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## Chicago Will Host 2006 Gay Games

CHICAGO - The Federation of Gay Games (FGG) announced Tuesday, March 2, that Chicago defeated Los Angeles in the competition to host Gay Games VII in 2006, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

"We're very excited. Absolutely," said Kevin Boyer, a spokesman and board member of Chicago Games Inc., which organized the winning bid.

"What I really hope is that people come to Chicago and have an awesome time," Boyer told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network. "To be able to combine two of my passions - the Gay Games and my favorite city - is a dream come true."

Chicago plans to hold the games July 15-22, 2006, with opening ceremonies taking place at Soldier Field, competitions at four sport villages and concerts at the Frank Gehry band shell. Closing ceremonies will be observed at Millennium Park, six days before another international GLBT sports event, Rendez-Vous 2006, begins in Montreal.

Montreal was the original site for the Gay Games, but contract negotiations broke off in November after the two parties could not agree on key financial and logistical details.

Organizers in Montreal, a group called Montreal 2006, promise their new event, Rendez-Vous 2006, is still viable and sent out a prepared statement the day before the FGG announced its new selection.

"Montreal 2006 must, in good conscience and as a gesture of good will, warn the city chosen by the FGG that it is being lured into a trap," the press release said.

"It is the American Gay and Lesbian community that will be placed in an intolerable and ethically difficult situation, forced to choose between two games," the group continued. "Many American teams appear to have already chosen Montreal. Will they be unfairly frowned upon in their own country? American athletes should be allowed to decide for themselves."

Boyer disagreed with the statement. "We believe there's room for both events," he said. "I think Montreal is a wonderful city and it's a shame they were not able to negotiate an agreement. We just hope they choose the high road, like we will."

James "Shamey" Cranter, the executive director of Los Angeles 2006 Inc., wished Chicago well, but said his organization would hold back from endorsing Chicago's plan until presented with an operational plan.

The Chicago organizers promised they want this event to break even, since other Gay Games have struggled financially. The organizers insist they plan on relying on "stable sources of income," such as expecting 42.9 percent of their operating budget to come from participants' registration fees. Early bird rates will begin this summer for as low as \$160.

Kathleen Webster, co-president of the FGG, told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network it was that fiscal prudence that helped Chicago stand out.

"Chicago wanted an open and transparent relationship between the host organization and the federation of the Gay Games," Webster said. "They did what we asked them to. They paid attention to our core mission: Political and social change through sport and culture."

## Scalia's Fitness Questioned After Ties To Anti-Gay Group Revealed

WASHINGTON - Details are emerging about a controversial speech delivered by Justice Antonin Scalia to an anti-Gay lobby group while the Supreme Court was deliberating in the Texas sodomy case that calls into question his impartiality on the bench, 365Gay.com reported.

The speech was delivered to the Urban Family Council in Philadelphia, a group that while not a party in the sodomy case was fighting that city's ordinance allowing benefits for the partners of Gay and Lesbian municipal workers.

Details of the \$150 a plate dinner were made public today by the Los Angeles Times.

William Devlin, who founded the council, is lead plaintiff in the Philadelphia lawsuit, which is pending before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Both sides say the case has a good chance of reaching Scalia's court.

Scalia declined to comment on his appearance before the group, and the organization refused to make available a copy of the speech. But, a month after the dinner, he sharply dissented from the high court's decision overturning the Texas law.

"The court has largely signed on to the so-called homosexual agenda," Scalia wrote for the three. He took the unusual step of reading his dissent from the bench.

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## Supreme Court Upholds Connecticut Scout Decision

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court decided not to hear a case brought by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) that accused Connecticut of discrimination after the state removed the organization from a list of charities on a state employee payroll plan, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Connecticut has argued that the BSA couldn't be part of the state's voluntary donation program because the group excludes Gays from participating as members, employees and volunteers. The state's four local BSA councils were booted from the list in 2000, costing the organization about \$10,000 a year in state employee donations.

The BSA's Connecticut River Council sued the state, and in 2003 a federal appeals court agreed with a previous ruling in Connecticut's favor, saying that the BSA's rights were not being violated. This spurred the Scouts to appeal to the Supreme Court, which decided Monday to let the previous rulings stand.

According to the Associated Press, the BSA's appeal said the Connecticut law interfered with the group's internal rules and core beliefs. "To exclude the Boy Scouts from a forum based on the values they hold and the conduct they require of

their members is to exclude Boy Scouts based on viewpoint and identity," wrote the BSA's attorneys in their Supreme Court appeal.

A number of groups filed "friend of the court" briefs in support of the BSA, including the Campus Crusade for Christ, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the National Catholic Committee on Scouting.

In 2000, a Supreme Court decision allowed the BSA to restrict membership to straight members. The decision was a blow to LGBT activists, but in response, a number of local communities announced plans to review the preferential deals that give the BSA access to public facilities and programs at vastly reduced rates.

Municipalities in Oregon, Pennsylvania and California all announced they would be ending deals with local BSA councils, saying that the organization's policy violated local anti-discrimination laws.

In San Diego, another closely watched case, now working its way through the courts, could cost the BSA hundreds of thousands of dollars and the possibility of losing access to two prime pieces of publicly owned land.

## Kerry Launches Impassioned Gay Rights Speech In Deep South

JACKSON - Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry told members of a Mississippi black church Sunday, March 7, that Gay rights are civil rights and there is no difference between the fight Gays are waging for equality and the civil rights movement of the 60s, 365Gay.com reported.

After a speech in which he criticized President Bush's economic policy and for the war in Iraq, Kerry took questions from the members of the Greater Bethlehem Temple Pentecostal Church of the Apostolic Faith in Jackson.

One woman stood up and asked Kerry to distance himself from "homosexual activists" who compare Gay rights to the civil rights movement. "My point is homosexuality is an idea," she said. "You have never heard a doctor say, 'Mr. and Mrs. John Doe, you have a bouncing baby homosexual.' It's an idea."

Kerry said he believed that marriage should be preserved for "a man and a woman" and then launched into his most impassioned defense to date of Gay rights.

He reminded the woman that African Americans were once denied entrance to universities, and insisted that just as the Equal Protection Clause protected them, so, too, should it protect the rights of Gays and Lesbians.

"I believe it's important in the United States of America that we recognize that we have a Constitution which has an equal protection clause," Kerry said.

He then compared the "crucifixion of Matthew Shepard," the Wyoming 21-year-old Gay man who was beaten, tied to a fence, and left to die in the fall of 1998, with the dragging death of an African-American Texan, James Byrd Jr., whose murder earlier in 1998 sparked new efforts for hate crimes legislation.

"The only point I want to make to you is," he told the woman, "I've talked to enough people - some of whom fought for their country in war - and I've talked to many of them who didn't discover their own sexuality until they were 35, 40 years old, and it wasn't because they made a choice, it

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## Desert Voices Update

TUCSON - Come (Out!) As You Are, new director Chris Tackett for their Desert Voices Annual Spring Choral Cabaret and Silent Auction, takes place on Saturday, April 3, at The Muse Community Arts Center, 516 N. 5th Avenue.

Desert Voices, known for their queer (you know...funny!) looks at life through song, will be exploring "Coming Out", a rite of passage unique to the GLBT community. The members of Desert Voices have collaborated to create a funny and engaging show about this process.

The show features a wide variety of songs and musical styles. Many of the tunes you already know by heart, such as Janis Ian's "At Seventeen", and Meg Christian's "Ode to a Gym Teacher", "Rainbow Connection" from your Muppet days, "When I'm Sixty-Four" from the Beatles, and even "Chapel of Love" a total "doo-wop" favorite. Audience members will also hear SAGA director Michael Woodward as the featured soloist on "A Far Better Man", a musical perspective on the Female-to-Male transition experience. Michael and the chorus are delighted to have the opportunity to debut this powerful, moving song in Tucson after Michael performed it to a standing ovation with the Indianapolis Women's Chorus in 2001.

Chorus members have also collaborated to create a new song about bisexuality (a rarity in song)! With input from chorus members, local performer and songwriter, Namoli Brennet, who serves as accompanist for Desert Voices this season, composed this new premiere work. Under

In addition to the fine musical selections, there will be a Silent Auction, before and during the show. Audience members can bid on some terrific items, such as Season Tickets to the Arizona Heat, (Tucson's new Professional Fast-Pitch Softball team starting its first season here in June), Homemade Pies by Gerry, artwork and jewelry by local artists, sumptuous gift baskets of wines and chocolates and lots of other exciting items. (Check our website for a complete list of items). Guests will be treated to sweets and beverages while they enjoy the show and Silent Auction, courtesy of local establishments IBT's, Bentley's, Delectables and Something Sweet.

Chorus members, who contribute their time and effort to create the show, learn the music, solicit the silent auction items, decorate the hall and stage and finally, put on the show, have also contributed in one other area; sharing their coming out stories. Over the past year, members have shared their own coming out experiences with one another, providing the basis for the show's direction and narrative. We invite the community to come out and honor these stories and songs.



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## IN MEMORIAM

Jerry Curl

TUCSON - Jerry Curl, a retired professor who helped start Arizona's largest grass-roots Gay social organization, died Wednesday, March 3, of cancer. He was 71, the Arizona Daily Star reported.

Curl moved to Tucson with his life partner, Les Elliott, in 1993 after retiring from the University of Illinois at Springfield campus, where he was a human development and counseling professor for about 25 years and director of admissions and records.

In 1995, Curl and Elliott worked with several others to form a new Gay social group, the Men's Social Network, which provides a nonalcoholic atmosphere for members.

The group has become the largest grass-roots Gay social organization in Arizona, with more than 300 members, said Ray Evans, a friend and fellow group founder.

"He was an all-around wonderful friend," Evans said. "For me, he was almost like an unofficial brother. He took such an interest in people. He was an empathetic listener, everyone's friend and adopted young, middle-aged, old alike."

Curl and Elliott also opened their home to pizza nights, game nights, movie nights, potlucks and other events that have drawn more than 1,000 Gay men over the past decade.

Curl was the group's unofficial "ambassador," Evans said.

"Any time anyone new came to an activity, he introduced them all around and made sure they felt comfortable in the environment," Evans said. "Jerry spent a lot of time doing those behind-the-scenes things."

Gerlinde Coates, who worked with Curl at the University of Illinois and later moved to Tucson, recalled him as a "loving spirit" who was "always very other-people oriented."

"He was the most loving person to everyone he ever met," she said. "He was very student-concerned and always there to help people."

Curl has also served as president of the North Lumberlost Circle Homeowners Association for the past several years. Curl and Elliott were one of the first care teams for the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network.

A memorial service will take place in about a month.

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# State Law Must Deal With Gay & Lesbian Weddings

TUCSON - When University of Arizona law students started discussing marriage in family law class this semester, simple-sounding questions collided with complicated reality, the Arizona Daily Star reported.

"We began the class by asking, 'What is marriage?' and 'Who can get married?'" said law student Meg MacDougal. "And we started studying that topic the day San Francisco started issuing marriage licenses."

It seems that the whole nation, not just her fellow students in Law 612, is asking about families and marriage, said MacDougal, who is president of the Pride Law Alliance, the UA law students' Gay and Lesbian student advocacy group.

Changes to marriage laws in Massachusetts or elsewhere pose questions that Arizona's legal system will have to answer.

Will Arizona recognize Gay marriages from other states? Can those couples file joint returns on their income taxes here? Can those couples divorce here?

"What we have is 50 jurisdictions trying to figure out what role Gays and Lesbians are going to play in society," said Robert Glennon, Morris K. Udall Professor of Law and Public Policy at UA's law school.

The United States historically has embraced states' differences in laws about families, Glennon said. Allowing states to differ creates a laboratory in which public policy solutions can be tested, he said.

Here are some legal questions Arizona might face after Gay marriages take place in Massachusetts or elsewhere.

**Q: Must Arizona recognize other states' Gay marriages as valid here?**

**A: Under the full faith and credit clause of the U.S. Constitution, Arizona recognizes marriages from other states.**

However, Glennon said, constitutional law also says Arizona doesn't have to recognize out-of-state legal decisions that violate Arizona policy.

Arizona law says that "marriage between persons of the same sex is void and prohibited" and that the state doesn't recognize marriages that it doesn't permit here.

So the answer is "no," Arizona doesn't have to recognize other states' Gay marriages, Glennon said.

At least one local expert disagrees: Amelia Craig Cramer, a deputy county attorney. Cramer helped file the lawsuit that led to Vermont's civil-unions law while she was executive director of the Boston-based Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders.

Other states' Gay weddings may go against Arizona policy, but Arizona can't refuse to recognize them if that creates a policy that is found to be illegitimate or illegal, Cramer believes.

"Here, the policy interest is illegal," Cramer said, "because it violates

equal protection and due process."

Since the Constitution trumps state law, Cramer said, Gay marriages should be recognized here.

**Q: Can Arizona recognize another states' marriage laws without changing its own laws?**

**A: The state already does this, Cramer said. Marriage between first cousins in Arizona is illegal in most cases, she said, but Arizona recognizes other states' marriages between first cousins.**

**Q: What's the difference between a marriage and a civil union?**

**A: The only state that allows civil unions is Vermont. Civil unions are available only to same-sex couples; the state's law reserves marriage for heterosexual couples.**

Under Vermont's law, civil unions are supposed to be equal to marriages. In the eyes of federal law, civil unions don't count.

A Gay couple joined in civil union can file jointly on their Vermont state income tax form, but must file two federal tax returns.

**Q: Would a Gay married couple be allowed to file jointly on their Arizona income tax return?**

**A: "Chances are they would not," said Dan Zemke, spokesman for the Arizona Department of Revenue.**

Arizona law specifies that a husband and

wife can file a joint return, Zemke said.

**Q: Will Gay or Lesbian couples legally married in other states be able to divorce here?**

**A: Probably not, said Robert Barrasso, a Tucson divorce attorney and member of the Family Law Executive Council of the Arizona State Bar.**

"I believe that because of our divorce statutes and our definition of marriage," a Gay or Lesbian married couple seeking a divorce would hear, "You don't have access to our laws," he said.

**Q: If a Gay or Lesbian couple can't divorce, who decides who gets the car or the contents of a joint bank account?**

**A: If the couple can't decide or show written proof, the courts probably will, Barrasso said.**

If a husband and wife buy a car, each spouse owns half, according to Arizona law. Without state law to help Gay and Lesbian couples divide property, Barrasso said, couples may be left to sue each other and let a court decide, unless they've meticulously maintained written contracts.

**Q: Would a constitutional amendment affect Tucson's domestic-partner laws?**

**A: That depends on the wording of the amendment, Cramer said.**

She said that based on the

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by Natalie Perry

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## Teacher Fired For Sexual Orientation; Help From Community Needed

TUCSON - Wingspan has been providing ongoing advocacy and support for a member of our community who was recently fired from a local charter school because of, what appears to be, her sexual orientation.

and e-mail the school and let them know that discrimination is wrong, allowing for a hostile work environment is illegal, and implying that someone "brings on" harassment by simply including their partner in social functions is not acceptable.

Ann - Flanders-Doland - was employed as a computer and physical education teacher at the Academy of Math and Science. She was repeatedly verbally harassed by four students regarding her sexual orientation. After each harassing incident, she wrote up the students and informed administration. The school administration provided no meaningful interventions with the students, merely assigning them to lunch detentions as punishment. The harassment did not stop, but escalated.

Please copy any emails or letters you send to the school to Daphne at Wingspan, she will share your emails of support with Ms. Flanders-Doland.

Here is the contact information: Academy of Math and Science, 1557 W. Prince Road, Tucson, AZ 85705, phone - (520) 293-2676, fax (520) 222-1732, web site: amstucson.org.

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EDITOR:

On behalf of Scott Pohlman and his family, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the Tucson Community for its warmth, friendliness and assistance.

We would also like to say a special "thank you" to PFLAG, THIAN and two very special people, Randy Greenburg and Donna Rochester.

Tucson is truly one of the friendliest places we have ever been and thanks to you all for the support and Scott is doing well and is now in rehabilitation.

Thank you,  
Chad Steele  
(Scott's Life Partner)



It is Wingspan's opinion that Ann Flanders-Doland was wrongly terminated. By not properly supporting or responding to Ms. Flanders-Doland's concerns, the Academy of Math and Science created and encouraged a hostile work environment. While it is - regrettably - legal to fire a teacher on the basis of sexual orientation in the state of Arizona, it is illegal to allow a hostile work environment where someone is sexually harassed. Wingspan recognizes that terminations are a personnel matter, and that employers may be legally limited in their response.

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**Gay Episcopal Bishop Officially Starts Job**

CONCORD - Seven months after his confirmation rocked the world's Anglican community, Gene Robinson officially became the ninth bishop of New Hampshire and the first openly Gay bishop in the church's history. In his sermon Sunday during the investiture ceremony, Robinson said one definition of leadership is to find a parade and get in front of it. Robinson said he is just trying to stay in front of the parade and not get run over. "Journeys of faith, you know, are a risky business," he said. "God is always calling us out of our comfort zones."

The investiture ceremony does not carry the same weight as Robinson's consecration last year, but it gave a capacity crowd of more than 700 the chance to welcome the new leader of the diocese of New Hampshire with whoops, cheers, and a standing ovation. Bells rang out from the church tower.

Bishop Douglas Theuner, who officially retired Sunday, February 29, handed Robinson the ceremonial staff, transferring the diocese into his hands. They had shared power since Robinson was made a bishop. "May the Lord stir up in you the flame of holy charity and the power of faith that overcomes the world," the Reverend David Jones, rector of St. Paul's Church in Concord, said in the ceremony.

Robinson is the first openly Gay man to be elected as a bishop in the U.S. Episcopal Church as well as the worldwide

Anglican Communion, with 77 million members, of which it is a part. His consecration drew protesters and triggered angry responses from many corners of the world. Several Anglican bishops outside the United States have said they will no longer associate with the Episcopal Church (USA) because it approved Robinson's election.

In the United States, a dozen conservative bishops are organizing an alternative network of dioceses and parishes in opposition to Robinson's becoming bishop. They argue that homosexuality violates biblical teaching. Robinson has lived with his partner, Mark Andrew, a state administrator, for 15 years and has two daughters from a previous marriage. Andrew took part in the ceremony.

**Judge Nixes School Gay-Straight Club**

LUBBOCK - Going against established legal precedent, a federal judge ruled Wednesday, March 3, that a Gay-straight alliance (GSA) cannot meet at a high school in the west Texas city, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

Students from the Lubbock GSA sued in July with the help of Lambda Legal after trying to meet on campus since 2002, claiming the school district violated their constitutional rights and a federal law forbidding discrimination against groups meeting on public school campuses.

But U.S. District Court Judge Sam R. Cummings disagreed with that reasoning, holding community standards above free speech.

"The local school officials and parents are in the best position to determine what subject matter is reasonable and will be allowed," Judge Cummings ruled, claiming the district's policies on abstinence-only education and a ban on conversations about sex set the school district apart from six similar cases where federal courts had ruled in favor of GSAs.

Judge Cummings said the Lubbock school district was right in blocking the GSA from meeting on school grounds because of the group's stated goal to "educate willing youth about safe sex, AIDS, hatred, etc." He also claimed the GSA went against community standards by posting links to Gay.com and youthresource.com on the GSA's Web site, rendering the site's information "lewd," "indecent" and "obscene."

Greg Nevins, senior staff attorney with Lambda Legal, said he was surprised by the judge's ruling in light of recent decisions in such conservative jurisdictions as Boyd County, Ky., but he didn't think the Lubbock decision would be enough to embolden other school districts to fight a GSA's right to meet.

"It's one decision against the overwhelming weight to the contrary," he said, dismissing the judge's ruling as "out there."

Nevins added attorneys are still deciding whether to appeal. "We want to continue to help the group reach its goal to meet. It's really a matter of how to do that."

Mirah Curzer, a straight member who helped start the Lubbock GSA and sued the district, told the Associated Press, "The longer it takes with the legal process, the longer we are without our rights."

**Academy-Award Nominated Actor Paul Winfield Dead at 62**

LOS ANGELES - Paul Winfield, an Academy Award-nominated actor who was known for his versatility in stage, film, and television roles, including a highly praised 1978 depiction of the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., has died. He was 62.

Winfield died Sunday, March 7, of a heart attack, said his agent Michael Livingston. Actor and author Jack Larson, a friend, told Advocate.com that Winfield, who was openly Gay in his life if not in the media, had been distraught over the past two years following the death of his longtime companion, Charles Gillan Jr. Larson produced the 1984 drama Mike's Murder, written and directed by Gay filmmaker James Bridges, in which Winfield gave one of his finest performances as a Gay man distraught over the death of his onetime lover.

In 1968 Winfield played the boyfriend of Diahann Carroll in her situation comedy, Julia—a role that some suggest helped open television to other black performers. Four years later Winfield's portrayal of the father in Souther earned him an Academy Award nomination for best actor. He was Emmy-nominated for best actor in the title role of the 1978 miniseries King and nominated the next year in the best supporting actor category for playing a college chancellor willing to sing Negro spirituals to get donations for his school in Roots: The Next Generation. He finally won an Emmy in 1995 for a guest role in The X-Files. CONTINUED ON PAGE FOURTEEN

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**POLITICS**

**'Four To Four'**

At the Arizona Legislature, the week ending March 5 was the deadline for bills to be heard by a committee in their respective chamber so many of the 1,100 proposed pieces of legislation, the good, bad and the ridiculous are now on the proverbial shelf gathering dust since they did not get a committee hearing, including this year's version of the proposed Arizona Employment Non-Discrimination Act, HB 2415, which was "triple-dipped," assigned to three different committee's and the House Rules Committee, effectively killing the measure.

On the other hand, as we are well aware of the effort by radical, right-wing Republicans in Congress and Dubya, to get the Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA) into the U.S. Constitution and codifying discrimination, HCM 2004, putting Arizona's Legislature on the public record in support of the FMA continues, with the measure now over in the state Senate under consideration. Sources in and around 1700 West Washington, stated that the Arizona Log Cabin Republicans are allegedly sending mixed signals on this measure, telling moderate GOP legislators it's okay to vote for this so that the radical right doesn't have ammunition in the upcoming primary and despite that the national Log Cabin organization has come out against the FMA and is actively campaigning to defeat the proposal but even with that, the "Cabin" hypocrisy continues. News reports stating support for the amendment had "seriously jeopardized" the endorsement of Dubya for the Log Cabin Republicans but now Patrick Guerriero, Log Cabin's executive director, said in an interview March 9, the group had not made a decision on the "Occupier and Thief."

During this session of the Arizona Legislature, hate crimes had not been forgotten, with two bills, thanks to the effort of this reporter, being drafted, expanding the current law to cover misdemeanor offenses, and filed for consideration. HB 2630 was lead by state Representative Linda Lopez, D-Tucson, and co-sponsored by 19 other state Representatives (19 Democrats and one Republican) but was "double dipped," assigned to the House Judiciary and House Appropriations Committee and House Rules. Despite this setback in the House, a second bill was drafted for the other chamber.

SB 1223 was lead by state Senator Gabrielle Giffords, D-Tucson and co-sponsored by six other state Senators and two state Representatives. Unlike the House companion version, SB 1223 was only assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee for consideration of the bill, entitled, "misdemeanors; aggravating circumstances; sentencing", a measure that would help prosecutors as well as the

victims of these crimes, a law, order and civil rights bill, something for everyone. Indeed, the City of Tucson Mayor and Council came out and officially endorsed SB 1223, the three Democratic members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors (Ramon Valadez, Richard Elias, Sharon Bronson) were supportive, as well as the Anti-Defamation League, Arizona State University, Arizona's Police Officer's Association and Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall. After a lot of negotiating and the efforts of Giffords, SB 1223 finally received a hearing date, Wednesday, March 3 by Senate Judiciary Committee chair, Senator James Weiers, R-Phoenix, who added that it would be the last bill considered that day.

Weiers, no fan of this measure since the first effort two years ago, put it at the end of the March 3 agenda to try to wear down the supporters but that didn't work, since the Anti-Defamation League, the Arizona Police Officer's Association, the Arizona Prosecutor's Association, Arizona's NAACP, the Pima County Hate Crimes Task Force, the Glendale Human Rights Commission, Deputy Pima County Attorney Mary Judge Ryan and the Arizona Human Rights Fund stayed through the entire meeting to testify in favor of SB 1223 and with the time running out, literally, SB 1223 received consideration, albeit too briefly thanks to Weiers and the manipulation of the agenda of bills so only Glen Howell, co-chair of the Pima County Hate Crimes Task Force and Rabbi Robert Kravitz were able to give moving and compelling testimony on the proposal.

Another problem due to the scheduling was that one of the Senators, Linda Binder, R-Lake Havasu City, a co-sponsor of SB 1223 would not be present for the meeting and according to sources, Senator Tim Bee, R-Tucson, stated he would vote for it to get the bill out of the committee but when it came time for the vote, the vote was 4-4. All four Democratic Senators, Linda Aguirre, Richard Miranda, Bill Brotherton and Peter Rios, (two of the co-sponsors) voted in favor. Republican Senators, James Weiers, Thayer Verschoor, Marilyn Jarrett and Tim Bee voted against SB 1223, killing the proposal in that form and showing their undying support for criminals, hatred and not law and order as the GOP blathers on about.

Progress and a setback but the battle is far from over since with Arizona's Legislature since there is another option, the striker amendment, where another bill is gutted of its original language and new language is inserted because remember, nothing is over in Arizona's Legislature until Sine Die, and those words have not been uttered yet and the fight continues and the battle wages on!

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# Senate Leader Warns G/L Marriage Will Spread Like Wildfire

WASHINGTON - If Massachusetts starts issuing marriage licenses to Gay and Lesbian couples on May 17, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist predicted Gay marriage will spread like "wildfire" across the country, gfn.com reported.

With Gay marriages already being performed in California, New York, and Oregon, "the wildfire will begin, and in many ways, it already has begun," said the Tennessee Republican. "Same-sex marriage is likely to spread through all 50 states in the coming years. It is becoming increasingly clear that Congress must act."

Frist spoke as hundreds of spectators lined up to attend the Senate's first hearing into the national implications of the Massachusetts court decision approving Gay marriage.

"We simply will not let activist judges redefine that definition of marriage ... and that is a union between a man and a woman," Frist told a gathering of activists opposed to Gay marriage.

Senator Russell Feingold, a Wisconsin Democrat who co-chairs the Constitution subcommittee, argued bitterly against Congress launching a "preemptive strike" on the Constitution while legislatures and courts resolve the Gay marriage issue in their states.

"This is a divisive, political exercise in an election year, plain and simple," Feingold said, asserting that amendment supporters were misleading the public to believe the nation is in crisis over Gay marriage.

Senator John Cornyn, a Texas Republican and the committee chairman, said he supported a federal constitutional ban as "the only way to ensure survival of traditional marriage in America." His aim,

he said, is to rein in "renegade judges" like the majority on the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

"Apologists for the Massachusetts court lamely contend that democracy and marriage can be restored in that state," Cornyn said, referring to the battle resuming next week on Beacon Hill to amend the state constitution. "But not until 2006 - and only through a process citizens shouldn't have to endure just to preserve current law."

"In the meantime," Cornyn said, "the horse is already out of the barn."

Frist made his pledge to put the federal marriage amendment on a fast track at a press conference with black, Latino, and Asian members of the Alliance for Marriage, an anti-Gay lobbying group that is promoting the amendment.

At the same time, a coalition of civil-rights and Gay advocacy groups warned that an amendment would nothing to strengthen the institution of marriage but would only write discrimination into the Constitution. The NAACP announced its opposition to the proposed amendment.

Hilary Shelton, director of the Washington bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People spoke on Wednesday before a Senate subcommittee hearing.

"The NAACP is greatly disappointed that President George Bush and others have decided to enter this election cycle by endorsing an amendment that would forever write discrimination into the U.S. Constitution [which] appears to be nothing more than a highly divisive political ploy to distract the country from focusing on our overabundance of real problems and our tremendous lack of creative and effective solutions."

# House To Begin Anti-G/L Amendment Hearings

WASHINGTON - The House Constitution subcommittee is preparing to hold hearings on legislation to amend the US Constitution to block same-sex marriage. The announcement comes just one day after the parallel subcommittee in the Senate began its own hearings, 365Gay.com reported.

"The people and their elected representatives - and not a handful of rogue judges and officials - should have the right to make decisions regarding marriage policy," said House subcommittee chair Rep. Steve Chabot (R-Ohio)

Chabot said the growing number of cities allowing Gay and Lesbian couples to marry has become an epidemic that must be stopped.

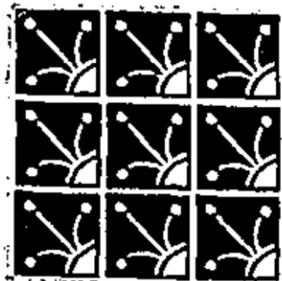
Standing beside James Sensenbrenner (R-Wisconsin) the powerful chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Chabot insisted that politics played no role in the announcement. It is a position strongly denounced by Democrats.

"The Constitution should not be used as a political tool by George W. Bush," declared Congressman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), the Ranking Democrat on the subcommittee on the Constitution.

"The proposed amendment would, for the first time in our nation's history, change the Constitution to deny, rather than to expand, the civil rights of a large number of Americans. Congress should reject the President's election year call to undermine this country's historic commitment to the guarantee of equal protection under the law for all Americans."

The first hearing on the Defense of Marriage Act will be March 30.

President Bush has endorsed amending the Constitution to ban Gay marriage. Democratic Presidential contender Sen. John Kerry says he would extend all the rights, privileges and obligations of marriage on same-sex couples but not call it marriage.



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**ARIES****MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Here you are waist deep in a slew of messy drudgery that never seems to go away. If it isn't a mud creep through the house, it is a rampage of ugly relatives chowing down like locusts. Thank goodness for Saturn direct which enables all Gay Rams to do what needs to get done at home. While you still may nurse your raw paws at the end of the day, your effort pays off...eventually.

**TAURUS****APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Your greatest, most monumental ideas have been gathering dust while Saturn retrogrades. Now that the old sod has redirected, it is time to accelerate full speed ahead at all costs. Ignore the naysayers and doubting Toms. All they do is use valuable time that you will need to strategize and implement. Rumor has it that queer Bulls know a thing or two. Now it is time to prove it.

**GEMINI****MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

What is it about pink Twins and money? They are either cheap to a fault or spend with such reckless abandon that they almost

guarantee fiscal struggle. Get serious about your dough when Saturn redirects. Not only can you learn a valuable lesson about investing and pacing, you may even plant a few penny acorns that grow to mighty money oaks. Can you spare a few leaves?

**CANCER****JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Don't let a few social gaffs cramp your style, Gay Crab. The past few months may have had more than its fair share of missteps, especially among unfamiliar audiences. Forget first impressions, kiddo, folks have short memories. We are now entering a new dimension. Saturn redirects this week and enables you to try try again. Keep trying and don't be trying.

**LEO****JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

You left your flank exposed and hidden enemies have been having a field day poking you in your soft underbelly whenever they pleased. While this may sound delightful, it has in fact prevented you from realizing some substantial personal gains. Go for blood this week as Saturn redirects and makes you a force with whom to be reckoned. Poke them back, proud Lion.

**VIRGO****AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

If pals have been getting on your nerves, try to forgive and forget when Saturn redirects this week. Queer Virgins are known for their politeness and caring (as well as their uncompromising and often snitty attitude). Accept the fact that there are two sides to every argument. (No - not your side and the wrong side.) It is time to take an objective look at old grievances. You may be right anyway.

**LIBRA****SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Corporate life has been a game of chutes and ladders for quite a long time. It is not surprising therefore that many Gay Libras expect that each baby step forward can result in a giant step backwards. Chin up, baby. Simon says that those slippery days are over thanks to Saturn. Every exertion pays off incrementally. How much are you willing to exert? And with whom?

**SCORPIO****OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Don't close off your mind when Saturn redirects. This is the time to expand your horizons and see how much new stimuli can ... well ... stimulate. Proud Scorps can benefit from either a last minute trip or a

new approach to an old routine. Cruise the internet or a new neighborhood bar. Anything that you can do to get out of your old skin and into a new one will tickle you pink.

**SAGITTARIUS****NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Have you been off your mark, Gay Archer? Are you feeling stale as yesterday's toast? There is still life in the old body yet now that Saturn redirects. Treat yourself to a day of relaxation and meditation to make both your inner and outer surfaces smooth and silky. Passion and vitality will soon return and you will regain your reputation as the bucking bronco once more. Yahoo!

**CAPRICORN****DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Every annoying aspect of a particular relationship has begun to take its toll on you. How much tsuris can a pink Cap endure before the situation is deemed unsolvable and unsatisfying? Wait wait wait until Saturn redirects before you make any final decision on a partnership or act on any snitty whim. You may realize that it is suddenly worth all the effort after all.

**AQUARIUS****JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

There is some very interesting office scuttle snaking its way across the floor. Some of it concerns you, Aqueerius. Whose ragged claws will pinch you on the ankle and try to drag you down? Fight back as Saturn redirects. Half efforts and general laziness are gathering dust in your "in box". Tackle it all with enthusiasm until it shifts to your "out box". All the way Out, pardner!

**PISCES****FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

It is a sad commentary on the current state of Guppies nowadays. They seem to lack a certain creative spark, a mental zing that sets them above every other knuckle scuffed lout. Plug in and shine this week, cousin. Your brain drain has stopped thanks to direct Saturn. They say genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration. Be outrageously fabulous now-no sweat!

## Emmy Loves Ellen

LOS ANGELES - With a dozen Emmy nominations, Ellen DeGeneres and her new afternoon talkfest, *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, made a smashing showing when the 31st Daytime Emmy Award nominations were announced on Thursday, March 4. The pioneering out comic beat out even powerhouse Dr. Phil to become the year's most nominated talk show.

As reported in *Daily Variety*, CBS soap *The Young and the Restless* garnered the most nominations (16) of any daytime program. But ABC's *All My Children*, featuring Eden Riegel as Erika Kane's lesbian daughter, Bianca, came in second with 14 nominations. Competing with Dr. Phil and DeGeneres in the race for best talk-show host are Wayne Brady, Regis Philbin and Kelly Ripa, and the cohosts of *The View*. Each of those shows was nominated as well.

Salma Hayek, dear to lesbian audiences for her portrayal of Mexican painter Frida Kahlo, capped two nominations, as executive producer and director, for her first TV feature, *The Maldonado Miracle*. The Daytime Emmy Awards will be broadcast live on NBC on May 21 from New York's Radio City Music Hall.

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COMMENTARY

G/L Marriage - The Path Ahead

The debate over same-sex marriage -- or, as Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist put it, "the wildfire" that began in San Francisco -- is moving fast. The intensity and velocity of the issue should not surprise anyone. The desire for long-suppressed rights, once unshackled, can have such an effect in this nation.

Even if the marriages being performed at San Francisco City Hall hold up to a legal challenge from state Attorney General Bill Lockyer, however, there is no escaping the reality that this must be -- will be -- headed for a national resolution. The federal government now lists 1,049 rights and responsibilities that are tied exclusively to marriage.

These fall within what most Americans would regard as the inalienable rights of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" as so eloquently described in the Declaration of Independence. They are, in essence, the right to care for loved ones and family. Federal law entitles married couples to inherit each other's assets without taxes, and to inherit Social Security and federal pensions. Marital status also guides federal law on adoption, child custody, immigration and matters as minor as family discounts for national parks.

At some point, hopefully soon, the question of same-sex marriage will reach the U.S. Supreme Court.

Those who are shocked or heartened by the marriages in San Francisco, Oregon and New York state must recognize that these weddings are contingent on a legal fight that may take months, if not years.

In the absence of a national solution, a same-sex marriage in California would not necessarily be recognized by

some other states, thanks to the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act signed by President Bill Clinton. American families should not be forced to choose between an out-of-state job opportunity and their basic civil rights. Mobility is not just a matter of individual freedom in this nation; it has been one of the underpinnings of our dynamic economy throughout U.S. history.

As the challenges wend their way through the state courts, here and elsewhere, Congress should redirect its energy away from depriving people of rights -- through a constitutional amendment -- to addressing the significant entrenched inequities in federal law.

The lines have been drawn in the presidential race. President Bush supports a constitutional amendment to prohibit same-sex marriage. His expected Democratic opponent, Sen. John Kerry, also believes that the definition of marriage should be limited to heterosexual couples. But Kerry advocates a system of civil unions that would allow Gays and Lesbians to attain all the rights and responsibilities of marriage.

As Bush tries to soften his position with talk of compassion and tolerance, he has yet to answer the essential question: Precisely which of those 1,049 rights and responsibilities accorded to married couples should be denied Gays and Lesbians?

Ultimately, the U.S. Supreme Court should answer that question for us. Anything less than a national solution to this issue will leave a group of American families with unfair obstacles to stability and economic security.

[The above was an editorial which ran in the March 5 edition of the San Francisco Chronicle.]

The Heart Of The Matter

Suddenly, Gay and Lesbian marriage has become the new civil disobedience. Ordinary people trying to commit an old-fashioned act seem like revolutionaries, but instead of throwing rocks, they are promising devotion.

Marriage is rattling at the straights-only gated community. Gay weddings have been performed in San Francisco, Portland, Ore., and New Mexico. Last month Jason West, the 26-year-old mayor of New Paltz, N.Y., jumped into the fray, insisting he was upholding the New York Constitution by marrying 25 couples and prompting hundreds more to queue up for their own ceremonies.

West has been stopped, for now. New York's Attorney General Eliot Spitzer ruled that same-sex marriages are illegal under New York law. Whether that law violates the state constitution has yet to be tested. West has been charged with 19 counts of marrying couples without licenses and has agreed to postpone performing Gay weddings.

But this legal blockade is outshined by the joy of the weddings themselves -- joy, relief, and a great sense of progress.

Suddenly, "I do" is real human drama, not just a plot device on reality television shows. Matrimonial rebels are hugging, kissing, and making long-term commitments. Like those who have struggled for freedom, for voting, even for

water, people who have fought for Gay marriage seem to love it dearly. Reflected in their eyes, marriage is a relationship to be sought, won, and cherished.

Women and men in straight marriages can settle into the daily routines of paying bills and keeping vows. But women and men in Gay marriages still have to fight for their legal lives.

They will hear that their marriages are not real, that their marriages harm other marriages, that there ought to be a law shoved between a person and his or her beloved. But this is a brave revolution of heartfelt promises. It cannot be so easily stopped.

[The above was an editorial which ran in the March 8 edition of the Boston Globe.]

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**AROUND THE GAY WORLD**

**Rain Doesn't Dampen Sydney Mardi Gras**

SYDNEY - The mascara was running, the floats looked like boats, and the bodies were drenched, but the more than 300,000 people who turned out for Sydney's Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras parade didn't miss a beat, reported 365Gay.com.

Torrential downpours or not Sydney loves a good party.

In keeping with tradition Dykes on Bikes led of the parade, followed by this year's honorary grand marshal Monica Hingston, cousin of Australia's homophobic Cardinal George Pell.

Hingston with her partner, Peg Moran, were loudly cheered for standing up to her infamous red capped kin.

Mardi Gras has a reputation for being cheeky and this year was no exception.

The lead float was called Fashionism, and was a distinct slap at the military. Prime Minister John Howard, Opposition Leader Mark Latham, and US President George Bush were also mocked in the parade.

Howard and Bush were depicted as a Gay couple wanting to marry.

But the highlight of Mardi Gras was a new Guinness world record. 35,000 people danced to the Gay anthem "Y.M.C.A." Soaked to their skins

A convoy of trucks kept the Village People's camp classic pumping for the record attempt and special "Y.M.C.A. marshals" showed onlookers how to synchronize the famous hand movements. The previous record of 13,588 people was set at a baseball game in Omaha, Nebraska, in July 2001.

Mardi Gras began in 1978, when a protest march turned violent after police intervened. It has since evolved into a giant street party which attracts thousands of international visitors

**Sweden Moves Forward On G/L Marriage**

STOCKHOLM - Sweden is about to become the third European country to permit same-sex marriage. Parliament's Justice Committee is considering three motions that would replacing the current law on same-sex civil unions with full marriage rights, reported 365Gay.com.

Gay and Lesbian couples in Sweden have since 1995 enjoyed the same rights as heterosexual couples. While the public commonly refers to Gay unions as "marriages", they are in the eyes of the law officially called "partnerships".

The three motions currently under consideration all propose a change in the marriage law to make it "gender neutral", eliminating the last distinction between the two kinds of unions.

A first review of the impending legislation is to be submitted on March 9, and the debate in parliament is scheduled for April 28.

The three major opposition parties support the measure. Officially the

government has not said how it will vote, but since two of the three motions being considered are by government members it is expected there is enough support for passage.

Sweden's Gay community has long fought for the right to call their civil unions "real" marriages.

"We are convinced that many people think that the time has come for one law that defines a deep relationship between two individuals and that this is important regardless of the gender of the people," the Swedish Federation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights said.

Same-sex marriage is already legal in Holland and Belgium.

**Pioneering Transsexual Legislator Calls It Quits**

AUCKLAND - The woman believed to be the world's first transsexual lawmaker announced Thursday, March 4, she will quit the New Zealand parliament at the 2005 election.

Georgina Beyer, who won fame by winning a conservative farming electorate seat in 1999, said the "discipline and rigors" of life as a legislator "have become more and more difficult" for her. "Politics and I don't seem to sit too well together," Beyer said.

It's the second time the flamboyant Labor Party lawmaker has announced she is quitting national politics since entering the parliament in 1999 for the farming seat of Wairarapa, near the capital, Wellington. When she tried to quit in 2001, Beyer said, she had not been prepared for the nastiness of parliament's debating chamber and was leaving to pursue Maori and Transgender issues. In a surprise about-face a short time later, Beyer said she had been under pressure and "very run-down" at the time she said she would quit.

In the 2002 election she won by 6,000 votes, doubling her majority in the rural constituency where she first entered public life in 1992 as a councilwoman and later mayor of a small town. Beyer said Thursday that the disgruntled feelings she had harbored toward politics at the time she made her last "bungled attempt" to leave parliament had not subsided. Beyer said her decision to leave parliament was no reflection on her Wairarapa constituency. "We have made history, the Wairarapa and I," she added. Beyer was born George Bertrand but took the surname of her stepfather, businessman Colin Beyer. She said she wants to "disappear into the woodwork" for a while when she leaves parliament in 2005 and may then become involved in the performing arts, films, and television.

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# Class Warfare

We were supposed to get class warfare from a guy called Karl Marx. It turns out that we're getting it instead from the current President Bush.

The most accurate short description of the Bush administration would be "class war." You can't really say that it's been a government based on conservative principles. You can't in fact point to any governing principles beyond those of "my side beats your side."

The sides in this case are economic classes and a fair analysis only requires two of them, the class of people whose main income derives from wages or salaries, and the class of people whose main income derives from investments. Almost everything this Administration has done, and almost everything it has proposed, has had the effect of favoring the investors over the wages earners.

It is not only the enormous tax cut for the rich. That was just the most obvious assault. All the attempts to deregulate everything conceivable tend to favor investors over wage earners. Deregulation increase profits and also increases the corporations' ability to inflict every sort on abuse.

On corporate corruption, the Administration has been for minimal reform and minimal prosecution of corporate criminals.

On immigration, the Administration has refused to develop a coherent policy because it likes things just they way they are. Hordes of illegal immigrants depress wages and increase profits.

On exporting American jobs, an Administration spokesman recently said it was good for the economy. It is good for the economy if you make a living from your stock dividends. It's not so good if you're trying to find a job.

On health care, the Administration makes no bones about being on side of the drug companies and the HMO's. Wage earners be damned.

And while wage earners might be starting to have some doubts about the Iraq war, the military-industrial complex and Halliburton with its no-bid contracts are doing fine.

Anybody who's been paying attention could extend the list effortlessly. More consolidation for the media conglomerates, Mr. President? You betcha.

This class warfare should not be confused with conservatism. A conservative government would never run up the biggest deficits in history. Conservative governments are supposed to be for states rights; this Administration has fought states rights on everything from medical marijuana to doctor-assisted suicide to Gay marriage. A conservative administration would never attempt to change the law to enable the government to hold American citizens indefinitely without charging them with a crime. Conservatives loathe "nation building" and Bush is up to his eyeballs in it two different nations at the same time.

The only "principle" involved in this Administration is this: Bush regards the government as a big pile of cash on the floor. He has a scoop shovel and four years to move as much of that cash as he can to his people.

What about deficits? They say they couldn't help running them, but in reality those bills are going to be paid by wage earners and their kids and their grandkids and their great-grandkids, etcetera.

The mainstream media are never going to characterize the Bush Administration as one of class warfare. That would be cutting too close to the bone. It would be too controversial. Plus the mainstream media are among the beneficiaries of the presidential scoop shovel.

John Edwards is tiptoeing up to the truth of the matter when he talks about "two Americas," but the point of class warfare is not simply that two Americas exist. The point of class warfare is that the Administration is an active agent doing everything in its power to enrich one of those Americas while it crushes the other one.

There has never been an administration in American history that has been so consistently and aggressively in the service of a particular class. FDR's reputed concern for the poor in the Great Depression was dilatory by comparison.

It remains to be seen if the Democrats will come to the point of calling class warfare by its name. Doing so at this late date might not even be smart politics. After all, if they finally get around to using the phrase "class warfare," as apt as it may be, wouldn't it suggest that they've been AWOL for over three years?

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### Scalia's Fitness Questioned

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"The court has taken sides in the culture war," Scalia said, adding that he has "nothing against homosexuals."

Justices frequently address legal groups such as bar associations but in the past they avoid any connection with or appearances before partisan or activist groups that fight for those issues in court.

The Philadelphia dinner marks the third instance in which Scalia's outside activities have created an appearance of partiality on issues before the court.

The Los Angeles Times reported that Scalia flew in January on Air Force Two with Vice President Dick Cheney to go duck hunting in Louisiana, shortly after the high court decided to hear a legal challenge to Cheney's intent to keep information secret about his energy policy task force.

The Times also found that in November 2001, Scalia was the guest speaker at Kansas University's Law School at a time when the school's dean was spearheading two cases before the court.

In October Scalia ridiculed the court's majority decision overturning the Texas sodomy law in a speech before an extreme right wing group, the Intercollegiate Studies Institute.

### Kerry Launches Impassioned Speech

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was because they found out who they were. And I think you have to respect that that is the nature of it. And you can look at it, and argue it, but you know what, that's irrelevant to the argument. American citizens deserve the protection of the equal protection clause."

His remarks drew strong applause from the predominantly African-American audience of 700.

### Paul Winfield Dead

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appearance on Picket Fences. He played a federal judge whose rulings on busing inner-city children are challenged by a local resident. Despite acclaim, Winfield was often relegated to supporting roles, including playing Jim in a 1974 remake of Huckleberry Finn.

Sidney Poitier hired Winfield for his first movie role in *The Lost Man* in 1969. Other significant roles included an appearance in the Broadway play *Checkmates* with Denzel Washington and his portrayal of Don King in a 1995 HBO movie. A Los Angeles native, Winfield was born May 22, 1941. Until he was 8, he was raised by union organizer Lois Edwards, who later married Winfield's stepfather. He was bused to the predominantly white Manual Arts High School in Los Angeles and was named best actor for three years in a row in an annual Southern California high school drama competition. He later studied drama at four colleges before leaving the University of California, Los Angeles, six credits short of a bachelor's degree. He is survived by his sister, Patricia Wilson, of Las Vegas.

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 13**  
**IBT'S - The FuFu Revue** hosted by Bunny FuFu and starring Lucinda Holiday, Veronica Halliwell and Miss Saigon.

**YARD DOG SALOON - Breakfast** served 10:00 a.m. until noon.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14**  
**IBT'S - 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 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 Wingspan. 8:00 p.m. Sissy Bingo with Ajia Simone and Lucinda Holiday. Then at 9:00 p.m. special guest DJ Kevin Browley from Los Angeles and Scottsdale.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17**  
**IBT'S - St. Patrick's day Party** here. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Comed beef and Cabbage Buffet. 9:00 p.m. DivaLicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Bunny FuFu, Teri Akki and Heather Boa.

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**WOODY'S - St. Patrick's Day Party** from 5-7 p.m. Comed Beef and Cabbage. Open Buffet.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 18**  
**VENTURE-N - Hide of March Celebration** begins tonight with a 'Locker Room Party' (Locker room attire is suggested)

**FRI-SAT-SUN, MARCH 19-20-21**  
**IBT'S - Your headquarters** for the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Spring Street Fair. Shows at 3:00 pm. Saturday and Sunday, \$2 Cover. 9:30 pm. Sunday No cover.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 19**  
**VENTURE-N - Three-Day celebration** during the Hides of March formally begins tonight! And it also Leather Night: Specials for Leathermen.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 20**  
**VENTURE-N - Hides of March continues** with an all-day celebration. Bucky's Omelet Bar begins at 10:00 a.m. Parety, Palrty, Party. Hot male revue begins at 9:00 p.m.

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 21**  
**VENTURE-N - Hides of March winds down** with a Beer Bust from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. With Bossburgers Plus from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 26**  
**IBT'S - Susan Artemis 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party** on the Patio with a special Jazz Ensemble. Don't miss it!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 3**  
**WOODY'S - Gay Men's Health Project Gender-Bender Show.**

## Non-Bar Calendar

**MONDAY, MARCH 22**  
**Tucson Prime Timers Lunch** — 12:30 P.M. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24**  
**Tucson Prime Timers Lunch** — 1:00 PM, Dakota Café, 6541 E. Tanque Verde Rd.

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 27**  
**Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 P.M.** Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

**MONDAY, MARCH 29**  
**Tucson Prime Timers Lunch** — 12:30 P.M. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 11**  
**Tucson Prime Timers Dinner - 6:00 PM,** China Star of Tucson, 4790 E. Grant Rd.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 13**  
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**MONDAY, MARCH 15**  
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**SUNDAY, MARCH 21**  
 Arizona Friends of Chamber Music present the third concert in their Piano and Friends Sunday Matinee Series. Cellist Daniel Lee will perform at 3:00 p.m. at the Leo Rich Theater at the Tucson Convention Center. General admission tickets are \$20. Student tickets are \$8. Recipient of a 2001 Avery Fisher Career Grant, 23-year-old American cellist Daniel Lee is a rare virtuoso. Once a student of Mstislav Rostropovich, Mr. Lee made his orchestral debut in 1990 with the Northwest Chamber Orchestra. He won acclaim as a soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Cleveland Orchestra, Seattle Symphony, Knoxville Symphony, New York Chamber Symphony, California Symphony Orchestra, Seoul Festival Orchestra, Queen's Hall Orchestra in London and other ensembles in the United States and around the world. For more information call the AFCM at 577-379.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24**  
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**MARCH 27 THRU MAY 2**  
 Live Theatre Workshop presents one of Neil Simon's most beloved plays "Barefoot in the Park". Showtimes are Thursday, Friday and Saturdays at 7:30 with Sunday matinees at 3:00 p.m. Tickets \$14 - \$12. For reservations call 327-4242

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## State Law Must Deal With G/L Weddings

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proposed wording that she saw, the amendment would wipe out laws guaranteeing domestic-partner protections, in Tucson and elsewhere, for couples of all sexual orientations.

**Q:** What if a child custody or support dispute arises between a Gay or Lesbian couple who had been married?

**A:** State law isn't geared to handle this question yet.

Custody and support decisions rest heavily upon who the birth parents or "biological contributors" are, Barrasso said. Gay or Lesbian parents may be neither, and resolving issues of what's best for a child and what rights parents have may require guidance from the Legislature.

## Daily Bar Calendar

**HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 10:30 am.** Kitchen open 11am-8pm. Smirnoff Sunday-\$2 Smirnoff drinks (Bloody Mary, Screwdrivers, Greyhound, Sea Breeze, etc.). Country Dance 3-8pm. Disco tea dance 9-close

**IBT's - 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 1pm.** Pool Tournament w/Chad 5pm. Steak & Shrimp Dinner w/baked potato & Salad only \$8.99 from 5-8:30pm. Taste Tim's best Bloody Mary in town \$2 from 1-5pm.

**VENTURE-N - Open 10am.** Patio open 3pm. \$1.75 Bloody Marys or Screws til 3pm Pabo Beer Bust 3-7. Burger BBQ 5-7. Selection of burger meats to choose from. \$2 proceeds go to PeI/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 5-9pm. 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. Kitchen open 3-8pm. Special from 7 to close \$2 well rum, 50¢ off call rums. Rockin' to Oldies Night.

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

**NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm.** Happy Hour 4-7pm. Free Pool all day. \$3 small pitchers 10pm-Midnight.

**VENTURE-N - Open 8am.** Pabo 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. Kitchen open 3-8pm. \$2 well tequilas. 50¢ off call tequilas. Karaoke 7:30-11pm with Calabaza Cabeza Karaoke.

**IBT's - Open Noon.** Happy Hour Noon-7pm, Bare Chest Nite- Bare it and get happy hour prices from 8 to close. Progressive/Retro '60s dance with DJ Q. 9 to close

**NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm.** Happy 4-7pm. \$2.50 Jack Daniels shots 10pm-Midnight.

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

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

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

### Wednesday

**HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm.** Happy Hour 3-7, \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. Kitchen open 3-8pm. Special prices on draft beers from 7-close. Free pool all night. Country music dancing 7-close

**IBT's - Open Noon.** Happy Hours Noon-7pm, 9pm 'Diva-Licious' show w/Lucinda Holiday and guests. HiNRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

**NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm.** Happy Hour 4-7pm. Karaoke 8pm-Midnight.

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

**WOODY'S - Open Noon.** \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Free Hot Dog Buffet 5-11pm. Underwear-fetish-leather nite w/Gary and 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. Kitchen open 3-8pm. \$2 Mexican beers all night. Chef's Special Tacos. 80s, 90s & Salsa 7pm-close.

**IBT's - 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 1pm.** Happy Hour 4-7pm.

**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. Kitchen open 3-8pm. Beginner country dance lessons 7:30-8:30. Current and Classic Country from 8:30 to close. Reverse Happy Hour 11:30 - close with 50¢ off all drinks.

**IBT's - Open Noon.** Happy Hours Noon-7pm, Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 8-9pm. Pabo 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.** Happy Hour 4-7pm. Fish Fry \$5.99 all you can eat. Shrimp Fry \$5.99. R&B/Hip Hop/Super Disco 8:30 - close with DJ Shorty.

**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 Martinis \$2.00 4-8pm. Call Martinis \$3 from 4-8pm. Complimentary Shrimp Cocktail 4-8pm. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

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

### Saturday

**HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 10:30 am.** Kitchen open 11am-8pm. Pool Tournament 3pm (sign-up begins at 2). \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Current & Classic Country from 8:30 to close. DJ calls shot specials. Reverse Happy Hour 11:30-close with 50¢ off all drinks.

**IBT's - 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 1pm.** Latino Nite 8pm-close w/DJ Jeff. Drink Specials.

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

**WOODY'S - Open 11am** \$2 well or domestic beer. Til 7pm. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Steak or Mahi Mahi BBQ with all the trimmings \$5.

**YARD DOG - Open daily 6am.** Beer Bust 3-7pm. 75¢ glass, \$2.25 pitcher. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm to 7pm. Kennel open 5pm

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 Scott at 299-6647.

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

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

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It's 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 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 TPI website at www.tucsonpride.com

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

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

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

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

AZykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyann@heriver.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 KKCI.

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 TG, GL, 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 85733-4045

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 Maggie'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.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty. 882-7223 Facilitator.

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

TUCSON GLBT ALANON 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

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

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

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

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

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

LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 381-8830 or Ronn 968-2384.

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

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 519-9827 or David 323-7943.

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

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

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

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

NOTICES

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Now-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. Desert Girls (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Desert Boys meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagemail

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

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

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

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

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

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)742-7893 or go to our web site http://www.tgsoftball.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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MEN'S RELATIONSHIP RECOVERY & IMPROVEMENT. Thursdays 7-8:30pm beginning Feb. 19. Sponsored by the Man to Man Network. Keys to better relationships, support for men recovering from end of relationships. Call Marc at 881-4582 to sign up. 1024.

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'Defense Of Impossibility'

By Congressman Barney Frank

[The following was an address given to the House by Congressman Barney Frank, D-MA, on February 26, 2004.]

"Mr. Speaker, I think it was highly inappropriate for Justice Scalia to go on a hunting trip with Vice President Cheney when he was a defendant in a case, but it is inaccurate to say that this calls into question Justice Scalia's impartiality. You cannot call into question that which does not exist.

"Questioning Justice Scalia's impartiality is like questioning Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake's sense of propriety, or Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction, or the President's plan to cut the budget deficit in half in 5 years.

"In fact, if you read Justice Scalia's opinions, they are singularly devoid of impartiality. Here is a man of very vigorous views and prejudices, and he does not see any reason why he should not write them into various opinions.

"So, I guess in some ways this is a defense of Justice Scalia. I wish he had refrained from going on that hunting trip with the Vice President, but those who accuse him of having damaged his impartiality, he has a defense of that, well-known to lawyers, it is a defense of impossibility".

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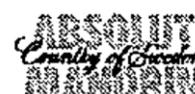
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