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Gays and Lesbians Fired At Southern Arizona Bases

TUCSON - At least 62 Southern Arizona service members have been fired for homosexuality in recent years under the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, newly available Defense Department data show, the Arizona Daily Star reported.

Fort Huachuca in Sierra Vista discharged 51 Gay and Lesbian soldiers between 1998 and 2003, and 11 airmen from Tucson's Davis-Monthan Air Force Base lost their jobs because of sexual orientation during that period, according to base-by-base statistics made public for the first time Monday, June 21.

The information was obtained through the Freedom of Information Act by the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

The center released an analysis of the results Monday. It found nearly 6,300 U.S. troops worldwide were fired for sexual orientation during the six-year period, including hundreds in high-level military career fields that required years of specialized training.

The data covered 242 U.S. military installations worldwide. The number of sexually oriented dismissals ranged from one at San Diego Naval Submarine Base to 502 at Fort Campbell, Ky., during the six-year period.

The Army, the largest of the services, accounted for about 41 percent of the discharges, followed by the Navy at 27 percent, the Air Force at 22 percent and the Marines at 9 percent.

Breakdowns for individual bases are available through a link on the center's Web site: www.Gaymilitary.ucsb.edu/.

Officials at Fort Huachuca had no comment on the findings. They redirected a request for comment to the Pentagon, which did not immediately respond Monday.

Officials at Davis-Monthan confirmed the accuracy of the local statistics cited on the Web site. So far this year, D-M has had one additional dismissal for homosexuality, Capt. Karin McWhorter said.

The head of a local support organization for Gays and Lesbians said the firings debase the American ideal of equality under the law, a cornerstone of the democracy that troops are fighting to defend.

"We find it amazing in the year 2004 that we are still dealing with this form of legalized discrimination in our society," said Kent Burbank, executive director of Tucson's Wingspan, a resource center for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community.

Canada, Israel and England and other countries have allowed openly Gay people in their militaries for some time now with positive results, Burbank said.

In the United States, he said, "I believe within 20 years people are going to look back and be absolutely horrified" at the way homosexuals are treated now by the Pentagon.

Elaine Donnelly of the Michigan-based Center for Military Readiness, a conservative group that opposes Gays in the military, said the experience of other countries is irrelevant because their militaries are not under the same pressure as U.S. troops to be cohesive and combat-ready.

Service members fired for their sexual orientation in America didn't lose their jobs unjustly, because they shouldn't have been in the military to begin with, Donnelly said.

"The law says homosexuality is incompatible with military service, so the people who were dismissed were not eligible to serve," said Donnelly, whose group is also pushing to prevent female troops from serving in dangerous wartime roles.

Steve Ralls, of the Washington, D.C.-based Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, which helps those facing firing over sexual orientation, said Gay and Lesbian troops are often turned in by co-workers or jilted lovers looking for revenge.

Some are forced to reveal themselves to seek protection when threatened with harm because of their homosexuality, Ralls said. In those cases, being fired is the price of seeking police help, he said.

Gays and Lesbians often receive honorable discharges if there are no black marks on their service records, Ralls said.

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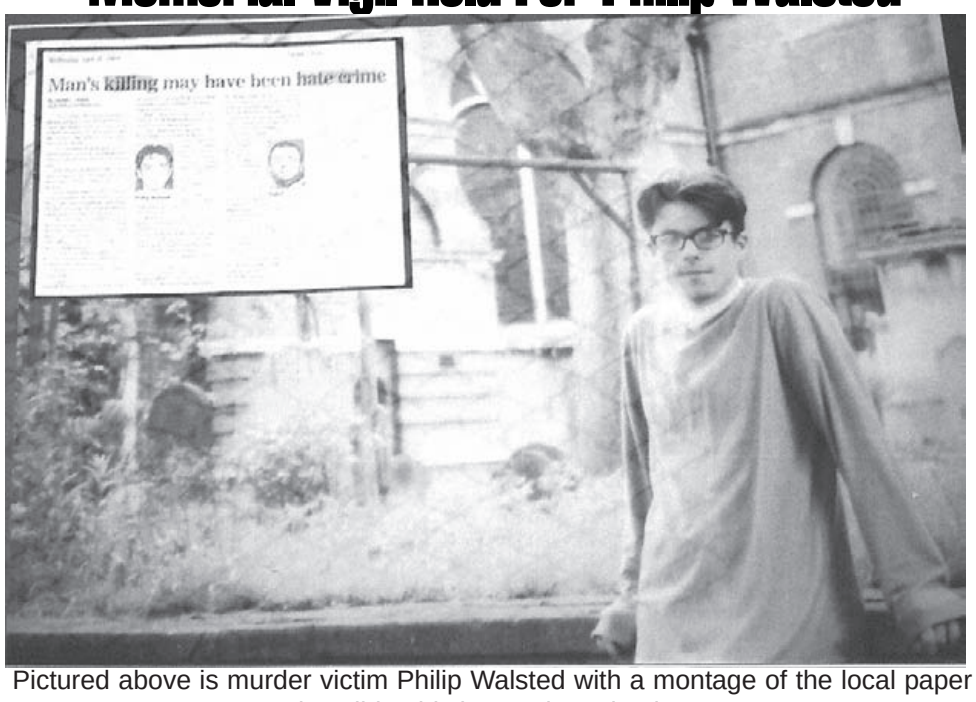
Memorial Vigil Held For Philip Walsted



Pictured above is murder victim Philip Walsted with a montage of the local paper describing his horrendous demise.

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - On Saturday, June 19, a gathering took place in Catalina Park to remember a young man who was lost to hate and fear.

Philip Walsted was brutally murdered June 12, 2002, near his home that he shared with his life-partner Jonathan. Walsted had put his love, Jonathan, to bed and went for one of his walks being an avid walker but this time he did not come back. He was only 24 years old.

Walsted's family, friends, his life-partner, members of the local chapter of PFLAG, Wingspan's Anti-Violence Project (who helped to put on this remembrance), as well as other concerned Tucsonans came to Catalina Park to remember this young man and his life.

Pictures of Walsted, from newborn through the school years to pictures of himself on the trips he loved to take with his love, Jonathan were on view for those individuals who may not know who he was.

Josefina Ahumuda, Vice President of the Board of Wingspan, said to the assembled that this gathering, on a sunny, windy day was to honor Philip, his family, as well as the other victims and their families of hate crimes.

Lori Girshick, Coordinator of Wingspan's Anti-Violence Project said that Philip's life, albeit short, should be celebrated.

Walsted's grieving mother, Judy Boyer, thanked the crowd for attending, talked about her son, calling him "educated," but adding an important, that Philip, and perhaps many in the crowd, "aren't educating on the fact that they could be murdered because of who they are." Judy said she "doesn't want to believe that this can happen because someone is different."

Philip's mom Judy during an emotional talk to the assembled crowd at the vigil last Saturday.

Philip's Grandfather, Jim Myers, said he had prepared a speech but couldn't give it, and read excerpts from the poem "God's Child & Year's."

Walsted's life-partner Jonathan said Philip was a fearless, independent, a wonderful person, a "diamond in the rough" who ran his own show and that the "three years were the best times in his life" and that "he was keeping him young."

Pouring out his emotion, Jonathan told the crowd of events in their short time together, their trips and how the simple things people did during the day were fun with him, but ending poignantly paraphrasing the "King & I," "I had my great love."

Linda Kubiak, Philip's supervisor at American Airlines said that she and Walsted's co-workers, "were forever changed for knowing and working with Philip."

"My heart is broken for Judy," Donna Rochester, President of the Tucson

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UPDATE

Gay West Presents 'Ladies Of The Temple' June 26

TUCSON Please give your support to Tucson LGBT support organizations such as Wingspan, SAAF and TIHAN and see the best drag in Tucson in a great performance venue. Every dollar you spend on tickets goes to support these charities and others serving the Tucson community.

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Tickets for the shows are $10 for one show, or $15 for both shows. Advance tickets are available from SAAF, Wingspan, TIHAN, Desert Pride Gift Shop and Antigone Books. There are only 600 tickets available for each performance. If tickets are available at the door, that information will be available by calling the box office at the Temple the evening of the performances only, 622-2823. With limited availability, tickets are expected to sell out, so get yours in advance!

All proceeds from ticket sales will benefit LGBT charities. Costs of the shows are being provided by Tucson Pride Inc. and 2004 Tucson Pride sponsors which include IBT's/Woody's, Desert Pride Gift Shop, Budweiser, Speedway Veterinary Hospital, Pronto Printing, Elbow Grease, Centra Realty, Community Business Association, Natural Life Chiropractic and Whitespace Design.

The Temple of Music and Art will have a cash bar before performances and during intermissions in the Temple outdoor foyer.

Queer Forum: 'Your Typical Wedding Fair'

TUCSON - Brian Arthur and Clyde Kunz were supposed to get married in Massachusetts over the weekend, the Tucson Citizen reported.

But since last month's invocation of a 1913 law that bars municipal clerks from issuing licenses to couples from states that would not recognize their marriage, Arthur and Kunz decided to stay home.

Instead, they spoke as part of a panel yesterday at Tucson's first Gay wedding fair, dubbed the Queer Wedding Forum and Expo by its hosting organization, Wingspan.

"It's kind of a typical wedding fair," said Kent Burbank, Wingspan director of the event, which drew about 150 people. "The difference is that we have a civil rights issue, as well."

Same-sex marriages are not legally recognized in Arizona, but some churches in Tucson conduct commitment ceremonies, he said.

Arthur and Kunz are waiting to have their church ceremony until after they get legally married, they said.

"It's annoying that they used this old law, but we've been together for 18 years, so I guess another few months won't make that much of a difference," said 52-year-old Kunz, who works as a nonprofit consultant.

The couple plan to wait until the Massachusetts Supreme Court rules on the 1913 law. In November 2003, the court ruled that banning Gay marriage was unconstitutional.

"We want to get married so we can enjoy the same legal benefits that others enjoy," Kunz said. "Primarily, we want the ability to have spousal health benefits through our employers."

The couple are adopting a child, and they said that without legal marriage, only one of them would be eligible to be an official adoptive parent.

Legalizing Gay marriage is also important to some area businesses that specialize in weddings. Several vendors attended the forum to advertise and support the cause.

"I do mainly straight weddings right now," said photographer Jen Ryder, whose booth at the expo displayed several albums of previous clients. "But being Gay, I want to get into the Gay community."

One couple on the panel had a success story. They made it to Massachusetts before out-of-state Gay marriages were banned. And yesterday they celebrated one month of marriage.

"We got married the first day we could," said Judith McDaniel of her partner, Jan Schwartz.

A Stonewall Commemoration June 25

TUCSON (ON) - To commemorate the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, a small picnic will take place Friday, June 25, at the Ramada in Greasewood Park in Tucson, 4 till 10 p.m.

Organizers have gotten a permit for beer but added that people interested in attending need to bring their own beer, as well as bring their own food.

Why such an event at Greasewood Park? Organizers said that "A few friends decided that with all the Tucson police harassment stuff there, it would be a good place to spend a few hours with Gays and Lesbians and remember how easily our civil rights can be trampled."

Fontes May Be Hate Crime Victim Again

TUCSON - While police aren't sure whether the January beating of a 22-year-old Gay man was a hate crime, officers said he was the victim of one early Friday, June 18, when a man made derogatory remarks and pulled a gun on him, the Arizona Daily Star reported.

In an incident that began as a dispute over a video game, 24-year-old Adrian Encinas was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after reportedly pointing a gun at Mark Fontes.

The incident is classified as a hate crime because Encinas also made derogatory remarks about Fontes' sexuality, said Sgt. Marco Borboa, a Tucson Police Department spokesman.

Fontes was playing video games late Thursday at the apartment of a female friend in the 700 block of East Roger Road, near North First Avenue. A male resident of the apartment had another friend come over after 1 a.m. Friday, Borboa said.

Fontes had made statements that he was Gay and after a disagreement over the video game, Encinas pulled a gun on him and told him to leave the apartment, Borboa said. Fontes called police from a nearby pay phone and identified Encinas when police arrived.

Officers found the gun on top of a tire of a parked car and arrested Encinas, Borboa said. Encinas was at the Pima County jail with an initial appearance to set bond scheduled late Friday.

Fontes was the victim of a high-profile attack on Jan. 13, when he was found beaten in an alley after leaving IBT's. He suffered a large gash to his head, brain swelling and facial fractures when he was hit with something.

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The Stonewall Riots

by David Bianco

NEW YORK - Among Gay organations today, there's everything from the Stonewall Democratic Club to the Stonewall Chorale; there's even a bottled water called Stonewall. The word has taken on mythic proportions in Lesbian and Gay culture. But its widespread appropriation doesn't dilute the importance of what happened in the summer of 1969 in New York City.

The event is still a hot topic of debate in Gay circles, with much disagreement about what actually precipitated the violence and who took part in it. One legend holds that Judy Garland's funeral, held June 27 in Manhattan, fanned the flames of Gay rage. Other versions of the story claim that dozens of sequined drag queens and a mysterious, unidentified butch Lesbian were at the forefront of the street rebellion. But a few facts seem certain.

In the early morning hours of June 28, 1969, the police raided the Stonewall Inn, a dingy, Mafia-run "private club" on Christopher Street in Greenwich Village with a predominantly Gay clientele. The charge was illegal sale of alcohol. It was the second time that week the bar had been targeted by the police, and other Gay bars had also been raided in prior weeks. Police officers lined up the Stonewall's 200 patrons to check identification. Most were free to leave, but the staff, as well as three drag queens and two male-to-female transsexuals, were detained.

Eyewitnesses recalled that the scene outside the bar was at first campy and festive. Patrons were joined by tourists and passers-by, and everyone cheered when a Gay person emerged from the bar, dismissed by the police. But when a paddy wagon arrived and the police loaded the bar's staff and the three drag queens inside, the crowd on the street grew surly. One person threw a rock through a window, and eventually garbage cans, bottles, and even a parking meter were used to assault the building. Someone set a fire with lighter fluid. By newspaper accounts, 13 people were arrested and three police officers sustained minor injuries in the confrontation.

Later that night and into Sunday morning, a crowd again gathered in front of the ravaged bar. Many young Gay men showed up to protest the flurry of raids, but they did so by handholding, kissing, and forming a chorus line. "We are the Stonewall girls," they sang, kicking their legs in front of the police. "We wear our hair in curls./We have no underwear./We show our pubic hair." Police cleared the street without incident this time, but another street altercation occurred a few days later.

Even more significant, though, was what happened later in the summer. At the end of July, Gay activists circulated copies of a flyer calling for a mass "homosexual liberation meeting." The headline of the flyer read, "Do you think homosexuals are revolting? You bet your sweet ass we are!" The alliance that formed from the meeting held on July 24 adopted the name Gay Liberation Front (GLF); among its demands were not only an end to police harassment, but job protection for Gay employees, the repeal of sodomy laws, and local and national anti-discrimination laws.

Soon, numerous other organizations and a host of Gay liberation publications emerged, first in New York and then across the country. Estimates suggest that, at the time of the riots, there were a few dozen Gay organizations in the United States. Within a few years, the number had risen to more than 400.

[David Bianco is a writer for the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network, from which this article is reprinted from their Web site.]

Senate Sets Date For Vote On Marriage Ban

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In an effort to prevent same-sex couples from marrying in the United States, the Republican Senate leadership has scheduled a vote on the Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA) for the week of July 12, just weeks before the Democratic presidential convention in Massachusetts, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

"It's going down in defeat," predicted John Marble, communications director for the National Stonewall Democrats. "It's more of political posturing on the Republican's part. They're trying to use it in the election this year."

Indeed, Paul M. Weyrich, national chairman of Coalitions for America, a group of conservative organizations, has suggested President Bush needs to change the focus of his campaign from Iraq to same-sex marriage in order to be re-elected in November.

While Democratic presidential contender Sen. John Kerry (news - web sites) has criticized the proposed amendment as divisive, President Bush announced in February he supports it.

Bush reiterated his support this week in remarks to the Southern Baptist Convention. According to the Associated Press, the president said, "Government, by strengthening and protecting marriage, serves the interests of all."

Rep. Marilyn Musgrave, R-Colo., first introduced the bill in the House in May 2003; Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Colo., is the bill's lead sponsor in the Senate.

The Allard amendment reads: "Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this Constitution, nor the constitution of any state, shall be construed to require that marriage or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon any union other than the union of a man and a woman."

Christopher Barron, the communications director for the Log Cab Republicans, warned that regardless of the political strategy behind the bill, conservatives are mobilizing to pass the amendment. "I think it's important for Gays and Lesbians to know that the far-right has an organized plan to flood the senators with calls of support for the Federal Marriage Amendment."

"That's why it's important that every Gay and Lesbian person should send an e-mail to their senator opposing this amendment," Barron said. "It takes two seconds to do."

Barron predicted the bill will be defeated. "I don't think they have the two-thirds of the Senate to pass it. I don't think there's a simple majority. I think we'll have double-digit Republicans — more than 10 — voting against the marriage amendment."

Amendments to the Constitution require two-thirds majorities in the House and Senate and then ratification by three-

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Study Details 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Firings

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A week after the Senate authorized adding 20,000 new soldiers to sustain military operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan, a new study published Monday has analyzed one place where the military keeps losing men and women — the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

One of the soldiers discharged, Brian Muller, 25, was an Army bomb squad team leader who served on a security detail for President Bush. In an Associated Press report, he explained why he told his commander he's Gay.

"I didn't do it to get out of a war — I already served in a war," Muller, 25, said in an interview published by the AP. "After putting my life on the line in the war, the idea that I was fighting for the freedoms of so many other people that I couldn't myself enjoy was almost unbearable."

The exodus of soldiers like Muller continues even as concerns grow about military troop strength, according to the study.

Some 770 people were discharged for homosexuality last year under the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy. The number, however, is down from the record number of discharges in 2001, when 1,227 soldiers were discharged just before the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq.

The Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which took effect in 1994 under President Clinton, permits Gays and Lesbians to serve as long as they do not reveal their sexual orientation or engage in homosexual acts. Nearly 10,000 service members have been discharged under the 10-year-old policy.

According to the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military at the University of California at Santa Barbara, the majority of those let go under "don't ask, don't tell" were active duty enlisted personnel. In an analysis of discharges between 1998 and 2003, it was determined of the nearly 6,300 people discharged, only 75 were officers.

Seventy-one percent of all those discharged were men, with the Army being responsible for the most — about 41 percent. The Navy was responsible for 27 percent of all discharges, the Air Force 22 percent and the Marines 9 percent.

The study found that several of those discharged included positions that required years of training, including: 90 nuclear power engineers, 150 rocket and missile specialists and 49 nuclear, chemical and biological warfare specialists.

Eighty-eight linguists were also cut from the service, including at least seven Arab language specialists.

Aaron Belkin, the author of the study, concluded that "the new data suggest that 'don't ask, don't tell' has undermined every area of the military. We have lost valuable talent from almost every base and every occupational specialty."

Web Ads Target Mary Cheney

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A new Internet ad campaign launched Monday, June 14, targets U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney's Lesbian daughter Mary and her silence about the Bush administration's support for the proposed constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

The ads, which will run on WashingtonPost.com, the Onion and liberal political blogs, feature animated stick figures of the two Cheneys. The caption in one of the frames says: "Dick's daughter sold out to help Dick run again."

The Web spot focuses on Cheney's role as a director in the Bush-Cheney campaign and notes that she is less visible in the 2004 campaign than in 2000, when she helped the Republican Party recruit Gay and Lesbian voters. This year she has kept a low profile and has not spoken in public since the Bush administration backed the Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA) in February.

"They've clearly made the decision to keep her in the closet for this campaign," activist John Aravosis told the Associated Press.

Earlier this year, Aravosis and Robin Tyler started the Mary Cheney-themed Web site DearMary.com, on which site visitors can post open letters to Cheney.

"You might not feel that it is your business to tell the Vice President of the country what to do," wrote "Olivia" from Santa Ana, Calif., in one of the postings, "but please speak to your father and tell him to stand by his prior conviction that same-sex marriage is an issue best decided by the states individually. You know that putting discrimination into the United States Constitution is reprehensible."

The Web site and ad campaign are projects of DontAmend.com and the Equality Campaign Inc., a national effort to stop any amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would ban marriage for GLBT people.

According to the AP, the communications director for the Bush re-election campaign, Nicole Devenish, dismissed the ads as an attack on a candidate's child.

The ad campaign was announced days after Republican leaders in the Senate scheduled a full vote on the FMA for the week of July 12.

Aravosis said his site raised $23,000 for the ads, which will run until the end of the week.

"I hope the ads will show the American people what a hypocrite Dick Cheney is for selling out his own daughter in the name of 'family values,'" Aravosis told the PlanetOut Network. "They wanted a national debate about family values, and we're going to give them one — about their own family values."

POLITICS 2004

by Mark R. Kerr

Sixteen Going On Seventeen

Dear Gracie:

As time has gone by, it's still the same fight, different circumstances, when it comes to the battle with the radical right on the basic, fundamental rights and life for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) Americans, and those people (straight, Gay, otherwise) living with HIV/AIDS and those affected by the disease in the third decade of this epidemic, set down in law (federal through local), as well as in the constitution (federal through state), denied simply because of all mentioned above.

When this column started in this publication, June 22, 1988, during the end of the Reagan travesty and the presidential campaign that year (With the first Bush!), the purpose of which was, and still, is to inform the readership, now print and online, of what is going on politically, as well as informing Arizona elected officials, from the state to the local levels, in a small way, that the GLBT community, as well as people living with HIV/AIDS exist, vote and should not be ignored.

Indeed Gracie, ignorance and intolerance from government on all levels on issues of concern was the situation faced in 1988.

A year prior Gracie, Ronnie-baby had just said the word "AIDS," even after his friend Rock Hudson's death from the disease and Liz Taylor's ceaseless campaigning and fund raising to help fight the disease.

Equal rights was the small light at the end of the proverbial tunnel since it many states, cohabitation and sodomy laws were on the books, seldom enforced but used to discriminate in many states including the Grand Canyon State, Arizona.

During the same time, Arizona's draconian legislature was considering ways to quarantine HIV+ people, and those diagnosed with AIDS, as well as Gays and Lesbians - a fight to just live.

Tucson had it's anti-discrimination ordinance and the Mayor was taking flack for issuing a proclamation for GLBT Pride, entitled "Anti-Discrimination Week" - a lot of work was needed and hopefully, in small way, this weekly writing helped to contribute to the cause and the effort.

Advances as well as setbacks have taken place on AIDS and civil rights Gracie, too many to list individually, in this battle during the time this column has been in existence but there is a lesson still to be taught to the younger generation, as well as those who have failed the political exams on the respective election days.

To be able to advance, garnering rights set down in the respective constitution's and law books across this land, the GLBT and HIV/AIDS communities must act collectively and speak loudly through the ballot box. Ignorance by our own is not bliss, it's harmful and silence does equal death, to paraphrase the famous quote by the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT-UP).

Every person, individual should be registered to vote, regardless of party affiliation, and then come September and November of this year in Arizona, actually cast a ballot - either at their polling place or through a vote by mail ballot. It as simple as that Gracie!

Politics is cyclical and again, this county has to deal with "Bush" and as it was in 1988, we must act collectively to pull that "Bush" out of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Gracie. Regime change does begin at home and action must take place, or this country could end up completely, with a 43rd Reich since our liberties and lives are at stake.

As ever faithful always and continuing the fight Gracie, starting the seventeenth year of the battle.

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That means they remain eligible for educational aid and other benefits offered to former military personnel.

The analysis released Monday found that 770 people were discharged for homosexuality last year under the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which requires service members to keep their sexual orientation secret.

The 2003 figure is significantly lower than the record 1,227 discharges in 2001 - just before the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq.

Since "don't ask, don't tell" was adopted in 1994, nearly 10,000 military personnel have been discharged - including linguists, nuclear warfare experts and other key specialists.

John Kerry Garners HRC Endorsement

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Citing his support for GLBT equality, the national Gay rights group Human Rights Campaign on Wednesday, June 16, endorsed Democratic U.S. senator John Kerry of Massachusetts for president, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

"From voting against the Defense of Marriage Act to actively opposing 'don't ask, don't tell,' John Kerry is a true leader for our community," said HRC president Cheryl Jacques. "Just six months into his first Senate term in 1985, he introduced a Gay civil rights bill. His aggressive support for our community continued unabated for the years that followed, demonstrated time and again by perfect HRC ratings on GLBT issues in Congress."

Although Kerry does not support same-sex marriage, HRC said he was one of only 14 senators to cast a vote against the 1996 federal Defense of Marriage Act, which was signed into law by then-president Bill Clinton. Kerry is a cosponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would prohibit workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation, and voted for the bill in 1996.

"I want to thank HRC for its endorsement," said Kerry. "We have worked together on so many battles, and still have many challenges ahead of us. I know that America finds its strength in the

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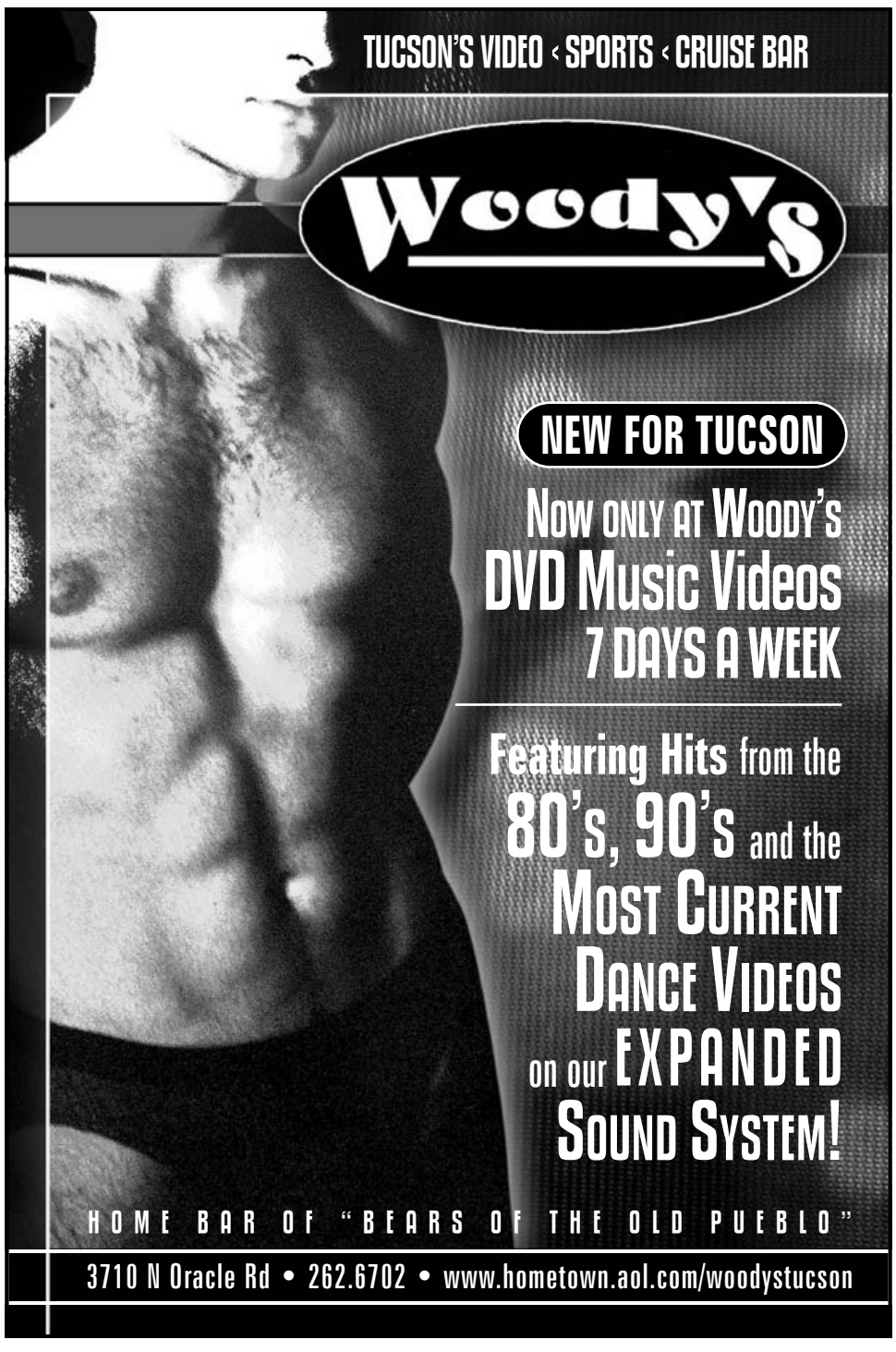

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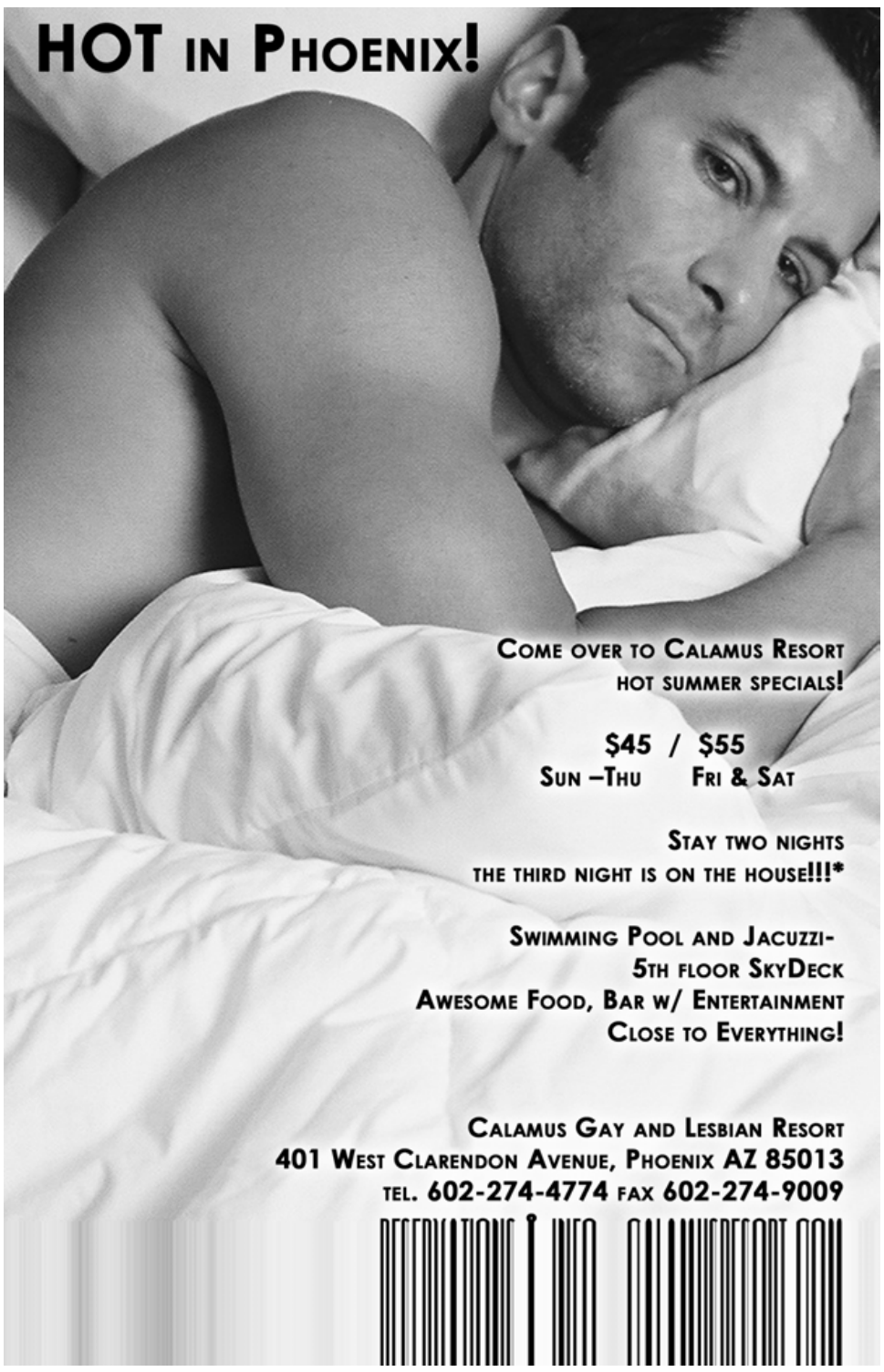

Catholic Bishops Uable To Reach Agreement On Gays And Communion

DENVER - A meeting of America's Roman Catholic bishops that wrapped up late Friday afternoon (June 18) was unable to reach a national consensus on what penalties should be meted out to politicians who oppose the Church's stand on Gay marriage, 365Gay.com reported.

The bishops have been meeting for the past week in Englewood, Colorado.

While some bishops have called for Roman Catholic politicians who support same-sex marriage to be denied the sacraments of the Church, others prefer a less confrontational approach.

In the end, despite heavy lobbying from both sides, the bishops decided to leave it up to individual dioceses. A closing statement, approved by a 183 - 6 vote said each decision about denying communion to some Catholics in public life should rest with the individual bishop "in accord with established canonical and pastoral principles." The statement also said bishops can legitimately make different judgments on the "most prudent" course of action.

The bishops also said they did not want communion, which Catholics believe is the body and blood of Christ, to be reduced to a political issue.

"The polarizing tendencies of election-year politics can lead to circumstances in which Catholic teaching and sacramental practices can be misused for political ends."

The resolution is bound to frustrate President Bush who last week asked the Pope to put pressure on the American churchmen to be more vocal in their support of a proposed amendment to ban same-sex marriage. Bush reportedly implored the Pope to increase Catholic condemnation of Gay marriage in the weeks leading up to the election.

Bush, a Protestant, opposes same-sex marriage while Sen. John Kerry, a Catholic and the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee and who also opposes Gay marriage would allow civil unions, also opposed by Bush and the Church.

Some bishops have told the Kerry campaign that he is not welcome in their churches.

Chicago's Cardinal Francis George, who has already refused to give communion to members of a Gay Catholic group, reportedly supported a ban on the Sacraments to politicians who support Gay issues.

Last month, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Colorado Springs said any Catholic who votes for politicians who do not oppose same-sex marriage, abortion rights, stem-cell research, or euthanasia may not receive Communion until they recant and repent in the confessional.

Bishop Michael Sheridan later softened his tone saying that rather than the church refusing them communion they should voluntarily abstain from the rites of the Church, after his Archbishop suggested in a pastoral letter that he opposed blanket sanctions.

Charles Chaput, the Archbishop of Denver said that he would be reluctant to prevent Catholics from receiving the sacrament.

Chaput said communion should be withheld only in "extraordinary cases of public scandal."

Senators Vote 65-33 In Support Of Hate Crimes Law

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Senate on Tuesday, June 15 on a 65-33 vote, overwhelmingly passed legislation that would fully prosecute bias-motivated crimes that target individuals based on sexual orientation. Every Democrat in attendance voted in favor of the legislation, as did 18 Republicans, advocate.com reported.

"Hate crimes tear at the very fabric of our nation," said Oregon senator Gordon Smith, who cosponsored the bill with Massachusetts senator Ted Kennedy. "These kinds of crimes do more than harm the victims. They terrorize our entire society and send a message of hate and intolerance to millions of Americans."

Added Patrick Guerriero, executive director of Log Cabin Republicans: "We hope that the political courage that Republican senators showed today will be a sign to those in the party who seek to promote a divisive social agenda."

Under current law, the federal government does not prosecute bias-motivated crimes based on sexual orientation to the same extent that it prosecutes similar crimes, such as those based on race or religion. The legislation also allows the government to provide state and local law

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PARTING GLANCES. . .

We crossed paths in the gym. It was evening on the 18th of June. We looked at one another with mutual admiration.

I've been thinking of you ever since. I'll look for you again, but this time I'll ask for your number.

V. Smith

Army Specialist On Bush Detail Fired For Coming Out

SAN FRANCISCO - Brian Muller, a U.S. Army bomb squad team leader who served on a security detail for President George Bush, said he was dismissed from duty after deciding to tell his commander he's Gay, reported the Associated Press.

"I didn't do it to get out of a war — I already served in a war," Muller, 25, said in an interview. "After putting my life on the line in the war, the idea that I was fighting for the freedoms of so many other people that I couldn't myself enjoy was almost unbearable."

The exodus of soldiers like Muller continues even as concerns grow about military troop strength, according to a new study. Some 770 people were discharged for homosexuality last year under the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

The figure, however, is significantly lower than the record 1,227 discharges in 2001 — just before the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq. Since "don't ask, don't tell" was adopted in 1994, nearly 10,000 military personnel have been discharged — including linguists, nuclear warfare experts and other key specialists.

The statistics, obtained from the Defense Manpower Data Center and analyzed by the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military at the University of California at Santa Barbara, offers a detailed profile of those discharged, including job specialty, rank and years spent in the service.

"The justification for the policy is that allowing Gays and Lesbians to serve would undermine military readiness," said Aaron Belkin, author of the study, which will be released Monday. "For the first time, we can see how it has impacted every corner of the military and goes to the heart of the military readiness argument."

"Don't ask, don't tell" allows Gays to serve in the military as long as they keep their sexual orientation private and do not engage in homosexual acts.

The study, which analyzed discharges between 1998 and 2003, found the majority of those let go under "don't ask, don't tell" were active duty enlisted personnel in the early stages of their careers.

Of the nearly 6,300 people discharged during that six-year period, only 75 were officers. Seventy-one percent of those discharged were men.

The study found that the Army, the largest of the services, was responsible for about 41 percent of all discharges. About 27 percent of the discharges came from the Navy, 22 percent from the Air Force, and 9 percent from the Marines.

Hundreds of those discharged held high-level job specialties that required years of training and expertise, including 90 nuclear power engineers, 150 rocket and missile specialists and 49 nuclear, chemical, and biological warfare specialists.

Eighty-eight linguists were discharged, including at least seven Arab language specialists.

Elaine Donnelly of the Center for Military Readiness, a conservative advocacy group that opposes Gays serving in the military, said the loss of Gays and Lesbians serving in specialized areas is irrelevant because they never should have been in those jobs in the first place.

"We need to defend the law, and the law says that homosexuality is incompatible with military service," Donnelly said. "There is no shortage of people in the military, and we do not need people who identify themselves as homosexual."

There are currently about 1.5 million people serving in active duty in the military, and another 1 million in the Reserves.

Supreme Court Rejects Jenny Jones Murder Case

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Supreme Court rejected an appeal Monday, June 21, from the family of a talk-show guest murdered days after he admitted a secret crush on another man during a taping of the Jenny Jones show.

The family of Scott Amedure won a $29.3 million award against Warner Bros. and the talk show, but later the decision was thrown out. A Michigan appeals court ruled against the family last year. In an appeal to the Supreme Court, the family claimed that Michigan judges were biased and should have disqualified themselves from the case. The lawsuit stemmed from Amedure's death in 1995, three days after he appeared on the show with Jonathan Schmitz. Amedure revealed his attraction to Schmitz during the taping of the show in Chicago. The show never aired. Schmitz is serving a 25- to 50-year prison sentence for second-degree murder. "While we continue to extend our deepest sympathies to the Amedure family for their tragic loss, we are gratified that the U.S. Supreme Court agreed with both of Michigan's higher courts that the Jenny Jones show was in no way to blame for Scott Amedure's murder," said Warner Bros. spokesman Scott Rowe.

Amedure's family sued the talk show in 1995, contending that Schmitz was ambushed and tricked into believing his secret admirer would be a woman. During the six-week civil trial and again while deliberating, jurors watched the taped episode showing Amedure talking about a sexual fantasy involving Schmitz, and Schmitz's reaction when the fantasy is revealed to him—he buries his face in his

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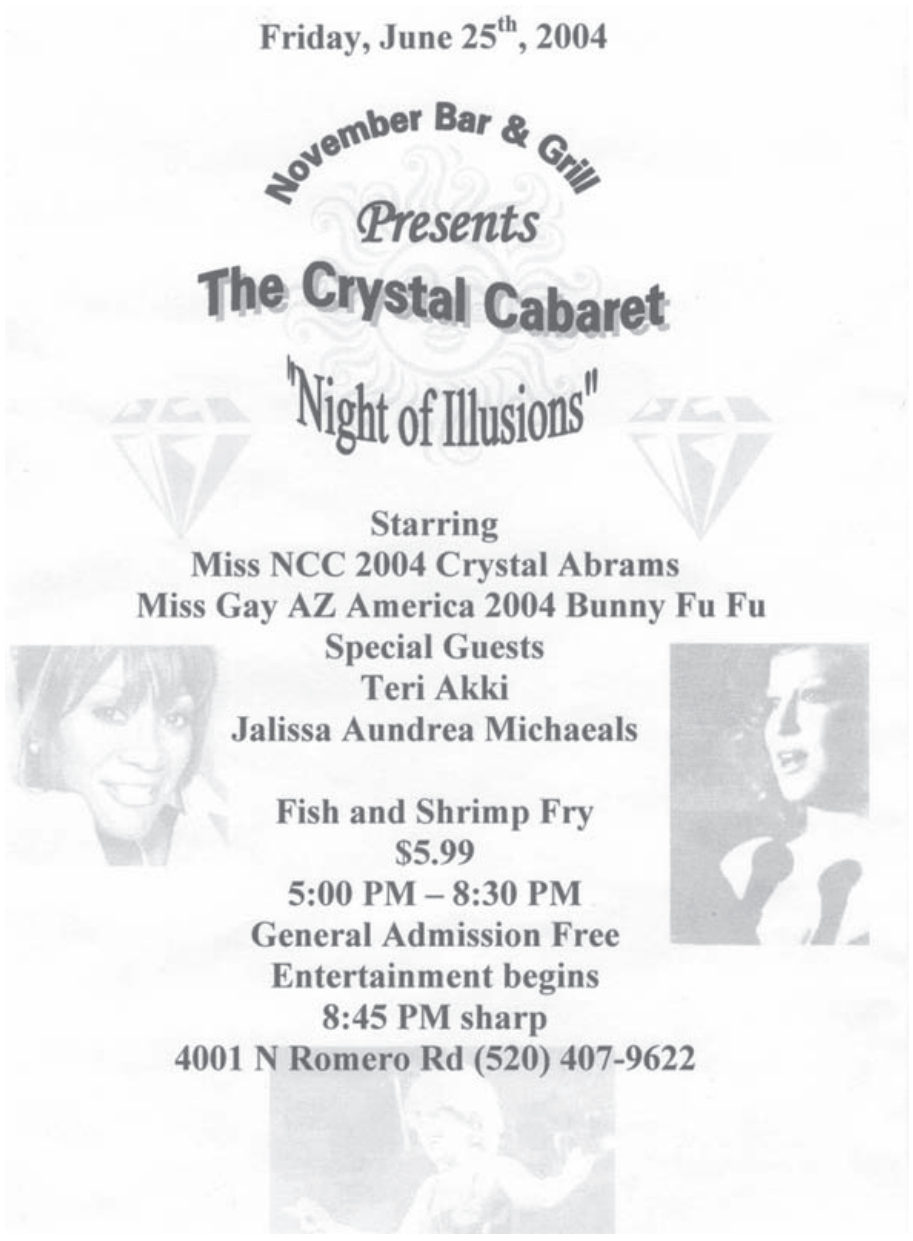

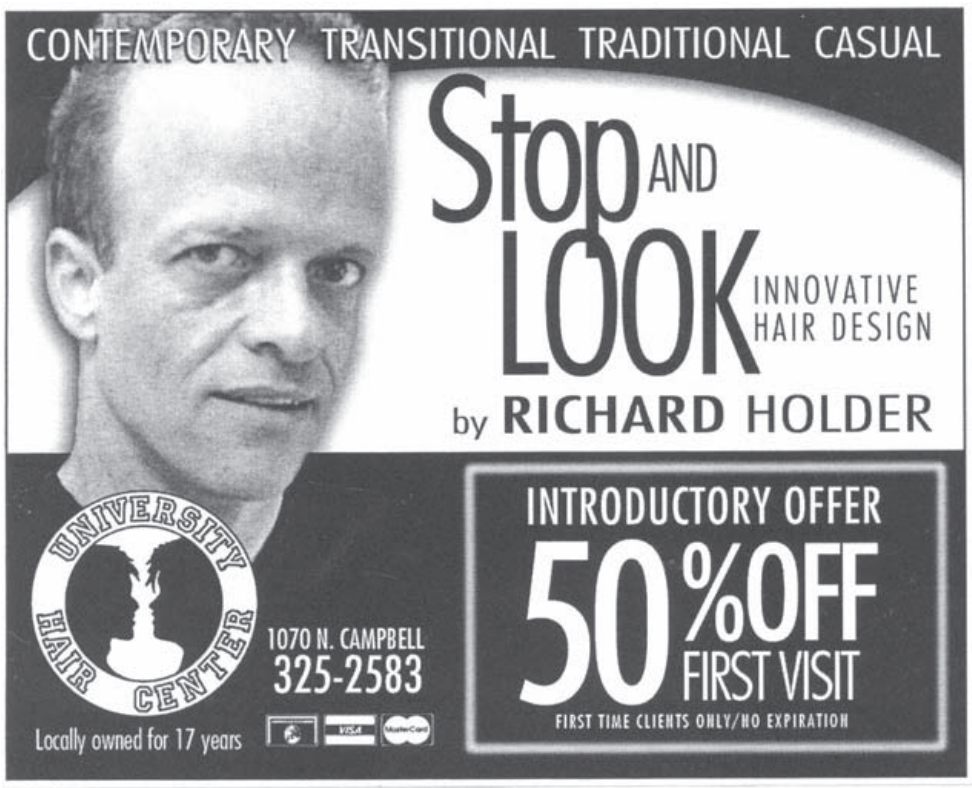

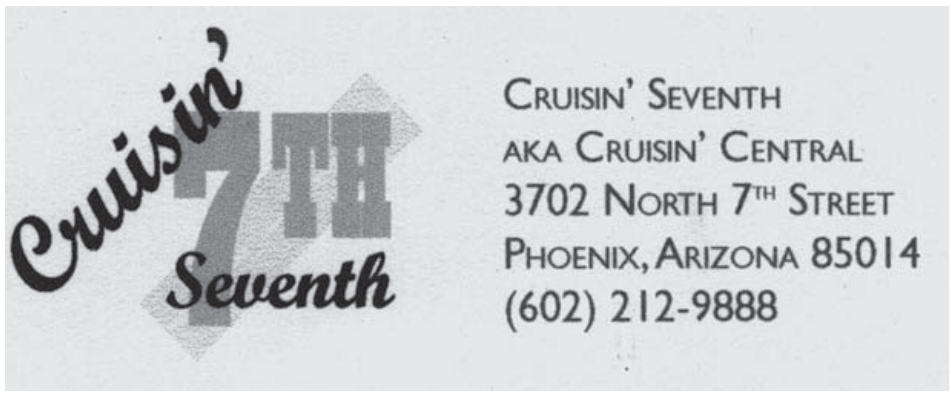

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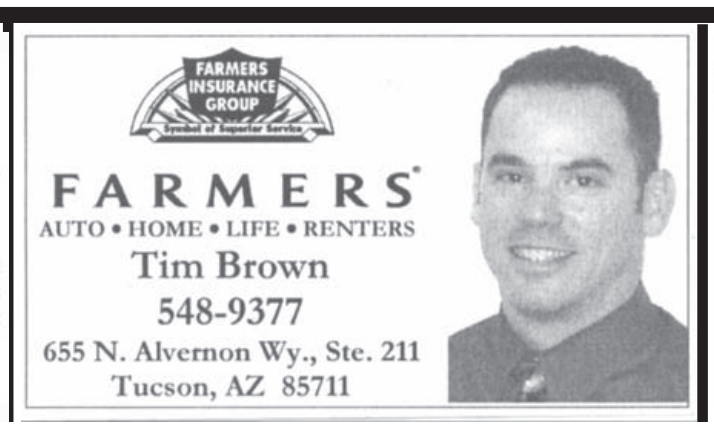

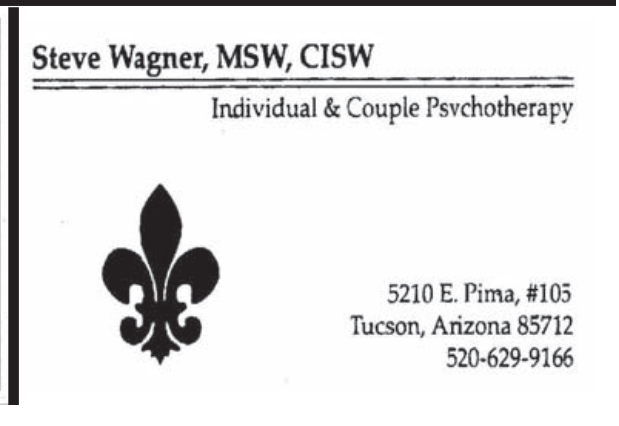

Mistrial In Araujo Transgender Teen Murder Case

HAYWARD - A mistrial was declared Tuesday, June 22, in the trial of three men charged with the killing of trans teen Gwen Araujo. 365Gay.com reported.

The jury had tried for three weeks to reach a decision on the fate of Michael Magidson, Jose Merel and Jason Cazares, all 24. The stumbling block was whether to find them guilty of first degree murder which the prosecution had called for, or manslaughter which the defense had argued was justified.

After returning to the courtroom Monday (June 21) to hear Judge Harry Sheppard reread them his instructions on reaching a conclusion and answer questions concerning the differences between first degree murder and manslaughter, the jurors attempted again for nearly an hour to reach a verdict.

Late in the day the jury sent Sheppard a note saying they wished to see him again Tuesday. Sheppard did not reveal any other contents of the note.

Tuesday morning, the jury foreman told the judge that the jurors took seven ballots for Merel and Magidson and four ballots for Cazares.

"It appears to the court that this jury is hopelessly deadlocked," Sheppard said.

The District Attorney's Office must now decide whether to retry the men.

In his closing arguments three weeks ago, prosecutor Chris Lamiero had asked the jury to find Michael Magidson, Jose Merel and Jason Cazares, all 24, guilty of first-degree murder, calling the killing a cold-blooded execution.

But, defense attorney Michael Thorman maintains the trio acted out of panic when they discovered the teen was biologically male. Thorman maintains they should be convicted of manslaughter.

Araujo was beaten, battered with a shovel and then strangled to death in October 2002. Her body was found in a shallow grave several days later.

A fourth man, Jaron Nabors, has already pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter in exchange for testimony against his three friends.

Gay Dads Of Quads Split Up

LEXINGTON - A Kentucky Gay couple who made world headlines in 2002 by becoming the fathers of quadruplets and this year adding another baby to their family have separated, 365Gay.com reported.

The split up became public after one of the men sought a restraining order against the other, citing domestic violence. A Fayette Circuit Family Court Judge refused to grant the order requested by Michael Meehan against former partner Thomas Dysarz.

Kim Bunnell ruled there was insufficient evidence to grant the order.

Neither Meehan nor Dysarz will comment on the breakup or on Meehan's allegations of domestic violence.

Meehan, a lawyer, is the biological father of the quads, born July 26, 2002. The babies were carried by surrogate mother Brooke Verity, who also carried Dysarz's baby which was delivered this year.

The couple not only had to contend with the day to day pressures of raising five young children, they also were besieged with legal problems and protests from an anti-Gay church.

In November 2002, the quadruplets' baptism at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Lexington was disrupted by a noisy protest by followers of anti-Gay Kansas minister Fred Phelps.

Last year, Verity, under the terms of her surrogacy agreement, tried to terminate her parental rights to the quadruplets so that Meehan and Dysarz would raise the children unencumbered.

The judge appointed a lawyer to represent the babies and prepare a report for the court.

The children should not be deprived of a mother's "comfort, love and support" the report, prepared by attorney Martin D. East said.

"While this most certainly is not what the parties wanted or intended, the standard for the court is what is in the best interest of the children," East said in his report. "Quite simply, two parents are better than one."

East used Genesis 16:2 in the Bible as an example of surrogacy in ancient history: "So Sari said to Abram. Now behold, the Lord has prevented me from bearing children. Please go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children through her. And Abram listened to the voice of Sari."

Auto Insurer Reverses On N.Y. G/L Spouses

NEW YORK - Under pressure from a Gay legal rights group, a large U.S. auto insurance company changed its mind about granting joint coverage to a same-sex married couple living in New York, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut/com network.

Earlier this week Lambda Legal complained to GEICO, the nation's fifth largest private-passenger auto insurer, on behalf of Thomas Hronrich and his husband. The couple had been denied spousal coverage, despite being legally married in Canada and despite another married Gay couple in the state being accepted for coverage.

"We are processing the change," Christine Tascher, spokeswoman for GEICO, said in a written statement on Wednesday, June 16.

It is unclear whether the reversal applied only to Hronich and his spouse or to all legally married same-sex couples in New York. Lambda Legal told the PlanetOut Network on Friday, June 18, it was still in the process of reviewing the matter and could not yet determine if the company's decision was binding for couples statewide.

The U.S. Census in 2000 tallied 46,490 same-sex couples living in the state of New York.

While same-sex couples cannot marry in New York, Attorney General Eliot Spitzer issued an informal opinion in March that said state law would have to recognize same-sex marriages that were legally performed elsewhere.

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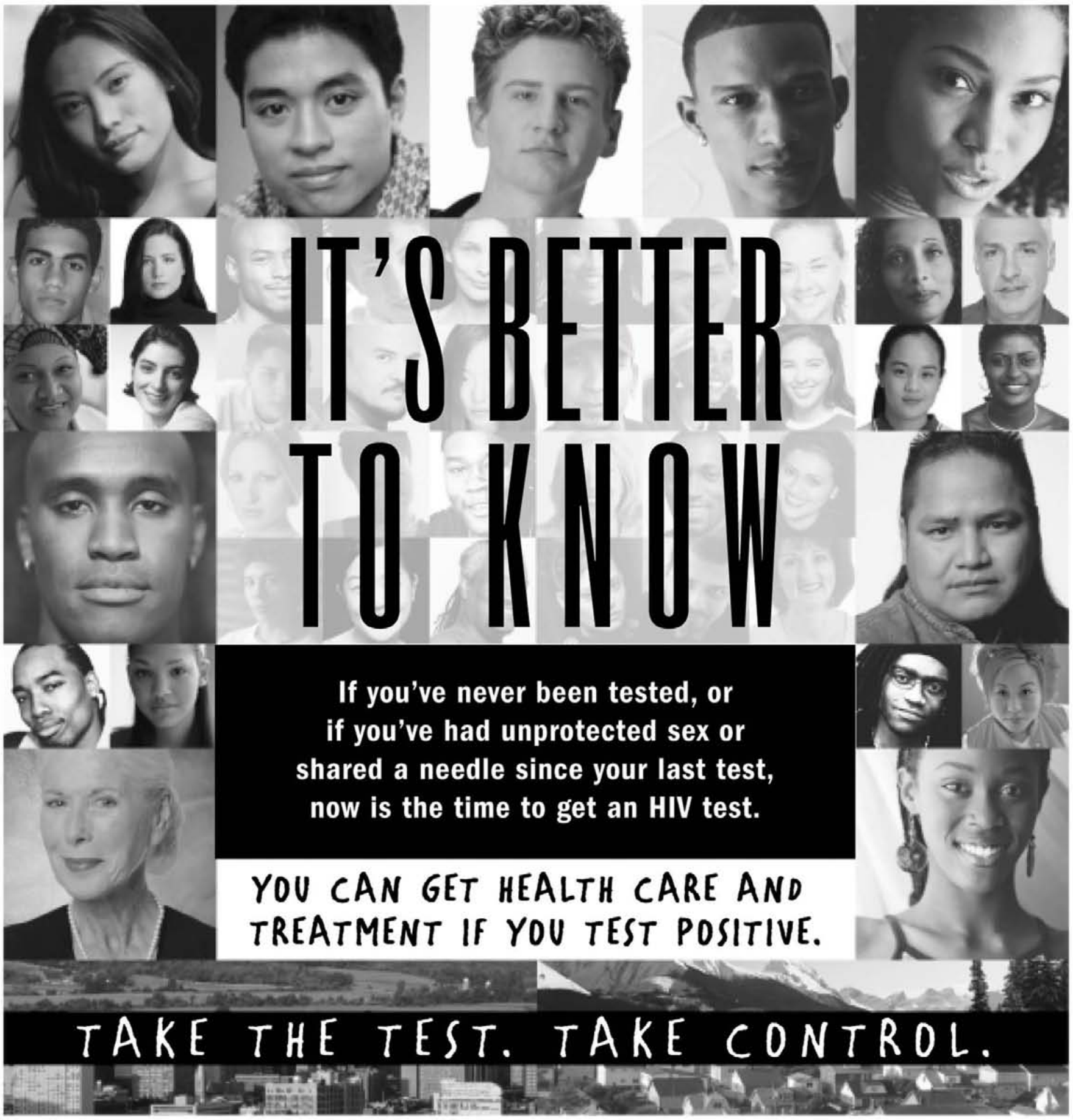

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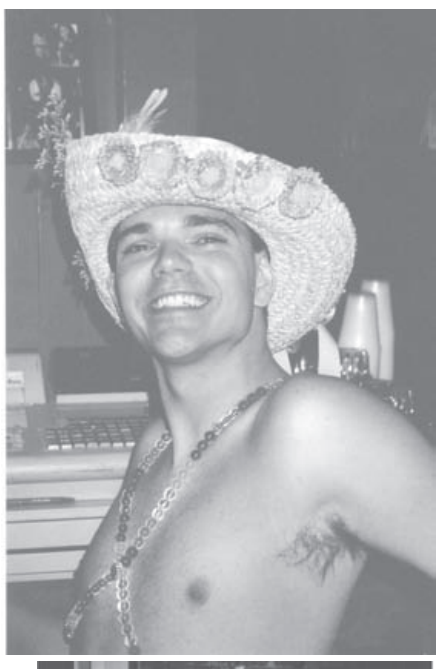

American Cancer Society Reaches Out To Lesbian Cancer Survivors

The American Cancer Society has begun collaborating with the Mautner Project, the national Lesbian health organization, to learn how to better meet the cancer education and support needs of the Lesbian community, 365Gay.com reported.

"Although Lesbians have higher risk factors for certain cancers, there are very few places where we can turn for help," said Mautner Project Executive Director Kathleen DeBold. "The Mautner Project is proud to assist the Society in its heartfelt mission of helping all people face the challenges of cancer - regardless of their sexual orientation."

Studies suggest that Lesbians are at greater risk for developing breast cancer and some gynecological cancers. This elevated risk is partially because many Lesbians are less likely to undergo regular gynecological exams, have fewer mammograms and are less likely to perform regular breast self-examinations compared to non-Lesbian women. In addition, Lesbians have higher rates of risk factors for these cancers including obesity, alcohol and tobacco use and the fact that they generally have not borne children.

With the assistance of The Mautner Project, the American Cancer Society conducted focus groups in Washington, D.C with Lesbian cancer survivors, their partners and caregivers attending a nationwide conference to determine how to build a stronger relationship with the Lesbian community. The results showed the Society has the potential to be a valuable resource for Lesbian cancer survivors and their caregivers.

Many of the respondents' needs echo those of others whose lives have been impacted by cancer.

The said there is a need for reliable information about diagnosis and treatment, a desire for guidance in navigating through the health care and insurance systems, and a need for emotional support and a sense of community.

Yet the majority of respondents said they never thought of contacting the Society when they or a loved one was diagnosed with cancer.

The Society is currently acting on key recommendations from the surveys to provide a more meaningful relationship for the Lesbian community.

The American Cancer Society's New England Division recently produced "Cancer Facts for Lesbians & Bisexual Women," as well as "Tobacco and the GLBT Community," materials which are also being used in California.

Grassroots efforts to reach the Lesbian community also are underway at the American Cancer Society, such as including Lesbians in the Society's advocacy efforts; having Society representatives speak at local meetings of Lesbian organizations, and inviting Lesbians to speak at Society events.

"These activities and others in the planning stage demonstrate the Society's commitment to serving the needs of all people with cancer and their families, partners and friends," said Eve M. Nagler, the national Society's director of special populations.

Navratilovea Wins Wimbleton Singles Match

WIMBLEDON - It was just like old times for former Wimbledon champion Martina Navratilova, reported the Associated Press in the Arizona Daily Star.

Nine-time champ Navratilova returned to the All England Club for her first singles match in 10 years Monday (June 21) - and looked as if she's never been away.

Serving and volleying in classic grass-court style, the 47-year-old Navratilova beat Colombia's Catalina Castano 6-0, 6-1 in 46 minutes in a rain-interrupted early match on the opening day of the 118th edition of the Grand Slam tournament.

"It's great to be out there, great to have that opportunity," said Navratilova, the oldest woman to win a singles match at Wimbledon in 82 years. "When people say, 'Why are you doing it?' I guess the answer is, because I still can, bottom line."

Navratilova is the oldest woman to win a singles match at Wimbledon since Britain's Madeline O'Neill reached the third round in 1922 at the age of 54.

Navratilova's victory was a big turnaround from her singles appearance last month at the French Open, where she lost in straight sets in the first round to Gisela Dulko of Argentina. Dulko beat Jelena Dokic 6-3, 6-3 on Monday to set up a rematch with Navratilova in the second round.

Turning to critics who thought she couldn't be competitive again, Navratilova said, "You guys didn't believe me. Now do you believe me?"

Navratilova was back in her element on her favorite grass surface at the club where she made her debut 31 years ago. Winner of six straight titles from 1982 to 1987, she hadn't played singles at Wimbledon since losing in the 1994 final to Conchita Martinez.

After receiving a warm ovation from the crowd on Court 2, Navratilova took charge immediately. She played a style rarely seen in tennis these days: She served and volleyed from the first point, she chipped and charged on the returns, she hit for angles rather than power.

Castano, ranked No. 102 and playing only her second match at the All England Club, looked tight facing a Wimbledon legend and put up little resistance until late in the match.

"It's almost like playing my Mom," said Castano, whose mother is 50.

Navratilova was up 5-0 after just 16 minutes when the match was stopped for 40 minutes by rain. There were several other rain delays during the afternoon, with more bad weather forecast this week.

After the delay, Navratilova picked up where she left off, breaking for the first set and racing to a 5-0 lead in the second. Castano finally picked up her game, breaking for 5-1 and forcing a break point in the next game. It took Navratilova five match points before she finally closed out the contest, advancing to the second round of the tournament.

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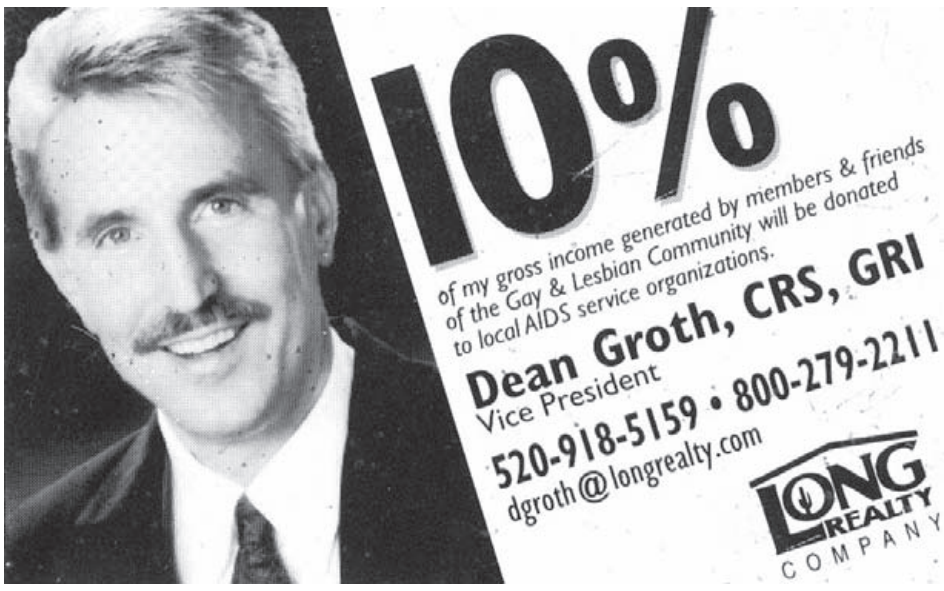

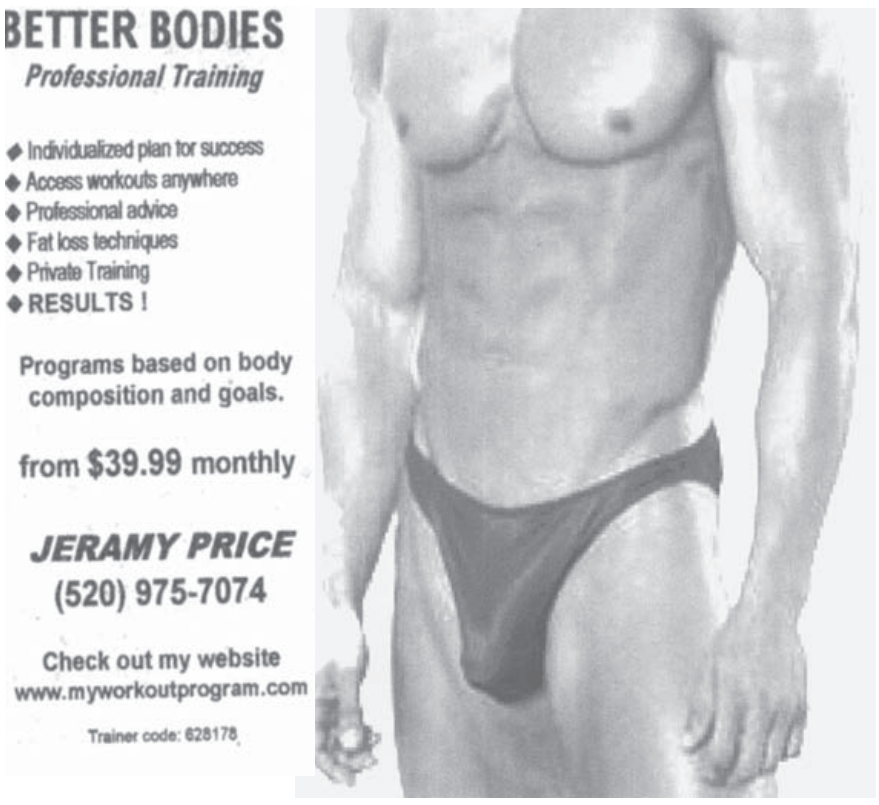

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Pulse Update By Jerry D.

Internet: A Great Source For Information

Pulse holds its next after hours' party this Saturday, June 26th. As in their previous gatherings, the event is an invitation-only affair. You can join in on the fun by simply being present at our local GLBT bars the evening of the 26th. The Pulse guys will give you the invitation, and give you details as to where the party is being held. Pulse parties are a safe alternative to the after hours scene in Tucson. You can dance, see some performing by various artists, and learn more about the club drug culture and its different outcomes. Pulse wants to outdo the last celebration, so they hope to see you there.

With our world being more and more electronic, information is being distributed at a rate not imagined just 10 years ago. The internet offers an array of sites that focus on club drugs and their different aspects. One of the goals that Pulse sets itself out for is to be able to provide Southern Arizona with accurate information regarding club drugs ,harm reduction and safe sex. With assistance from health organizations state wide, as well as the Center for Disease Control, Pulse has reviewed a number of web sites that can give you correct information regarding club drugs. Here are a just a few that we have used, mentioned and refer to when being asked questions about club drugs:

At clubdrugs.org. This site focuses on the medical aspect of club drugs. There are reports from various agencies which list findings on different drugs. Interactions, effects and findings are posted directly from the literature they are found from. Headlines are updated regularly, and an archive kept, to find previous reports and stories. The site is maintained by the National Institute for Health, so you will find government postings, but the information is validated as correct, so the site is a good reference point for club drug myths.

Power on comes to us from Seattle, depts.washington.edu/poweron/home.html, but has created a site that can be used no matter where you are. Its motto is "Power Though Awareness," and the information given is some of the most complete in any website. Categorized by Gay, Bisexual and Transgender categories, the information regarding drugs, HIV and sex give the site visitor plenty of reading to inform them correctly. Prevention, Sex, Drugs and Emotions are some of the title categories that branch out into stories, accounts and information.

The site, dancesafe.org has become the bible for club drug users, as well as those wanting to know more. At this site you can order information, as well as tools to make club drug use safer. As a dot-org site, it has its own restrictions, so the site will be honest in all aspects regarding club drug use. The site sponsors events around the country, and is mentioned at raves, clubs and other events where club drugs are present. Current lab results are available, and dates and cities of events posted to give you a full service site. Pulse is currently in communication with Dance Safe about forming our own local chapter.

Pulse is working on its own site, and will be able to give you information derived from these and many other sites. Use the information given by these sites, as well as Pulse, to better understand the club drug effects and culture better. Have a great week!

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Chapter of PFLAG. "Now it's time for GLBT citizens to have civil rights to accomplish this, we have to push the issues.

Michael Hutchins, a member of the City of Tucson Commission on GLBT Issues, said he was "saddened to hear stories about a young man targeted by fear. "Let Philip's life be a challenge to us to work to see the word as 'we,' not 'us' and 'them.'"

One of Walsted's favorite performers and songs was played to end the memorial, Frank Sinatra's "The Best Is Yet To Come."

'AND THE WORLD STOPS'
By Amie Walsted

And the world stops ...

No reason, no answer, just blankness that fills the air with your memory and our tears.

You were loved just as you are - a son, a brother, a grandson, a cousin, a friend, an uncle, a lover, and a man.

Your laughter echoes in the hallways, your smile is frozen in time and is the only image we see inside.

I know that you would want us to live on, but suddenly, the world has stopped its spin.

The clouds have gathered upon our hearts, and this day will remain still.

Inside of us - your face shines, your voice tells us to smile and not to cry.

But this loss has overwhelmed us.

There is no justice to be served, there is nothing that can be done.

Out of everything, we know you would want us to continue on, rejoice your life, and cherish all that we shared.

But know, without you, the color that completes a rainbow is gone.

That space at the kitchen table, and our hearts will remain yours forever.

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The Sun ambles into Cancer this week during the Venus retrograde. Our attention turns to love sought, love lost and love gained. Who can keep count anyway? Your cup overflows which makes you especially popular. Enjoy the spillage.

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)
There is a time to spread your personality all over town and a time to consolidate and enrich your personal space. Concentrate on the latter when the Sun enters Cancer. Proud Rams are happily home-centered and yearn to cocoon while the cocooning is good. Single? Make some discreet inquiries. You wear your heart on your sleeve. Yuck, be sure to do the laundry.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)
Queer Bulls blow their wad on a dream that soon dissipates. Oh boo hoo. Get a grip; Sun in Cancer provides you with a fresh perspective and a stronger belief in your own worth. There are a few well earned lessons in the making here. One comes to mind: It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all. Oh forget that! Next time make them pay for you instead.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)
Your financial prospects brighten as the Sun shines in Cancer. Is there something that you have your heart set on acquiring, pink Twin? You find that extra bit of pocket change to make it yours. It is your reward for years of careful planning. (You have been carefully planning, haven't you?) Ah but will money buy love? Perhaps not but it can wrap it in ermine and dip it in champagne.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)
As the Sun nestles in your own sign, Gay Crabs can't help but feel special and glowing. Maybe it is the over-exposed heat of center stage that eventually has you sweating. But no matter, comrade; you now have that certain grace and aplomb to become a star. Brush off any negativism and view the world with your sunny side up. Pack the oil while you are at it.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)
There is nothing that you cannot do while the Sun winds through Cancer. At least that is what you think. You are brimming with good vibes and feel especially mellow. Spread the good cheer with charity work or some other good deed, proud Lion. But frankly eating the last piece of cake so no one else has to worry about the extra sugar does not qualify.

VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPT. 23)
There is something quite wonderful and charismatic about queer Virgins when the Sun shines in Cancer. Get Out there and start new projects. You suddenly become the center of the social universe as everyone gravitates to your orbit. Will they crash and burn when they get into your atmosphere? Better cut down on the garlic and anchovy pizzas to avoid crash and burnings.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCTOBER 23)
Gay Libras become career supernovas while the Sun heats up in Cancer. Set your sights on the gold ring and the corner office and go for it while the energy is hot and ambitious. Jump into the tank and play the game. You are a corporate shark slayer, at least for the next four weeks. But do your deep sea fishing quickly and quietly. After that you may become shark bait.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
The world is your oyster and this is the time to search for the pearl. Sun in Cancer provides you with vision, verve and great curiosity so set out and see the world. You will find excitement and fun almost anywhere you choose but I personally suggest that you find it in a gorgeous resort rather than in a trash dump. Unless of course you are into trash, proud Scorp?

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)
Gay Archers are especially sexy and alluring while the Sun lolls in Cancer. What a nice change of pace! Cruise the scene and see who creates one just for you. Be discerning - you will find that you have a wide range of choice of potential lovers. But don't waste too much time window shopping. Cash in on your fragrant scent before you revert back to your primordial ooze.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)
If partnerships were beginning to chaff, the Sun in Cancer will provide a welcomed balm. Pink Caps should use the next four weeks to strengthen and perhaps modify relationships to make them more secure and happier. Single Goats still on the hoof will attract all sorts of potential mates. Will they be a Billy Goat Gruff or a Little Lamb? Pack the mint sauce.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)
Aqueerians feel in the pink and have more energy than usual. Will you spend you time working for others on your job or working on perfecting yourself? Either choice will bring with it its rewards and accomplishments. Sun in Cancer suggests that exercise and the right diet will have a very good impact on your overall well being. I am personally on the see food diet.

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)
Who are those wildly creative souls painting themselves lavendar and dancing naked? Must be a school of Guppies under the influence of Sun in Cancer. Your are quite the artist and full of energetic fun. It is a heady and exciting time. Chug-a-lug around town and ride on the party train. But don't go overboard with the intoxicants and wind up tripping up at the curb.

A man who doesn't advertise is like one who winks in the dark: he knows he's doing it, but nobody else does.

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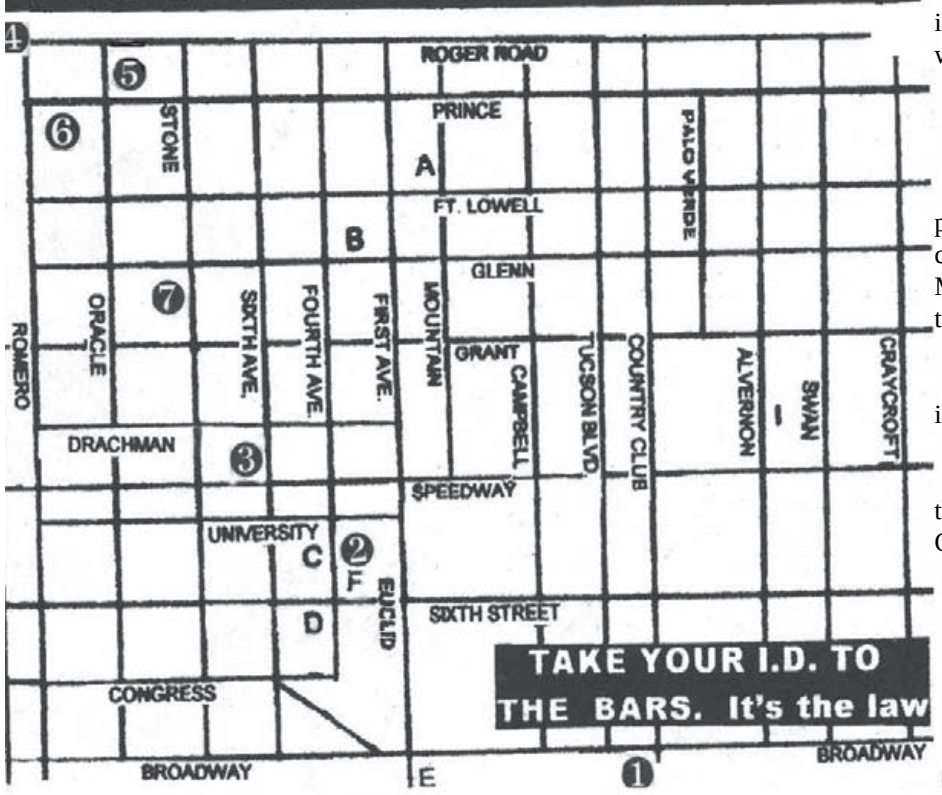

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Jenny Jones

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hands. Three days after Amedure, Schmitz, and a mutual friend appeared at the taping for the show in Chicago, Schmitz bought a shotgun, drove to Amedure's trailer home in Oakland County, Mich.'s Orion Township and shot him twice in the chest. Schmitz was found guilty of murder in 1996, but his conviction was thrown out on appeal. He was retried and convicted in 1999. Attorney Geoffrey Fieger, who represented the Amedure family, argued that a mentally ill Schmitz was tricked into appearing on the show, believing he would meet a woman. The defense claimed Schmitz knew his guest could be a man, suspected it was Amedure, and was not upset when his admirer was revealed.

John Kerry / HRC

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diversity of this great country. I have worked for more than 20 years to make sure that LGBT Americans are treated with dignity in our society and equality in our laws. That fight is not over, and I will be there for the fights in the future."

Added Jacques: "While we disagree with Senator Kerry on the issue of marriage for same-sex couples, he is firmly opposed to the Federal Marriage Amendment, which would deny our community equality for generations. His opposition stands in stark contrast to President Bush, who has not only endorsed the amendment but is one of its chief advocates."

Marriage Ban Vote

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fourths of the state legislatures.

Marble believes a defeat in the Senate will hurt the bill's popularity with conservatives. "This is really not the best strategy for the Republicans," he said. "Because if the (FMA) does go in defeat in the Senate, the House will be more wary of taking it up."

Auto Insusrer Reverses

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Currently the three largest provinces in Canada allow same-sex couples to marry. Last month Massachusetts became the first U.S. state to allow such marriages.

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Study: GLBT Over 50 Involved In Family Caregiving

NEW YORK - Like the baby-boom population at large, GLBT New Yorkers over 50 years of age are heavily involved in the care of sick or frail family members—and are often expected to shoulder more of the work, a new study says, concluding that such caregivers are handicapped by policies that discriminate against same-sex relationships, advocate.com reported.

"Despite the fact that they are taking care of parents, children, partners, and siblings in need, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender ed caregivers are not provided with the same social, emotional, or financial support afforded to other caregivers," the study said.

The report, called "Caregiving Among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender New Yorkers," was released Friday, June 18, by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute. It was based on a survey of 341 LGBT New Yorkers over 50. The research was completed by the institute, the Pride Senior Network, and the Graduate School of Social Service at Fordham University.

Because the sample was not random and was limited to New Yorkers, the findings may not apply to the Gay population in general, the authors cautioned. But they called it "an important first step in learning more about the social networks and caregiving experiences of LGBT elders." The study found that 46% of those surveyed have been caregivers at some time in the past five years, compared to 44% among all people over 50. It defined caregiving as "the extensive, time-consuming aid needed by people who are so sick or frail that they require hands-on help with the tasks of daily living."

"Far from shying away from family responsibilities, this study shows that Gay people are equally, if not more, devoted to family members and loved ones in need," said Matt Foreman, executive director of the task force.

Many of the Gay caretakers' experiences matched the general population, but one third reported that family members expected them to provide more of the care to older relatives "precisely because they were Gay." The study said this stemmed from the perception, often false, that they had fewer of their own family responsibilities. As with the general population, Gays administered care to both their blood relatives and their partners, where more discrimination came into play, the study said. It found that many programs supporting caregivers, including the Family and Medical Leave Act, Social Security, and Medicaid, discriminate against same-sex partners. "Policies that embrace wide definitions of family and caregiving and recognize same-sex relationships would help to ease the burdens and strains of caregiving," the report concluded.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

By Pastor Paul Chambliss

This is the weekly task of trying to fill this space with something interesting and something that will create a desire to have a relationship with Jesus Christ. I can only share with you how my life was changed when I came to believe God loved me just as I was (and I was a real mess)

Many of you were told by your churches that you would go to hell if you did not renounce your homosexuality. (as if it was similar to being a Democrat or a Republican) Many of you were also disowned by your family or friends yet you still have that longing to really know who God is.

I was watching public access television in another state one night about ten years ago and I saw a woman who was a pastor and she talked about ministering to the GLBT community. I was fascinated that someone could use the term Gay and Christian in the same sentence.

I went to see her and when she introduced herself she said "Paul, God loves you just as you are." ;My life was instantaneously changed.

Right here in Tucson we can worship with people who have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and are loving caring Christians. "There is therefore no condemnation in those in Christ Jesus." We at Cornerstone will love you as God loves you and are not here to judge you but love you only as God loves you.

May you know that God has never stayed away from you but only you can stay away from God. Remember "Jesus loves you just as you are".

Pulse Update

By Jerry D.

Internet: A Great Source Of Information

Pulse holds its next after hours' party this Saturday, June 26th. As in their previous gatherings, the event is an invitation-only affair. You can join in on the fun by simply being present at our local GLBT bars the evening of the 26th. The Pulse guys will give you the invitation, and give you details as to where the party is being held. Pulse parties are a safe alternative to the after hours scene in Tucson. You can dance, see some performing by various artists, and learn more about the club drug culture and its different outcomes. Pulse wants to outdo the last celebration, so they hope to see you there.

With our world being more and more electronic, information is being distributed at a rate not imagined just 10 years ago. The internet offers an array of sites that focus on club drugs and their different aspects. One of the goals that Pulse sets itself out for is to be able to provide Southern Arizona with accurate information regarding club drugs ,harm reduction and safe sex. With assistance from health organizations state wide, as well as the Center for Disease Control, Pulse has reviewed a number of web sites that can give you correct information regarding club drugs. Here are a just a few that we have used, mentioned and refer to when being asked questions about club drugs:

At clubdrugs.org. This site focuses on the medical aspect of club drugs. There are reports from various agencies which list findings on different drugs. Interactions, effects and findings are posted directly from the literature they are found from. Headlines are updated regularly, and an archive kept, to find previous reports and stories. The site is maintained by the National Institute for Health, so you will find government postings, but the information is validated as correct, so the site is a good reference point for club drug myths.

Power on comes to us from Seattle, depts.washington.edu/poweron/home.html, but has created a site that can be used no matter where you are. Its motto is "Power Though Awareness," and the information given is some of the most complete in any website. Categorized by Gay, Bisexual and Transgender categories, the information regarding drugs, HIV and sex give the site visitor plenty of reading to inform them correctly. Prevention, Sex, Drugs and Emotions are some of the title categories that branch out into stories, accounts and information.

The site, dancesafe.org has become the bible for club drug users, as well as those wanting to know more. At this site you can order information, as well as tools to make club drug use safer. As a dot-org site, it has its own restrictions, so the site will be honest in all aspects regarding club drug use. The site sponsors events around the country, and is mentioned at raves, clubs and other events where club drugs are present. Current lab results are available, and dates and cities of events posted to give you a full service site. Pulse is currently in communication with Dance Safe about forming our own local chapter.

Pulse is working on its own site, and will be able to give you information derived from these and many other sites. Use the information given by these sites, as well as Pulse, to better understand the club drug effects and culture better. Have a great week!

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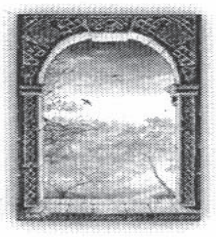

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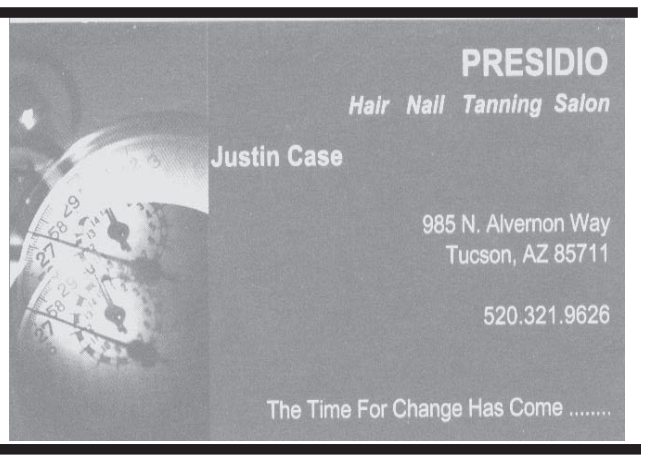

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

Saving Tucson

A year or so ago, when I first noticed that Farmer Johns was for sale, I wrote what I thought was a whimsical column about the future uses the famous wall and buildings at Grant and 1-10 could be put to. At the time I assumed that civic-minded politically-connected people were busy doing whatever it is that folks like that do to keep civic cultural history from being carelessly destroyed.

After a long spell of not hearing any rumblings of civic-mindedness or political connectedness apropos of our city's most colorful landmark, I started to get worried and I wrote to the Arizona State Historical Preservation Officer to see if anybody was doing anything to preserve this piece of our cultural history. The Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer wrote back to tell me that, as far as he knew, nobody was interested. He suggested that I contact the City of Tucson historic preservation officer. I did contact her and she told me that, as far as she knew, nobody was interested.

This situation reminds me of the time, a couple years ago, when I got interested in an inmate who was beaten to death by a guard in the Pima County Jail, beaten to death for no apparent reason whatsoever. I nosed around and finally ended up complaining to the Tucson Medical Examiner about the fact that, several months after the homicide, he still hadn't gotten around to releasing the autopsy report. He gave me the report without the slightest bit of a struggle and said he hadn't previously "released' it because I was the first journalist who'd asked for it.

Ahhh Tucson.

So here we are. How does one explain history and culture and all to the civic-minded who are politically connected and who are apparently clueless and/or completely oblivious to their surroundings?

I saw a movie once wherein a disappointed baseball coach got his team in the clubhouse after a botched game, picked up a ball and began his instruction with the phrase, "Gentlemen this is a baseball." Perhaps one should begin in the present case by saying that Tucson's McDonald's Restaurants are pretty much like the McDonald's Restaurants everywhere else. Our Home Depots are pretty much like the Home Depots everywhere else. But our Farmer Johns, less colloquially "Farmer John Meats," is unique in the whole wide world.

At the very considerable risk of being outrageously pedantic, a rish that can only be justified by the ambient stupor, I give you six reasons for saving Farmer Johns.

1. It was a thriving Tucson business for decades and as such played an important role in Tucson's economic history.

2. It is the most visually distinctive complex of buildings in Tucson. Because of its uniqueness, it would probably by recognized by more Tucsonans than even our famous mission or our famous county courthouse.

3. In terms of square feet, it is probably one of the biggest murals in the world.

4. Many murals use unrealistic juxtapositions of symbolic elements to develop a theme. In stark contrast to that tradition, the Farmer Johns mural is one gigantic and essentially realistic landscape painting, so realistic that motorists have mistaken it for the actual landscape and driven into it. In using the mural in landscape painting, Farmer Johns has contributed to the expansion of the mural genre.

5. Unlike most murals, Farmer Johns represents the actual space that it occupies before that space was "developed." In effect it says, perhaps with some irony, "Here's what you traded for what you now have."

6. Unlike any mural I've ever seen, Farmer Johns incorporates a wall with all the surfaces of buildings visible from the street to create one coherent and visually continuous depiction. That is to say that the picture makes sense even though it exists on several surfaces that are not contiguous. Here again we have a significant expansion of the mural genre.

Farmer Johns is currently for sale. Anyone who wants to can buy it, knock it down and, in the words of an old song, "put up a parking lot." Unless some way can be found to wake up our public officials, who knows what will happen to this historically important and aesthetically innovative piece of Tucson's soul?

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

Senators Vote 65-33 In Support Of Hate Crimes Law

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enforcement agencies with resources that are already made available in the prosecution of other bias-motivated crimes.

The hate crimes bill—also known as the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act—was tacked onto the Department of Defense Authorization bill. A final version of that bill will now be hammered out in conference committee.

Legislation dealing with the inequitable prosecution of hate crimes was first introduced in the U.S. Senate in 1997. The Senate passed this legislation in 1999 and in 2000 as amendments to existing bills. However, House Republicans killed the legislation both times in conference committees. In 2002, the then-Democratic Senate majority attempted to pass the legislation in an up-or-down cloture vote in order to prevent Republicans from offering amendments that would water down the legislation. There, the majority of Senate Republicans voted against the bill, and it died.

Transgender activists quickly noted that the version of the bill passed by the Senate did not include language that would allow prosecution of crimes motivated by gender expression under the proposed law. National Transgender Activist Coalition board member Ethan St. Pierre commented, "In light of the amount of crimes that are committed each year against trans people that result in death, the fact [that] the language 'gender identity or inclusion' is not in the bill continues to send the message that it's OK to hate us and to kill us.

"It's a slap in the face," added St. Pierre, a trans man whose aunt Debra Forte (a trans woman) was killed in a hate crime. "It's like saying that [my aunt's] life didn't matter."

Predictably, the announcement drew the wrath of anti-Gay conservative group Concerned Women for America. "Under a hate-crimes law, someone who mugs your grandmother will not be prosecuted as vigorously as someone who commits the same crime against a homosexual. This says to criminals: 'Mug Grandma; It's less risky.' Hate-crime laws aren't about justice; they are about favoritism and special rights," said Robert Knight, director of CWA's Culture and Family Institute. "Equal protection means your grandma and your friend who lives as a homosexual have the same rights when they walk down the street."

However, Dave Noble, National Stonewall Democrats executive director, said, "Today we applaud Senate Democrats and those Republicans who rejected the divisive politics of the Republican leadership. The Bush White House and Senate Republican leadership continue to use cultural issues in an attempt to divide the electorate. However, it is time for the Republican Party to join Democrats in demonstrating a commitment to law enforcement by supporting the equitable prosecution of hate crimes."

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Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. the DivaLicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Lady Ashley, Janee Starr and Venecia.i.

WOODY'S - Official Pride Beach Party from 4:00 to closing. 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Open bar-b-que with burgers and polilsh sausage. 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. games and prizes. Live Dj 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Music video 10:00 p.m. to closing., Door prizes and a return of the pond/volleyball water hazard.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

VENTURE-N - Steak Night - Bring your favorite meat or get it here. V-N supplies the side dishes.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

IBT'S - The Susan Artemis Quartet - live jazz on the patio 6-9 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

IBT'S - An evening with Ajia Simone" 8:30 pm. This week's guests include Janee Starr and special guest.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

IIBT'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 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 TIHAN. 8:30 p.m. 'The return of Sissy Bingo with Ajia Simone. 9:00 p.m. Guest DJ Eric Vandabelle.,

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. The DivaLicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday starring Bunny FuFu, Ajia Simone and Amanda Nicole.

NON-BAR CALENDAR
Groups / Clubs /

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23#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 Richard for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Richard at 579-7291.

Tucson Prime Timers - Lunch — 1 p.m. Silver Saddle Steak House, I-10 & 6th Ave. (South of freeway just east of S. 6th Ave.)

THURSDAY, JUNE 24Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Les hosts a Lunch Out at Zona 78. For reservations and directions, please call les at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Karol hosts Trivia Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Karol at 744-9017

.SATURDAY, JUNE 26Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Marv hosts Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Marv at 745-0304.

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

MONDAY, JUNE 28 Tucson Prime Timers - Lunch — 12:30 P.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For more information, please contact Ray at 247-2716.

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DAILY BAR CALENDAR

SUNDAY

HOWL AT THE MOON – Open at 10:30 am. Kitchen open 11am-8pm. Smirnoff Sunday-$2 Smirnoff drinks (Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, Greyhound, Sea Breeze, etc.). Country music and dancing from 7-close.

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Free Pool all day. Pool Tournament with Chad 5-7pm. Surf & Turf w/baked potato & salad $6.90

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 meats 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-?. $2.50 sirloin burger w/salad 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm

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

MONDAY

HOWL AT THE MOON – Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8, $2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. Kitchen open 3-8pm. Special from 7 to close $2 well run, 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. Free Pool all day. $3 small pitchers. Pajama Party w/Sabrina in Lingerie

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 3-8, $2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. Kitchen open 3-8pm. $2 well tequilas. 50¢ off call tequilas. Karaoke 8-11:30pm with Calabaza Cabeza Karaoke..

IBT's - 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 1pm. In House Karaoke. VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

HOWL AT THE MOON – Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8, $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 Holliday and guests. HiNRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Karaoke w/ Kimberly 8pm-Midnight. Shrimp Fry $5.99.

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 3-8, $2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. Kitchen open 3-8pm. $2 Mexican beers all night. Chef's Special Tacos. Free Salsa lessons with Teresa 7:30-8:30pm. Dance & Salsa music from 8:30 to closing.

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. Latiino Night.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. $2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Free Pool 8 to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

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

FRIDAY

HOWL AT THE MOON – Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8 $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 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. 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 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.

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 Daquaris. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. Dance Party 9-1 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Steak Dinner with Fries and Salad $5.99 5-8 p.m. Super Disco Dance Music 8:30 p.m. to close.

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

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

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

NOTICES

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.saaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty. 882-7723 Facilitator.

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

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 (TPT) activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 887-3743, leave name and phone number. Tucsonpt@primetimersww,org

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 (GPGLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpglcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message. TucsonSources@aol.com

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

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

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

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO — a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotliine (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at www.botop.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 AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

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

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.

CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE .25 PER WORD $5.00 MINIMUM

CLASSIFIED ADS MUST BE MAILED, NO PHONE ADS

NOTICES

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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, contract TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

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

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

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

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 6pm. Tucson Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and 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 CareTeams 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.

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Sunday from 7-8 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI.

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).

NOTICES

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-variant advocacy organization. Speakers and panelists available. General meetings monthly on the 1st Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Girlz MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)867-0083 for more info.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)906-0669 and or Mona Garcia 256-8728.

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

REVEILLE 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.

"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 Magpie'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.

LGBT SUPPORT GROUP FOR VICTIM/SURVIVORS OF Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Hate Crimes, Bias Acts, Harassment. Call Lori at Wingspan, 624-1779, ext. 20. Services are free.

HALLELUJAH RECOVERY DRUG & ALCOHOL 12-STEP. Every Thursday 5:30-6:30pm at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4626.

TNTucsonMEN, a nudist Gay men's club. We are a social and recreational group. By the way, the TN means Totally Naked! Drop an e-mail at TNTucsonnMen@nethere,com

HOUSING/FOR RENT

VERY PRIVATE, COZY HOUSE FOR RENT. One bedroom, large privacy yard. Glenn/Palo Verde are. Off-street covered parking. Must be quiet, responsible people. $400/mo. Plus utilities. Jim 312-9283 1041

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Looking for a nice place to live? (Apartment Complex). Lots of space. 1 bedroom 813 sq. ft. 2 bedroom 1013 sq. ft. Call Carol at 326-0082 for an appointment. 1043

LARGE 2-BEDROOM DUPLEX. Fenced yard. Glenn/Dodge area. $550/mo for single person. Carport. Centrally located. Water paid. W/D hookup. Call 325-3610. 1040

2 BEDROOM HOUSE WITH FIREPLACE, covered deck and patio. Fenced yard and greenhouse attached. Located in Speedway/Alvernon area. Rent $550/mo. $100 deposit. Shown by appointment. 795-8881 ask for Bill. 1040

1 BEDROOM, CENTRALLY LOCATED. Fenced, well behaved pet welcome. $400/mo. 240-5261 or 886-7211 1041

ROOMMATES

PROF. GM LOOKING FOR SAME TO SHARE furnished eastside house near Sahuaro HS. Spool, W/D and much more. NS/ND. Rent $400 pr 2 room $500. Call 722-5277. 1037

EXTRAORDINARY ROOMS FOR MEN! HUGE, Grant/Alvernon Mansion. Laundry, Utilities, Pool/Spa, Private. Must see! Rooms from $295/mo. 327-3135 1041

FOR SALE

LOVE SEAT: Flowered, off-white. 4 matching pillows, good condition. Southeast side. $100 cash-and-carry. 745-9212. Leave message. 1038

EMPLOYMENT

COLORS FOOD & SPIRITS IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for bartenders, servers and kitchen staff. Apply in person 10am-2pm weekdays or 9am-12pm Sat. & Sun. 5305 E. Speedway. 1043

SERVICES

SEX SELLS!

UNFORTUNATELY WE DON'T SELL ANY - But we do offer a sinfully relaxing pedicure. Special savings with this ad. Manicure & Pedicure for $35.00 - that's $10 off! Nails by Natashia & Janet 360-1720 & 808-7355. Ahead of Style hair & nails, 426 E. 9th St., Tucson, AZ 624-8400. 1041

PROFESSIONAL, HEDONISTIC, FULLY BODY MASSAGE FOR MEN. Tucson's best deal..:$35.00/hour, Satisfaction guaranteed. Call John - 327.3135, evenings, weekends, outcalls, "Quickies". 1041

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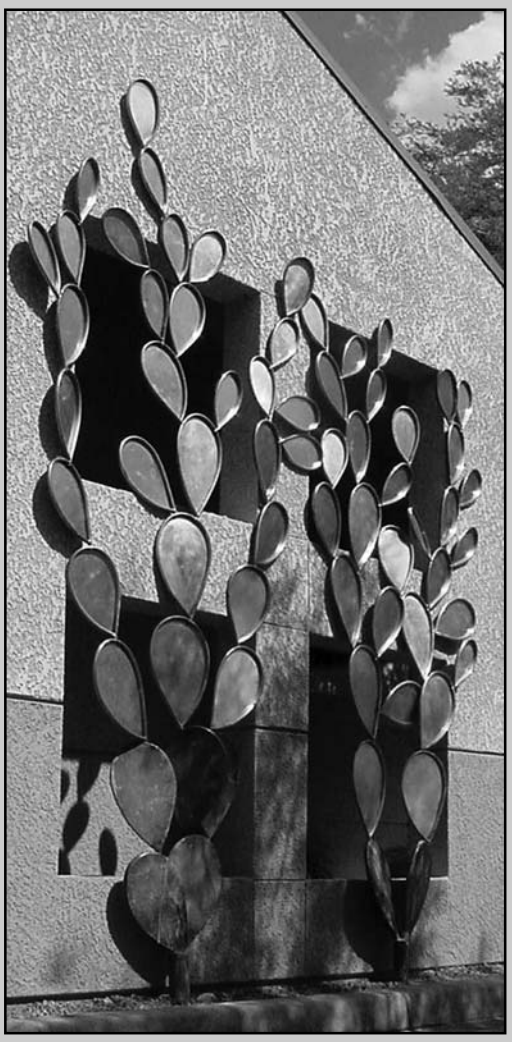
Do you have a friend to whom you would like to give a permanent gift?

The Humane Society of Southern Arizona offers several ways to make a lasting impression – a permanent legacy of a lifetime.

Honor and remember your loved ones with a beautiful 8” x 8” butter cream-toned ceramic tile, imprinted with charcoal lettering on the **WALK OF HOPE.**



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This dramatic sculpture offers three different sizes of pads. Each pad is hand-crafted of copper with a striking teal patina finish.

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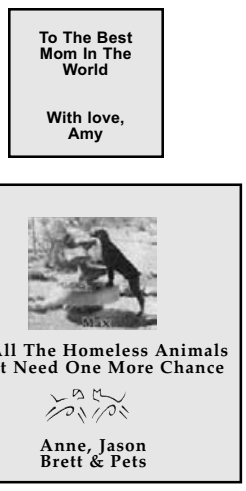

Walk of Hope

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❑ **8” x 8” Tile** **$250.00**

Dedication Wall

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Option: ❑ Pawprint ❑ HSSA logo

❑ **Full Tile With Photo** **$1,000.00**
❑ **Full Tile Without Photo** **$650.00**
❑ **1/2 Tile (6” x 12”)** **$400.00**
❑ **1/4 Tile (6” x 6”)** **$200.00**

Cactus of Compassion

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The approximate sizes of each pad are:

❑ **Small: 6 ¼” x 9 ½”** **$2,000.00**
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❑ **Large: 10 ½” x 17 ¼”** **$5,000.00**

Send this completed form with message to:
HSSA, Attn: Karin Marusek, 3450 N. Kelvin Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716.
For more information, call **321-3704, ext. 120,** or email: **kmarusek@humane-so-arizona.org**

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