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## Hiv+ Custodian Wins Lawsuit vs. TUSD

TUCSON - After a two week trial in federal district court, a jury rendered a verdict in favor of Frank Fiolek, a custodian living with HIV in a lawsuit brought against Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

An 8 member jury unanimously agreed that TUSD discriminated against Fiolek and then retaliated against him when he filed a complaint of discrimination with state and federal agencies enforcing the ADA. The jury returned a verdict for \$50,220 in damages for back wages and the emotional distress caused by the discrimination and retaliation. Under a provision of the ADA, the Arizona Center for Disability Law, a public interest law firm representing people with disabilities, will be entitled to reasonable attorneys fees and litigation costs in its representation of Fiolek.

"I would not have had a prayer without the Arizona Center for Disability Law representing me in this case," said Fiolek. Rose Daly-Rooney and J.J. Rico, Center attorneys, filed this lawsuit on behalf of Mr. Fiolek in April 2001 and represented him throughout this litigation. Attorney Don Averkamp of Raven and Averkamp joined the Center in representing Fiolek at trial. "This was a Herculean feat to get this case to trial and give Frank his day in court," said Daly-Rooney. "This case was important for many reasons, but in part because TUSD took the position during litigation that Fiolek was not disabled by his HIV under the ADA," Daly-Rooney added. "After hearing the evidence about how the harsh negative side effects of his medication resulted in restrictions to Mr. Fiolek, the jury disagreed with TUSD," she added.

"Frank's victory is important not just for him, but for the larger disability community because the legal gains of one individual often prevent future discrimination against others," said Center attorney J.J. Rico. Fiolek states, "When it came time to decide about whether to file a lawsuit, I talked to other people who have experienced similar discrimination because of HIV. They told me that I could either 'quit or stand up for myself'. Little did I know that when I filed with the Attorney General's office in 1997 that I would be involved in this lawsuit in 2004, but it has a purpose beyond me." "Yesterday's jury decision was one of the most important days of my life," added Fiolek.

Frank Fiolek filed the lawsuit on April 3, 2001 after receiving a determination letter from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

(EEOC) that there was reasonable cause to believe that TUSD had discriminated and retaliated against him. Fiolek worked for TUSD from 1990 to 1998. In 1996, however, he asked for an accommodation because of the chronic fatigue and other negative side effects of medication he took to treat the HIV. TUSD denied him an effective accommodation and required him to work a larger workload than could reasonably be performed in an 8 hour day. After unsuccessfully attempting a number of routes to resolve the matter internally in the district, Fiolek went to the Arizona Attorney General's Office to file a discrimination complaint.

Because of the excessive work load, Fiolek became unable to continue working and went on medical leave in 1998. In the lawsuit, Fiolek v. Tucson Unified School District, filed on April 3, 2001, Fiolek alleged that TUSD discriminated against him by refusing to provide him with an effective reasonable accommodation when he suffered from chronic fatigue related to the medications he took to treat HIV. Fiolek also claimed that TUSD subjected him to harassment, intimidation, and unequal working conditions, because he is a person living with HIV and that he faced retaliation for reporting the discrimination to the Arizona Attorney General's Office and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

## HIV Drug Maker Faces Probes

SPRINGFIELD - Illinois state Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced Friday, an investigation into the pricing practices of Chicago-area drug company Abbott Laboratories, the maker of AIDS drug ritonavir (also known as Norvir), a widely used protease inhibitor, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

In December 2003, Abbott said in a letter to wholesalers the price of its 100-mg capsules of Norvir was increasing fivefold, from about \$50 a month to over \$250 for a month's supply. The Web site AIDS.org reported that after opposition from HIV advocates and negative press coverage, Abbott wrote a letter to AIDS doctors stating that out-of-pocket patients would get the drug free, and that ADAP or Medicaid users wouldn't see increases until June 2005.

Abbott's moves did not appease Madigan.

"Norvir is not like a hay fever medication that people take to lessen

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## Mark Fontes Mending Trial In Walstead Case June 8

TUCSON - A 21-year-old man found badly injured near a North Fourth Avenue Gay bar last month continues to recover and may leave a rehabilitation center, friends and relatives said, the Arizona Daily Star reported.

Mark Fontes is awake, speaking and can walk short distances, but he doesn't recall much about the night that changed his life. His relatives are ecstatic about the improvement but want to know what happened.

So do investigators with the Tucson Police Department, who have interviewed Fontes - and some two dozen other people - but still don't know exactly how he was hurt Jan. 13.

"We know the attack occurred," said Detective Tim Rupel, who's heading the investigation and interviewed Fontes. "He knows the attack occurred. The next thing he knows, he's in the hospital."

Because they haven't been able to determine a motive for the attack, police also can't say if it was a hate crime. Some in the community think it's possible because Fontes is openly Gay and was leaving a Gay bar.

"We know he was assaulted, but we don't know why, what the reasoning was behind the assault," Rupel said.

Investigators have talked to some patrons from IBT's who were at the bar, 616 N. Fourth Ave., when Fontes left about midnight Jan. 12, Rupel said.

They've viewed videotapes from security cameras. But they're hoping to hear from people who have firsthand information about what happened.

"We know there are people who were at the bar or may have been on Fourth Avenue that night I have not spoken with and may be able to assist me," Rupel said. "We're looking for people with firsthand information to fill in this gap."

The investigation began at 12:46 a.m. Jan. 13, when a passer-by found Fontes in an alley behind IBT's. An officer investigated and found Fontes with his head down. He'd suffered a large gash to the back of his head and a large pool of blood had formed nearby. Fontes' family said he suffered swelling on his brain and facial fractures and Rupel says Fontes was hit with some kind of object.

"Definitely he's been struck," Rupel said. "He was hit with something, but we don't know what it was."

The case caused some panic in the

Tucson Gay community and Wingspan, a local support center, has been posting updates online. Officials there started a fund to help with medical expenses and helped organize a vigil that drew 300 people.

Others around Tucson remembered Fontes for a stunt he pulled at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base when President Bush visited last year - which earned him a few interviews with the Secret Service.

Dressed in a military flight suit, Fontes and two other people wanted to get an interview with Bush and gained access to the base. He said at the time it was part of a stunt to get a job with a local radio station. The three were kicked off the base before Bush arrived, and authorities began investigating the security breach.

Daphne Arango, an advocate at Wingspan, said people have been relieved to hear of Fontes' recovery, which will include rehabilitation and physical therapy at home. She and Daniel Fontes, Mark's brother, said that the recovery has been "amazing."

"We've been real ecstatic about it," Daniel Fontes said.

After spending more than a week unconscious at University Medical Center, Fontes' condition gradually improved and he was moved to a rehabilitation center in the last two weeks.

"He's really making an amazing recovery," Arango said. "Even the doctors are really impressed with his recovery. They're saying it's practically a miracle he's doing so well."

In a related case, the murder trial of Philip Walstead is scheduled to start June 8, nearly two years after the incident in which investigators did not declare this a "hate crime" but new evidence and activism by members of the GLBT community and organizations, the case has been declared a "hate crime" subject to Arizona law.

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of Observer to find  
your Valentine!**

# UPDATE

## MODA Provocateur February 15

TUCSON - Several Tucson salons and boutiques will provide a fantastic evening of style and culture as a fundraising event for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) on February 15th.

Held at the TCC's Leo Rich Theater, the event full of fashion, hair and culture will welcome hundreds to an evening that truly is to "moda provocateur" (provoke style). Among the participating salons and boutiques are:

Avalon for Hair, Skin & Nails, DaDa Art & Hair Studio, Hush Salon, Mark Speers Hair Design, Brio Salon, Hydra Leather & More, pour moi Boutique, Gottahavit and Zoc Boutique

Tickets are \$25.00 in advance and are available from any of the above listed businesses or by calling Gail at SAAF, (520) 628-7223, extension 252. At the door, tickets are \$30.00. The show begins with a no-host cocktail hour from 5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. with the fashion show beginning at 6:00 p.m. An after-event party will be held at the Hotel Congress immediately following the show and all show attendees are welcome.

## New AVP Director

TUCSON - Wingspan is pleased to announce that beginning February 16th, Lori B. Girshick, Ph.D will be the new Coordinator for the Wingspan Anti-Violence Project.

Lori is replacing Cathy Busha, who will begin her new role at Wingspan on February 16 as Director of Programs.

Girshick comes to the Wingspan AVP with over a decade of experience in domestic and sexual violence. A sociologist and community activist, Lori has worked in most aspects of domestic violence—on the crisis line, as shelter staff, community educator, volunteer coordinator, media outreach, teen dating violence, and support group facilitator. Currently Lori is writing a book on gender identity, based on interviews with 150 Transgender folks. She comes to Wingspan from The Brewster Center, where she has been the Outreach Coordinator.

## Marsha Stevens At MCC February 22

TUCSON - Born again Lesbian Evangelist, Marsha Stevens, will perform her original music during a concert on Sunday, February 22, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at Water of Life MOO, located at 3269 North Mountain Avenue, Tucson.

There is no admission fee for the concert. A free will love offering will be collected to support her ministry. Ms. Stevens will also perform during the 10:15 a.m. worship service.

Marsha Stevens is the famed composer of "For Those Tears I Died (Come to the Water)" a standard of Christian hymns since 1972. Since coming out as a Lesbian and experiencing the rejection and scorn of a homophobic society -- most fiercely expressed by the church she so devoutly served -- she has focused her talents on evangelizing the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered community through her gospel music.

Highly respected Throughout the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), she is the first lay recipient of the prestigious Purple Grass Award for excellence as an evangelist. She has recorded eleven solo albums and a concert video on her independent BALM (Born Again Lesbian Music) label and she performs over 120 concerts a year.

The Gay Music Guide rates two of her releases as among the top 20 albums of 1995 and 1996. In 2002 the Encyclopedia of Contemporary Christian Music was published and covers Ms. Stevens ministry work in depth. In 2003 her song "Jesus Wept" was the Stonewall Society genre award recipient. Considered shocking by some and comforting to others, she performs "The Body of Christ Has AIDS" and "Love Is The Only Law", as well as many other selections that express her distinct Christian views.

## Pride Logo Contest

TUCSON -Everyone Under the Sun - Theme for Pride in 2004 Tucson Pride announces an art contest for a logo illustrating the Pride theme, "Everyone Under the Sun." The art contest will be open until March 5. The TPI board will

select the winning artwork on March 9. TPI will award \$100.00 to the winning artist.

Artwork may be presented in any media and must be mailed to Tucson Pride, P.O. Box 40301, Tucson AZ 85717. Sender must put "Attention: Logo Contest" somewhere on the envelope. Artwork received by email will not be considered. The artist must include their name, address and a contact number or email address on the back side of the artwork. The artist may include the theme and/or OUToberFEST 2004 in their presentation but it is not required. Entries will not be returned. Artists need to take into consideration that the logo will be used for advertising in both black and white and color ads, posters, flyers, Pride Guides, etc. Artwork may include up to 6 colors.

For additional information, call the PrideLine at 520-622-3200 or send email to [pride@tucsonpride.com](mailto:pride@tucsonpride.com). The TPI web site is [www.tucsonpride.com](http://www.tucsonpride.com).

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EDITOR:

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a huge thanks to everyone who helped make both the Men4Men Health Expo and Anthem a success this weekend.

First and foremost, to all of the volunteers that gave so generously of their time at both events, thank you! So many of you were there setting up, moving, lifting, teaching, serving, cleaning, directing, and anything else that needed to be done. Events like these could not happen without the support of all the many wonderful volunteers, and we are lucky to have all of you on our team, ready and willing when we need you.

Big thank you's go out to all of our corporate sponsors who gave dollars, resources or both to make these events successful: IBT's/Woody's, Delectables, Kalit, Oasis Water, The Ice Wagon and The Muse. More thanks are due to all of the local organizations that helped contribute to the events: Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, Pima County Health Department, The Community Foundation of Southern Arizona, Wingspan, COPE, SAMHSA, Tucson Police Department, and the Tucson Mayor and City Council.

Special thanks are due to the promotion and design team, Quinton Jenkins (DJ Q), and David Hoffman. They did an incredible job helping plan, organize, design and promote these events from beginning to end. You are fabulous! Thanks also to Andrews Light and Sound, and to Masterbeat DJ Brett Henrichson for their participation and donation.

Huge thanks go out to all the employees and volunteers alike who makeup GMHP, Salud es Poder, Pulse, HIP/AZ, and Eon. Without help from these programs, putting together these events would have been a truly daunting and probably impossible task. You all spent many weeks preparing, and your time is greatly appreciated.

And finally, thanks to all in the community who came out to support these events. We did it for you, and you came out and participated. What more could we ask for?

Love to you all,  
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### Appeals Court To Reconsider Order

NASHVILLE - The Tennessee Court of Appeals has agreed to reconsider a ruling that orders a Gay father to ensure that his son is not "subjected to the Gay lifestyle", reported 365Gay.com.

During his divorce, a lower court judge issued a restraining order barring the father, Joe Hogue, from "taking the child around or otherwise exposing the child to his Gay lover(s) and/or his Gay lifestyle."

In September of 2002, the judge found Hogue in contempt of the order and sentenced him to two days in jail after Hogue's ex-wife complained that Hogue told his son that he was Gay. The judge also significantly reduced Hogue's visitation with his son and gave the ex-wife all decision-making power over the son.

Hogue appealed the contempt charge to the Tennessee Court of Appeals. In January, the appeals court cleared Hogue of contempt because telling his son that he is Gay was not part of the restraining order. However, the court went on to say that the restraining order was valid. (story)

Following a request by the ACLU, the court has agreed to reconsider its decision.

"For two years now, I have had to hide an important part of my life from my son. I hope the court will understand that visitation restrictions like these deny children honest relationships with their parents," said Hogue.

"It's hard to teach your child how

to be honest and stand up for what's right if you aren't even allowed to be truthful about who you are."

The ACLU said it was pleased the court had agreed to reconsider the controversial ruling.

"Courts have no business putting Gay parents in the position of having to choose between raising their children and having a loving, committed relationship with their partners," said Hody Weinberg, Executive Director of the ACLU of Tennessee.

### Cirque Settles But Gymnast Still Waiting

SAN FRANCISCO - Cirque du Soleil has settled a discrimination complaint with the city of San Francisco's Human Rights Commission but, has yet to reach any agreement with the gymnast it fired because he is HIV-positive, reported 365Gay.com.

The Montreal-based Cirque agreed this week to change its employment practices to allow people with HIV to perform, the key issue in the dispute with San Francisco, which owns the PacBell Center where the circus recently performed, but the agreement does not affect Cusick, his future employment with Cirque, or the terms of his dismissal, said Lambda Legal.

"The Matthew Cusick case is not over," Lambda Legal told 365Gay.com.

Cusick was fired by Cirque's last year, shortly after it found out he was HIV-positive even though Cusick had

informed Cirque's own doctor before he began rehearsals and despite the doctor's appraisal he was in good health and posed no risk.

Lambda filed a complaint with the federal government's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The EEOC issued a report released saying that Cirque likely engaged in illegal discrimination. That determination, much the same as a preliminary hearing allowed the case to go forward.

"This is the most serious determination the government can reach at this level," said Hayley Gorenberg, Director of Lambda Legal's AIDS Project. "It's a very serious finding based on months of investigation."

The next step is an attempt to resolve the matter through mediation. If that fails, the issue could end up in court. So far, no date for mediation has been set.

### Virginia Won't Issue New Birth Certificates For G/L Adoptive Parents

RICHMOND - The state of Virginia is not required to issue new birth certificates for children born in Virginia and adopted by Gay couples in other states, a judge ruled Wednesday, February 4, in a setback for advocates of Gay marriage and adoption.

The judge ruled that requiring the state to issue birth certificates reflecting the unmarried status of the children's adoptive parents, rather than their birth parents, goes against Virginia's public policy prohibiting adoption by unmarried couples. "What this

court is being asked to do is recognize a status that Virginia does not accord to its own citizens," Richmond circuit judge Randall G. Johnson said. "It's asking this court to do something that the public policy of Virginia simply does not allow."

Three Gay couples filed a lawsuit in 2002 after they were unable to get Virginia's record-keeping agency to issue new birth certificates for their adopted children that included the names of the children's adoptive parents.

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Tomas Vega (l) 9-9-67, and Felipe Guerrero (r) 5-11-74

Tomas Enrique Vega and Felipe Solis Guerrero of Tucson passed away on January 19, 2004 in a car accident in route to visit a mutual friend in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. Tomas was 36 and Felipe was 29 years old.

Tomas was born September 9, 1967 in Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela and Felipe was born May 11, 1974 in Zacatecas, Mexico. Tomas will be greatly missed by his children Natalia (14), Vanesa (11), and Marcelo (10), his parents Tomas Antonio Vega and Rosalia Marlene Vega, his sisters Marlene and Betsy Vega, and his nieces, nephews and cousins. Felipe will be greatly missed by his parents Pedro Solis and Jovita Guerrero, his brothers Alfredo, Pedro, and Jose, his sisters Maria Luisa, Sophia, Ana, Graciela and Yolanda and his many nieces, nephews, cousins, and

Godchildren and many more Vega-Solis family members will also miss them.

This was a tragic experience of shock and disbelief to both families. Tomas and Felipe were a perfect couple of joy and laughter. Tomas major enjoyment was setting up parties as a DJ and Felipe would accompany him with his beautiful and graceful dancing. They were the life in all family and social gatherings. The memorial services for Tomas and Felipe took place on January 30, 2004. Tomas and Felipe are resting in peace together at South Lawn Cemetery, 5401 South Park, Tucson Az. Donations to cover memorial and funeral services can be made to BANK OF AMERICA in Tucson, Arizona, "Tomas E. Vega Memorial Fund" - Account # 0046-5619-6966, the routing bank number is 122101706.

**Freedom To Marry Rally  
And Community Picnic  
February 14**

TUCSON - On Saturday, February 14, Valentine's Day, Tucson will join more than 20 cities and towns across the country to host a Freedom To Marry Rally and Community Picnic beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Sunset Park, 255 W. Alameda (between Church and Main) in front of City Hall. Street parking is available.

Everyone—from straight allies, single people, LGBT families and couples, to politicians, people of faith, students, and people who believe in preserving the integrity of the Constitution of the United States—are encouraged to attend the rally. Rally organizers anticipate a large crowd of supporters.

The goals of the Southern Arizona Freedom to Marry Rally and Picnic are to increase support for marriage equality for same-sex couples, and to stop proposed anti-LGBT amendments to the US Constitution and the Arizona Constitution. If passed, these constitutional amendments would not only prohibit marriages by same sex couples, but according to some legal scholars, could also wipe out all existing civil rights protections for same-sex couples (such as Tucson's Domestic Partner Registry and employers' domestic partner benefits).

"The freedom to marry is a basic human right that should not be denied on the basis of sex or sexual orientation. I want my marriage to be legally recognized not only for my own sake and for my partner's sake but, more importantly, for

our daughter's sake," stated Amelia Craig-Cramer, one of the organizers for the Freedom to Marry rally. Cramer served as Executive Director of Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (www.glad.org) where she helped establish Freedom to Marry Task Forces and Coalitions in the six New England States, and helped file the same-sex marriage case in Vermont. Cramer appeared on Fox News and on the Oprah Winfrey show where she debated representatives of the Traditional Values Coalition and the Family Research Council on the subject of civil marriage.

"The Wingspan Anti-Violence Project strongly believes that discriminatory policies, such as these proposed amendments, lay the foundation for hate crimes to occur and give tacit permission for people to discriminate, harass, and use violence against LGBT people," shared Cathy Busha, Director of the Wingspan AVP. "Conservative leaders cannot compare our desire to protect and consecrate our love and relationships with bestiality and not be held accountable for acts of violence against the LGBT community. As history has shown, when political leaders dehumanize a group of people by comparing them to animals, and create a second-class citizenry through discriminatory laws and policy, they make it acceptable to target marginalized people with violence," continued Busha. "LGBT people, like all other US Americans, deserve full inclusion in our country's

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# Study: Gay And Straight Soldiers Work Together

SANTA BARBARA - Operation Iraqi Freedom did more than just liberate Iraq from Saddam Hussein; it also proved that openly Gay soldiers can work well with their straight counterparts, according to a new study published Monday, February 2, reported the Gay.Com/PlanetOut.com network.

The Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military (CSSMM) said its study disproved the government's central rationale for the "don't ask, don't tell" policy on Gays in the military: that allowing openly Gay personnel to serve will undermine unit cohesion in the armed forces. Because American forces had to work with coalition troops from countries that allow openly Gay men and women to serve, that rationale was tested, and according to researchers, discredited.

Researchers behind "Multinational Military Units and Homosexual Personnel," say their findings showed openly Gay soldiers who served in multinational units with American forces were also accepted by U.S. soldiers and promoted the successful accomplishment of their units' missions.

Aaron Belkin, director of CSSMM, said, "This study's conclusions raise serious questions about the soundness of the rationale behind 'don't ask, don't tell,' particularly when most of our leading military allies around the world, particularly Britain and Australia, have integrated openly Gay personnel into every branch of their armed forces."

Belkin brought two openly Gay officers from the British Royal Navy who served with American forces to meet with congressional staffers to coincide with the report's Monday publication date.

One of those soldiers, Lieutenant Rolf Kurth of the British Royal Navy, was profiled in the CSSMM report and served as "the direct link" between a team of American sailors and British sailors on board a Royal Navy ship.

According to an e-mail by Kurth, most of the crew knew his sexuality. "[M]y sexual orientation was common knowledge and comments are often made in the mess, VERY subtly, that make it very clear that people are aware. For example, when men are sitting around looking at a pretty girl in the newspaper or on TV, sometimes someone will make a comment like, 'Well, you're not the best person to judge!' or, 'Like you'd know!'"

Lt. Kurth said the American servicemen treated him like any other British soldier. "The working relationship with them was great, and I got along very well with them," he recalled.

Lt. Kurth will join Belkin and another openly Gay soldier, Royal Navy Lt. Commander Craig Jones of the U.K. Armed Forces Lesbian and Gay Association, at a research seminar at the National Defense University at Ft. McNair in Washington, D.C..

# Nurture Versus Nature At This Zoo

NEW YORK - Roy and Silo haven't a clue what Stonewall was. They don't much care to discuss Gay rights either. And, don't dare ask them about same-sex marriage. All you will get is a blank stare. But, they are as together as couple can be, reported 365Gay.com.

Silo and Roy are chinstrap penguins and they reside at New York's Central Park Zoo where Gay rights take a back seat to the occasional sardine.

Nevertheless they are completely devoted to each other and for the past six years have been inseparable.

Zoologists will quickly point out that it is an over simplification to say they are Gay, but exactly what binds the two is a mystery. And, Roy and Silo are hardly unique to the animal world.

Animal sexuality is a relatively new field. The first book on the subject, Bonobo: The Forgotten Ape, unleashed a torrent of condemnation for the Christian right.

In 1999, Bruce Bagemihl published Biological Exuberance: Animal Homosexuality and Natural Diversity. It provided an overview of scholarly studies of same-sex behavior in animals. Bagemihl said homosexual behavior had been documented in some 450 species. Last summer the book was cited by the American Psychiatric Association and other groups in a "friend of the court" brief submitted to the Supreme Court in Lawrence v. Texas, a case challenging a Texas anti-sodomy law.

The court struck down the law.

So, does it then follow that because homosexuality is observed in animals does it follow that it is genetically based? Not necessarily Bagemihl tells the New York Times. "Homosexuality is extraordinarily complex and variable," Bagemihl told the paper.

"We look at animals as pure biology and pure genetics, and they are not." He noted that "the occurrence of same-sex behavior in animals provides support for the nurture side as well."

That has led to a whole new field in biology and zoology, and it has both Gay activists and conservatives watching intently.

Meanwhile, back at the Central Park Zoo, Silo and Roy are "necking" and having sex. Lots of sex. When they were offered female companionship, they ignored the ladies. And, it seems, the females aren't interested in them, either.

Their chief keeper, Rob Gramzay, tells the paper, that Silo and Roy seemed so desperate to incubate an egg together that they put a rock in their nest and sat on it, keeping it warm in the folds of their abdomens. Gramzay finally, he gave them a fertile egg that needed care to hatch. Things went perfectly. Roy and Silo sat on it for the typical 34 days until a chick, Tango, was born. For the next two and a half months they raised Tango, keeping her warm and feeding her food from their beaks until she could go out into the world on her own.



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**POLITICS 2004**  
by Mark R. Kerr

**'Homomentum'**

On February 3, Arizona, along with six other states went to the polls to decide whom they wanted as their party standard-bearers for the Presidential election, Tuesday, November 2.

Meanwhile, at 1700 West Washington, when Arizona's Legislature is convening much to the dismay of many, a record number of bills have been introduced for this year's session.

Five of the Democratic contests went to Massachusetts Senator John Kerry while Wesley Clark won the Oklahoma Primary and finishing second in three others. North Carolina Senator John Edwards won South Carolina but there was no time to stop on reflect in the front-loaded schedule of primary elections, especially on the Democratic side since three more primaries in Washington State, Michigan and Maine, took place over the weekend and Tennessee and Virginia were holding their primaries, Tuesday, February 10.

One thousand, one hundred and seven proposals have been proposed for the election year session and yes, the word "grandstanding" is coming into play with those ninety individuals trying to score points with the voters in their districts, whatever the boundaries end up thanks to the recent court ruling which said the current lines weren't constitutional, first reported in this column as well!

In Arizona, Massachusetts Senator John Kerry won the first-ever, state-run Democratic primary with more than 40% of the vote. Wesley Clark came in second with 27% and former Vermont Governor Howard Dean was third.

As previously reported the Massachusetts Supreme Court decision is resonating at 1700 West Washington as SCM 1004, having Arizona's Legislature go on record supporting the Federal Marriage Act is sailing through the state Senate.

In addition to the preference vote, a total of 55 Arizona delegates to the Democratic National Convention, to be held July 26-29 in Boston were also at stake, of which Kerry will get 30, Clark netted 22 and Dean will receive three.

SCR 1033 would have Arizona's Legislature come out on record opposing the federal Patriot Act is another matter, since Senate President Ken Bennett, R-Flagstaff, assigned the bill to two committees, thus killing the measure.

So what was learned from Arizona's foray into the political spotlight, albeit the short trip it was?

Another measure that's also dead on arrival is HB 2415, Arizona's version of the Employment Non Discrimination Act. House Speaker Jake Flake, R-Snowflake, assigned HB 2415 to three different committees, ending the proposal in its current form.

Thanks to the mainstream media's declaration of "sure-win," "front-runner" status on a campaign, something the voters bought into, since the winning campaign in the Grand Canyon State had pulled their political operation back to Iowa and New Hampshire, the intent by Arizona party leaders can go astray. According to sources, party leaders wanted the campaigns to make a full-fledged appearance and effort in the election which wasn't the case for the victor who had done a "basic fly over" in Arizona.

Speaking of "Flake," state Representative Pete Hershberger, R-Tucson, the victim of the bullying tactics by Speaker Flake can now put on his upcoming campaign signs, "No Flakiness Here!"

**Voters Will Reconsider Cincinnati's G/L Rights Ban**

CINCINNATI - Leaders of a campaign to repeal Cincinnati's ban on Gay rights ordinances said on Monday, February 2, they've collected enough signatures to put the measure before voters, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

Citizens to Restore Fairness (CRF) said it collected 13,000 signatures of Cincinnati voters -- more than twice the number necessary to qualify for the November 2 ballot.

The measure, if approved by voters, would repeal a 1993 city charter amendment, known as Article XII, that made Cincinnati the only U.S. city to ban Gay-rights laws. Article XII allows

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# Same-Sex Marriage: Equality Or Second Class Status?

By Rev. Troy Perry

Maybe I should be more excited about this year's presidential election process.

But I'm not.

For the first time in our history, leading Democratic candidates for president are publicly discussing Gay rights, civil unions, and domestic partnerships.

And yet, all of it has left me with a sense of unease.

But first, a bit of background: Recently, my partner Phillip and I did what millions of other Americans did: We sat together in the living room of our home and watched President George Bush deliver the annual State of the Union Address.

Our interest was the same as millions of other families: What will happen to the economy? To our tax rates? To job security and job growth? How will the President's "compassionate conservatism" impact our family?

Despite my hopes - and I've always been an optimist - I was deeply disappointed when the President voiced support for a constitutional amendment denying legal recognition to my family, and to millions of LGBT families like mine. My partner and I work our jobs, pay our taxes, contribute to our community. We bought a home together, we have made a life together. We've been in a committed relationship for 19 years. We've had a Holy Union ceremony in the U.S. and we were legally

married under Canadian law in Toronto last July. We're a family. Period.

Yet there we sat, watching the President of the United States endorse a constitutional amendment that - for the first time in U.S. history - would deny legal rights to one group of people. Of course, I understand the President was playing to his core supporters in the Religious Right. But he did so at the expense of equality for America's millions of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender families.

Yes, I'm an optimist - but I'm not naive. I've watched political leaders up close for almost four decades. I know when politicians are taking highly principled stands. And when they are pandering to their political base. So was I disappointed and angered? Yes. Was I surprised? No.

But that's not my only disappointment as this election year cycle heats up. Quite frankly, I'm also disappointed in the Democratic candidates for president.

First, let me make a disclaimer. In my role as Moderator of Metropolitan Community Churches, I am strictly nonpartisan. While the MCC movement has a strong commitment to social activism, we have a core commitment to diversity - and that includes political diversity. In our U.S. churches, we welcome a wide range of Democrats, Log Cabin Republicans, Libertarians, Green Party supporters - people of every political persuasion. I respect and celebrate this political diversity. And, of course, U.S. law prohibits churches from endorsing political candidates.

But in my personal life, I am and

have been a long-time member of the Democratic Party. And at this point in the political process, I have usually given my personal endorsement to a candidate in the Democratic Party.

But I'm holding off this year.

You see, the longer I live, the stronger my passion grows to see the LGBT communities achieve full and unfettered equality under the law - including the marriage laws.

For 35 years, Metropolitan Community Churches have worked to change the marriage laws. In 1970, MCC filed the first-ever lawsuit demanding California's recognition of a same-sex marriage. We lost that battle - but we launched three decades of debate around marriage equality.

In that time, I've come to four conclusions:

First, anything less than full marriage equality is settling for second class status. Oh, I know the argument: Can't we get most of our rights through civil unions? Or domestic partnerships? Can't we settle for something less than full marriage equality and still make progress?

Listen, those weren't acceptable answers to women who worked for full legal equality at the turn of the 19th century. Those weren't acceptable answers to African-Americans who worked for full legal equality in the 1950's and 1960's. And they aren't acceptable answers to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities who are working for legal equality - including marriage equality - at

the dawn of this new millennium.

Second, I've come to wonder if settling for incremental change might simply be yet another form of internalized homophobia? As a person of faith, I believe God created some people heterosexual, and other people as Gay and Lesbian and Bisexual and Transgender. I also believe, as many faith traditions teach, that all of God's creation is good. If we believe that - really believe that! - how can we settle for second best, which is anything less than full equality under the law?

I hear the voices that say, "Change takes time." "Be patient, Troy." "You can't expect politicians to risk their careers over same-sex marriage right."

Well, the truth is that the greatest changes in American society have come from bold political strokes. Not incremental change. Think of the Emancipation Proclamation. The Civil Rights Act. The Americans With Disabilities Act. Incremental? No. Bold? Yes.

Third, it's time for us to demand marriage equality from our political leaders. Of the four leading Democratic contenders for the Presidency - Kerry, Dean, Clark and Edwards - not one supports full and unfettered equality under the marriage laws. Not one. Each has settled for something less than full equality.

(To their great credit and our lasting thanks, Kucinich, Braun, and Sharpton - whom one writer called the "principled unelectables" - each endorsed full same-sex marriage rights and elevated

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To My Love - One year down. 75 more to get. Love, Diana Flair

Leno - You know I love you, but . . . B

Jack - I haven't felt like this before. You make me feel so special and that's what I need and been wanting. I'm going to make you feel the same way. I love you, Alejandro

Carol - Thanks for saving seeds of love and joy deep in my broken heart. Thanks mom, I love you. René L.

My big sister is the best!!! Much love to Penny from Mike.

Goo Gooutz - I'm so glad you are in my life. Happy V-Day. Love always, Pip

P.W. - You are my always! I love you, Jud

Denver - What about Mark Dim? Or Teddy Rubiella? Am I history or what?! Josie

Chad - Happy Valentine's Day from your "Bitch"

Mark S. - A man full of love and money. Single, free for? Let me at the Venture-N.

BeBe, BingBing, Doc - Thank you for letting me be a part of your family. Love always, Steve

Billie - My friend, my life, my wife. I will love you forever. Happy Valentines. Chad (aka Jim)

Ray - It's been wonderful getting to know you and I look forward to getting to know you even better. Will you be my Valentine? Yours, T.C.

"Ojos Azules" - Thank you my handsome man for being there always 4-me. Love always, Juan Ch.

Big Jim & The men of Venture-N - I couldn't possibly work for or with a nicer group of guys, I hope that you all get lucky on Valentine's Day! XXOOXX John D.

"Calabaza" - I love you sooooo much. We are here for the long ride. "RDL"

Joe & Denver - I love and miss you guys. Please come out more! Love, Randy

Big Jim - Sunsets, Ocean skies and Tequero. Happy Valentines Day. Fuzzy

Rob N. - You will always be in my heart. Happy Valentine's Day. Love always, Tim B.

Joe - You will always be mine. With all of my love, Steve

Jules - Just want to thank you for being the best part of my life. Love always and forever, Pee Wee

Ron - You're a diamond in my eyes. Love, Fuzzy

Dear Steven - We're all gonna miss you. Love, November Bar

Bing - What a sweetheart. Maybe MU

Monica - You're my love, my heart. Please always be mine. I love you! Eiemally, Trish

Norberto - You suck! And that's what I like about you. Randylicious

Phil G. & Jeff M. - Enjoy your first V-Day as one. Love, Gregito

Jack - Happy Valentine's Day. You now have a spot in my future in life. Yours

Brian - Even though you've been lost to us for many years now, we still love and miss you. Jake and Tayu

Fussy Sister - I'll always be here. Luv ya, Greg-o

To all of you that sent me roses, I love you. Adonis

Seabiscuit - Wanna join me for a roll in the hay? I love sharing the corral with you. All my love, Pumpkin

Nisa - you were the love of my life. Thank you baby. R.I.P. Rene

GNC - Through thick and thin, I truly love you. I may be bad at expressing it some time but it's true. I L-O-V-E you truly, truly dear. RBE

Happy Valentines to my one and only! My husband to be in Canada. I love you always. Your drag queen & Latin Lover, Ms Fi Fi Du Blanc aka Charles Preciado

Calibasa - Boil me - I'll be your squash! Pumpkin

Pete & Rob - Happy Valentines to my sisters forever. Let's go girl. Charles & Steve

S-man, You're still the only one in my heart. G-spot

Josh F., Cupid's darts strike others' hearts; why must he hit me in the private parts? Happy Valentines! Rich

Steven. Once your allure held me to dawn; These days you only lead me to yawn. Love, Bunny.

Arses of evil. Our roles are devoid of mystery. I am poetry, You are history!

Michael, Happy Valentine's Day & 20th Anniversary. It seems only yesterday that you came into my life. May I be lucky enough to have the next 20 years with you. All my love Steven

Mann. I am just a lad in a lamp, A genial heart sub-dubbing; I will take a shine to you, all it takes is a little rubbing. Richard

Randy I love you with all my heart and cherish every moment we're together. Love Vidal

Steven. Shall I tell you again how you make me feel? Just like a piglet with his first squeal. Love you! Rich

My Bunny, Happy Valentines and Birthday. Here is hoping that another year in love takes us to newer and more exciting places. I love you, Jerry

Michael and Sarah - We hope your heart day brings you happiness. We are so glad you are in our lives. Jerry and Cindy

We are about to celebrate our 6th year of partnership. While it hasn't been easy, one fact remains. We love each other and always have, let's not let pride get in the way. Love, your Randy

Bobby - The Devil makes work for idle hands, But Oh! what he does for idle glands. Happy Valentines! Rich

Lenny - You've put up with me and my wildness for three years now. I love you Lenn, more than you know! Jess

Trish - Love you. 7 months, I'll be there. Mo

Pat, Libby, Marilyn - Thanks for all you are doing for me. You all mean a great deal to me and I wish you all a happy Valentines Day. Jake

Hey Fuz - Here's to 9 almost great years.

J J - You'll always be my #1. Carl

Hey Sweets, besides chocolate, I love you best. Love, Bryan

Merlin - sweet man, always remember, you have me under your spell forever - please, sir, keep waving that magic wand and this little heart will always respond. All my love, John

Bob & Gary - Lots of hugs and kisses. Fuzzy

Mark - My piece of mind in this crazy world. I love you heart and soul. Manny

David M. - You are a special man! Thanks for being in my life. I look forward to getting to know you. Boo

To the lovely Selina. Your love and friendship is as always a blessing. Randy

Moosha - Let's do lunch and discuss husbands over a light knosh. Josie

Adrian - We've been together for 10 years and I cannot imagine being without you. Mike

To all the staff at the Yard Dog and Venture-N. Happy V-Day. Darryl

To my Red Neck - Happy V-Day and many more days to come. The Hacker

John Wheeler - After 17 years, I love you more than ever. Thank you for hanging in with me through a tough year! Only with your love could I have made it! See you in Nicaragua where we will grow older and crankier together. Love, Ron Gilman

Joxer - Happy V-Day. Love ya always. "Olive Morwitzer"

Pip - U R simply the best!! L. B

To The Boys - Remember to check your calendar.... We love you. "The Girls"

Clint - Every song I play on the radio is for you, except the ones that don't mention sex. Love, Ken

Big Jim of the Venture-N - You are hot and hung like a horse. Let's do it soon. Your admirer

Ken - Thanks for everything you do and give me! You're my best friend and awesome boyfriend 143... Clint

Steve & James (in Phoenix) - Wish you two the best on V-Day. Delphina

Joe Sierra - Happy Valentine's Day to you. Luv ya. Darryl Jean

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We hit a planetary trisecta this week as Mars, Venus and Mercury all change signs. Suddenly we find that our hearts, minds and actions are all travelling on different roads. Full speed ahead, compadres. No parking, unless you are asked to....

adventure. Even Mercury joins in the fun and feeds your imagination with all sorts of creative possibilities. There is something stimulating in the air so don't waste time. The possibilities are endless. How endless is your stamina?

## ARIES

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

There is a time to be sociable and a time to tend to your own success. Mercury moves into a mindset that requires convivial company while Mars sets its sights on money and more money. Balance needs to be achieved proud Ram. Venus enables you to spread your charm over new terrain. You are especially attractive to those who do not know you well. Same sad old story....

## TAURUS

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Aggressive is one word for it; Pushy is another as Mars changes signs and makes your first impressions rather memorable. Gay Bulls turn their thoughts to career matters but may find themselves weighing the corporate compromises they must make with their sense of fair play and personal affirmation. Thank you Venus for supplying the conscience! What will you do with it?

## GEMINI

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Clean out your closet, pink Twin, and dump all the baggage that has been making your life a closeted hell. So sez Mars. But what do I have to do (read: endure and compromise) to be a success in the boss's eyes. So sez Mercury. Who gives a rats ass what the stuffed shirt thinks? Let's have another round of beers, gang! So sez Venus. Who can think with all this yapping going on!

## CANCER

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Life is an interesting balancing act when Mars, Venus and Mercury change signs. Queer Crabs effortlessly maneuver through any tight spot by turning on the charm that Venus amply supplies. But before you slip on your own oil, be sure that compadres are willing to take up the slack for your laziness. You soon realize that even a small effort can have mammoth impact.

## LEO

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Mars, Venus and Mercury change signs and divert your attention from your daily affairs to affairs of the heart. Proud Lions ache for attention and adoration and are willing to put themselves out on a limb to get it. (So what else is new?) Travel leads to romance, at least while you are away from home base. Keep the flame stoked with cyber flashes. Are you a hot bot?

## VIRGO

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Queer Virgins are swept off their feet when they least expect it. It can happen at any time, in any place from your gray cubicle to the Red Square. At least that is what is promised when Mars, Venus and Mercury all change signs. Will the anticipation match the experience? It is entirely up to you, lover. How flexible are you? Venus teaches you a few tricks. Or is it vice versa?

## LIBRA

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

The combination of Venus in randy Aries and Mars in sensual Taurus is a boon to all Gay Libras with a sense of sexual

## SCORPIO

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Prepare for a shake-up at home as Mercury ponders a move, Mars re-examines partnerships and Venus catches a glimpse of you sideways in the mirror. A new broom will sweep clean and buff in all areas. Proud Scorps may be feeling a bit staid and static but you find that as February marches forth you feel more energized and ready for change. Don't forget about your socks.

## SAGITTARIUS

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Every toad will resemble royalty as Venus, Mars and Mercury wend their planetary ways. Maybe that is because Venus in particular is so achy breaky that any stray look or comment will get your heart aflutter. Rein it in, Gay Archer and be as practical as you can. Direct your actions to more mundane activities like tax preparation. Now that should set your heart pounding!

## CAPRICORN

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Genius is never recognized in its own time. Pity since you have so much to offer in terms of calculating observation and pithy comment. Chalk it up to jealousy pink Cap and seed your trails as you continue your life journey. The lesson to be learned from the Mars, Venus and Mercury shift is that you must listen to your own voice no matter what, even if it kvetches.

## AQUARIUS

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

There is something about the way you carry yourself that has everyone talking. Perhaps it is because Mercury, Venus and Mars shift signs and make your every move eye catching. Okay, maybe it is simply your wardrobe. Are the 1970's back? Aquerians love to march to the tune of a different drummer. Now consider marching with a bit more style and panache.

## PISCES

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Guppies can let their intuition run "wilde" when Mercury, Mars and Venus move. You may dream of the winning lottery numbers or of a great new way of making money the old fashioned way. But dreaming won't make it happen compadre. Mars says that you need to get off your assets and make a big monetary splash. Get out of the wading pool and dive in the deep end.

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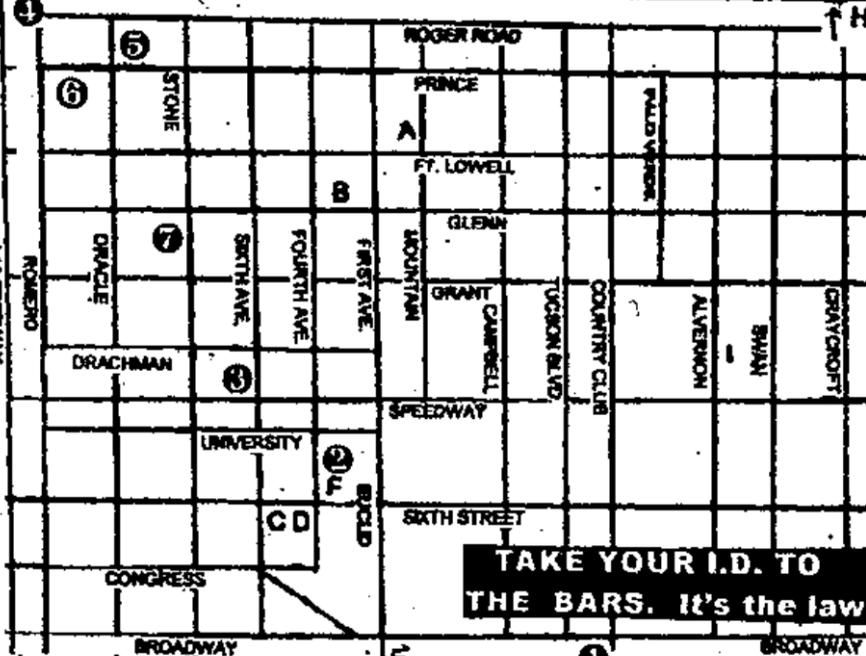
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**DR. X HAS ANSWERS.**

Dear Dr. X,

My friends call me a major pot-head. It's true I smoke everyday and have bong and other stuff but I really don't think I'm addicted. I mean its just pot. I know lots of people that do harder drugs and aren't addicted so how can I be? Pot mel-lows me out and I get way more creative to do my art. Do you think smoking every day is bad?

Signed, Reefer Madness

Dear Reefer Madness,

After getting your letter I had to sit and do a little research on just what are the dangers of marijuana. I know all the basics—the impaired judgment, the paranoia, the munchies! But I realized that in this day and age pot is looked at as a non-threatening drug. I have friends that are major potheads and they still manage to lead functional lives and keep their jobs with no problem. After doing more research, I have come to the conclusion that the major problem with marijuana is that it is illegal. That being said, Dr X went and got a second opinion. Then a third, then a fourth...etc. The question that kept coming up is "Is it disrupting your life?" Just like all substances, when you get to the point where it disrupts your job, your friends, and your life, it's become a problem. If you feel like any of these parts of your life are being disrupted, you need to make some changes.

Dear Dr. X,

Recently, one of my friends found out that he has testicular cancer. It really shocked and scared me. We are both in our late twenties, and I thought that it only happens to older men. I am really scared now that I might get it, and was wondering what I should do? Can I prevent this from happening to me?

Signed, Touchy Subject

Dear Touchy Subject,

I'm really sorry to hear about your friend. Unfortunately testicular cancer is a young mans disease. White men between the ages of 14-35 are at the most risk for the disease. If it's caught soon enough there is a 90% recovery rate. There are many factors for contracting testicular cancer such as family history, or an undescended testicle. As far as prevention from testicular cancer you need to check your testicles for any lumps or soreness at least once a month. You can also add a little spice to your relationship by having your partner check your testicles for you and vice versa. I had a female friend who noticed a lump in her boyfriend testicles and alerted him to his cancer. If you do find something or suspect something is wrong get yourself to your doctor and have it checked out.

[Send your questions to Dr. X at gmhp@saaf.org or mail them to SAAF/GMHP, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719.]

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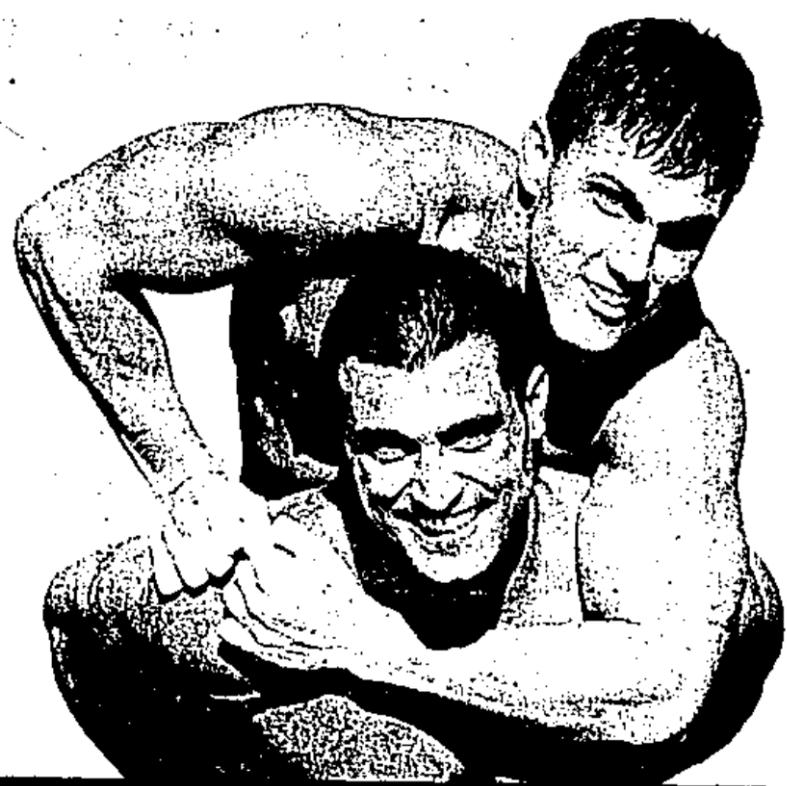
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## Freedom To Marry Rally

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mandate of "Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

"The Arizona Human Rights Fund believes that in order to secure civil marriage for same-sex couples, to protect LGBT relationships, and to defend LGBT people from these divisive constitutional amendments, we need a large and visible turn-out of LGBT people and our allies at the rally on February 14th. We also need LGBT people and our allies engaged in the political process and at the polls during these upcoming elections," stated Kristen Felan, Southern Arizona Outreach Coordinator for AHRF.

Organizers of the rally note that civil and religious marriage are two separate institutions—civil marriage binds a couple in a legal contract to which the state is also a party; this contract imposes obligations on the couple and awards concomitant benefits. Although clergy in some Christian and Jewish denominations and other religions celebrate wedding or holy union ceremonies for same-sex couples, these religious marriages do not receive any legal recognition in the United States. Legalizing same-sex civil marriage will not have any effect upon religious institutions; it will not require any clergy person or religious denomination to perform or recognize same-sex marriages. What it will do is have the government of the people recognize all the people's freedom and equality in connection with the civil rights and responsibilities of civil marriage.

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**Special Bar Events**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. The Divalicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Mr. Kenneth Blake and Phaeda.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

HOWL AT THE MOON - UA Men's Basketball at 6:30 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Return of the Age of Aquarius 60s/70s Retro Party. 8:00 p.m. to closing. Features live entertainment by Richard Villa and Friends, plus dancing to the sounds of the DJ. Get ready!

**FRI-SAT-SUN - FEBRUARY 13-14-15**

YARD DOG SALOON - Big 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary weekend here with special events all three nights. Food, music, auction, contest and more. Stop on by.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

HOWL AT THE MOON - UA Men's basketball at 1:00 p.m.

IBTS - Valentine's Day!! Flowers at the Door. 8:00 p.m. the "FuFu Revue" starring Bunny FuFu, Lucinda Holliday and Janee Starr. Followed by hot dance music by DJ Q.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - The Westside Follies tonight presents a benefit for TIHAN at 8:00 p.m. featuring Alotta Whoremooans, Heather Boa and Sabrina Crawford.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

HOW AT THE MOON - UA Women's Basketball at 1:00 pm. 8:30 Sweetheart Dance Give your sweetie and yourself the gift of dance. Beginner's lesson begins at 7:30. Learn to waltz and two-step.

IBTS - Party line-up includes Troy's Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. Karaoke Party with Michael D. on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to Reveille Gay Men's Chorus. 8:00 p.m. Sissy Bingo with Aja Simone and Lucinda Holliday. 9:00 p.m. Returning by special request, guest Disk Jockey Kevin Brown from Phoenix plays for dancing tonight.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

IBTS - Big Academy Awards Party. Get there early!

**Non-Bar Calendar**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

#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 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, FEBRUARY 12**

#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 Funstastics. 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 TGI Friday's. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

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, FEBRUARY 14**

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

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

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

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, FEBRUARY 22**

6:00 p.m. Marsha Stevens will be appearing in a free concert at the water of Life MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. The accolades go like this: "Thank God for Lesbian gospel singer, Marsha Stevens ... she's Heaven-Sent!" "I've been moved by her powerful voice and passionate presence on platforms we've shared across the nation." "She is conservative Christianity's worst nightmare - a God-fearing, Jesus-loving, Bible-believing Lesbian Christian." "Of all the things that live on after us, Marsha's music may be what best captures all that we tried to be and do for our community." All are welcome to hear this great singer.

**Arts & Entertainment**

**NOW PLAYING THRU FEBRUARY 14**

Live Theatre Workshop's Late Night Series presents "Danny and the Dep Blue Sea - An Apache Dance" by John Patrick Shanley. Danny and Roberta meet at a bar in the Bronx. They are both rubbed raw from difficult lives, and harbor a dangerous secret. In a desperate attempt to find salvation and make some sense of an incoherently cruel world, they take a chance by opening up to each other. Through the course of one tumultuous night, these two savages find that in the other lies the secret to salvation. This show runs on Friday and Saturday nights at 10:30 p.m. Call 327-4242 for ticket reservations. Tickets \$8 and \$10.

**FEBRUARY 14 THRU MARCH 21**

Live Theatre Workshop presents London's West End longest running Christie Mystery "The Mousetrap" by Agatha Christie. The story is about a group of strangers stranded in a boarding house in the middle of a snow storm. Mollie and Giles Ralston (Lisa Bodden and Brian Wees) have inherited an old boarding house and decide to re-open it anew. Now enter six guests, one of whom will be murdered and one who is the murderer. The show runs Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 3:00 p.m. Tickets range from \$12 - \$14. Performances are at the Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E. Speedway. For reservations 327-4242.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

The Temptations are coming to Desert Diamond Casino's Diamond Center. Call 393-2799 for ticket information.

**FEBRUARY 29 THRU MARCH 7**

The Arizona Friends of Chamber Music, which has brought internationally renowned chamber music group to perform in Tucson for over 50 years, announce the eleventh Tucson Winter Chamber Music Festival. The American Record Guide has called this world-class event "one of the best and most adventurous [festivals] in the U.S. Among this Festival's outstanding offerings are three commissioned World Premieres. The Klichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio, one of the world's finest ensembles, will join Peter Rejto, an internationally acclaimed cellist and the Festival's Artistic Director, and nine other accomplished musicians. Individual Festival general admission concert tickets are \$20 and student tickets are \$8. For additional information the public can call the AFM at 577-3769 or visit their web site at www.ArizonaChamberMusic.org. All concerts and open rehearsals, except for the Gala Dinner Concert, will be held at the Tucson Convention Center's Leo Rich Theater. Sunday concerts will begin at 3:00 p.m. Evening concerts begin at 8:00 p.m. Each concert will be preceded by a 20 minute introduction by Tucson Music Critic James Reel.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3**

Metallica with special guest Godsmack "Madly in Anger with the World Tour" will be at TCC Arena. Tickets on sale and available at TicketMaster 321-1000 and all TicketMaster outlets.

**Court: Separated Lesbians Must Split Assets**

SEATTLE - The Washington State Third District Court of Appeals ruled Tuesday that state laws governing the separation of unmarried heterosexual couples should also apply to the property disputes between same-sex couples, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

In a unanimous decision, the court upheld an earlier ruling by Judge Heather Van Nuys, who ordered a Lesbian couple to roughly split their assets.

Van Nuys relied on state doctrine that recognizes marriage-like, or "meretricious," relationships between unwed heterosexuals for the purposes of splitting property in an equitable way when no written agreements exist. Her ruling came on the heels of a state Supreme Court decision in a similar case, that one involving a man who was fighting for his home after the death of his long-term partner.

The high court sent that case back to trial, indicating that a marriage-like relationship; if proven in trial, would grant the surviving partner a stake in the dead man's estate regardless of the sexual orientation of the people involved. Lower courts in that case had ruled in circular fashion, that same-sex couples, by definition, could not conduct a "marriage-like" relationship, given the fact that they could not marry.

With the high court precedent freshly articulated, Judge Van Nuys ordered Yakima physician Julia Robertson to share her estate with her partner of 10 years, nurse Lynn Gormley. Robertson appealed, leading the appellate panel to reconfirm the principles at stake in their Tuesday decision.

"Whether same-sex couples can legally marry is for the Legislature to decide," wrote the court. "But the rule that the courts must 'examine the meretricious relationship and the property accumulations and make a just and equitable disposition of the property' is a judicial, not a legislative, extension of the rights and protections of marriage to intimate unmarried partners. ... We hold that the meretricious relationship doctrine should be extended to same-sex couples."

**Daily Bar Calendar**

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

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open Noon. 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 sirlain burger/w/salad 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 8pm

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**

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7, \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. Special drink prices on draft beer all night. Solid Gold Oldies 7:00pm 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.

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. 9-1

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

**Tuesday**

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7, \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. \$2 margarita on rocks all night.

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. 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 if drink specials.

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

**Wednesday**

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. 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holliday and guests. HNRG Dancing with OJ-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-lebsh-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**

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7, \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. \$2 Mexican beers all night. Pucker Shot specials during UA games.

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**

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

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

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Martini Party - Well Martini's \$2.00 4-8pm. Call 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.

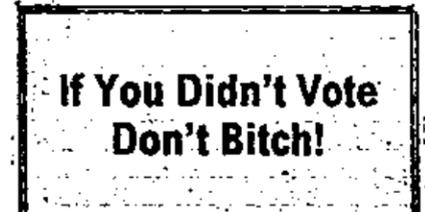
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FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS and updates on Gay Games 2002, contact TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

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

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

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6416 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 OUToberFEST. 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 TP1 website at www.tucsonpride.com

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

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

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Jennifer at 838-3975.

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.

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

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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

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AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Wingspan Annex, 719 N. 4th Ave. All alcoholics welcome.

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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 615-3491, 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 (GPGCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpgcc.org or call (602)325-8444.

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 Tansters 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 Tansters, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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

LESBIAN-AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8630 or Ronn 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)771-3102

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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. Gerontimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

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**NOTICES**

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

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. Dezzoi Girls (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dezzoi Boys meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAEmail@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 stated AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-1805.

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 (320)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 Mito Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number).

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

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

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

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520) 745-0773 for current information.

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

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

**PERSONALS**

GLBT SOS (Secular Organization for Sobriety) will begin meeting Sundays, 8 p.m. at the Wingspan Annex, 730 N. 4th Ave. This group appeals to persons who may be uncomfortable "Higher Power" concepts of more traditional, religious groups. 1020

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**HIV Drug Maker**

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symptoms and be more comfortable. It is a drug they take to survive," Madigan said in a press release. "Increasing its price is like increasing prices for life-saving cancer drugs or heart drugs. This investigation is aimed at determining the real reason for the price increase and assessing whether the increase violates Illinois law. Every consumer is affected by unfair or deceptive practices that drive up the costs of needed prescription drugs."

New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer is also investigating whether Abbott violated antitrust law, the Associated Press reported.

On the market since 1996, Norvir was the second protease inhibitor available. Initially sold with a much higher dosage, the drug most often comes in 100-mg liquid doses and is prescribed in conjunction with other protease inhibitors. Abbott is reportedly working on a next-generation version of Norvir that won't require refrigeration and comes in pill form. That drug is expected to hit the market in 2005.

Protestors are also pressuring Abbott. A group of AIDS activists and physicians will hold a press conference on Wednesday at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation (SFAF) to demand the company roll back Norvir's price. The group plans to boycott Abbott products, according to SFAF, if the company does not cooperate.

## NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thom

### Taboo Facts

Journalism is an evolving business. Its evolution seems more pronounced during presidential campaigns, but that might be because we're paying more attention.

In every era of journalism, there have been things that you're not supposed to say. There have also been, in every era, things that you could say that were previously forbidden. TV commentator Andy Rooney summed it up nicely with the phrase, "We all know what we can get away with."

In the current election cycle it has become permissible to report an enormous summary of activity as a simple fact. For example, it has been widely reported as a simple fact that Howard Dean moved the entire field of Democratic candidates to the left. They all started out wanting to be centrists like Clinton. They were dismissed as "Bush lites." Dean started to run as a Democrat and immediately got traction. Everybody took a giant step to the left.

There's nothing unusual about what happened. The unusual thing is that the media no longer feel that they have to report it as someone's opinion. In spite of the phenomenon being large and complicated, in spite of its not being tied to a specific time or place, the media now feel comfortable reporting the fact as a fact.

At the extreme opposite end of the spectrum of journalistic permissibility circa 2004, the media seem to be developing a new category of "taboo facts" that they are no longer willing to report as facts.

The first time I noticed the taboo fact category was with regard to the issue of whether or not Clinton was a liar. The media put this factual question out of bounds. No major TV news outlet would say, "Tonight we can report that President Clinton lied about" whatever. The closest they could get, and this really isn't close at all, was, "The president's critics claim that he lied, while his supporters claim that he didn't."

The rest of the world, the world outside the media, continued to treat lying as an ordinary fact of life. Lawyers in courtrooms all across the nation continued to ask witnesses, "Were you lying in your deposition or are you lying now?" But "the L-word," as it came to be known, was out of bounds for journalists.

The taboo facts category has lately been expanded to include the question of whether the current president was AWOL from the National Guard. It's obviously a straight forward factual question. The term AWOL is very clearly defined in military law. The military services keep records of who is and who is not present for duty. Vast numbers of people in the media undoubtedly know with certainty whether or not Bush was ever AWOL. But you will never hear a mainstream TV news outlet say, "We can now report that Bush was AWOL from the National Guard on" some specific date.

The media seem to be trying to carve out a new kind of safety zone for themselves. Whereas they once felt obliged to report facts the reporting of which would make powerful groups very angry with them, they now seem to feel that they can legitimately dodge a particularly nasty fact now and then. If I'm right, the great heroic Watergate reporting that brought down a crooked president would not be permissible

today. The recent case of the leaked name of a CIA operative seems particularly interesting in this context. It is widely admitted that the leaker gave the name out to several journalists who declined to publish it. Since journalists gossip among themselves as much as any other professionals do, we can safely assume that dozens if not hundreds of them know who the leaker was.

The argument that the journalists involved are protecting their sources has been raised repeatedly in this case, but, if someone gives you a bit of information which you didn't ask for and don't use, in what possible sense is he your source? It seems far easier to believe that this is a case of the creeping expansion of the taboo fact phenomenon. If the media don't have to come down on whether Clinton lied and they don't have to come down on whether Bush was AWOL, it's just a couple of baby steps away to deciding that they don't have to give up the name of a leaker if that leaker is very powerful and giving him up would make him very angry.

If I were a journalism professor, this column could be used as a prelude to an essay question for my students: Considering all of the above, and remembering that THE WASHINGTON POST was a family owned newspaper in the Watergate era, what effect do you think the trend towards consolidation of the ownership of news outlets has on the content of the news?

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

### Same Sex Marriage:

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their marriage support to a national platform.)

Fourth, we must put human faces to the marriage equality struggle. I have long said, "To know us is to love us," and that has been my experience. That's why I encourage you to take part in the "Freedom To Marry" public actions scheduled for Valentine's Week - Feb. 9-15. Go to court-houses and marriage bureaus and apply for marriage licenses. Take your friends. Invite the media. A free marriage equality action kit is available by writing to [info@MCCchurch.org](mailto:info@MCCchurch.org). Attend the public rallies scheduled across America on Valentine's Day, Saturday, Feb. 14. They are listed on-line at [www.DontAmend.com](http://www.DontAmend.com). Learn more about events and resources offered by NGLTF, HRC, PFLAG, LLEGO, the ACLU, Marriage Equality and other excellent organizations by visiting [www.freedomtomarry.org](http://www.freedomtomarry.org). Write a letter to your local newspaper. Talk to your neighbors and your families. We'll win the battle for same-sex marriage rights when we put human faces to the struggle for equality.

I've made up my mind: I am committing the rest of my life to help win the struggle for same-sex marriage equality. Not because I think marriage is the answer for every LGBT couple. But because I believe anything less than full marriage rights is also less than full equality and imposes a second class status on LGBT people.

[Rev. Troy D. Perry is a veteran human rights activist and Founder of Metropolitan Community Churches, the world's largest and oldest church group with a primary, affirming ministry to the LGBT communities. Perry was the first openly Gay member of the Los Angeles Human Rights Commission and a past delegate to the White House Conference on Hate Crimes.]

religious and civic leaders clearly support fairness and tolerance for everyone in our city," said Gary Wright, chairman of CRF. "Over 60 business, religious, and community leaders are behind this effort, and more are signing on every day."

The announcement came one week after Mayor Charlie Luken urged voters to repeal the ban during his annual State of the City speech.

The city's largest daily paper, the Cincinnati Enquirer, also condemned Article XII in a recent editorial, calling it a "self-inflicted wound" on the city.

According to the Associated Press, tourism officials in the city say the amendment has cost \$64 million in lost convention revenue.

### Cincinnati's G/L Rights Ban

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employers and landlords, for example, to discriminate against workers or tenants based on sexual orientation.

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