

Firefighters Suspended In Possible Coverup Of Anti-Gay Violence

STATEN ISLAND - Six New York firefighters suspected of working in corroboration with a New York fire chief in covering up the physical assault of a co-worker taunted with anti-Gay epithets before being beaten unconscious, were placed on desk duty Monday, January 5.

New York Mayor Bloomberg told news authorities yesterday he was taking control of the investigation from the New York Fire Department and handing it over to his own internal Department of Investigation in an effort to get at the truth of why 40-year-old fire fighter Robert Walsh was repetitively smashed over the head with a metal chair December 31 by FDNY employee Michael Silvestri after he allegedly called Walsh an anti-Gay name, gfn.com reported.

Investigators are also looking at whether the actions of any of the Staten Island firefighters might warrant criminal charges of obstruction.

The mayor's office reports the injured man is in the hospital on a ventilator; his alleged assailant Silvestri remains free of charges but has been suspended without pay.

"I think the public deserves to have an investigation where there's no question about the independence," Bloomberg told New York Newsday. "We'll find out what took place and take appropriate actions, whether it's administrative or ... if it was a breaking of the law, we'll file charges."

According to a report released by law enforcement officials, at 6:45 p.m. Dec. 31, firefighter Michael Silvestri called Robert Walsh an undisclosed anti-Gay slur. Walsh in turn responded by saying Silvestri rigged the FDNY system to earn extra overtime pay. The two men proceeded to argue, when Silvestri smashed Walsh repeatedly in the face with a heavy metal chair.

During the attack, Capt. Terrence

Sweeney and his crew sat in the Staten Island Firehouse Recreation room and watched television "as if nothing was happening," law officials said.

According to a report in the Daily News Walsh lay bleeding on the floor of the firehouse for over 30 minutes before Sweeney and one other firefighter finally took Walsh to Staten Island University Hospital.

Sweeney told the doctors Walsh has fallen down a flight of stairs. Back at the station house, the firefighters, under orders from Sweeney, cleaned up evidence of Walsh's skin and blood.

Near 9:00 p.m., Sweeney returned to the station house and recorded Walsh's injury in the official law book as an "accident."

Around midnight Walsh's condition took a turn for the worse, as doctors put Walsh into an induced coma to place an air tube in his lungs so he could breathe. As required by law, administrators at the hospital called the FDNY headquarters to report the injury.

Shortly after 3 a.m., NYPD arrested Silvestri, when Sweeney told them the incident was not an accident and Silvestri was to blame.

"An investigation is now under way into whether a captain misrepresented the incident to his superiors, and whether other firefighters participated in a cover-up," wrote the New York Times in an op-ed report published Tuesday. "These are serious charges and should be pursued vigorously."

Placed on desk duty were firefighter Joseph Spitalieri, who drove Walsh to the hospital; Lt. Raymond Kane; Lt. Daniel Kenny, Lt. Gregory McFarland and Firefighter David Johnsen, as well as Sweeney.

S.F. School District Agrees To Protect G/L Students

SAN FRANCISCO - The Morgan Hill Unified School District in Northern California, where Gay students have described a persistent climate of anti Gay harassment and discrimination, including physical violence, has agreed to a wide-ranging staff and student training program and policy protections, ending a five-year-long federal battle that began with a suit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

"I am so happy that the district has finally recognized the seriousness of this

problem and is ready to do something to stop it," said Alana Flores, one of the plaintiffs in the case. "The kind of abuse I had to deal with every day when I went to school was horrible. No student should have to face that. Making schools safe for all students through this kind of training is something every school should do."

The lawsuit was brought on behalf of six high school students in the district who charged that school officials did not protect them from ongoing anti-Gay abuse.

Dog Maul Convict Released, Still Faces Suit

CHOWCHILLA - Marjorie Knoller was released on parole from the Central California Women's Facility, on Friday, January 2, after serving 33 months for involuntary manslaughter in the dog mauling death of her neighbor, Diane Alexis Whipple, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Whipple bled to death after being mauled by Knoller's two huge presa canario dogs in the hallway outside the San Francisco apartment she shared with her domestic partner, Sharon Smith, on Jan. 26, 2001.

A jury convicted Knoller, 48, of second-degree murder. But the judge in the case set aside the murder conviction and reduced it to involuntary manslaughter.

Knoller's husband, Robert Noel, 62, also was convicted of involuntary manslaughter, and the two were both sentenced in 2002 to four years in prison. Noel was paroled in September.

Robert Cardoza, a San Francisco attorney who represents Smith, told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network on Friday that Knoller would have received a minimum sentence of 15 years if the second-degree murder conviction had stuck.

"That's quite a swing. That is a big difference from what the jury wanted," said Cardoza.

James Hammer, a deputy district attorney who prosecuted both Knoller and Noel, said Smith was upset that Knoller was being paroled early, with time off for the months she served in jail and good behavior.

"The time she served seems disturbingly short in light of the jury's verdict, Marjorie Knoller's own extreme recklessness and the way in which Diane Whipple died," Hammer told the Associated Press.

Knoller was picked up from the prison by a friend and traveled to Ventura County in Southern California, where she will serve out her parole, according to San Francisco television station KTVU. She will be on probation for three years.

Knoller and Noel are both appealing their convictions. The state attorney general's office, meanwhile, is appealing a judge's dismissal of Knoller's conviction of second-degree murder in the case, spokeswoman Halle Jordan said Wednesday.

Cardoza is representing Sharon Smith in a civil lawsuit against Knoller and Noel. He said the case was delayed by their incarceration, but should move forward in the next few months.

Smith filed a separate civil suit against the owner of the apartment building, which was settled out of court. The

terms of that settlement were not publicized, however Cardoza said all proceeds went to a foundation named for Whipple.

The foundation provides money for a scholarship fund at St. Mary's College, where Whipple was a lacrosse coach. It also provides money for cancer research. Whipple was a thyroid cancer survivor.

Three years after the attack, Sharon Smith has moved on with her life. She relocated out of San Francisco and has a new life partner, and two new babies.

Smith gave birth to a baby boy last Saturday. And her partner, Michelle, gave birth to a baby girl just one week before that. The baby girl's middle name is Alexis, in honor of Diane Alexis Whipple.

Sen. Feingold Attacks Marriage Amendment

MADISON - Claiming it's "an abuse of the Constitution," U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wisc., told a Wisconsin-based newspaper that he will "lead the charge" against the proposed constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

In an interview with the editorial board of the Capital Times, the ranking Democrat on the Constitution subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee said, "It is unbelievable to me that we would use our Constitution to deal with an issue like that."

Sen. Feingold said the weaknesses of the proposed amendment became apparent during the summer hearings. "I think we did very well in pointing out how inappropriate it is for the federal government to have a constitutional amendment to take the decision away from the states."

The Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA) has been gaining momentum since it was introduced in the House on May 21 by Rep. Marilyn Musgrave, R-Colo. It now has over 100 co-sponsors in the House, and the U.S. Senate is also considering the proposed amendment.

The push behind the FMA has been fueled in part by the Nov. 18 ruling by Massachusetts' highest court, which said not allowing same-sex couples to marry went against the state's Constitution. Same-sex marriage opponents fear if Massachusetts allows same-sex marriage, the U.S. Constitution's full faith and credit clause would compel every state in the union to accept Gay marriage.

Last month President George Bush

UPDATE

GLBT Political Forum Jan. 25

TUCSON - So where do the presidential candidates stand on GLBT issues? In light of the upcoming Arizona Presidential Preference Primary, a political forum for the GLBT community will take place Sunday, January 25, 3 to 6:00 p.m., at the Muse Cultural Arts Center Auditorium, 516 N. Fifth Avenue in Tucson.

This political forum is sponsored by Wingspan, Southern Arizona's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center, the Arizona Human Rights Fund, Southern Arizona Caucus and The Observer, Tucson's Weekly GLBT newspaper.

Candidates running for the Democratic, Republican, Libertarian and Green Party presidential nominations have been invited to participate in this forum.

Candidates and elected officials from posts ranging from the state legislature to county offices have also received an invitation to take part.

For more information contact Wingspan, (520) 624-1779, or AHRF by email kfelan@ahr.org or by phone (520) 245-9009, or go online to tucsonobserver.com.

Eric Himan At Wingspan Jan. 19

TUCSON - Openly Gay singer, songwriter Eric Himan will be performing at Wingspan, January 19, 7 to 9 p.m., as part of his West Coast tour to raise awareness for LGBT Youth Centers.

Himan is celebrating the release of his third CD, "All for Show," and is looking forward to his first performance in the Old Pueblo.

This show is free for LGBT Youth and a suggested \$5 donation for those over 22. For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

Desert Voices Update

TUCSON - If you're looking for a way to meet more people and be more involved in the Tucson community in the New Year, read on! Desert Voices, Tucson's only Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight chorus, now in its 15th Season, will be holding open auditions on January 12 and 19 for their upcoming show in April of 2004.

Desert Voices is a friendly group of singers who plan and create their shows together. The group sings music that is familiar, entertaining and hopeful for the future. Desert Voices is seeking new members who will fit the open, friendly style of the chorus, and who also have a passion for music and singing.

Desert Voices is seeking folks who love to sing and perform, people who understand that we're not about looks or the latest fashions or keeping up with others and who have a heart, are, caring and have a concern for others in the community, and the chorus love's all colors, shapes sizes and genders! The chorus does believe in musical excellence and work hard to attain that lofty goal. The group sings their music from memory, and director, Chris Tackett, helps out with recordings of rehearsals for memorization of words and music. Singing music from memory allows us to move to the music and work in more theatrical aspects for the shows.

Desert Voices is not, however, a professional chorus, which means that we welcome all singers, and our only real requirement is that singers must be able to match pitch, which means you can sing back a note that is played for you and match it.

If you would like to get more information about the chorus, please call (520) 791-9662 or check out Desert Voices' website at www.desertvoices.org. Walk-in Auditions are also welcome on the 12th and 19th of January. All auditions begin at 6:30 p.m. at Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain Ave, just North of Ft. Lowell.

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Like To Read?

TUCSON - The Guys Book Club (TGBC) invites new members to join them.

The group meets once a month, on the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Magpie's Pizza on 4th Avenue to discuss the Gay-themed book read by members the previous month.

Some of the books that have been discussed in 2003 include "At Swim Two Boys", "Confessions of a Mask", "Death in Venice", "Two Flutes Playing", "A Single Man", and others, both fiction and non-fiction. TGBC book for January is Paul Russell's "The Coming Storm". The group will meet to talk about it on January 19.

Volunteer Orientation At Wingspan

TUCSON - Resolved to get more involved in Tucson's LGBT community this year? Have you thought about volunteering for Wingspan, but didn't know what it might involve? Here's your chance to find out. A Volunteer Orientation will take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street, at 9 a.m. on Saturday, January 24.

This orientation is geared for new and potential Wingspan volunteers, and is open to anyone wanting to learn about Wingspan's history, organizational structure, and the many opportunities to volunteer. It's also a chance to see the 13-minute video documentary about Wingspan's history that screened at last year's 6th Annual Wingspan Benefit Dinner. Whether you want to volunteer intermittently, on a regular basis, or for a specific project or committee, Wingspan can accommodate most levels of commitment.

To continue their commitment to diversity, Wingspan strongly urges people of color, Lesbians, bi women, Gay and bi men, people with disabilities, bilingual and bicultural folks, transmen and transwomen, sign language interpreters, people living with HIV/AIDS, youth, older adults, and straight allies to volunteer.

Drop by Wingspan for a volunteer application, or contact Mark, Wingspan's Volunteer Programs Coordinator, at (520) 624-1779 ext 15, or mark@wingspan.org, and he can email you one. More information about volunteering for Wingspan can be found by visiting Wingspan's website, www.wingspan.org, and clicking on "Get Involved" at the top. Internships are also available.

Fiesta De Los Osos January 16-19

TUCSON - Bears gather to celebrate once again in Tucson. The weekend of January 16-19 will be the eighth annual "La Fiesta de Los Osos," a party and gathering for those who are bears or are friends of bears.

Los Osos has become one of the premiere events for the Bear community. This year's theme is Mardi Gras. Activities include day trips to nearby attractions, and a Saturday afternoon cookout. Tucson's Bears of the Old Pueblo are the sponsors of the event.

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NEW YORK - If I asked, "what is the best thing that has happened to the investment markets over the past decade?" I might have to break the decade down to before, during and post-Internet bubble, to get a complete answer.

I think I probably have a different take on things, though, regardless of how you answer. In my mind, the best thing that's happened to the investment markets over the past decade is the phenomenal increase in stock ownership, particularly for women, gfn.com reported.

From the 1970s, when stock ownership was at a modern day low, the incidence of stock investing became more and more common. By the end of 20th century, almost 50 percent of American households owned individual stocks or mutual funds. When you consider the fact that America's democratic political system and our capitalist economy are built on the principles of participation and ownership, it may seem odd that more of us didn't invest earlier. But if you remember your history, you'll have a good idea of why most of us were dragged into the investment world kicking and fighting.

In the 1800s, few Americans owned stock. Investing or "speculating" on stocks was a pastime reserved for New York's Morgans, Pennsylvania's Carnegies and Ohio's Rockefellers, not Boston's O'Tooles, Minnesota's Swensons or California's Garcias. For the majority of our ancestors a savings account at the local bank was the closest they ever got to an investment. Even then the "risk" was almost more than they could handle.

And women? You never heard of our foremothers investing. Except for a few brave Lesbian pioneers, in those days all a

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woman wanted out of life was a strong man, a bunch of babies and tasty new recipes. When industrialization changed everything, we were finally on the long and rocky road to obtaining freedom from our societal and financial prisons.

At the end of the 1800s, the United States hit the tail end of the transition from an agrarian to an industrial economy. The financial markets grew increasingly important, because issuing stock was the only way corporations could raise the kind of money they needed to expand their operations.

As the economy changed, so did mass communications and for the most part the daily newspaper introduced us to the names of America's largest corporations, investments like stocks, bonds and the complex world of the investment markets. For most of us, our investment knowledge and experience began and ended in black and white on a newspaper page.

Although millions of Americans lived through the crash of 1929, the Great Depression and all of the other historic events in 20th century investment history, for the majority of the 1900s, stock investing remained an activity reserved solely for institutions, and an elite and affluent group of white American males.

So, what about the "girls"? For the most part, the only women who invested were confident, independent, assertive, or lucky enough to have inherited stock portfolios from their wealthy fathers or husbands. Then, finally, about 25 years ago, the investment world and our relationship with corporate America were forever changed by a business concept we've come

to know as globalization.

After making it through the high inflation and oppressive interest rates of the late '70s, and early '80s, American corporations had gotten the message, if they were going to protect themselves from becoming too dependent on one economy, they'd have to expand their operations globally.

To expand, they needed money so they set about to cut expenses, and that meant cutting jobs, and changing the structure of expensive retirement programs. Luckily for We the People, about the same time corporate America was introducing us to the new employment reality Congress was creating a new kind of retirement account that would open up the world of investing to all of us, the 401(k).

The 401(k) and its counterpart the IRA are the critters that opened market's doors to all of us. The changes in corporate America had gotten us wise to the fact that we were the ones who were responsible for making sure we'd have a comfortable retirement. No company or Social Security program was going to do it for us. It was crystal clear. Our financial success was in our hands.

And what about us Lesbian investors? Today, for the most part, we're lumped into the larger, gender-defined category of "women investors" but that's not a bad deal.

These days, any financial services company that wants to be an industry leader must have a program geared toward women investors. That's not because women

require different kinds of investments, it's because women travel a different path to investment land than men do.

For example, most female baby boomers were socialized to believe that they were incapable of understanding either math or investing. That's why it wasn't uncommon for the woman, in a traditional relationship, to be responsible for a household's short-term financial success (i.e. paying the bills) while the man made the long-term investment decisions. Fortunately, research is blowing that out of date approach out of the water.

Recently a number of studies have shown that women are better suited to investing than men, in part because we are willing to be patient while our investments "do their thing." Men, on the other hand, need to be in control. If nothing's happening with a stock, they sell it. Forget about patience, men want instantaneous results. I guess there is some reward for giving birth - if nothing else, we learn something about patience (and swearing).

I'd take the recent research a step further to assert that a Lesbian couple could have an even greater advantage over their heterosexual counterparts. Just imagine the patience and organization skills two of us bring to our investment lives.

The possibilities and the potential are incredible what's more, now that the investment world is wide open to all of us imagine the power we'll have if we just have to put our heads together.

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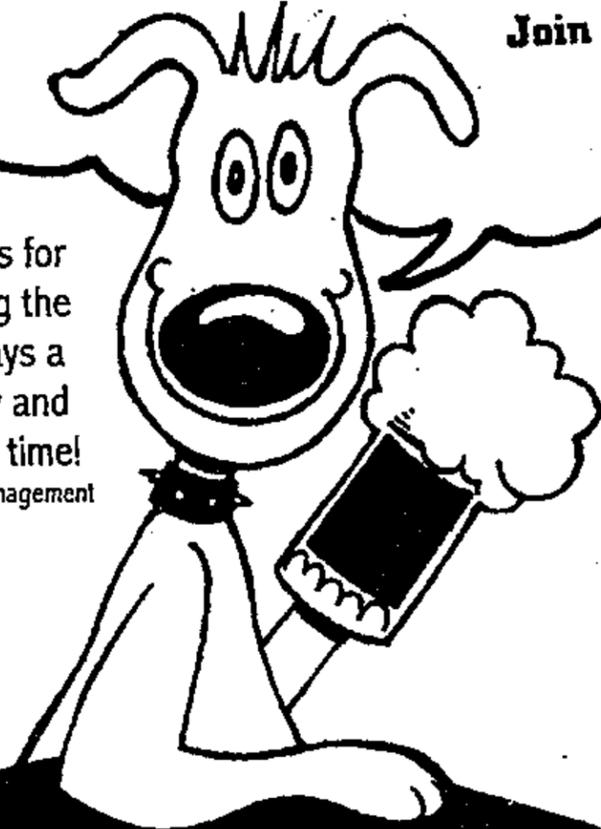
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**Pope Reaffirms Opposition
 To Gay Marriage**

VATICAN CITY - Pope John Paul II pressed his campaign against Gay unions Sunday, January 4 calling for greater defense of the institution of marriage as a union between a man and a woman and saying that a "misunderstood sense of rights" is altering it.

The pope's comments came amid a Vatican campaign to crack down on same-sex unions, which have won legal protections in recent months following landmark court decisions in Canada, Massachusetts, and elsewhere granting increased rights to Gay and Lesbian couples. In his weekly Sunday comments in St. Peter's Square, John Paul said marriage—which the Vatican defines as a sacred union between a man and a woman—is a "human and divine" gift that should be defended by society. "In our times, a misunderstood sense of rights has sometimes disturbed the nature of the family institution and conjugal bond itself," he said. "It is necessary that at every level, the efforts of those who believe in the importance of the family based on matrimony unite."

In July the Vatican launched a global campaign against Gay unions in a bid to stem the tide of widening legal recognition for same-sex marriages in Europe, North America, and elsewhere. The Vatican's orthodoxy watchdog, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, issued a document saying that Roman Catholic politicians have a "moral duty" to oppose laws granting legal rights to Gay couples and that non-Catholics should follow their lead since the issue concerns "natural moral law." "To vote in favor of a law so harmful to the common good is

gravely immoral," the document read, although it did not specify penalties for Catholics who do. It was issued just a month after an appeals court in Ontario ruled that Canada's definition of marriage as a union between a man and a woman was unconstitutional. Based on that ruling and a similar one in British Columbia, Canada is expected to introduce legislation legalizing Gay marriage next year.

The pope reaffirmed the church's position on the institution Sunday, noting that Christmas is a time to remember the "holy family" of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. Marriage, he said, "concerns a human and divine reality that is defended and promoted as a fundamental good of society." He urged a common prayer "for all families, in particular those in material and spiritual difficulty." John Paul has been a staunch promoter of the institution of marriage as well as of the family. He strongly opposes abortion as well as artificial birth control, even for married couples. Even before the recent North American court rulings, the pope and top Vatican officials frequently spoke out about increasing legal recognition for Gay couples in Europe, where the Vatican has been particularly concerned about the church's waning influence. In recent years the Netherlands and Belgium extended marriage rights to all couples, no matter the partners' gender. Germany, France, Sweden, and Denmark also have "civil union" laws. In January the pope approved guidelines for Catholic politicians, saying that laws safeguarding marriage between a man and a woman must be promoted and that "in no way can other forms of cohabitation be placed on the same level as marriage, nor can they receive legal recognition as such."

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As part of the settlement, all administrators, teachers, campus monitors, custodians, school safety officers, and bus drivers in the district will take part in a mandatory annual training program devoted exclusively to issues of harassment and discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. The district is also implementing an age-appropriate training program for students and an antidiscrimination policy that bans harassment on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. Substantial damages will also be paid to the plaintiffs. "This settlement has been a long time coming, but the results more than justify the years of effort," said Ann Brick, a staff attorney with the ACLU of Northern California who worked on the case. "The mandatory annual training program for both students and staff should serve as a model for schools everywhere that care about protecting their students from harassment. We hope that the outcome in this case will make suing other school districts less necessary."

to keep their students safe."

The students, five girls and one boy, were repeatedly mistreated both physically and verbally. One student, Freddie Fuentes, had to go to the hospital after a group of male students beat and kicked him while shouting "faggot" at a school bus stop in full view of the bus driver. Another student, Alana Flores, found a pornographic picture taped to her locker. A handwritten note attached to it read, "Die, Die...Dyke bitch, Fuck off. We'll kill you." When Flores asked for help, the assistant principal brushed her off and told her to go back to class, saying, "Don't bring me this trash anymore. This is disgusting." Diane Ritchie, a San Jose attorney who worked on the case, said, "One good thing has come out of the years of pain these students experienced, and that's the training that the district is going to do now that the case is over. We commend the school district for adopting a training program that will make sure everyone in the district understands that harassment, threats, and violence are completely unacceptable and won't be tolerated."

"The bravery of these students in speaking out about the horrible abuse they faced on a daily basis at school will reach far beyond Morgan Hill," said Kate Kendell, executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights. "Because these six kids came forward, schools now know they can't just ignore abuse of Gay students when it's happening in their hallways. This training program isn't just the right thing to do, it's what schools have to do if they want

The case, Flores v. Morgan Hill Unified School District, had earlier been appealed to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals by the school district. The court issued a historic ruling holding that schools must take steps to eliminate harassment when they learn that Lesbian, Gay, and bisexual students are abused at school.

Chicago, Los Angeles Vie For '06 Gay Games

NEW YORK - Organizations in Chicago and Los Angeles are bidding against each other in an effort to host Gay Games VII in 2006, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

The Federation of Gay Games (FGG) originally selected Montreal two years ago, but contract negotiations broke off in November after the two parties could not agree on key financial and logistical details. However, organizers in Montreal maintain they will go through with hosting a rival version of the games, even without the official license.

The FGG invited the three other cities that competed in the bidding process to submit new bids. While Atlanta placed second with 11 votes to Montreal's 31, its organization decided not to try again.

On Jan. 2 the FGG announced Chicago, which received seven votes, and Los Angeles, which received only one vote, had both submitted letters of intent to bid for the event. Final bid documents are due Feb. 1, with the FGG board expected to vote on March 1.

"Chicago would be a great place to host the Gay Games," said Kevin Boyer, a spokesman for Chicago Games Inc., the organization trying to bring the Gay Games to the Windy City. "We would like to host the opening ceremony in Chicago's Wrigley Field."

When asked how many visitors Chicago would attract, Boyer said, "We're not interested in speculating on large numbers of attendees, since that's part of the reason why previous bid efforts overprojected and failed financially. We'll work with the FGG and our tourism department to come up with a number that is satisfactory, conservative and reasonable."

Boyer stressed Chicago did not want to compete with Montreal's event, which is expected to take place July 29-Aug. 5. "We want the opportunity to have people to go to both events if they so choose," Boyer said, explaining the Chicago Games would take place either before Montreal's games (July 15-22) or after (Aug. 6-13).

If the Gay Games were to go to Los Angeles, they could begin as early as July 8, according to James "Shamey" Cramer, the executive director of Los Angeles 2006 Inc.

"Los Angeles has one of the strongest GLBT sports communities," Cramer told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network. "We also have the resources to make this a success, considering the shortened time span."

Cramer predicted that as many as 50,000 people would visit to watch the games if they were held in Los Angeles. "There's a million self-identified GLBT people in the five-county area," he said, adding that train service could bring many more people.

Cramer would not go into specifics about where the opening ceremony would be held, saying it would be revealed along with a Web site when the formal bid is submitted.

Already Chicago Games Inc. has set up a Web site, ChicagoGamesInc.org, with information on how others can make donations.

(Lowell Selvin, chief executive officer of PlanetOut Partners Inc., which owns this Web site, is a member of the national advisory board that assists Los Angeles 2006's efforts.)

Former Mass. Governor Argues For G/L Marriage

BOSTON - Former Massachusetts governor William F. Weld and former Massachusetts attorneys general James Shannon and Scott Harshbarger are urging the state legislature to enact the supreme judicial court's ruling allowing Gay marriage.

In a letter to be delivered to all 200 legislators on Monday, January 4, Weld, a Republican, and Harshbarger and Shannon, both Democrats, say a civil union system would not be the same as same-sex marriage and has no legal justification, The Boston Globe reported. "We see the SJC's ruling as unequivocal: The existing ban on marriage for Gay people is unconstitutional," the letter states, in part written by Harvard constitutional scholar Laurence Tribe. It urges lawmakers to take "any and all steps possible to facilitate the orderly issuance of marriage licenses to qualified same-sex couples."

Weld applauded the decision, saying he hoped to officiate at a Gay wedding himself. Shannon said he signed the letter because he believes the principle of separation of powers in state government would be harmed if the legislature ignored the SJC. "If people feel so strongly about this decision that they want to upend it, as with any constitutional decision by the court, the only way to do it is by amending the constitution," he said. "I don't think that's advisable, but that's the remedy. But whatever your position on the issue, the responsible member of the legislature will

do what the court has said is required."

Tribe and Renee M. Landers, president of the Boston Bar Association, also signed the letter.

Ronald A. Crews, president of the Massachusetts Family Institute, which opposes the SJC ruling, said the signers' stance on Gay marriage was already known. "We knew where they stood before this letter, but at least they are acknowledging that the debate is now before the legislature, and I believe that is the proper venue," he said.

The state's high court issued its landmark decision in mid-November, ruling that it was unconstitutional to bar Gay couples from marriage. The opinion, however, gave the legislature 180 days to act as it "deems appropriate" before the decision takes effect, in May. The state senate has asked the SJC for an advisory opinion on whether a bill that would establish civil unions for Gay couples, while reserving marriage for heterosexuals, would conform to the ruling. Some lawmakers and legal observers have said that the waiting period was only designed to give the legislature time to bring state statutes into conformance and offers no leeway to approve anything short of marriage. Others argue that the decision leaves the door open for Vermont-style civil unions, which convey the rights of marriage without the title.

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

Road To What?

The Pima Association of Governments issued a regional transportation plan a couple of months ago that's full of all kinds of interesting demographic stuff. Even if you're not interested in transportation, you can lose yourself in reports of how much money Tucsonans make, how big our families are, how old we are, how all this compares with national averages, etc.

neighborhoods? I hasten to add that I don't know the answers to these questions. I'm only suggesting that there's no such thing as a free road widening: there's a trade-off hidden in there somewhere.

The Pima Association of Government's plan proceeds from the question, "Based on what's happening now, in terms of traffic flows, what can we predict we'll need in the future?" Here's a better question: "Based on what we want Tucson to look like in the future, what should we do to alter the traffic flows that we have now?"

My interest in transportation planning was recently piqued when I overheard some local bureaucrats complaining that Tucsonans keep on voting transportation measures down, time after time. One of these worthies suggested that a regional transportation authority might have to be established to, in effect, take matters out of the hands of Tucson voters.

In addition to skepticism about the let's-help-everybody approach of the transportation measures that Tucsonans regularly shoot down, there's at least one other big reason for voting against them -- we don't need 'em.

You might remember that the latest plan to be rejected by the voters involved replacing intersections like Grant and Campbell with what used to be called "underpasses." I wondered at the time what good it was going to do to zip through Grant and Campbell if you'd just have to wait that much longer at the next intersection, and I sneakily got a City engineer to say off the record that the underpass idea was essentially pretty worthless.

Up until a couple years ago, I worked in Tucson managing property, a job that involved driving around most of every day. I almost never got into a traffic jam and when I did it was caused by stupidity, not lack of roadway.

Tucson is a big city, the 30th biggest in the country according to PAG, but it's the least congested big city I've ever driven in.

Getting back to the recently issued PAG plan, my problem with it is very simple: I can't quite believe the plan's stated goal, which is more or less a wish to make transportation better for everybody.

[Thorn welcomes comments, suggestions for future columns, and tips on ed.]

I don't believe that you can make transportation better for everybody, and I bet that one of the two big reasons why Tucsonans keep saying "No!" to transportation measures is that they share my skepticism.

To take a real-life example, a few years ago the City wanted to widen a section of Pima that ran through a residential neighborhood. The surrounding neighborhood association raised hell and got the project killed. As the association pointed out at the time, the widening would confer a benefit to motorists by making it easier to get through their neighborhood, but would also inflict a cost on local residents by reducing the value of the properties fronted on the widened street.

It could be argued that every major change that you make in an urban transportation system confers benefits on some groups while inflicting costs on others. If the City seriously wants to sell a transportation measure to Tucsonans, its best shot might be to come clean on who gets helped and who gets hurt.

One very important fact about Tucson that transportation planners need to keep in mind is our extremely low population density, people per square mile, which is less than a third of that of Phoenix, if I can trust my researcher. It seems reasonable to ask whether improving roads inside the City such that crosstown travel becomes faster and easier might not reduce our already low density and lead to the disintegration of neighborhoods and the accelerated destruction of the surrounding desert.

Is it possible that leaving our City road system as it is might, as the demands on it increase, lead to people choosing to live closer to their jobs, which might lead to fewer miles traveled, which might lead to less air pollution, lower road maintenance expenses, and, best of all, a higher degree of commitment from individuals to their

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If you feel like a jolly marauder, blame retrograding Jupiter. This prankster runs amok and morphs any meek mouse into a roaring jack rabbit. But be careful of becoming road kill, kids. Look around the corner before you hop to it.

tongue. Leave them begging for more rather than the other way around.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Proud Scorps think they are popularity plus when retro Jupiter cranks up their social skills. You will have to beat the adoring masses off with a stick. The challenge during this transit will be to choose from a vast array of varying quality of company. Sure, you can pack the house but take a good look at the crowd. Gee, I had no idea that leisure suits and trail mix were still so popular.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Grand displays of power are intoxicating as retro Jupiter puts a rocket in your corporate pocket. And yet there is something amiss in your aim for the gold ring. Gay Archers may find that the prize they aspire to acquire may not be worth the effort in the long term. You have it pretty cushy now, comrade. Why rock the boat when you'll have clearer sailing in the spring?

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

The world becomes your oyster when Jupiter retrogrades and pink Caps are advised to jump into the deep end and dive for the pearl. Book an exotic trip, travel and expand your horizons in the next few months. Some of your better ideas find accommodating and friendly soil in faraway fields. Who knows what magic you can conjure when you are given free reign? Here Prince!

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Ahoy matey! Retro Jupiter shivers your timbers. Aqueerians go head over heels and don't know which end is up. While this transit can indicate an influx of extra funds, you may find that you spend it faster than you can grab it. For the rest, it is a time of heightened sexuality where enough is never enough. Lucky thing. Maybe you will get to walk the plank....

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Partnerships may have their ups and downs when Jupiter retrogrades. Guppies may expect too much, require too much attention or overdo and smother. Try to achieve a bit of balance while Jupiter rocks your world. For those who are still casting out a line, this is a great time to fill your net with a few interesting catches. How about a large rainbow trout?

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ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

The devil is in the details when Jupiter retrogrades for the next few months. Gay Rams are impatient in the best of times but now you give new meaning to A.D.D. Try to concentrate and when in doubt, delegate and supervise. Detailed assignments and careful manipulation causes a bad case of butterfingers. Of course that can make you especially popular in certain circles....

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Queer Bulls certainly know how to have fun and retrograde Jupiter provides a veritable putti platter of pleasure. But how much can you stuff in your face without embarrassing seepage, cousin? Your party calendar fills up quickly. When is enough enough? The next few months will teach you the limits of your stamina and the extent of your greed. Let's start worrying now.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Any simple home repair or change will not be all that simple when expansive Jupiter begins its retrograde. If there are any pink Twins out there who insist on renovating or moving before the summer begins, be aware that Jupiter is prepared to take you over the top in any way possible - cost, design, size. Of course things can never be too big, can they? Of course not!

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Subtly is not your strong suit when Jupiter retrogrades. Gay Crabs are apt to move mountains with their words and thoughts. Unfortunately, they may move on your claws. Ouch! Harness your better ideas and guide them expertly through the minefield that Jupiter now creates. With careful concentration you will be surprised at how eloquent you can be. Ahem. So will we.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud Lions spend with "wilde" abandon when Jupiter retrogrades and empties out your bank account. There is a deep seated need to fill your life with objects and superficial trappings. What sorts of fiscal mischief will this jolly orb create for you? When the dust settles you may find yourself to be the lucky owner of a jungle pattern bedroom set. I suppose it could be worse.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Jupiter retrogrades in your own sign and makes your grand entrances even grander. Oops! How many faux pas can you commit? Let's count.... Thankfully Jupiter is a generally mellow and benign energy and any gaffe is well taken and forgiven. Don't push your luck however; know when to make a graceful exit and keep a low profile for the next few months.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

I've got a secret and this secret is so big and juicy that when it is released it will create quite a sensation. Yeah, that is what they all say! My advice to all queer Libras is to contain themselves and refrain from promising more than they can deliver. Retro Jupiter talks a big game but gives more lip than

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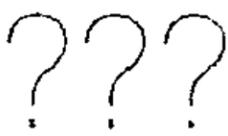
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I pray that this New Year you will finally see the Truth! We are the Sons/Daughters of Jesus Christ and are heirs to the Throne!

In Christ Love
Brian Fox



COMMENTARY

On Gay Marriage, Bush Unfaithful

President Bush can get downright cryptic when he talks out of both sides of his mouth.

Example: His position on whether Gay families should be recognized as legitimate and whether Gay partners should have the same legal rights as heterosexual married couples. The president says that he would support a constitutional amendment that would restrict marriage to a union between a man and a woman, but he has also said that states should be free to sanction what "legal arrangements" they will.

Huh?

According to the president, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court overreached when it ruled last month that it is unconstitutional in that state to deny legal benefits to Gay couples that are available to straight married couples. Bush says it might be necessary to amend the U.S. Constitution to define marriage as a union of heterosexuals to protect "the sanctity" of the institution from marauding liberal judges.

Given that sanctity refers to holiness or sacredness, shouldn't protecting the sanctity of marriage be the job of religious institutions, not government? And wouldn't such a cultural and religious prohibition be out of place in the U.S. Constitution, a pointedly secular document that protects and confers legal rights for all U.S. citizens?

The only other amendment to the Constitution that addressed a similar cultural issue — and which took away rights rather than conferred them — outlawed the sale of alcoholic beverages, otherwise known as Prohibition. That proved such a miserable mistake that it had to be repealed a few years later. The same fate would probably befall an amendment that addressed the cultural and religious meaning of what is essentially a legal contract between two people "sanctified" by religious ceremony.

And here's where it gets really confusing. Even as he endorses a constitutional amendment on the sanctity of marriage, the president seems to be saying that legal contracts between same-sex couples (commonly known as civil unions) could be legalized broadly. His position is that "whatever legal arrangements people want

to make, they're allowed to make, so long as it's embraced by the state."

That is a more liberal view of civil unions than was taken even by the administration of Bill Clinton, who in 1996 signed into law the Defense of Marriage Act allowing states to refuse to acknowledge such unions established in other states. That law is of questionable legality, because under the Constitution, contracts entered into in one state, including marriage, must be recognized in others.

So what exactly is the president's position? Does he want to "sanctify" the word marriage with a constitutional amendment? Or does he endorse state-sanctioned contractual arrangements between members of the same gender that simulate a marriage in everything but name?

Bush may be hard-pressed to find firm ground between the religious right, which opposes any legal recognition of Gay families, and the Gay Log Cabin Republicans, whose reported million members would have a tough time supporting Bush if he strongly opposes their forming legal families. Some polls also show that while the majority of Americans are squeamish about applying the word marriage to Gay families, most do not oppose civil unions.

Support for recognition of Gay marriage and Gay families is particularly strong among the young, which suggests the direction that the country wants to head on this issue. That direction is not backward.

[This was an editorial in the December 29, 2003 edition of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.]

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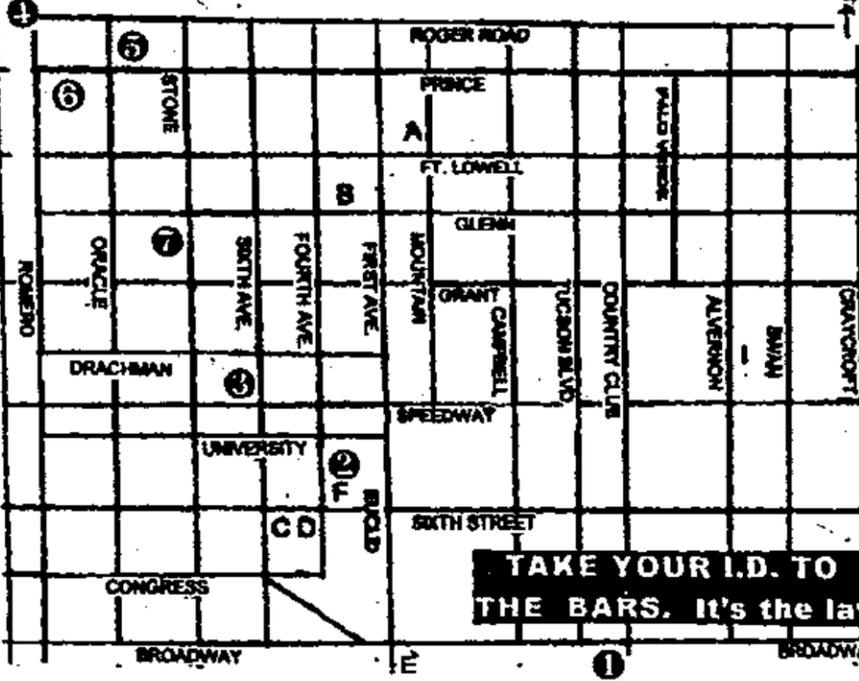
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Hello loyal readers,

As you may have heard, the next Men4Men Health Expo is coming on February 7th. This is a great local event, but one that takes an enormous amount of time and work. Dr. X will be taking the next few weeks off from this column in order to contribute to the expo, and will return in mid February. In the meantime, we will re-run some of most frequently asked and some of our oddest questions in case you missed them the first time. Keep reading and sending in your questions, and we will see you soon!

The Dr. X staff

Dear Dr. X,

I have a question regarding oral sex and HIV. Some of my friends who are HIV+ have stopped having sex, or make sure they use a condom when they do play. However, I have a friend that is HIV+ and insists that I can't get it from having oral sex as long as I spit and not swallow. Is this true? I really want to be intimate with this person, but I am afraid I don't know the consequences. Are there ways my HIV+ friend and I can have fun so that I won't get it?

Signed, Needy for Love

Dear Needy for Love,

For a long time the saying among Gay men went something like this "On me, not in me." Meaning you should keep semen out of your/his body. Over the years, people and professionals (like the CDC) have come to think that swallowing semen is a low risk activity. Your stomach acids will kill any traces of the virus that is in the semen. What you have to be careful of is any sores, cuts, bleeding gums etc. in your mouth. Bad oral hygiene creates the perfect opportunity for the virus to get into your blood stream. In holding the semen in your mouth, you may actually be more at risk than swallowing (though it is still low). If you feel like this is something you need to do be aware of the possible consequences and take precautions.

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Presidential election.

One concern is party unity. Howard Dean attacks Bill Clinton and moderate Democrats as being Republicans, he has called members of Congress "cockroaches," and now he implies his supporters may not vote Democratic is he is not the nominee. It seems incomprehensible to me how we can defeat Bush in November without party unity.

This divisiveness is reflected by the voters. A recent CBS poll has Bush 55% to Dean 35%. What is equally troubling is that 20% of Democrats would vote for Bush over Dean, which is four points higher than the 16% who have Dean as their first choice.

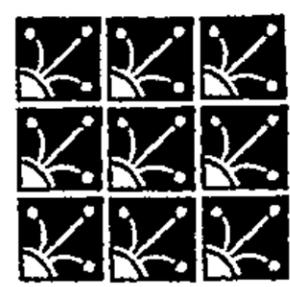
Dean is perceived by many as an angry liberal. Dean's stereotyping of Southern voters, his statement that is OK for a President to lie, his flip-flops on major issues including religion, and his tendency to speak before thinking, all reinforce the idea that Dean is a risky candidate for the general election.

Besides, Dean has shown that he is the easiest Democrat for Republican attack ads: his ski trip, his closed files, his statements about bin Laden, his opposition to all tax cuts, his association with civil unions, all invite attacks by Karl Rove, justified or not.

To make matters worse, Dean has no international or national experience.

As Democrats, we need to look beyond the primaries. Dean claims there's a gap in his resume. I'd say it's more like a gaping hole.

Tom Zarske
St. Cloud, Minnesota
[The above letter was sent via E-mail on December 29.]



Special Bar Events

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. the DivaLicious Show starring Bunny FuFu, Tabitha Lovatt, Lady Ashley and Rebecca.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

HOWL AT THE MOON - UA Basketball game with California 6:30 p.m. \$1.00 Pucker Shots during the game.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

HOWL AT THE MOON - UA Mens's Basketball game vs. Stanford at 4:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - 9:30 Special Latino Drag Show with Touché & Company.

YARD DOG - 10:00 a.m. Breakfast \$3.00. Proceeds go to Balboa Heights Center for the kids.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

IBTS - Party line-up includes Troy's Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Karaoke Party with Jim D. on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to Wingspan. 9:00 p.m. Hot Male Revue.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. the DivaLicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and Aija Simone, Suzette and Diana Flair.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

WOODY'S - Bears of the Old Pueblo Beer Bust.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JAN 17 & 18

IBTS - Martin Luther King Weekend Party. Stand by!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

IBTS - Watch the Super Bowl on Tucson's Largest Big Screen.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

WOODY'S - Leather Sir / Leather Boy Benefit Beer Bust.

Non-Bar Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

#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 Marty for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Marty at 722-8531.

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 11:30 a.m. Join Karol for a morning of miniature golf at Funstasticks. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Karol hosts a Lunch Out at On The Border. This Mexican restaurant offers old favorites and new twists. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

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, JANUARY 10

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

Tucson Prime Timers, Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. The Egg Connection 3114 E. Ft. Lowell Rd.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

#1. 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.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Karol hosts Bridge Night. If you don't know how to play, they'll teach you and it's a very relaxed atmosphere. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. The 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 Bruce for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Bruce at 743-3890.

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

7:00 to 9:30 p.m. the Men's Relationship Group meets. Includes a video on tantra. Fee. Call Marc 881-4582 to reserve a space.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry & Les for Pizza Night. \$5.00 will get you pizza, salad, and desserts. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us as we get out our monthly 10-page newsletter. It's simple, and you get a chance to meet new guys as we assemble the newsletter. The work goes quickly, and is usually done with 30 minutes. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Karol will host Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Karol at 744-9017.

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

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

The original Men's Group Massage meets from 3:45 to 7:00 p.m. Call Marc at 881-4582 for information and to reserve a place.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

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

Openly Gay musician Eric Himan will be playing a benefit concert at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The show will be free for Q-youth with a \$5.00 suggested donation for those over 22. Eric is touring LGBT Youth Centers to help raise awareness for the Centers. All proceeds will go to the Center. He is also celebrating the release of his third CD.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

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, JANUARY 21

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

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.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 10:30 am. Smirnoff Sunday - \$2 Smirnoff drinks (Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, Greyhound, Sea Breeze, etc.) Watch the NFL on 15 screens. Music from the 50's, 60's, 70's, & 80's from 8-close.

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", 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open Noon.
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. Sunday Brunch 11:30-2:30. Eggs and meat du jour plus BMS, Mims or Screws \$5. \$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 5-8pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm

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

Monday

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

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7, \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. Special drink prices on draft beer all night. Monday Night Football - \$2 grilled jumbo dog w/ chips, \$1.50 chili.

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open Noon.
VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4pm. \$2.75 Skyy Martinis 4-8. Monday Nile Football. Free Hot Dogs. WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm Karaoke w/Michael D. 9-1

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 toumey 7-10pm. \$3 entry, bar matches pot. Country music 8pm to close. \$2 bottled Bud products 8 to close.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7, \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. \$2 margarita on rocks all night. Pucker Shot special during UA games. Music from the 50's thru the 80's.

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm, Bare Chest Nile. Bare it and get happy hour prices from 9 to close. Progressive/Retro '60s dance with DJ Q. 9 to close

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open Noon.
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.

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 6pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8-1.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7, \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. \$2 Smirnoff Ice, hard lemonades, other bottled malt beverages all night. Free pool all night.

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm, 8pm "Divalicious" 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
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 - 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 Kamikazees and \$1 Hot Sex..

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7, \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. \$2 Mexican beers all night. Music 80's, 90's, 2k+.

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm, Hi NRG video dancing with Johnny DJ 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon.
VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4pm. Pool Toumey 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.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7, \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. Beginner country dance lessons 7:30-8:30. Country/Pop/Rock mix 8:30 to close.

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open Noon.
VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 1-4pm. DJ 8pm 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 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.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 10:30 am. Pool Tournament 3pm (sign-up begins at 2). \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Current & Classic Country from 8:30 to close.

IBTS - 10am-5pm \$4 Martinis and Daquiris. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. Dance Party 9-1 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon.
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. 5-8pm 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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THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

What better way to begin the new year than enjoy the musical talents of three favorite singing groups from the past - The Drifters, The Platters and The Coasters. They'll all be performing at Desert Diamond Casino. Tickets \$15-\$25 in advance. \$20-\$30 day of the show. Tickets go on sale Dec. 13 at 10:00 a.m.

JANUARY 8-9-11

The Tucson Symphony's Fifth concert in the Classic series begins with George Hanson, Music Director and Conductor and dynamic guest pianist, Garrick Ohlsson. 8:00 p.m. at the TCC Music Hall.

JANUARY 16 - 17 - 18

The Tucson Symphony Pop Series presents Peter Nero guest conductor and piano with "Pops Two: Ellington & Sinatra" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, at the TCC Music Hall. Two-time Grammy Award-winning pianist, Peter Nero and the TSO perform his favorites of Sinatra and Ellington, such as "My Way", "I've Got You Under My Skin", "I'll Never Smile Again" and many more. Two wonderful hours of reminiscing and swooning! Tickets \$19-\$41.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

Arizona Friends of Chamber Music present the second concert in their Piano and Friends Sunday Matinee Series. Pianist Orion Weiss will perform at 3:00 pm. At the Leo Rich Theater at the Tucson Convention Center. General Admission tickets are \$20.00. Student tickets are \$8.00. 21-year-old Orion Weiss, so young and already recognized as so talented is now studying at the Juilliard School with Emmanuel Ax.

NOTICES

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 Scot 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 OUTubeFEST. 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 TPJ website at www.tucsonpride.com

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TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIBAN), 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 tyann@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.

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-varient 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 85733-1045

LIKE TO READ? The Guys Book Club (TGBC) invites new members to join them. The group meets once a month, on the 3rd Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Margie's Pizza on 4th Avenue to discuss the Gay-themed book read by members the previous month.

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

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

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.saanf.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. 882-7723 Facilitator.

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NOTICES

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 375-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

GLBT Youth 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. 322-5655. Leave message. TucsonSources@aol.com

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

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

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7298.

COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY! St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church offers a variety of Gay and Lesbian groups and services for the spiritually minded. Come meet the Family! For more information call Debbie 579-9827 or David 323-7943.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus. Want to join? E-mail: www.desertvoices.org or call 791-9662.

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

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

NOTICES

MENS SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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 Girlz (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. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagaemail

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

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

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

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape Crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirra 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)745-9039 (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 St. 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)741-7895 or go to our web site http://www.tgsaso0ball.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.lutucson.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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GENERAL INFORMATION
You must be 21 years of age WITH VALID ID IN YOUR POSSESSION to purchase and/or consume alcoholic beverages. NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGES PERMITTED. FIREARMS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS. THE RAWHIDE WILD WEST TOWN is located at Scottsdale and Pinnacle Peak Ranch in Scottsdale, Arizona. The telephone number is 480-302-1340. The RAWHIDE WEB Site is located at www.rawhide.com. AGRA WEB site is located at www.agra-phx.com.

TICKET INFORMATION
\$15 per day for RODEO ADMISSION. Children under 12 years of age admitted free to the Rodeo. No Advance Sales. Monday Rodeo Admission is \$5.00. TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

VOLUNTEERS
Anyone wanting to volunteer to help at the rodeo can contact Richard Tully by email at 2004AGRARODEO@cox.net or call 602-265-0618 & Leave Message.

SHUTTLE SERVICE
No need to rent a car!! AGRA is planning on providing free shuttle bus service to and from the best hotels, Rodeo Grounds, and some bars. Bus schedules will be announced just before events.

HOTELS
Hilton Garden Inn Scottsdale - \$99.00/night - Scottsdale (Nearst to Rawhide) 7324 E. Indian School Rd. (480) 481-6400
Hilton Garden Inn Phoenix/Midtown - \$99.00/night - Downtown Phoenix - 4000 North Central Ave. - (602) 274-9811
WEB links and maps to both hotels and Rawhide can be found at AGRA's WEB site www.agra-phx.com
Please support AGRA by using one of our best hotels and mention AGRA when making reservations to receive these rates.

RV PARKING
RV Parking is available at the Rawhide Wild West Town with hook-ups (water & electricity) for \$15.00 a day. To reserve a space, contact Ron Lindblad at 602-236-0120. Customers planning on staying in horse trailer living quarters do not need to make RV reservations. AGRA will provide contractors with an area for staying in your rig.

ENTERTAINMENT
Entertainment will be provided inside the pavilion both days from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM with live performances on Saturday and Sunday at 5:00 PM from the five piece all-female band "The Direct Heart Band".

CONTESTANT INFORMATION
This is an IGRA-sanctioned rodeo-all 2004 IGRA Rodeo Rules apply. Entries/fees accepted in accordance with IGRA Rules-all rules enforced. Buddy passes will be available at contestant registration for \$35. CONTESTANT REGISTRATION WILL BE FROM 8-9PM on Friday the 16th at Hilton Garden Inn Phoenix/Midtown, 4000 North Central Ave. Horse check-in will be available starting at 12 noon on Thursday, Jan. 15th from 12PM to 9:00PM. Hair & shavings will be available for sale. Contact persons are Will Loan (602-203-878) and Alan Tomlinson (602-518-8104)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| THURSDAY, JAN 15 (CHARLIE'S) | SATURDAY, JAN 17 (RAWHIDE) |
| 7:00pm Rodeo Competition | 8:00am Gates/Ticket Office Open, Rodeo Livestock Begin |
| FRIDAY, JAN 16 (HILTON - Phoenix/Midtown) | 1:00pm Parade/Grand Entry |
| 8:00am - 9:00am Vendor & Grounds set-up at Rawhide | 5:00pm - 7:00pm Show - Entertainment Party |
| 9:00am - 9:00pm Contestant Registration | |
| 10:00am - 12:00pm Entertainment | |
| Rodeo Competition Step Downs & 2004 Rodeo Crewing | SUNDAY, JAN 18 (RAWHIDE) |
| AGRA Rodeo Show sponsored by Honey BUN LIGHT is begin at 7PM in the Town Square | 8:30pm Rodeo Awards Ceremony/Party Continues |

MONDAY, JAN 19, 11am-1pm (CHARLIE'S) POST RODEO BRUNCH - Busy Laffoon show starting at 2:00 PM

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Dean Assailed For Hiding Records

JOHNSTON - Democratic presidential candidates in Iowa openly challenged frontrunner Dr. Howard Dean Sunday, January 4, harshly criticizing the former Vermont governor on a number of volatile issues, most notably Dean's insistence on maintaining the permanent sealing of his gubernatorial records during his term of office in Vermont, reported gfn.com.

According to a report in the New York Times, for over two hours, the other presidential candidates verbally pummeled the former Vermont governor on issues ranging from trade to Iraq to, most visibly, the issues of his sealed records.

Among the most vocal was Senator Joseph I. Lieberman of Connecticut, enraged over Dean's refusal to discuss the records. In a heated exchange, Lieberman compared Dean to Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney, who have been openly challenged by Democrats for keeping records about their energy policy meetings hidden from view.

"We Democrats are better than Bush and Cheney," Lieberman said during the debate.

In response, Dean told Lieberman a portion of the files were sealed to protect the privacy of Vermont citizens, including, potentially, "some Gay residents who discussed the civil unions bill but would not want their identities disclosed."

"That's not the answer. You are ducking the question," Lieberman swiftly replied.

While contending such letters should remain private, Lieberman said, "Why should you have to force a judge to force you to do what you know is right?"

Despite the continued verbal attacks, Dean did not back down.

The two-hour event was held at the main headquarters of the Iowa Public Television network. It was the first Iowa forum of the election year.

Queen Honors Gay Cop, Hotline Leader

LONDON - The chairman of the Gay Police Association in England has been awarded a Member of the British Empire (MBE) distinction in the Queen's New Year's honors list for his services to diversity, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Also honored was a 63-year-old mother in Scotland who coordinates a hotline for parents of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender children.

Inspector Paul Cahill was given the award after being nominated by Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir John Stevens, but said the honor is "quite a surprise."

The official reason for the MBE is for "services to diversity in the police and the wider community," and follows continuous work to modernize the country's police force, as well as how it deals with anti-Gay crimes.

He said that the award represents a "sea change" in how the country's police force views sexual diversity.

"I do think things have changed, certainly in the last five years there has been a dramatic improvement," Cahill said.

He added that when officers first looked into starting their own group, there was a bitter campaign against them. However, in 2002, the GPA was given public funding and considered an official diversity group. It has since been used to reach out to the Gay community in a bid to cut down the number of homophobic hate crimes and encourage victims to come forward.

"People don't judge you as much now," Cahill said. "I was the only Gay person I knew at training school, whereas this week ... we have 27 'out' Gay officers at Hendon. That's a massive sea-change in people's confidence in the organization."

Cahill has always been one of the country's public faces of Gay policing. He appeared on the cover of the Gay Times in 1997 in full uniform and was key in canvassing public support after the Soho nail bomb in 1999.

Arne Patrizio, 63, runs the Parents Enquiry Scotland hotline from New Town in Scotland. She said the award is "exciting" because it recognizes the value of her organization's service to the community.

Britney-Madonna Kiss, Anti-Gay Crusaders Make Mad Magazine List

NEW YORK - The January issue of Mad magazine features the "20 Dumbest People, Events, & Things of 2003," and two of those items featured newsmakers of special interest to Gays and Lesbians.

Coming in at number 2 was "Britney and Madonna Shamelessly Swap Spit," in reference to the Britney Spears-Madonna kiss at the MTV Video Music Awards, about which the magazine notes, "Since they knew no one would be talking about their soulless musical performance, it should come as no surprise that Madonna and her star-slut in training Britney Spears trotted out the old quasi-Lesbian tongue action publicity stunt at this year's MTV VMAs."

Also making the list, at number 18, is "Straight and Narrow-Minded: The Anti-Gay Crusade." "It's pretty ironic that there's something about the Gay rights movement that turns otherwise civil people into absolute dicks," says Mad. "After the Supreme Court overturned Texas's

antiquated sodomy laws, homophobes came out of their proverbial closets to denounce not just the court's sensible decision but every aspect of the 'Gay lifestyle,' as if the biggest threat to our national security isn't Osama bin Laden but Richard Simmons." The accompanying drawing portrays George W. Bush, Pat Robertson, Supreme Court justice Antonin Scalia, Pennsylvania senator Rick Santorum, and radio talk show host Michael Savage as a decidedly un-Fab Five starring in Evil Eye for the Queer Guy.

Sen. Feingold Attacks Marriage Amendment

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told ABC News anchor Diane Sawyer that he would support the FMA "if necessary."

Most Americans seem to agree with the president. On Dec. 21, a New York Times/CBS News poll showed 55 percent of the country's population support the amendment.

Despite these developments, Sen. Feingold is determined to fight the FMA.

"I don't think the thing's completely jelled yet," Feingold said. "My position is that we don't use the U.S. Constitution to deal with it."

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