG SALOON - Jail House Rock 50s Party. 10:00 p.m. Elvis Impersonation Contest \$200 first prize, \$100 second prize and \$50 third prize. Here's a chance join the contest and 'leave the building' with some cash!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

IBTS - Miss Saigon and Lady Party line-up includes Troy's Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. Karaoke Party with Michael D. on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to GMHP. 8:00 p.m. it's Sissy Bingo with Ajia Simone and Lucinda Holliday. 9:00 p.m. the Annual Black Out Party continues with a Black Light Body Painting Contest. \$100 for first place prize.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. The Divalicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Bunny FuFu, Janee Starr, Heather Boa and Miss Saigon.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 - HALLOWEEN

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Halloween Party and Costume Contest. Costume judging starts at 10:30 p.m. (Sign-up by 10:00 p.m.). Drink specials every 1/2 hour. No Cover.

IBTS - 11th Annual Black and White Halloween Gala. \$200 to the first place winner, \$100 second place and \$50 for third. Black and white costumes get special consideration. All costumes are welcome. Watch for their ad.

VENTURE-N - Spooktacular Halloween Party. Costume Contest at 11:00 p.m. Cash prizes. Sample their witches brew!!!

WOODY'S - Halloween Erotic Costume Party and Pumpkin Carving Cont. \$100 Best Erotic Costume. \$50 Best Erotic Pumpkin Carving.

YARD DOG SALOON - Halloween Monster Ball 9:00 p.m. until closing. Watch for details.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

Desert Diamond Casino presents Jefferson Starship tonight only. Tickets now on sale. 393-2799.

OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 16

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Holly Near and Cris Williamson in the Peace & Love Tour at 8:00 p.m. at the Berger Center for the Performing Arts, 1200 W. Speedway. Tickets available at Antigone Books, CD City and Blue Coyote Productions hotline 696-1612. \$22 advance / \$25 at the door. Be a part of this historic event as two of women's music pioneers unite forces for an evening of inspiration, joy and unabashed entertainment.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

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DECEMBER 12 - 13 - 14

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Desert Diamond Casino presents Tom Jones tonight only. Tickets now on sale. 393-2799.

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.

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open Noon. Bloody Marys \$2.00 til 3pm. Steak & Shrimp Dinner \$6.99, 5-9pm. Karaoke w/Jerry D 7:30 to close. Free pool all day.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. \$1.75 Bloody Marys or Screws til 3pm. Palo Beer Bust 3-7. Burger BBQ 5-7. Selection of burger meats to choose from. \$2 proceeds go to Pet Watch (helping HIV/AIDS clients with their veterinary bills).

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

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Monday

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

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Theme Dance Nite with Johnny DJ. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open Noon. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Ladies Nite. Free Pool 8pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4pm. \$2.75 Skyv Martinis 4-8. Monday Nite Football. Free Hot Dogs.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Karaoke w/Michael D. 8-11pm.

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

Tuesday

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

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm. 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 - Open Noon. Happy Hour 4-7pm. \$1 Kamakazi, Jellos, Ladies Nite.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4.

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. Hip Hop or Dance w/DJ Shorty or Serma 8pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8-1.

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. 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 w/Jerry D 7:30pm-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4pm. \$2.75 Cuervo Margaritas 4-8pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Free Hot Dog Buffet 5-11pm. Underwear-fetish-leather nite w/Gary and Chns 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 Kamakazees and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. HINRG video dancing with Johnny DJ 9-11. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon. Grill open noon-8pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4pm. Pool Tourney 7pm. \$3 entry (Pot Matched) 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.

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 8-9pm. 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 Noon. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Fish or Shrimp Dinner \$5.99 11am-8pm. Country Western Dance with Libby & Pal 8pm-closing.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 1-4pm. DJ 9pm to close.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Martini Party - Well Martini's \$2.00 4-8pm. Call Martini's \$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 pool. \$2 pitchers for pool players. DJ Hill 9pm-close. Drink & Shot Specials all night.

IBTS - 10am-5pm \$4 Martinis and Daquans Happy Hours Noon-7pm. Dance Party 9-11 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon. Grill open 1-7pm. Margaritas \$3 6pm-close. Latino Nite. Dancing w/Dr. Carlos. Free SAAF HIV testing.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio Bar open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm. DJ 9-1.

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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REVELLE GAY MENS 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-various 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 nation's 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 Santa Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Anabeli 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 838-3995.

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

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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.

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

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings (luncheons and dinners) are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 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 (GPGCLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpgclcc.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. 322-3635. Leave message. Tucson.Sources@aol.com

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

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

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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)371-1102

CRONES 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.

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 690-9363 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

NOTICES

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

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. Desert Girls (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Desert Boys meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAE-mail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagae-mail

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, 6323 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)792-6124

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

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

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 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.tgssoftball.org

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter, for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.tucson.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)

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Man Pleads Guilty In Murder

BAKERSFIELD - The man charged in the stabbing death of a Kern County, Calif., assistant district attorney has pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter.

Chris Hillis was originally charged with first-degree murder in the death of Stephen Tauzer, who was found in his garage in a pool of blood, a knife sticking out of his head, the weekend of September 13, 2002. Hillis had pleaded innocent to the charges. On Tuesday, October 7, Hillis accepted a deal from prosecutors and was sentenced to 12 years in prison. He had been scheduled for a November 10 trial. "In a fit of rage, it happened," Hillis's attorney, Kyle Humphrey, said in an interview after the plea.

Hillis is the father of Lance Hillis, a 22-year old drug abuser who had lived with Tauzer on a number of occasions. Authorities say Tauzer, 57, had provided Lance with shelter, money, and legal help until Lance Hillis's death in a traffic accident on August 7, 2002. At a preliminary hearing in the case, witnesses testified that Tauzer and Chris Hillis had disagreed over how to handle Lance's drug problems. Tauzer had urged drug treatment for Lance rather than a jail sentence, which Chris Hillis maintained his son needed in order to kick his drug habit.

After Tauzer's death, the "Lords of Bakersfield" legend surfaced and was detailed in a series of stories published in The Bakersfield Californian. The paper found evidence of a ring of closeted Gay men who had sex with teenage boys and used their prominence in the community to keep from being prosecuted. Several of the men were slain between 1978 and 1984, and in many of the cases the young men were charged with the killings. The articles were inconclusive, however, in showing whether Tauzer's slaying fit the pattern of the earlier murders.

Crime scene investigators testified at the original hearing that DNA evidence found on a knife near Tauzer's body and on a beer bottle inside the home linked Chris Hillis to the crime scene. In a statement, Kern County district attorney Ed Jagels said Tauzer's family also approved the plea deal.

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