

Scalia Derides High Court's G/L Sex Ruling

WASHINGTON - Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia ridiculed his court's recent ruling which struck down anti-Gay state sodomy statutes during a speech to a conservative group on Thursday, October 23, calling it a result of a "liberal political order" that flies in the face of his strict interpretation of the Constitution, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Scalia told a gathering of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute he thinks his fellow justices are twisting the Constitution in ways the nation's founding fathers did not intend when they wrote the historic document.

The ruling, Scalia said, "held to be a constitutional right what had been a criminal offense at the time of the founding and for nearly 200 years thereafter."

Scalia thinks the court should interpret the Constitution according to how the founders would have ruled on particular issues during George Washington's time, according to Jon Davidson, senior counsel for Lambda Legal, who spoke to the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network from Los Angeles on Friday.

"(It was) a time when we had slaves, and women were their husbands' property and people who were not landowners could not vote," said Davidson. "Things have changed, thank goodness."

"He's an advocate of strict constructionist theory of the Constitution, meaning the Constitution only means what it meant in 1787," said Ken Layton, legal director for the Human Rights Campaign. "And he decides cases as if it's 1787. The only problem is it's a different country, and it's left Justice Scalia behind."

Scalia wrote a bitter dissent of

Lawrence v. Texas, the high court's June ruling that struck down a Texas state law banning private, consensual sex between adults of the same sex. The court's ruling also nullified sodomy laws in 12 other states.

In his dissent, Scalia warned the ruling would open the door to striking down state laws barring Gay marriage.

The ruling was more about privacy rights than sex, according to Cathy Renna, news media director for the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). "It has seemed to propel a lot of anti-Gay organizations to focus on civil marriage as a huge way of attacking our community," said Renna.

"Most of today's experts on the Constitution think the document written in Philadelphia in 1787 was simply an early attempt at the construction of what is (now) called a liberal political order," Scalia said in his comments Thursday.

"I think it's sour grapes that he's not getting his way," said Davidson. "His view of constitutional interpretation is not the same as the rest of the court."

Scalia showed contempt for his colleagues on the bench that is rarely seen from a member of the high court.

Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe issued a statement Friday, saying: "By mocking the court's ruling, Justice Scalia is showing that his intolerance also makes him unable to respectfully disagree with his colleagues."

Added Layton: "It comes as no surprise that Justice Scalia is outraged about a decision for equality and against discrimination."

Marked Increase In Hate Crimes, New Report Says

WASHINGTON - Crimes committed in 2002 due to bias against the victim's perceived sexual orientation represent 16.7 percent of reported hate crime incidents — the highest level in the 12 years since the agency began collecting these statistics — according to data released Oct. 27 in the FBI report "Crime in the United States in 2002."

Members of Congress should take the release of these numbers as a call to action to pass the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act, says the Human Rights Campaign.

"This extremely disturbing rise in hate crimes against our community underscores the urgent need for passage of a comprehensive hate crimes law," said

Winnie Stachelberg, HRC's political director. "If the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act were to come up for a vote today, it would pass by an overwhelming margin in the U.S. Congress. It's past time to see that happen. We call on the House and Senate leadership to bring this critical measure up for a vote."

Sexual orientation bias represents the third highest category of reported hate crimes. Racial bias continues to represent the largest percentage of bias-motivated incidents at 48.8 percent, followed by religious bias at 19.1 percent. Disability bias, at 0.6 percent, represents the lowest percentage.

"Sadly, FBI statistics only offer a
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COMMENTARY...

Vote Tuesday, November 4

Next Tuesday, November 4, registered voters across the City of Tucson not only will decide who will lead the city, as Mayor, for two contested city council seats but will also consider three propositions on the general election ballot.

The Observer recommends a "no" vote on Proposition 100, which would give the Mayor and City Council a pay raise. Tucson's economic picture, as well as the country's, is not a pretty one and this is not the time to reward public officials with a higher salary.

The Observer recommends a "yes"

vote on Proposition's 200 and 201, which would improve the city's mass transit system - Sun Tran and Van Tran, increase sorely needed road projects, and begin the process of "light rail" which has proven successful in other cities, such as Portland, Oregon to name one.

As a reminder from last week's editorial, there are three candidates for office that are worthy of our vote: Tom Volgy, Democrat for Mayor and Jose Ibarra and Shirley Scott, Democrats for City Council. Vote Tuesday, November 4 because a lot depends upon it.

Republicans Rev Up Anti-GLBT Strategy

WASHINGTON - Confident that opposition to Gay marriage will galvanize their conservative base, the Republican Party, in close concert with anti-Gay groups across the country, is preparing to make opposition to Gay civil rights a higher priority than blocking access to abortion.

GOP strategists told the Washington Post they expect the issue could be a "bonanza" for mobilizing conservative contributions and get-out-the-vote drives in 2004, particularly in Southern states. Conservative groups said they will press candidates to sign a pledge in support of a federal constitutional amendment banning Gay marriage.

"It's becoming a bigger issue by the day," the paper quotes Tony Perkin of the Family Research Council. "It's going to have a big impact on this election... And we're going to help it become a front-burner issue at the state and national level, if it doesn't become one on its own."

The Post says the enthusiasm of the far right is worrying some administration officials who fear the issue could hamper White House image-making efforts to portray the president as a compassionate conservative, a crucial part of his appeal to suburban women and swing voters.

In the coming months, the Supreme Judicial Court in Massachusetts is expected to decide a case that could press state legislators into adopting Vermont-style civil unions. Both sides expect a decision will reignite the nationwide debate over Gay equality.

Focus on the Family has already begun raising money with dire warnings that "the institution of marriage is about to descend into a state of turmoil unlike any other in human history." The fundraising appeal says the Gay marriage issue "could very well be a turning point in our nation's history."

A House Republican aide told the Post that leaders in Congress will probably push for a constitutional amendment in 2004 "if there is a confluence of court rulings and a groundswell of public opinion." The aide said even reluctant conservatives would jump on board if the push appeared politically unstoppable.

But Geoffrey Garin, a Democratic pollster conducting focus groups for the Human Rights Campaign told the Post he finds middle-of-the-road voters "would prefer to talk about almost any other subject." He said the issue could boomerang on Bush's efforts to seem moderate.

"Even when they agree on the substance, voters often become uncomfortable with politicians who raise the subject," Garin said. "While Americans certainly don't embrace the idea of Gay marriage, they're uncomfortable with identifying themselves with policies that smack of discrimination and unfairness."

Nation's First Subsidized Housing For G/L Seniors

HOLLYWOOD - Hollywood, Calif., is set to become home to the nation's first housing development for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender senior citizens, gfn.com reported.

Several retirement communities that cater specifically to Lesbian and Gay seniors currently exist in the U.S. — two in Florida and one in Arizona — but the \$18 million, 103-unit complex is believed to be the first of its kind to be subsidized by a city. About 30 units will be earmarked for homeless men and women, those at risk for being homeless and seniors living with HIV

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UPDATE

Cris Williamson and Holly Near In Tucson Appearance



Cris Williamson and Holly Near

Two rugged women, trailblazers, Holly Near & Cris Williamson, offer an uplifting collection of songs on their premier collaboration, *Cris & Holly*. Twelve songs and medleys celebrate their personal and public passion and teach us we can endure the vagaries of love and politics and still keep the faith with our lovers and with our world. While acknowledging tragedy, violence and brutality, these songs, nonetheless, are full of hope and joy. *Cris & Holly* is an open-eyed yet exuberant affirmation of spirit and activism.

A compelling blend of harmony, resonance and counterpoint, compliments the singers' legendary voices. Piano, guitar and string accompaniments add a subtle backdrop to many of the songs, the pure tones of the a capella cuts standing bold. Pianist John Bucchino lends elegant support for these magnificent voices. They sing anthems: *Mountain Song* has the hard-scrabble simplicity and power of Appalachian folk music or union songs, and *I Am Willing* soars like a spiritual witnessing a woman's faith in the world and its people. They sing songs of love found (*Valentine*), love recovered (*On Going*), and love lost, such as the wry *We Learned to Let Things Go*, which questions whether letting go is wisdom or defeat. They sing songs of commitment to the planet and the people in it, such as *We The People*, a tender, lilting tribute to those who responded to 9/11 by working for peace not war.

They sing songs that are small plays: in *Our Little Town* a veteran of one war questions another, and in the subtly subversive *Tea Leaf Prophecy* people go about their lives in their small town as bombs drop elsewhere but war still does them damage. Sadness over the persistence of war is superseded by the joy and sing-along catchiness of songs such as *Bound by the Beauty*, *Harbor/Lullaby* and *Azulao*, by the clear commitment of songs and singers to a better world, and by their optimism that together we can bring about that better world. This moving and wise CD concludes with the rousing *Memory Lane* Medley celebrating women, love and life.

It is inspiring to know that Cris and Holly, two pioneers in women's music, have suffered through losses and neglect, have sung through the Vietnam and Iraqi wars and the tragedies and triumphs in between, and still embrace the world with songs of celebration, joy and love. As their voices challenge: "May the winds of change caress us, even though it burns our eyes. Are we brave enough for peace?"

Cris & Holly will appear at the Berger Theater on November 15. A Blue Coyote Production, tickets are available at Antigone Books, CD City or online at dotucson.com. Tickets are \$22 advance/\$25 door. For further information, contact the Blue Coyote Productions hotline at 696.1612.

Water of Life MCC Announces Fund Raiser

TUCSON - Water of Life MCC (Metropolitan Community Church) will be holding its first ever fund raising event on Saturday, November 15, 6:30 p.m.

Entertainment will be provided by Reveille, Tucson's Gay Men's Chorus. An array of delectable desserts will be available for you to enjoy as well as a silent auction for those interested in getting a head start on their holiday shopping.

Water of Life MCC has been a spiritual presence in Tucson for 30 years providing it's GLBT residents with a place for worship, fellowship, and comfort. Come and be a part of this special evening. See old friends. Meet new ones. Tickets are \$25.00 and are available at Antigone Books, Wingspan, & Water of Life MCC.

Water of Life MCC is located at 3269 North Mountain Avenue, between Prince and Ft. Lowell Roads. All are cordially invited to attend services every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call the church office, (520) 292-9151.

Wingspan Launches Volunteer Push

TUCSON - How do you decide? A great place to start is a Wingspan General Volunteer Orientation. There's one scheduled for Tuesday, November 4 at 6 p.m.

After you've finished voting that day, come down to Wingspan (300 E. 6th Street) to learn about Wingspan's organization, history, and the many different ways that you can make a difference in your community by volunteering for your LGBT community center. If you can't make that one, there's always another coming up.

Trainings for specific areas such as Front Desk, Eon Youth Programs, and the Wingspan Anti-Violence Project are also offered at various times throughout the year. Some sessions are even open to interested community members and service providers, regardless of intent to volunteer. For more information, a volunteer application, or the latest training schedules, contact Mark English, Wingspan Volunteer Program Coordinator, (520) 624-1779 or mark@wingspan.org.

Desert Voices Annual Yard Sale

TUCSON - Doing your Fall Cleaning? This year, consider giving Desert Voices your cast-offs as you 'clean out the closets' in preparation for the Holidays. Desert Voices, Tucson's GLBT Mixed chorus, will be holding their Seventh Annual 'Great Stuff for a Song' yard sale, to raise funds for singer scholarships and production costs for their upcoming shows.

If you have old furniture, books, clothing, CD's, artwork, craft supplies, knick-knacks, kitchenware or 'what-have-you', now is the time to gather it together and give Desert Voices a call, (520) 791-9662. Our members will be available to pick up yard sale items on Friday, November 7, during the daytime. All donations are tax-deductible and we will provide a receipt for you upon request.

The yard sale will be held on Saturday, November 8th, starting at 7 a.m. and going until 3 p.m., at 4412 E. Holmes (near 5th and Columbus). Donations can also be brought on the day of the sale. Please mark your calendars now. You won't want to miss this bargain hunt!

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Reagan Miniseries Controversy Heats Up

HOLLYWOOD - The furor over the upcoming CBS miniseries *The Reagans*, about Ronald and Nancy Reagan, continued to grow on Friday, as Mrs. Reagan herself reportedly weighed in with her disapproval of the show and its portrayal of the former president's condemnation of Gay men with AIDS, reported *Advocate.com* October 23.

A family friend quotes Mrs. Reagan, played in the miniseries by Judy Davis, as dubbing the miniseries "cruel" because it reportedly shows President Reagan, who now has late-stage Alzheimer's disease, in an unflattering light, reports *The Vancouver Sun*.

Former White House aide Martin Anderson reported the former first lady's comments in the *Sun*, saying, "She said, 'The timing on this is just staggering when Ronnie is sick. How could they do this. It is so cruel.'"

Controversy over the miniseries, executive-produced by out producers Craig Zadan and Neil Meron (*Life With Judy Garland, Chicago*), began earlier in the week when *The New York Times* published a story reporting the contents of a copy of the script the newspaper had acquired. The screenplay, by Elizabeth Egloff, reportedly quotes President Reagan, talking about AIDS in a private conversation, as saying, "They that live in sin shall die in sin"—a quotation that Anderson said was "an outrageous lie."

That scene is not included in a six-minute preview of *The Reagans* that was provided to *Advocate.com*. In the preview tape, Nancy Reagan is seen

meeting with AIDS patients and urging her husband to support legislation to battle the disease. (The preview suggests that the miniseries takes the point of view that Mrs. Reagan was intimately involved with, if not the driving force behind, every significant decision in Mr. Reagan's political life.) The only overt reference to homosexuality in the preview is Mr. Reagan's comment, upon the marriage of his son Ron Jr., "Well, at least we know he's not Gay."

Far-right evangelical activist Jerry Falwell joined the fray over *The Reagans* on Thursday in a letter to his supporters. Referring to the "die in sin" quote, Falwell wrote, "Anyone who ever knew President Reagan knows that such language would never emanate from this heroic man. While Reagan detractors enjoy portraying him as a bumbling and unfeeling man, the truth is he was a compassionate and respectful leader who would be taken aback by such language. (In fact, not even a wild-eyed religious radical like me has ever made such a blatantly horrific statement.)"

CBS has responded to criticism with a statement saying, "A great deal of discussion is taking place about a film no one has seen. As broadcasters we are trying to put forth a program that informs, entertains, and hopefully stirs meaningful discourse about the events of our time in a truthful manner. We encourage our viewers to judge the *Reagans* miniseries on these merits."

On Friday, conservative gossipmonger Matt Drudge weighed in as well, accusing Barbra Streisand's liberal political views and family concerns of

having unduly influenced the filmmakers. In the miniseries, Ronald Reagan is portrayed by Streisand's husband, James Brolin.

"From what has dribbled out, there is great reason for concern that what you are going to get is a very inaccurate impression of Reagan," Steve Hayward, a resident scholar at the Washington, D.C.-based American Enterprise Institute and the author of *The Age of Reagan*, told the *Sun*. "People who worked closely with him are going to be very angry. There is going to be fury about this before the thing

is broadcast and after."

CBS chairman Leslie Moonves has said that the network stands behind the filmmakers and will not delay the miniseries's broadcast, scheduled for November 16 and 18. "This was very important to me, to document everything and give a very fair point of view," Moonves said.

Sources tell *Advocate.com*, however, that negotiations may be under way to allow receding some scenes in the film, possibly to remove the "die in sin" quote.

Increase In Hate Crimes

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glimpse of the problem," said Stachelberg. "In addition to the fact that reporting these crimes is voluntary for local law enforcement agencies, it's widely recognized that hate crimes often go unreported by victims due to fear and stigmatization."

The number of agencies participating in this report reached 12,073 — up from 2,771 in 1991, the year the FBI began collecting this data. However, only 1,868 agencies actually reported a single hate crime; the rest reported zero.

"It's obvious that serious participation in reporting these crimes under the Hate Crimes Statistics Act of 1990 continues to remain a low priority for many jurisdictions," added Stachelberg. "Furthermore, important trends that need to be followed — such as bias crimes against our Transgender community members —

are not clearly tracked."

The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act (S. 966) would amend the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, signed by President George H.W. Bush in 1990, to also include "gender" as a category. LLEEA would add real or perceived sexual orientation, gender and disability to federal hate crime laws, thus allowing the federal government greater leverage in providing assistance for the investigation and prosecution of hate crimes. LLEEA enjoys strong bipartisan support and is endorsed by more than 175 law enforcement, civil rights, civic and religious organizations, including: the National Sheriffs' Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police, U.S. Conference of Mayors, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association and many others.

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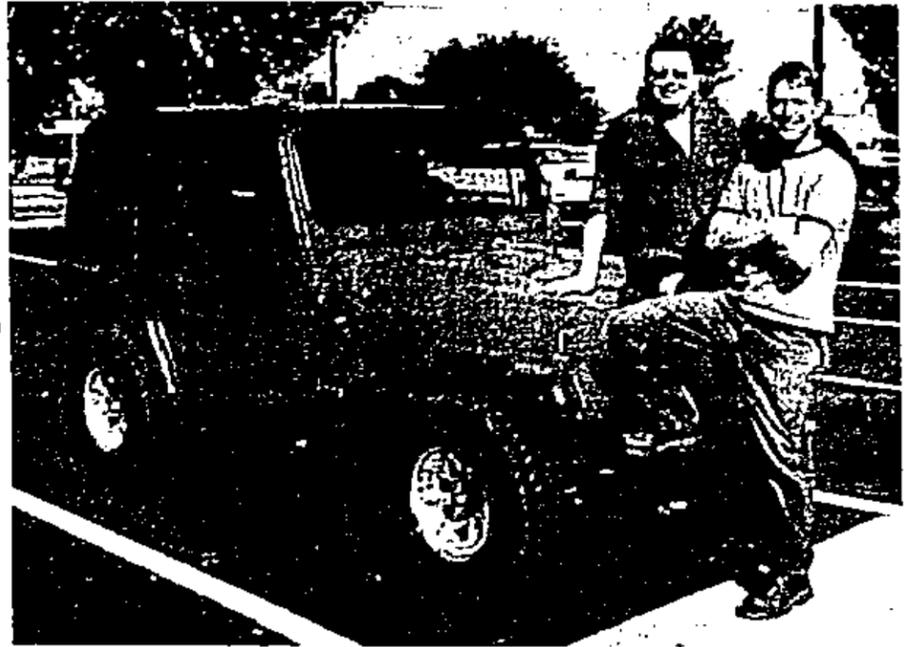
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Raffle tickets are on sale now at TIHAN or call Larry at 327-1576. The winner taking home a beautiful red Jeep Wrangler, vintage 1995. The jeep has a removable hard top. Tickets are \$25 each or two for \$45. Larry Moore is shown above with Executive Director of TIHAN Scott Blades and the Wrangler.

No more than 1,000 tickets will be sold in this raffle, increasing the odds of winning considerably. The drawing will be held Sunday, December 14 at IBT's during the 4th Avenue Street Fair. The winner does not have to be present at the drawing.

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or AIDS.

Moreover, say the project's developers, seniors with partners will be able to share rooms, which is rarely allowed in retirement homes.

"There are many public and private social programs and services that aim to support the lives of elderly people, yet none of these programs recognize or support Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender older adults," said Councilman Eric Garcetti, who represents the area.

The project, designed by Santa Monica architects Van Tilburg, Banvard & Soderbergh; is a joint effort of the Gay & Lesbian Elder Housing Corp. the city of Los Angeles, and St. Louis-based developer McCormack Baron Salazar.

Expecting to break ground next spring and open in 2005, the project will be built on city-owned land only blocks away from the famed Hollywood Boulevard, and close to buses, subways and a Sunday farmer's market.

Officials estimate there are 30,000 to 75,000 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender senior citizens in the greater Los Angeles area.

The non-profit Gay & Lesbian Elder Housing Corp., conducted a survey soon after the group was organized in 2001 and found 72 percent of elderly Gay men and 37 percent of elderly Lesbians said they had no one to take care of them.

"Unless you have a social circle that's aging with you, it can be so hard," board member Ivy Bottini, 77, told The Los Angeles Times. "There's a lot of isolation in growing old alone, without other people like yourself around you," Bottini said.

"With this project, there will be a

whole bunch of older Lesbian and Gay people who will not have to live alone," she said.

Younger Gay men and Lesbians don't always pay enough attention to the fate of older people in their community, said Brian M. Neimark, the 34-year-old executive director of the group.

"These are the people who fought so that I can walk down the street holding hands with someone. But nobody's helping them," he said. "They get pushed to the fringe of the community and put out to pasture."

There are only a few retirement communities in the U.S. that currently welcome Lesbian and Gay seniors, reports the Human Rights Campaign. But more are being planned, and developers are hopeful they will be more successful in attracting funding as the current population of baby boomers reach retirement.

Right now, three specially created communities cater to Lesbian and Gay seniors. They include The Palms of Manasota in Palmetto, Fl., The Resort on Carefree Boulevard in Fort Myers, Fl., and The Pueblo in Apache Junction, Arizona. (see GFN's "Groundbreaking Retirement Community Thrives")

Other than the complex set for Hollywood, five others are in various stages of development including two in San Francisco, two in New Mexico and one in North Carolina.

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Robinson Under FBI Protection After Death Threats

MANCHESTER- The Episcopal Church's first openly Gay bishop-elect is under 24-hour protection by the FBI as his consecration as the bishop of New Hampshire approaches.

The Reverend V. Gene Robinson, who will be consecrated next Sunday, November 2, told a conference for Gay priests in Manchester, England, this weekend that he has received death threats from Christian fundamentalists and that there are grave concerns for his safety.

Conference organizers said that the FBI advised the bishop-elect to cancel his plans to speak in person at the event because his safety could not be guaranteed. The [London] Daily Telegraph reports. Addressing the delegates via a satellite link from Concord, N.H., Robinson said that the extra precautions are costing "unbelievable amounts of money--money we don't have. The standing committee of the diocese is taking this very seriously, as is the bishop. We are doing what we need to do to keep me safe so that I can try to keep making the witness that I am trying to make."

Robinson said he is surprised by the volume of hate mail he has received, including a postcard from England describing him as a "fornicating lecherous pig." But the negative messages have been easily outweighed by letters and e-mails of

support, he said. "There have been all kinds of wonderful messages from around the world about what this means to people, especially from those not in cities or churches where it is safe to be who they are. The fact of the matter is that I am neither the devil one side would take me to be, nor the saint that others would have me to be. I am trying to hold on to who I am, as a human being and as a Christian on his own journey toward God."

Despite numerous calls by church conservatives for him to step aside, Robinson said he is determined that his consecration will proceed while acknowledging the dilemma faced by the archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, who has been grappling with a potentially major split in the worldwide Anglican Communion over Robinson's election. Williams was scheduled to attend the consecration but reportedly has pulled out under pressure from conservatives. "I have told him in a letter that I am praying for him and that I am so very aware of the difficulties that he is in," Robinson said of Williams. "He is only doing what he said he would do, which was to sacrifice his personal views and seek to hold the church together while upholding the official policy of the church." Robinson added that despite his disagreements with many church leaders over homosexuality, it should not mean that they have to split over the issue.

Pop Star Beyonce Reassures Her Gay Fans

LONDON - She's been at the top of the pop charts for months, but now singing sensation Beyonce Knowles may find herself at the bottom of the barrel -- with her Gay fans, anyway.

The British tabloid the Sun recently published a story in which the young diva was quoted as criticizing Madonna and Britney Spears' infamous same-sex kiss, which took place in August at the 2003 MTV Video Music Awards, reported Gay.com UK.

"I have standards. There are things I will not do," the Sun quoted Knowles as

saying. "I knew it was going to happen from rehearsals, but it was still a shock when they did it."

When news of the potentially career-damaging quote hit the United States, the 22-year-old Knowles claimed her words were taken out of context, and even posted a memo on the front page of her Web site, hoping to set the record straight.

"I'd like to clarify any confusion over some quotes that were attributed to me totally out of context in a recent interview," the statement reads. "I have never judged anyone based on his or her sexual orientation and have no intention of starting now. I have a lot of Gay and Lesbian fans, and I love them no differently than my straight fans."

In addition, Knowles' manager (her father, Matthew Knowles) claimed that his daughter's words were cut and pasted together from two separate interviews and then put together to give the impression the singer was against Gays and Lesbians. Matthew Knowles also claims that his daughter's exact words regarding the Lesbian kiss were, "I would never do that, but I thought it was a great performance." He's also expressed interest in suing the tabloid.

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POLITICS 2003

by Mark R. Kerr

**So Where Do They Really Stand?
John Kerry**

Continuing the series is Massachusetts Senator John Kerry:

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?

Kerry: Support - During my first year in the United States Senate I introduced the Civil Rights Protection Act of 1985 which sought to protect Gay and Lesbian Americans from discrimination based on sexual orientation. I have cosponsored ENDA and voted for it when it came before the Senate in 1996. I have also adopted a nondiscrimination policy for my Congressional offices so that sexual orientation is not a factor in employment decisions.

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?

Kerry: Support - I oppose discrimination of all kinds and my office policy prohibits discrimination in the workplace based on gender identity and expression. I believe that we should focus efforts on getting ENDA passed and signed into law, and I am concerned that adding gender identity and expression to the ENDA legislation is likely to significantly hinder that effort.

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?

Kerry: Support. Comments: I believe that it is shameful that Americans still suffer as victims of hate crimes based on sexual orientation and gender and remain without protection at the federal level. I support S. 966, and voted for a similar amendment in 2000, which extends the definition of hate crimes to add actual or perceived sexual orientation and actual or perceived gender as protected categories.

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?

Kerry: Support. Comments: I was proud to be a cosponsor of the Ryan White Act in 1990, its reauthorization in 1995 and 2000, and I enthusiastically support increased funding.

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

Kerry: Support. Comments: I am a cosponsor of the Early Treatment for HIV Act, was the only Senator running for President who signed onto the bill in the 107th Congress and the first to do so in the 108th Congress.

prevention, treatment and research?

Kerry: Support.

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

Kerry: Support.

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?

Kerry: Oppose. Comments: While I do not support Gay marriage, I support civil unions and I believe that Gays and Lesbians should have full rights and equality under 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?

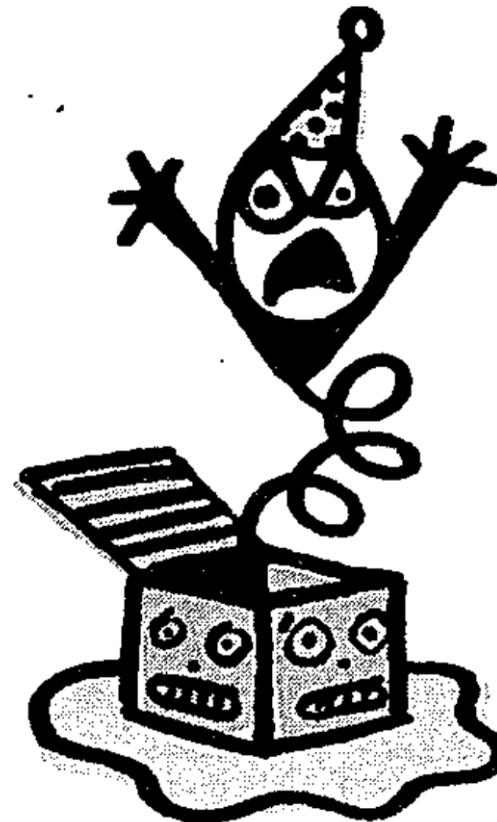
Kerry: Comments: I support civil unions and believe that same-sex couples should be afforded the same rights and benefits as married couples.

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?

Kerry: Support. Comments: The aftermath of September 11th, in which same-sex partners were denied federal benefits, made it terribly clear that benefits for Gay and Lesbian couples and families that do not extend to the federal level are not enough. I support affording same sex couples and families the same basic rights, including access to pensions, health insurance, family medical leave, bereavement leave, hospital visitation, and survivor benefits.

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 commitment and mutuality of interest?

Kerry: Support. Comments: I support affording same sex couples and families the same basic rights, including access to pensions, health insurance, family

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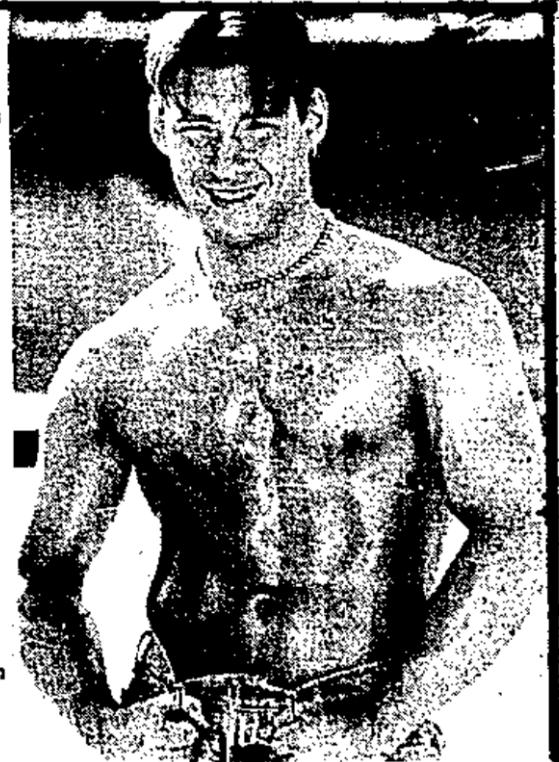
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New Drug May Offer Hope For Hepatitis C Victims

BERLIN - A new drug that prevents a contagious virus from duplicating in the body could be a potent new weapon against hepatitis C, a disease that could kill more people than AIDS, scientists said on Sunday, October 26.

More than 170 million people around the globe are infected with the hepatitis C virus, which can cause permanent liver damage and in many cases death. There is no vaccine against the virus and current treatments can cause serious side effects. But scientists working for German pharmaceutical giant Boehringer Ingelheim have developed a drug that could offer new hope to patients with the illness. Called BILN 2061, the drug targets an enzyme to block the replication of the virus. The HCV viral loads of eight people given four doses of the treatment dropped by 100- to 1,000-fold after 48 hours without producing any unpleasant reactions in the

patients, the researchers report. Hepatitis C is currently treated using interferons, including Pegasys, produced by Roche, and PegIntron, made by Schering-Plough. Both treatments are given in combination with the antiviral drug ribavirin.

BILN 2061 is the first of a class of drugs called NS3 protease inhibitors to be tested in humans. Although longer trials are needed to see if the drug keeps the viral load down and if resistance develops, the scientists believe it "holds great promise to markedly improve treatments of chronic HCV infection." HCV is commonly transferred by contact with the blood of someone infected with the virus, but it is also believed to be transmitted through unprotected sex. Hepatitis is a serious problem for Gay men, with more than half of HIV-positive Gay men also coinfecting with HCV. Hepatitis C is one of the leading causes of death in all HIV-positive people.

Breast Cancer Vaccine Shows Promise

WASHINGTON - Preliminary results from a study of 14 women with a particularly aggressive form of breast cancer have shown that an experimental cancer vaccine may be effective in marshalling an immune system attack on breast cancer cells in the body.

Researchers say the vaccine, which uses genes from a key cancer tumor protein to elicit an antibody and cellular immune response to breast cancer cells, has been shown to be effective in preventing cancer recurrence in a majority of the study participants. The vaccine does not offer a cure for those who have developed cancer, said researcher George Peoples Jr. of Walter Reed Army Medical Center, but could be effective in preventing recurring cases and even preventing the disease in high-risk

women.

The women studied at Walter Reed all had received conventional treatment for cancer that had spread to the lymph nodes. They had no symptoms when they were vaccinated but likely had lingering cancer cells and face a high risk of relapse. Cancer did recur in two of the 14 vaccinated women during the 18-month study, but they had the weakest immune response to the vaccine, Peoples said. The disease also returned in four women in a control group of 20 who were not vaccinated, and it recurred much more quickly than in the two women who developed cancer after receiving the vaccine. Peoples said if his study continues to show positive results, within a few years the vaccine might be tried in healthy women at high risk for breast cancer.

Gene Sharply Raises Breast Cancer Risk

NEW YORK - Women who inherit mutations of certain genes are at an 82% lifetime risk of developing breast cancer and have a 23%-54% risk of ovarian cancer, according to a study that analyzed the health records of more than a thousand

Jewish women.

The study, appearing in the October 24 edition of the journal Science, also found that exercise and maintaining a healthy weight during adolescence delays the onset of breast cancer even in women who have mutations of the BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene. Lead researcher Mary-Claire King of the University of Washington said the study found that women who exercised actively when they were young—either dancing, participating in team sports, or just walking a lot—and who maintained a healthy weight through the age of 21 were somewhat protected from breast cancer. "If they carried the mutation, they still had a very high risk, but their age of diagnosis was pushed to later in life," she said.

The study helps to clear up some of the confusion about the risks associated with the BRCA1 and BRCA2 gene mutations, said Kenneth Offit, a physician and researcher at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. Earlier studies had suggested that the breast cancer risk from the gene mutations ranged from 25% to 80%. The new study puts the lifetime risk at 82%. For ovarian cancer, the study found the lifetime risk was 54% for BRCA1 and 23% for BRCA2 mutations.

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Sun and Mercury amble into passionate Scorpio that ignites Mars in Pisces. Mars is still too close to the earth for comfort and we can be whipped into a feeding frenzy of desire and revenge with the pot-luck surprise. Trick or treat baby!

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Sun and Mercury in Scorpio unleash an almost unquenchable thirst for indiscriminate sex. Proud Rambos have the energy to keep going and going and going like that little pink bunny. Before you dive in over your head and sink into the briny deep, consider what may be driving all this intense energy. Are you desperately trying to overcome a sense of inadequacy? Nah!

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Just like an empty apartment, there is need for color and light in your life now. What better way to fill the need with the Sun and Mercury in Scorpio. Queer Bulls seek companionship and comfort. Are you getting what you need from a certain tete a tete or should you tete with someone else? Only you can decide, but Mars provides some potent advice to take with your tea.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

If you trot along on a never ending treadmill at work, blame the Sun and Mercury in Scorpio for turning up the speed. Gay Twins find themselves burning the midnight oil down to the nubby wick. As frustrated as you may be, these efforts are not in vain. You can dispatch a load of work in a short time and create enough political points to take you on a profitable coast... later!

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Queer Crabs become terrible flirts when the Sun and Mercury glide into sultry Scorpio. Your mind wanders into all sorts of interesting detours and it is impossible to concentrate on the mundane and hum drum. Let your Gay muse lead you into the epicenter of artsy diversions; dance, perform, paint or party up a storm. Voyeurs need not apply unless that's your creative outlet.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud Lions are royal beasts and as Sun and Mercury dip into Scorpio, you center your attention on home and family. Find an excuse (as if you need one) to hold court in your living room and bask in the adoration of your many admirers. Mars sez that you should only surround yourself with those worthy souls who appreciate you for who you are. Royalty never compromises.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Your communications have a bite when Sun and Mercury enter acerbic Scorpio. Observations and opinions are deadly accurate and you can make your point clearly and sharply. Read between the lines and see if you can discern others' motives. This is especially true in relationships, according to Mars. Proudful Virgos must take no prisoners...unless they are gorgeous.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Sun and Mercury in acquisitive Scorpio heat up your need to invest and accumulate. Feather your nest as Mars rewards this intense and calculating energy by generating the biggest bang for your assorted bucks. Reap the greatest benefit by finding a trusted advisor for money management strategy. Then build your nest egg so as to guarantee fluffy omelettes in your old age, Gay Libra.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Queer Scorps find themselves in the epicenter when Sun and Mercury advance into their own sign. Even robust Mars gets into the act. First impressions go well so use this time to meet influential people who can help you advance. Tried and true Scorps probe the right keyholes to open new fabulous doors of opportunity. You are well up to the task, whatever appendage you use.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

What do you divine, you divine thing, when Sun and Mercury mysteriously enter Scorpio? Archers become queer seers and, with the help of Mars, can use their x-ray vision to peer into all hidden and potentially undermining things. What you uncover will give you an enormous advantage and may even compel you to change your life's direction. Follow all the signs, except yield.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Friends come to the rescue as Sun and Mercury traverse Scorpio. At the same time, pink Caps may be called to help out a particular pal in need. Whichever side of the table you find yourself, remember that careful listening and caring advice can lead to successful action. Mars also manages to heat up your communication so that every thought becomes a pearl of wisdom. Create a strand.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Career opportunities fall into your lap with Sun and Mercury in Scorpio. Don't squander this embarrassment of riches; plot each move as if it's a chess game. Aqueerians carve out the perfect political angle and play it to their advantage in professional matters. It's not often that you can thrive as a rainbow fish in the shark tank. Grab a fin and go for a joy ride to the top of the food chain.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

If you yearn for the excitement of far horizons and exotic travel, blame it on Sun and Mercury in Scorpio heating up your itchy feet. Guppies swim against the tide and sample new terrain thanks to energetic Mars who infuses inspiration and courage into your every move. If money is tight, ply your trade through the internet and home deliver the foreign fare. How much do you tip?

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Navajo Gays Unite Traditional, And Western Culture

WINDOW ROCK - Darrell Joe sits across the table over a Denny's breakfast, cup of coffee in hand, rattling off projects he's working on and programs he wants to start in his new job with the Navajo Nation's AIDS office, reported the Associated Press.

He's a respected 30-year-old professional in a high-profile position, his calendar filled with meetings and conferences. There is an ease in his voice. He knows who he is and what he wants. He is happy.

But it wasn't always like this.

Joe remembers when his journey began: when he and his cousins, playmates growing up in the small Navajo community of Iyanbito, N.M., went off to school.

That's when other kids started hurling words like "fag" and "queer" at him. Soon, some of his cousins were embarrassed to be seen with him.

His search for a place to belong both as a Gay man and as a Navajo would take him far from his home and his culture to an urban existence in Western society - and back again.

Joe is one of the growing number of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Navajos walking a cultural tightrope, uniting elements of Navajo and Western culture to establish a place for themselves.

"They sort of had to create their own world," said Wesley Thomas, an assistant professor of anthropology at Indiana University who specializes in American Indian gender studies.

The modern view of homosexuality in the Navajo Nation is shaped both by

tribal tradition and Western influence, according to Thomas.

Navajo origin stories embrace the idea of cross-gender identities. In some of these stories, men with feminine characteristics are known as "nadleeh" - they dressed like women and were considered important religious figures with a special role in ceremonies. They also shared in conventional female duties, such as cooking or caring for children.

In Navajo tradition, sexual relationships between nadleeh and non-nadleeh men were considered heterosexual.

"In the Western Gay culture, you have men who look like any other guy and behave like men and that's their identity as a Gay male," said Jack Jackson Jr., a Gay Navajo who serves in the Arizona House of Representatives. "On the reservation... you see a lot of Gay men who look more feminine and act more feminine, and it seems it's from their upbringing in a more traditional way."

A modest number of nadleeh have lived openly as transvestites on the reservation for generations, said Harry Walters, an anthropologist who teaches Navajo culture at Dine College in Tsaile, Ariz.

Some in the community now see "nadleeh" as an early manifestation of homosexuality, and use it as a broad term for anyone who isn't heterosexual.

Yet Thomas and Walters said the traditional understanding of nadleeh is disappearing, in part because the cultural significance has not been passed from one generation to the next - but also because of changing attitudes.

With the arrival of Western religious influences, Navajo families began to hide away homosexual relatives or encourage them to live a heterosexual lifestyle, Thomas said.

"The nadleeh were very much a part of Navajo culture right into the late 1800s," said Thomas, who is also a Gay tribal member. "Now we have children and grandchildren who dismiss (nadleeh) as part of Navajo culture. It was ... relegated to something that was part of Western culture and not Navajo."

With that search has come an attempt to organize.

Melvin Harrison, head of the Chinle-based Navajo AIDS Network, said there wasn't a community for homosexual, Bisexual or Transgender Navajos when he began HIV prevention work on the reservation in 1988.

To celebrate National Coming Out Day earlier this month, the network's office in Gallup, N.M., organized a coming-out party at a nearby state park. More than 50 people showed up for the third annual event, which included a drag show.

No one can remember a formal organization that served homosexual, Bisexual or Transgender Navajos before the network's formation in 1990. Homosexuality is simply not discussed within the traditionally discreet Navajo Nation.

Some credit the traditional nadleeh teachings for greater tolerance among older generations. Joe said his grandmother, for instance, always knew he was different but never judged or ostracized him.

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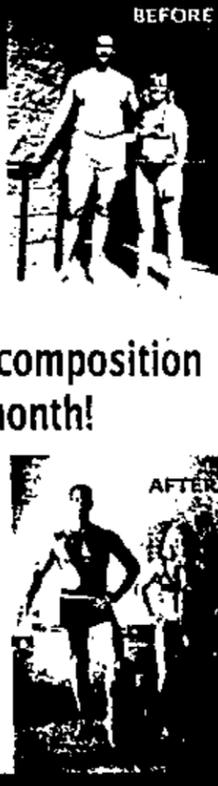
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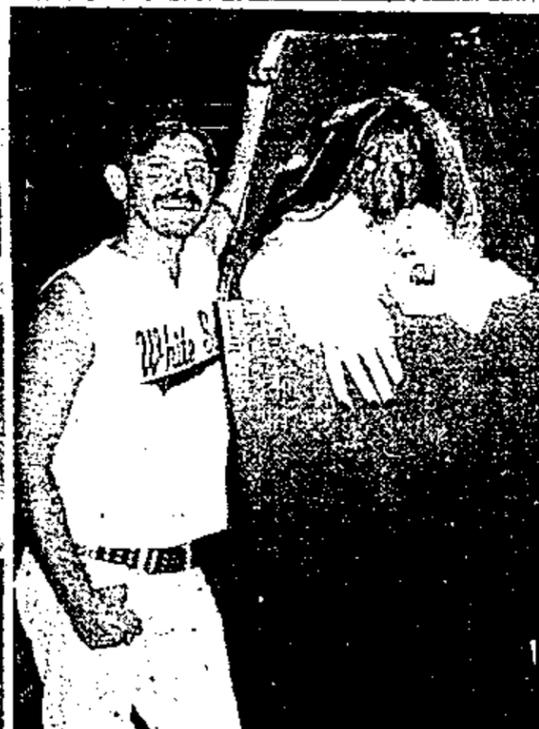
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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thom

UofA Faculty Show

We come once again to the burning question, "Why can't the local media of a town with a metro population approaching one million people produce cutting-edge art criticism of its own throbbingly vibrant arts scene?" Answer: We can and you've found it.

A couple months ago this column focused on the MFA thesis show at the UA Museum of Art. We examined what the graduating students were up to. Now, with the present show, we can compare the teachers' work with what we saw of their students.

The overall impression that the students left was that they were abject captives of a pop culture that had hit its nadir. I'm happy to report that their teachers are much less enthralled by the bankrupt pop. There are some exceptions in the form of three works of video art, a genre which unfortunately has not yet completed its death rattle. There's also a work composed of 100 record album covers, but generally speaking the pros have gone beyond pop.

The range of this exhibit is so laudably wide that instead of just picking the customary "best of show" it seems to make sense to pick a "most pleasurable," a "most original" and, as the young like to say, "the funnest."

"Most pleasurable" goes to two rich festive eye candies in acrylic by Andrew Polk, both swirls of gorgous colors with no better excuse for their existence than sheer beauty. The

compositions are free-flowing, more controlled than spills and less than a screen saver. It's a pleasure to sit before these works and imagine what they'd taste like if they were food. They'd be very rich and creamy with a nice variety of mostly sweet and subtle flavors. A dieter could work up a real sense of guilt here.

"Funnest" goes to the 100 album covers by Ken Short. The artist has used funny and risqué inserts to subvert the mood that the covers attempt to convey. You feel the artist's strong need to resist the party line. And the covers cover such a vast range of graphic and musical styles that the need for resistance seems to apply to all party lines. Of course subverting the party line has always been a large part of the stock and trade of the serious artist.

"Most original" goes to "Palimpsest Men" by Keith McElroy and, since originality is the main point of art, it also gets "best of show." The work is composed of 16 inkjet digital prints, each depicting a human figure on a black background. The figures are of different colors and appear to be made of different materials. The question for analysis is, "Why do these 16 images work together to make one unified artistic statement?"

For one thing all the figures seem marred or chipped or damaged in some way. For another most seem to be in poses that would be difficult to maintain. Most also have a softness or roundness suggestive of vulnerability. For these reasons and/or

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medical leave, bereavement leave, hospital visitation, and survivor benefits. Additionally, I am one of six cosponsors of legislation to provide domestic partnership benefits to Gay and Lesbian federal employees.

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

Kerry: Support.

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

Kerry: Support.

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

Kerry: 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?

Kerry: Support. Comments: I am one of six cosponsors of legislation to provide domestic partnership benefits to Gay and Lesbian federal 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?

Kerry: 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?

Kerry: Support.

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?

Kerry: Support. Comments: In 1993, I was one of four Senators who testified before the Armed Services committee that it was fundamentally wrong to continue to deny Gay and Lesbian Americans the right of participate in the armed forces of the United States.

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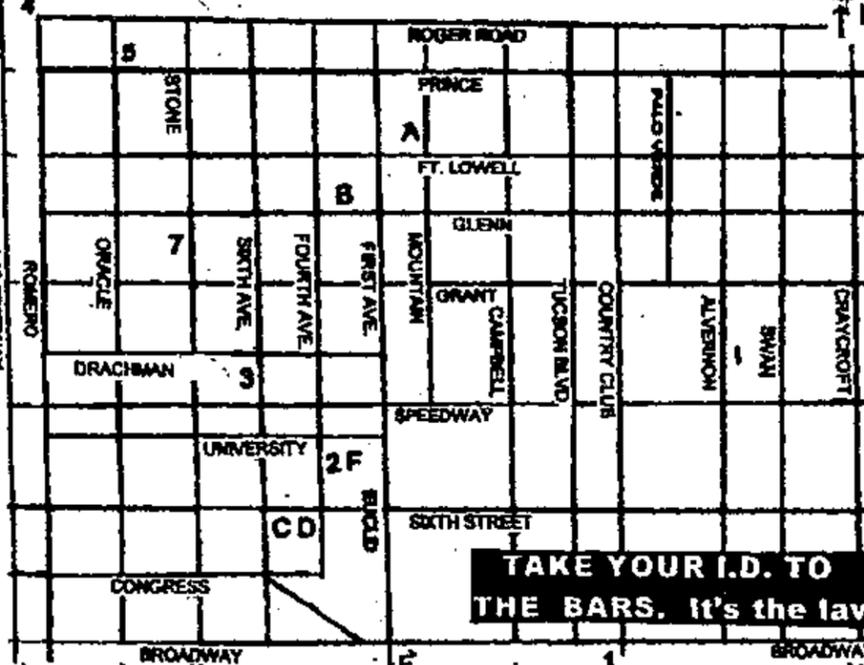
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Ask Dr. X

DR. X HAS ANSWERS.

Dear Dr. X,

I think I missed the boat on HIV/AIDS education. You tend to sound as if we all know everything about HIV and AIDS. I know you should use a condom for anal sex to prevent passing HIV to a partner or to keep from getting it, but beyond that I have a lot of gray areas. I am not stupid but I would like to know more. I am only in my twenties and haven't had any friends that have died. I never got any HIV info at school. I am kind of embarrassed to say to my friends that I don't know much about not getting HIV and what is safe. If you could give me a few rules I would be appreciative.

Signed Clueless.

Dear Clueless

I'm really glad you brought this question up. It is easy for us that have been around for the entire epidemic to forget that there will always be people that need the basics. First thing: getting tested regularly and knowing your status is a big step towards preventing HIV. Remember that from the time you think you were exposed it can take up to 3 months for HIV to show up on a test. So try to keep track of sexual experiences and test regularly. As for rules just remember this, all sexual activities can be put into 4 different categories (with examples): No risk (mutual masturbation), Low risk (oral sex), Medium risk (kissing

with bleeding gums) and High risk (unprotected anal/vaginal sex). These days there are tons of great resources out there to help you get the information you need. If you have Internet access check out the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/hiv/dhap.htm or Gay Men's Health Project at www.gmhp.org.

These are great resources that can answer lots of questions.

Dear Dr. X,

I can't decide if a guy I keep seeing at the bar is single or not. He is always with a group of guys and one acts like his lover. I haven't seen them kiss or anything, but I don't want to look stupid by coming on to him if they are together. What do you suggest?

Signed Chicken S*#@

Dear C.S.,

Approaching someone under any circumstance is scary. When they are in a group of people it's like being the new kid on the first day of school. I would try to ask some friends or even a bartender if they have the scoop on him. If that isn't an option you could try to single him out by watching him go to the bar, walk away from the group to go to the bathroom or dance or wherever. The guy who acts like his lover may be, but he may also just be a good friend. I say go for it. I would start with a subtle approach by just working into the group socially with no obvious agenda but to introduce yourself to some new people. They will naturally talk to you unless they're total jerks; in that case you don't want to hang around them anyways. This guy may be interested but can't get away from the gang to chat with people like you. If you are hot for this guy check it out. I think a missed opportunity is worse than a little awkwardness. Good luck.

[Send your questions to Dr. X at gmbp@saaf.org or mail them to SAAF/GMHP, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719. You can also check out Dr. X online at gmbp.org.]

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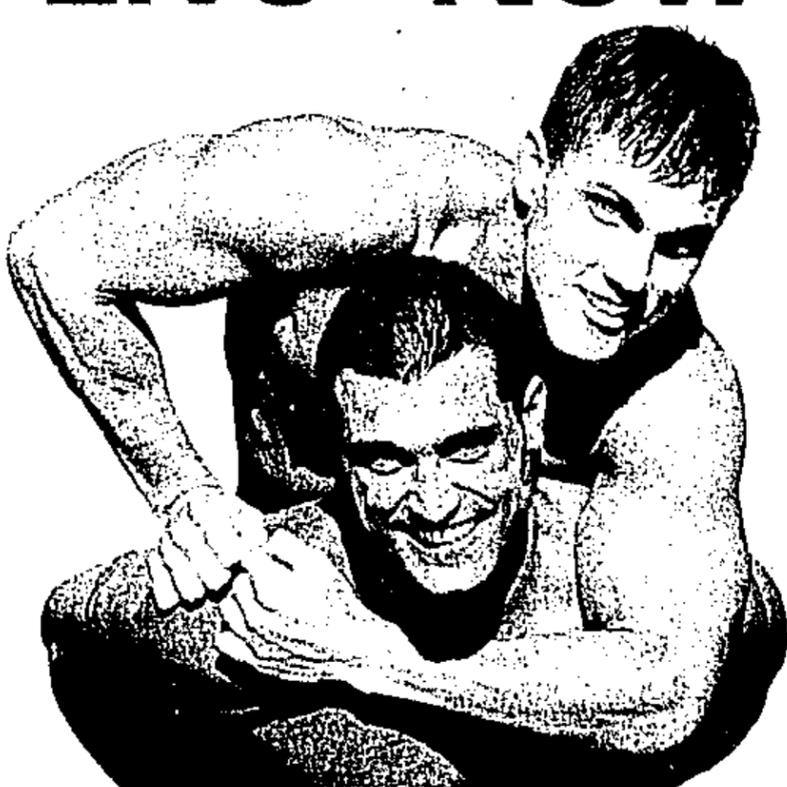
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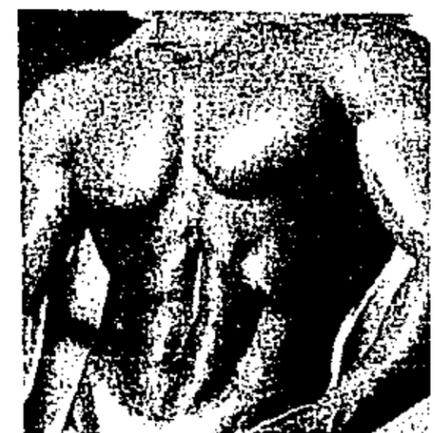
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NON-BAR CALENDAR
GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. The Triangle Tribe/Circle of Men 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.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Terry for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Terry at 577-2396.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 11:00 a.m. Join us for a Lunch Out and an afternoon of gambling at the Casino del Sol. For directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

#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 Robert at 400-1376.

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 1:00 p.m. Dakota Café, 6541 E. Tanque Verde Rd.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 10:00 a.m. Join Karol for a morning of miniature golf followed by a Lunch Out at the nearby Golden Corral. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

Bar Calendar
Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. The DivaLicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday 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 no later than 10:00 p.m.) 1st Prize \$200; Second Place \$100 and Third \$50. DJ spins the hottest hip hop and Latin music from 9-closing. No Cover.

IBTS - 11th Annual Black and White Halloween Ball, 10:00 p.m. \$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. Contest with prizes of course!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

YARD DOG - Beer Bust for the Arizona Fellowship Run 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

IBTS - 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 PFLAG. 9:00 p.m. the last Wet Shorts Contest of the season! \$100 to the winner!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. The DivaLicious Show hosted by Ajia Simone and starring Janee Starr, Terri Aki and Lady Ashley.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - DJ Hill spins the hottest Latin music from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Shot specials every half hour. No Cover.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz and Golden Eagle Distributors bring you Twister Tuesday! Free give-aways! \$2.00 longnecks of all Bud products (during the promo). No Cover. DJ Hill 9:00 to close. Promo starts at 9:00 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz welcomes back DJ Jocelyn and Garage Monday. DJ Jocelyn spins the latest garage music from 9:00 to midnight. Great drink specials. No Cover.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Karol for Hearts Night. This viciously fun game is easy to learn if you've never played before. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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

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

Arts & Entertainment

NOW PLAYING THROUGH NOVEMBER 8

Arizona Theater Company presents "Tally's Folly" at the Temple of Music and Art. Sally Tally, approaching spinsterhood and Fred Friedman, the Jewish Accountant who loves her. The play won a Pulitzer Award in 1980 and has won fans in New York and regional theaters ever since. Tickets are \$25-\$39. Call 622-2823 for specific days and times.

NOW PLAYING THROUGH NOVEMBER 9

Live Theatre workshop presents N. Richard Nash's Tony Award Nominated play "The Rainmaker". Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. only. Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E. Speedway. Tickets range from \$14-\$12. Call 327-4242 for reservations.

NOW PLAYING THROUGH NOVEMBER 15

Gallery Four Ten, 410 E. Fr. Lowell presents the second show of the season "Sprouts". Photography, sculpture, paintings, watercolors, ceramics, collages, painted furniture and wall hangings. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. or by appointment. Call 520-740-1947 for more information.

NOW PLAYING THROUGH DECEMBER 7

Live Theatre Workshop presents Robin Hood adapted by Jeremy Thompson with original music by Michael Martinez and Jay Everett. Journey to the enchanting and musical world of Sherwood Forest during the reign of King Richard the Lionhearted. The Sheriff of Nottingham has an evil plot to destroy Robin Hood, the only man who can save the kingdom from ruin in the absence of the beloved king. With daring duels and unrequited love, the audience will discover that the hero is not always who they think it is, and sometimes, all it takes to become a hero, is a little help from your friends. Playing Sundays only at 1:00 pm. Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E. Speedway. Tickets \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 18 & under. 327-4242 for info.

OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 2

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

Live in concert at the Desert Diamond Casino Jefferson Starship tonight only. Tickets now on sale. 393-2799.

OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 16

Green Thursday Theatre Project presents "Anger Box" from the author of The Eight Reindeer Monologues. "Anger Box" is a rant about everything that is wrong with the world today - from sex to politics to God. Performed as a series of monologues, Anger Box is provocative, shocking, irrational, stinging and really, really funny. Directed by Samantha K. Wyler. Cabaret Theatre at the Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Trumpeter Wynton Marsalis, the Grammy Award Winner and Pulitzer Prize Laureat returns to Centennial Hall at 7:30 p.m. 621-3341.

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.

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 6pm to close. Drink & Shot specials all night.

IBTS - 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. 8:30 shows or special events or Hi energy dancing w/DJ T.C. Wildman. 8-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open Noon. Bloody Marys \$2.00 til 3pm. Steak & Shrimp Dinner \$8.99, 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. Patio Beer Bust 3-7. Burger BBQ 5-7. Selection of burger meals 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 Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Beach Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger w/salad 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm

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

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestics and well 2-7pm. Free pool 8-10pm. 50¢ cups draft Bud & Bud Light 6pm 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 Skyy Martinis 4-8. Monday Nite Football. Free Hot Dogs.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Karaoke w/Michael D. 9-11

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/Party 7:30pm. \$3 entry, bar matches pot. 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, Jeltos. 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 Senna 9pm - 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 Holiday 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-Jetish-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 BUSINESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Karaoke 9-close. \$2 Kamakazes and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm, HINRG video dancing with Johnny DJ 8-11 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 BUSINESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Music with DJ Hill 9pm - close. Shot and drink specials all night. No cover.

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. 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 Noon. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Fish or Shrimp Dinner \$5.99 11am-8pm. Country Western Dance with Libby & Pat 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 Martinis \$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 BUSINESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Bar matches pot. \$2 pitchers for pool players. DJ Hill 9pm-close. Drink & Shot Specials all night.

IBTS - 10am-5pm \$4 Martinis and Daquiris. 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 9-11.

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

TGNArizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-various communities of Arizona. Website URL: <http://www.tgnarizona.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 MANTO 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.

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 MENS 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

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 Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

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 Anabel 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.

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.saafo.org>. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty. 882-7223 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 573-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 615-1491, 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 (GPGCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpgcc.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/pollucks 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 Room 968-2384.

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

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6768.

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.

MENS SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social polluck 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.

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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. Dezent Gulez (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dezent 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. SAGAE@aol.com <http://members.aol.com/sagacmail>

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).

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) 743-0775 for current information.

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMD 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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others that have eluded me, the work seems to jell. Sitting there in its completeness, its fullness, it invites contemplation even as it discourages simpleness. It resists being reduced to a cliché. Not one of the reductive readings of this work that might tempt us really works, which is a way of saying that the work has substance.

Honorable mention goes to "UA Painting Center" by Chuch Hitner, acrylic on fiberglass screen, a new medium to me. It's a triptych of blurry figures engaged in blurry activities depicted with a quiet controlled palette and exemplifying the axiom, "Simplicity that can't be reduced to a formula is often very powerful."

Next to the faculty exhibit is an installation called "The Drying Room" by Gayle Wimmer. It involves hundreds of manuscript pages hung by clothes pins from strings strung close to the north and south walls of the room. Although the installation as a whole is uninspired, the shadows of the manuscripts near the north wall have interesting shapes and form interesting patterns, just the kind of thing you'd miss if you were in a hurry. So let's make up another axiom: "Go to the museum with a leisurely mind."

[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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