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G/L Oklahomans Determined To Remain Optimistic

TULSA - Far from the coastal strongholds of the same-sex marriage movement, Gays in the red states of the Bible Belt are struggling to maintain confidence and optimism in the aftermath of an election that many viewed as a stinging personal rebuff, reported the Associated Press.

In Oklahoma, the 76 percent support for a constitutional ban on Gay marriage has prompted some Gays to leave the state or consider leaving. The staff of Tulsa's community center for Gays and Lesbians say calls to the center's help line, some of them suicidal, have tripled since the election.

In many cases, however, the dismay is accompanied by renewed determination.

"Some people talk about leaving, but there's a larger group more invested in fighting than they were before," said Mark Bonney, a Gay activist who heads Tulsa Oklahomans for Human Rights. "They're saying it's time to come out to their families, to draw a line in the sand."

The resilience is evident in the launch of a \$1 million fund-raising campaign for a new Gay community center, in a court challenge of a new state law opposing adoptions by same-sex couples, and in the decision of two Lesbian couples to file a lawsuit against the state and federal laws that deny recognition to same-sex unions.

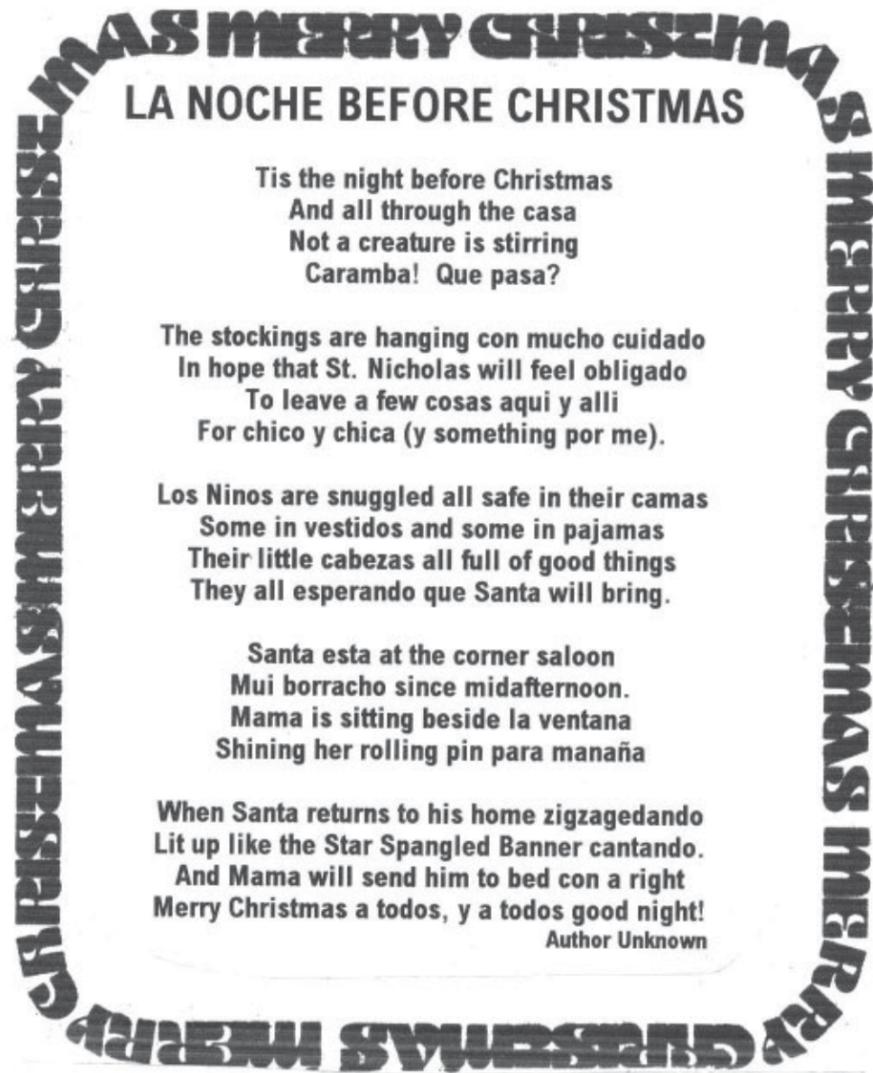
"Tulsa is our home, and we have a strong community of family and friends," said Sue Barton, one of the plaintiffs. "Why would we pack up and leave just because we're treated unequally? We'd rather work toward being treated equally here."

Oklahoma was among 11 states that passed Gay-marriage bans on Nov. 2. Only Mississippi's amendment won a higher portion of votes — 86 percent.

"We couldn't get married before, so it didn't create any larger legal hurdle," Bonney said. "But it's got to hurt, when you know that three out of four of your neighbors don't want you around. It was a statement of hate."

The author of Oklahoma's Gay-marriage ban, Republican state Sen. James Williamson of Tulsa, insists hate was not a factor, but he shares the view of many in this churchgoing state that homosexuality is a sinful lifestyle choice.

"As a Christian, I don't like that behavior," Williamson said. "If they want to live their life quietly, in the privacy of their homes, that's freedom in America.



But when you want to force the rest of us to accept a new definition of marriage, we're not going to stand for that."

Except for one small town, no Oklahoma municipality has joined the hundreds of cities and towns nationwide that have expanded anti-discrimination laws to cover sexual orientation.

"We'll never go there," Williamson said. "If a Christian couple here in Oklahoma doesn't want to rent property to openly in-your-face homosexuals, they should have a right to do that."

Oklahomans voted overwhelmingly Republican — red on the campaign map — in the presidential race, and also gave the GOP control of the state House for the first time in more than 80 years, increasing the likelihood of socially conservative legislation.

Tom Neal, an aspiring architect and publisher of a now-defunct monthly Gay newspaper, said fears of growing intolerance have prompted him and several friends to consider moving to Canada.

Two of his friends, partners for 24 years, plan to wed next month in British Columbia, and Neal said he would join them in surveying real estate there. He's descended from Oklahoma Land Rush settlers, but Neal says that "after this

election, I'm literally feeling a lot less safe."

Atlanta native Laura Belmonte says she has established a comfortable life as a history professor at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, where she lives with her Lesbian partner and sometimes advises Gay students.

"Some Oklahomans make this blatant assumption about sameness — that you're straight, you're an evangelical, you're conservative," she said. "If you challenge any component of that, some people just write you off."

To an extent, national Gay-rights groups also wrote off Oklahoma's Gay community — offering only token assistance for the longshot campaign against the marriage ban.

Bonney said he understood the pragmatism behind such decisions, although he noted that Tulsa Gays have been organized and active for 20 years. Far from demanding marriage rights, many Gays and Lesbians in Oklahoma are still wrestling with whether to come out to family and associates, he said.

"You can't have marriage until you've gained enough self-acceptance to demand respect from your neighbors," he said. "That's still an ongoing process here."

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G/L Marriage Heads To California Court

SAN FRANCISCO - The most complicated of several state lawsuits challenging marriage discrimination will be argued Wednesday, December 22, before Judge Richard Kramer in San Francisco, the PlanetOut Network reported.

Kramer's courtroom is now home to six related lawsuits, four of them brought by Gay allies and two by same-sex-marriage opponents. Although the cases remain separate, they have been coordinated under the direction of the same judge.

Sparked by the breakaway marriages conducted in San Francisco last February, the fight for marriage equality in California has taken a winding road through the courts. After Mayor Gavin Newsom opened the wedding floodgates in the city and county of San Francisco, conservatives filed two suits asking the courts to put a halt to the unions, while Attorney General Bill Lockyer asked the state Supreme Court for an emergency intervention.

On March 11, the high court put an end to the San Francisco ceremonies. But in doing so, the justices made clear that they were not commenting on the core constitutional questions of whether same-sex marriage should be legal in the state. In fact, they suggested that interested parties take up these fundamental questions in the lower courts. Two freedom-to-marry suits were promptly filed — one that afternoon by the city and county of San Francisco, and the other on March 12 by the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

Eventually, the state Supreme Court ruled on a narrow issue, deciding last August that Mayor Newsom exceeded his authority as a local executive, and that the marriages he triggered were not valid. By that time, the two marriage rights cases were progressing, and additional marriage cases had been filed by same-sex couples — one in L.A. and another in San Francisco.

The conservatives who lodged their complaints against same-sex marriage managed to stay in the game by convincing Judge Kramer that their lawsuits also broached the main constitutional questions.

Given that all six pieces of litigation have been put under the same umbrella, Judge Kramer has set aside the entire day to hear arguments. However, it's expected that the lion's share of the time will be allocated to the main case and the city of San Francisco's case.

Senior Assistant Attorney General Louis Mauro will represent the state of California, which is walking a narrow line by attempting to uphold the so-called "traditional" definition of marriage in these arguments while elsewhere defending its broad policy of Gay civil rights and expansive domestic partner statutes.

UPDATE

Simpson Proud Of YWCA Honor

TUCSON - Amanda Simpson was recognized by the YWCA as one of a dozen local Women on the Move, Rhonda Bodfield Bloom of the Arizona Daily Star reported.

That's more than a personal accomplishment for the 43-year-old senior principal systems engineer at Raytheon Missile Systems. It's also a personal victory, since Simpson is a Transgender ed woman who very publicly allowed the media to recount her transition from Mitchell Simpson four years ago.

"To say that I was absolutely thrilled is a bit of an understatement," Simpson said. She was selected from a pool of 89 finalists for the award, which gives the nod to women who are committed to the elimination of racism and the empowerment of women.

When Simpson was introduced at the awards banquet, the audience heard about her accomplishments at Raytheon, her recent bid for the state House of Representatives and her volunteer work in the community. She was also singled out as "an example of courage" for being open about her transition and becoming a nationally known speaker on gender issues in employment - openness worth recognizing when anonymity can be easier.

Linda Breck, director of leadership development for the YWCA, met Simpson at YWCA leadership conferences and planning committees. "She is very professional. She's certainly committed to the mission of the YWCA," Breck said. "She's very reliable and has great ideas. But she's really being recognized for her activism in the community and for taking a leadership role."

Kent Burbank, executive director of Wingspan, said he gives the YWCA credit for issuing the award. It came on the heels of the "moral values" debate launched following the national elections, when voters in 11 states banned Gay marriage at the polls.

Simpson's award, he said, makes a larger statement. "It's a wonderful achievement for her personally, but it's also an important thing for the Transgender community that a Transgender ed woman be recognized as a woman," Burbank said.

But, as Simpson can attest, while she went public to help erase the stigma that can follow gender transitions, it isn't always easy having an adjective following her everywhere - something this very story is perpetuating.

"To some extent, yes, I wish when someone mentioned that I was the first Transgender ed person to win a (state) primary in the United States, I wish that wasn't true. I wish I didn't have to be the trailblazer. Someday, I won't have to be, because it will be completely accepted, but until then, I can't let harassment and biases continue unchallenged.

"Why should I not do things that I'm interested in?" Simpson continued. "Should I not get involved in politics or not work with nonprofits because of my past? And the answer to that is 'No' - I'm going to pursue things that interest me."

Simpson said she is noticing more tolerance. She won a similar award from Raytheon three years ago, and there was some grumbling then, she said, since it came so soon after her transition. But with the exception of some news accounts during her legislative campaign, Simpson said, the focus of the race was on important issues - health care, education, the economy - and not her Transgender ism.

Ultimately, even though she had limited funding as a Democrat running against two popular incumbents in a district with a Republican advantage, she still collected 21 percent of the vote - a respectable showing since she trailed the second-place winner, an incumbent, by only seven percentage points.

"I'm not in people's faces. I'm challenging discrimination by saying, 'This is who I am and this is what I do.' All I ask is to be accepted for my qualities and judged on that basis."

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus A Hit With Their New CD

TUCSON - The Tucson GLBT community has some hit makers on their hands. The just released CD, "A Christmas Collection" by Tucson's own Reveille Gay Men's Chorus is a certified smash!

The holiday disc made it's debut Saturday night, December 18, at Grace St. Paul's Church as Reveille opened their Christmas concert, "Tidings of Comfort and Joy". The audiences were so moved by the music performed by the 30 man chorus that by the end of Sunday's matinee performance all 240 copies of the initial shipment of CDs had been completely sold out!

The CD, in a wintry blue and white snowflake designed cover, is a collection of traditional and religious Christmas music such as "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child", "Hodie! Alleluia!", "Rise Up Shepard" and "Still, Still, Still". In addition, there are a few new arrangements of some holiday favorites, "We Three Kings", "Do You See What I See", "Night of Silence/Silent Night", and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas". The songs, hand picked by Reveille's Artistic Director, Linus Lerner, takes the listener on a holiday journey leading us from the whimsical to the sublime. Demand for copies has been so great since last weekend that an additional two cases had to be shipped over night to meet the demand.

Copies of "A Christmas Collection" can be found at Antigone's Bookstore and Desert Pride Bookstore on 4th Avenue. The CD can be ordered at www.ReveilleGMC.com or purchased from any Reveille member.

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**"Yesterday Is History,
Tomorrow is a mystery
And today is a gift;
That's why they call it
The present"**

Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962)

Desert Voices Holding Open Rehearsals

TUCSON - Be a Voice in Tucson's GLBT Community! Sing with Desert Voices!

Desert Voices will be holding open rehearsals on January 3, 10 and 17, 2005, at Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain Ave, just north of Ft. Lowell, beginning at 6:30 p.m. each Monday evening. Desert Voices is Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and straight/supportive (GLBTS) others chorus, singing songs of pride, hope and humor for the Tucson community over the past 16 years.

As a community chorus, Desert Voices welcomes everyone to come and sing. The only requirement is that members are able to 'match pitch', which means when a note is played on the piano, you have to be able to sing back the same note. A simple and painless voice check will be conducted between 6:30 and 7pm on the evenings mentioned. Please call the Desert Voices office at (520)791-9662, or email to info@desertvoices.org to sign up for a voice check during these open rehearsals.

The chorus typically presents two concerts each season, starting with a winter concert in December and wrapping up with a spring concert in April. In addition, the chorus will add the impact of their singing voices to a variety of community events throughout the year. Local non-profit organizations are invited to contact Desert Voices if they are interested in having them sing for an event they are planning.

Desert Voices members develop their shows as a group in a collaborative style, contributing their ideas and song suggestions to their multi-talented director and accompanist, Chris Tackett and Namoli Brennet. Their Spring show is titled "Our True Colors" and will be presented on April 16, 2005 at The Muse Community Arts center, 516 N. 5th Avenue in Tucson. The show will focus on the delightful diversity of the GLBTS community.

For more information about the chorus, check out their website at www.desertvoices.org. And don't forget to call their office at (520)791-9662, or email to info@desertvoices.org to sign up for a voice check during open rehearsals. Rehearsals for the April show start immediately on January 3, so the earlier you audition, the faster you'll get in the 'sing' of things! Be a voice! Come out and sing!

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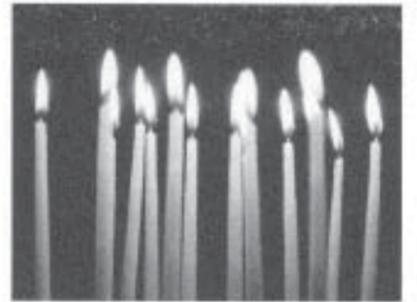
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COMMENTARY. . . . by **Ellen Goodman**

Must Gay Rights Wait For Our Comfort

Ever since the election, I've been carrying around a small newspaper clipping with an Alabama dateline. It tells how the voters rejected a referendum to cleanse their constitution of language that once required segregated schools.

Some embarrassed citizens insist that the vote was not really about race. They say that ballot question was framed by its opponents as a backdoor way to raise taxes. They remind me that the Alabama Constitution has as many amendments as my city has parking meters.

But there's no way around the fact that half a century after *Brown v. Board of Education*, Alabamans left discrimination enshrined in their constitution. There's no way around the fact that 40 years after Governor George Wallace declared "segregation forever," some portion of Alabamans are still not "ready" for integration.

I raise this because there's a lot of conversation in the aftermath of the election about civil rights and the pace of change, especially around the issue of Gay marriage.

One of the more tenacious ideas about the 2004 presidential election is that same-sex marriage dunnit. The decision to legalize Gay marriage in Massachusetts and the pictures of weddings in San Francisco, New York, and Oregon "energized" the Republican base and reelected the president.

Well, not exactly. Eleven states had ballot amendments against Gay marriage, but eight of those states were unalterably Republican. In the three battleground states, Kerry actually did better than Gore. All in all, only 2 percent of voters said Gay rights was their most important issue. And Kerry, we need to remember, opposed same-sex marriage.

Nevertheless, the much-debunked exit poll that declared "moral values" as a deciding factor in the campaign retains as powerful a hold over the post-election analysis as a biopic holds over biography.

The story line has not just caused a much-needed debate about how Democrats must frame their values. It's also caused a queasy argument about whether the Gay rights movement was too much, too fast. The conversation is even going on in the Gay community where every small dissenting voice is amplified like a family fight.

At heart are the old questions: Do you wait for people to be more comfortable to make change? Or do people only become more comfortable in the wake of change? Do you sacrifice incremental benefits by going for the whole enchilada? Or do small changes merely sustain the status quo?

Evan Wolfson, the author of "Why Marriage Matters," says that "the classic American pattern of civil rights advances is a patchwork of advances, resistance, regression, all at the same time." Today the map of America looks decidedly like a patchwork quilt.

In Oregon 3,000 couples asked the state Supreme Court Wednesday if their marriages are still legal. In California, one assemblyman just introduced legislation to legalize same-sex marriage. Two others introduced a bill

that would not only outlaw these marriages but strip Gay couples of domestic partnership rights.

Meanwhile in Michigan, Gay couples who work for the state are losing their benefits because of the vote to ban same-sex marriage "and similar unions." In Massachusetts, some employers are eliminating benefits for unmarried Gay couples because they now have equal access to the altar.

The Gay rights movement is not solely about marriage, and there are real gains in pursuing health benefits and Social Security. Activists do, as Hilary Rosen of the Human Rights Campaign says, need to tell the everyday stories of couples barred from hospital rooms and from health coverage.

But if we waited for comfort levels to rise, would we still have laws against interracial marriage? Would we still be waiting for Alabama to get comfortable with integration?

Four years ago, Vermont took the radical step of legalizing civil unions. Now civil unions are the moderate position. Does anyone think this would have happened without marriage on the agenda?

Last year, same-sex marriage was legalized in Massachusetts with a huge uproar. But the sky never fell, and the uproar became a low hum.

In *The Advocate*, Rosen worried,

"This election may have shown us that the change agents for Gay marriage are looking too much like a noisy red Ferrari speeding down quiet Main Street." But in Massachusetts, they now look more like an SUV with two parents, a kid, and a golden retriever on a quiet suburban street. We've even begun the next, less cheerful, chapter in equality: same-sex divorce.

There is nothing that the Gay community can do to appease its opponents except perhaps disappear. But in one of the exit polls that got less attention, 60 percent of voters favor either Gay marriage or civil unions. The younger the voters, the more likely they are to favor marriage. That's not a bugle sounding retreat.

[Ellen Goodman is a columnist for the *Boston Globe*, from which this is reprinted from the December 16 edition.]



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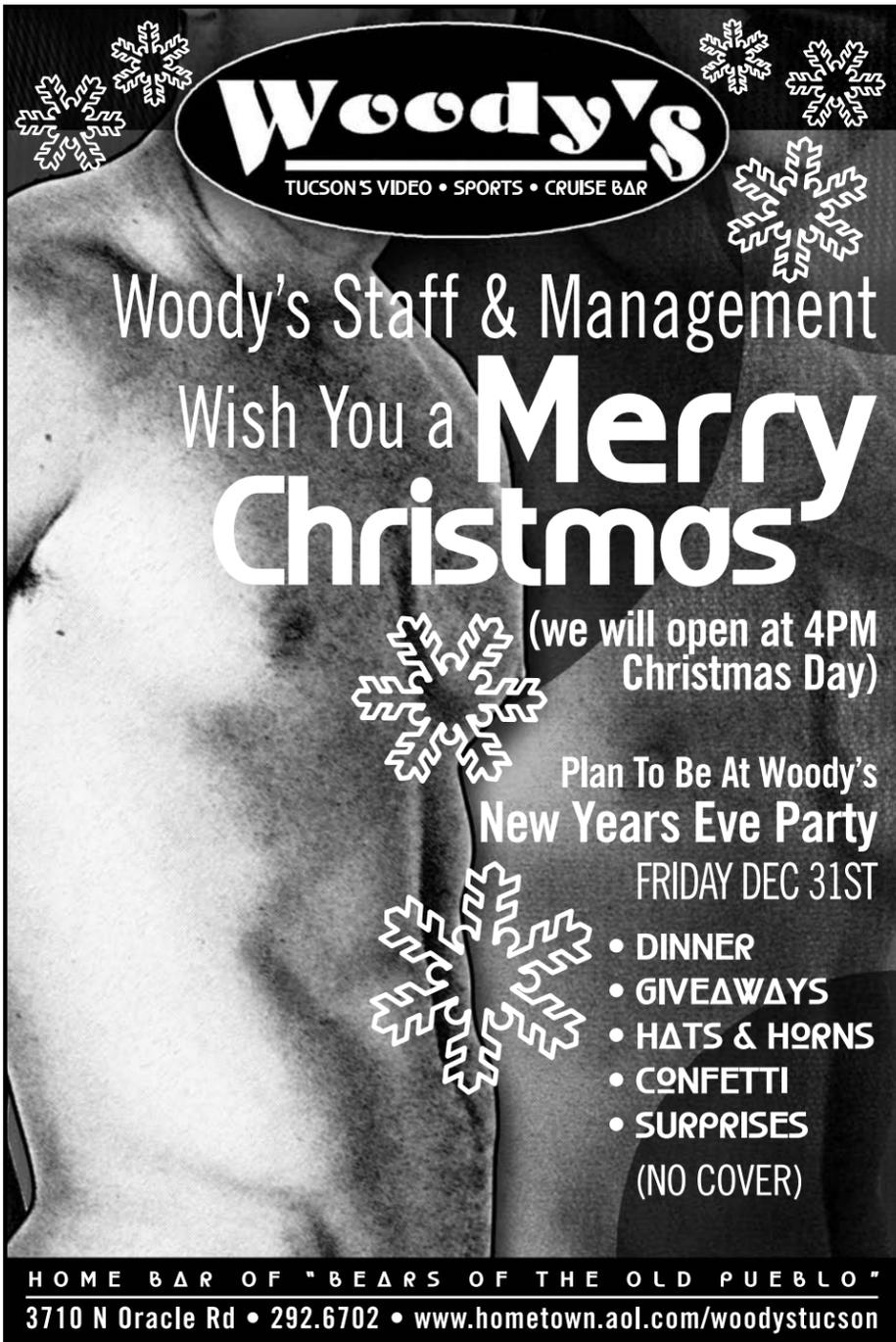
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TIHAN Receives Donation From AGRA



Arizona Gay Rodeo Association President Gary Hatterman and Road Runner Regional Rodeo Director Dan Iversen(I) present a check to Scott Blades, Executive Director of Tucson's Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN).

TUCSON - People living with HIV and AIDS in Southern Arizona will again benefit from the volunteer efforts of the Gay rodeo community.

The membership of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) voted to award proceeds of the 2004 Phoenix rodeo to five Phoenix-area charities and to the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), the only southern Arizona non-profit selected.

On behalf of the members of AGRA, Dan Iversen, 2004 Rodeo Director, and AGRA President Gary Hatterman presented the check for \$1,115.93 at Charlie's, the popular country-western bar in Phoenix where AGRA holds its monthly meetings, to TIHAN's Executive Director Scott Blades.

The grant comes from the proceeds of last January's successful AGRA rodeo held at Rawhide in Scottsdale. After the rodeo, the group members nominate worthy charities, and

there is an extensive nomination and selection process, with a vote of AGRA's membership determining the final disbursement of rodeo proceeds. In October, Tom Novakowski traveled to Phoenix to make a presentation to AGRA about TIHAN's work and the impact it makes on the lives of people in Tucson. The membership then chose to make TIHAN one of the six organizations receiving money from the rodeo. Contributions to non-profits are based on involvement with AGRA, support of the rodeo, and contributions to the LGBT community.

"Once again, we are very grateful to the members of AGRA and the Gay rodeo community in Arizona," said Scott Blades, Executive Director of TIHAN. "These funds represent the hard work of AGRA volunteers and contestants at last January's rodeo, and we're honored to be chosen to receive this grant."

Blades also asked for Tucsonans to take an active part in helping with the 2005 RoadRunner Regional Rodeo, which takes place January 14-16 (Martin Luther King Day Weekend) at Rawhide Western Town & Steakhouse in Scottsdale. "The rodeo is such a success because of the efforts of volunteers, and there are a variety of opportunities for volunteers to help with the upcoming rodeo." Blades commented that rodeo volunteers receive free admission to the rodeo, a free t-shirt, and an invitation to the post-rodeo volunteer party. "Not bad for volunteering for a three-hour shift, where you also get a chance to meet lots of great people from all over the U.S.!" he said.

Persons interested in volunteering at the Phoenix Gay rodeo can call Scott Blades at (520) 299-6647 for more information on specific volunteer time slots and needs, which include

With its beginnings in Reno in 1976, the Gay rodeo movement has grown substantially, and raises thousands of dollars for charity each year. The Arizona rodeo is among the longest-running and best-attended on the International Gay Rodeo Association circuit. In 2005, the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association is celebrating its 20th anniversary, so the January 2005 rodeo promises to be bigger and better than ever.

U.S. AIDS Official Altered Drug Study

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The government's chief of AIDS research rewrote a safety report on a U.S.-funded study of the anti-HIV drug nevirapine, sold in the United States as Viramune, to change its conclusions and delete negative information, Advocate.com reported.

Later he ordered research on the drug resumed over the objections of his staff, documents show. Edmund Tramont, chief of the National Institutes of Health's AIDS Division, took responsibility for both decisions. He cited his four decades of medical experience and argued that Africans in the midst of an AIDS crisis deserved some leniency in meeting U.S. safety standards, according to interviews and documents obtained by the Associated Press.

The AP reported that the NIH knew about problems related to a Uganda study of using nevirapine to prevent HIV transmissions from HIV-positive pregnant women to their infants, including record-keeping problems, violations of federal patient safety safeguards, and other issues that forced a 15-month halt to the research. NIH officials acknowledge Tramont rewrote a key safety report on nevirapine and overruled his staff, but said he did so because he was more experienced and had an "honest difference of opinion" with his safety experts.

They noted he had no financial interest in nevirapine and that the troubled study began well before he joined NIH in 2001. Lane said an internal NIH review concluded Tramont had not engaged in scientific misconduct.

Tramont admits to changing a report written by one of his medical officers that summarized safety concerns during a review of the Uganda studies. The report, finished in January 2003, said the Uganda trial suffered from "incomplete or inadequate safety reporting" and that records on patients were "of poor quality and below expected standards of clinical research." The lead researcher strongly urged NIH not to make sweeping conclusions about nevirapine based on the Uganda research. "Safety conclusions from this trial should be very conservative," she wrote. But Tramont says he changed the report and altered its conclusion to say that the study "has demonstrated the safety of single dose nevirapine for the prevention of maternal to child transmission," Tramont's version concluded. "Although discrepancies were found in the database and some unreported AEs [adverse reactions] were discovered...these were not clinically important in determining the safety profile."

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The problem is that some people project their politics onto the Democrats and confuse the members and supporters with the leaders of the Democratic Party - those are very different kinds of people - they are as unlike as disoriented victims and jackasses can be. This is analogous to projecting ones emotions on someone not quite so in love. Beware the fall.

Democrats certainly want Gay votes, and will promise anything to get them, but in reality our agenda isn't something they'd ever work up a sweat over. On the contrary, they're characterized by duplicity and deceit. For 200 years they've promised everything but delivered only for themselves and the rich.

In spite of Stonewall daydreams and HRC perdidy, and in spite of their promises, the work done for them and money given them, the leaders of the jackass party are not our allies - quite the opposite. Clinton and the congressional jackasses approved 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' and led the effort to put the first national anti-Gay marriage law on the books. Kerry caved on Gay marriage, paving the way for state anti Gay marriage laws. In Michigan, Gov. Jennifer Granholm happily betrayed us to the bigots, taking back state benefits from Gay families. That's shoddy, hypocritical and cowardly, but hey, they're jackasses, what did you expect.

The truth is that the Republicans unashamedly hate us, while Democrats put their arm around us, call us friend, and only later comes the trip to the ER to treat those stab wounds in the back.

Even now the jackasses talk about having gone too far in supporting Gays, and say over-identification with us is the kiss of death. In our own ranks fear has set in because of the passage of anti-Gay marriage acts in several states.

Put this in perspective. These jackasses march to the right in lock step with the Republicans. Both support the criminal murders of over a hundred thousand Iraqis, and almost 1500 GI's in their illegal oil war. Neither support Gay marriage, or ending the attack on working peoples standard of living,

and neither give a damn about civil rights, the problems of immigrants, Native Americans, or the aged.

Secondly, and not downplaying the danger of the Christian right wing, we've made remarkable progress in changing laws and how people view us. Not because we've been timid, but because we've fought for decades, on the job, in school, in the armed forces, and in the courts and in demonstration, big and small. Those fights, many without allies or hope of immediate victory, and not support of this or that jackass candidate, are what's fueled our progress.

When we take the path of militant uncompromising mass mobilizations to get what we need to survive - equal rights - then we join a long line of winners and heroes in American history. Remember, we were the men and women at Bunker Hill and Yorktown, Vicksburg and Gettysburg, and at Little Bighorn teaching Custer a lesson. We were in on labor's big battles in the 1930's and 40's, and the battles against the war in Vietnam that tossed Johnson and Nixon out of office, and for civil rights. We were sometimes silent or not seen, but we were there. That's our real heritage, and now it's our time, our turn - we need victories for our benefit.

Still, people will want to know what to do on Election Day. We need to tell them to vote for our supporters, not our betrayers or our enemies. We need to vote for communist or socialist candidates who support us and we need to back efforts to create a labor party in the US, like Canada's NDP or the English Labor Party. A party like that could unite all the groups now wasting their votes between Tweedledum and Tweedledee and provide some real progress for a change. And, lets face it, not having to vote for evil, even a lesser evil, would feel so good!

Bill Perdue,
Las Vegas, Nevada

U.S. Soldier Kills Iraqi Teen After Sex

RALEIGH - A U.S. National Guardsman who pleaded guilty to killing a 17-year-old Iraqi said he shot the young man 11 times after they had sex in a guard tower, a North Carolina newspaper reports, citing court-martial records, the Associated Press reported on 365Gay.com.

Pte. Federico Daniel Merida, 21, pleaded guilty to murder without premeditation and other charges during a court martial in Iraq in September.

Merida was sentenced Sept. 25 to 25 years in prison and reduced in rank and will be dishonorably discharged. He is being held at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., a Leavenworth spokeswoman said.

U.S. army officials at Forward Operating Base Danger, where the court martial was held in Iraq, had withheld details of the case.

However, the News & Observer newspaper of Raleigh reported on the weekend that records said Merida and the Iraqi were on guard duty May 11 in a tower on the perimeter of an army camp near Tikrit in northern Iraq. At about 10:30 p.m. local time, Merida shot the teen 11 times with his carbine.

Merida first told investigators the teen demanded money at gunpoint. Later, he

said he killed the boy because he forced him to have sex. In a third interview, Merida said he was angry after the two had consensual sex.

Merida also pleaded guilty to two counts of giving false statements.

Merida apologized to the victim's family during the court martial, records said.

"He was a son, a brother, someone very important to them," Merida said.

"I took someone they loved and cared for."

Merida, who was born in Veracruz, Mexico, has a wife and son. He was a member of the 113th Field Artillery Battalion's Battery B, based in Monroe, N.C.



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Companies Refuse Benefits To Same-Sex Spouses

BOSTON - Some Mass. employers with federally regulated health plans have decided not to extend health benefits to spouses of Gay workers, saying the plans are not bound by the state's same-sex marriage law.

Gay marriage. "We have to be faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church," said Diana Franchitto, spokeswoman for Caritas Christi, a Boston Archdiocese affiliate that oversees six hospitals.

General Dynamics Corp., FedEx Corp. and Caritas Christi Health Care are among the employers that do not provide married Gay workers in Massachusetts with the same health benefits available to heterosexual married couples.

But Gay rights supporters argue that same-sex marriage opens the door to reinterpretation of a host of state and federal laws. "There are some good legal reasons why we might be able to challenge [denial of benefits]," said Michele Granda, attorney for Boston-based Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders.

"In determining the definition of dependent spouse, General Dynamics applies the spouse definition from the federal Defense of Marriage Act," the Virginia-based defense contractor, which has 3,000 workers in Massachusetts, said in a statement to the Boston Globe.

Outed Ex-Congressman Returns To Capitol

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Even though U.S. Rep. Edward L. Schrock did not seek a third term in Congress after he was "outed" he's headed back to Congress for a new term, the Associated Press reported on 365Gay.com.

The 1996 Defense of Marriage Act denied federal recognition of same-sex marriages by defining marriage as between a man and a woman.

This time, though, he won't be sitting on the House floor. Instead, Schrock will work behind the scenes as a Congressional staff member.

The employers provide medical care through self-insured health plans in which the company — not an insurer — collects premiums and pays the medical bills of its workers. Such self-insured plans, which are used to save money amid skyrocketing health-care costs, are regulated by federal law.

The conservative Republican from Virginia pulled out of the election race in August after a Gay blog detailed how he cruised for sex with other men.

Sharen Litwin, a Boston labor attorney, said companies with self-funded plans likely cannot be compelled to extend coverage to spouses of Gay workers.

In announcing he was withdrawing from the election Schrock said in a five-paragraph statement that allegations have surfaced in recent weeks "that have called into question my ability to represent the citizens of Virginia's Second Congressional District."

Some employers that self-insure, however, extended coverage to spouses after May 17, when Gay marriage became legal in Massachusetts. They include Gillette Co., National Grid USA, and UniteHere, the union of garment and hotel workers.

Nevertheless, despite his "outing" in October he voted for the federal Gay marriage amendment.

Catholic institutions early this year began debating how to handle the issue because of their strong opposition to

Schrock will become a staff aide for the House Government Reform Committee. In the last Congress as a Congressman he sat on the committee.

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POLITICS 2004

by Mark R. Kerr

'Don't Buy Red, Or Blue, But Arizona Pink'

mainstream media in perpetuating the myth that the 2004 election was all about moral values despite the actual results from the polls but the campaign is over and now for Gay and Lesbian Arizonans, the next campaign has started.

Despite the bluster and blather coming from the likes of incoming Arizona GOP Matt "Gays Are Evil" Salmon, Nathan "Voter Registration" Sproul, Jeff "Arizona DOMA" Groscost and Len "CRAP" Munsil that is lapped up by the daily fish-wraps which have supposedly proclaimed that a proposed state constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage, civil unions, domestic partnerships, sodomy, co-habitation, interior decorators, musicals, sex-toys, and certain words is needed to protect "traditional" values, the family and is a proverbial slam-dunk.

Yes, meetings have been going on at 1700 West Washington, involving: current legislators, incoming legislators, the radical-right and those fabulous homophobic political action committees, such as CRAP to name one of many to discuss the proposed amendment to be ram-rodged through Arizona's Legislature for which Republicans hold majorities in both chambers.

Meanwhile, in another part of Arizona's capital, the other side, that of sanity, has started to gear up for the inevitable campaign on this issue with a recently held meeting involving several other political groups, committees and rights organizations.

This meeting was chaired by former state Representative Steve May of Phoenix, who is the incoming co-chair of the Arizona Human Rights Fund, the statewide Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) rights organization.

In an interview, May said this was an initial meeting for which will be the genesis of a more formal organization, adding that the formation will come either in January or February 2005.

"Let's be clear: same-sex marriage is already banned in Arizona. The purpose of the initiative is to bring out social conservative voters in an attempt to defeat the governor and other more progressive candidates," said May.

He added that the new organization will "fight this initiative and oppose writing discrimination into our state's constitution."

"While we are fully aware that Arizonan's are not ready to support full marriage equality," May continued, "we believe that they will support some type of legal recognition of Gay relationships so that our loved ones are not hurt by legal invisibility. There are Gay and Lesbian families who suffer because they have no rights today. We intend to ask the voters to give us something at the same time they vote on same sex marriage."

May went on to state that GLBT Arizonans need to speaking out to their: straight friends, families, churches, children, and as many straight people as possible about your story, the discrimination you face and about the rights you are your partner are denied because the law doesn't recognize your relationship.

People can also start making donations, May said by sending checks to the Arizona Human Rights Fund and designate the donation as "Marriage Equality," and it will be applied to the upcoming fight. Send checks to: Arizona Human Rights Fund, P.O. Box 25044, Phoenix, AZ 85002. So don't buy red, or blue but Arizona Pink!

Kids Returned To Lesbian Mother

AUGUSTA - A woman whose children were taken from her because she is a Lesbian has won a 10 month legal battle to get them back, 365Gay.com reported.

In a unanimous decision an appeals court ruled that a family court judge erred in removing the two children, ages 4 and 6, from Amber Crosby's custody.

Last February Judge Herbert Kernaghan Jr. ordered the children removed after the Richmond County Department of Family and Children Services reported that Crosby's domestic partner beat her in front of the children and that the couple took drugs in front of them.

In his order Kernaghan said that Crosby's "lifestyle" was reason he declared her unfit mother.

One child was given to the biological father while Crosby's grandparents were granted custody of the other.

But, the appeals court in a written decision said that sexuality was not a valid reason for the children's removal and that during the trial the DFCS did not present any witnesses or compelling evidence to support the charges.

"[DFCS] made no effort whatsoever to demonstrate that the children are deprived, much less that such deprivation results from the mother's lifestyle," the ruling said.

A spokesperson for the state of Georgia which oversees the DFCS said that the court ruling will be examined but that it is doubtful it would be appealed.



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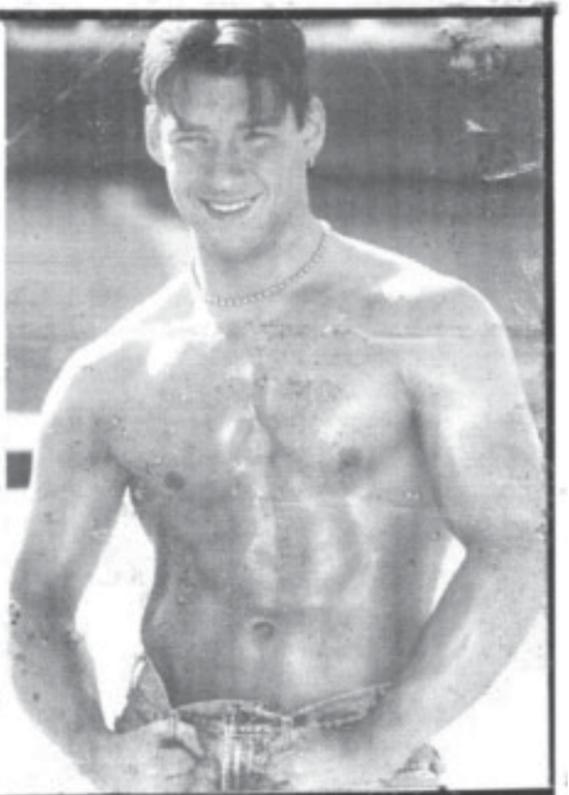
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Partnership Change At Yard Dog



Sunday, Dec. 5, The Yard Dog Saloon celebrated a new era in the bar's history. Jim Dondson of Venture-N fame, sold his Yard Dog shares to John Kingsbury (l) and Merlin Cummins (r) and they joined Ray Gregg as full-time partners, shown above kicking up their heels.

The night scene in Tucson seems to be picking up a lot lately, and the new Yard Dog team is making plans to be a big part of it. The patio area has been completely 'winterized' and the bar decor is being updated.

Pictured below, the new vitality was recognized recently with performers of the 'Pirates of Penzance' holding their cast party there. We wish Ray, John and Merlin the best of luck in the 'new' venture. (No pun intended!)



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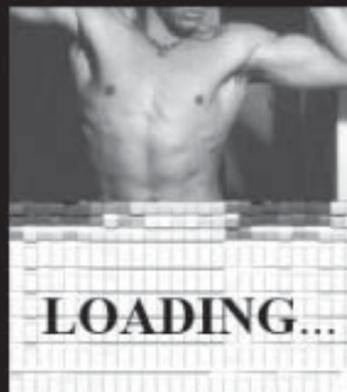
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The Sun moves into serious Capricorn this week and it's a good thing. This holiday season needs a jump start! It's time to haul out the yule log, set it on fire and roast those chestnuts. Ho ho ho!

ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)
Most of the time, proud Rams could care less about what those in command think of them. However, as the Sun enters Cap, even the feistiest of you manage to pour into pinstripes to face the corporate music. Ever dream of territorial domination? Get ready for a new year push that strengthens your prospects. Please be a benevolent dictator when you reach the top.

TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)
Queer Bulls can't resist the illuminating effect of Sun in Cap. Anything you decide to do to expand your vistas will prove to be personally successful and satisfying whether it's a year end vacation, a course of study or latching onto a jolly new group of cohorts. Try approaching life from a new angle and you can find yourself dancing to the pulsating beat of a different drummer.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)
Sun in Cap brings on a case of the touchy feelies which can really rattle otherwise untouchable pink Twins. You may feel particularly close to a certain someone and at the same time, fear possible rejection. Ah but what have you got to lose, pink Twin? Here is an early new years resolution: Don't let your fear of flying prevent you from exploring new heights.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)
An interesting effect of Sun in Cap is how you begin to regard relationships. Pink Crabs ache for romance and dreamy tete a tetes. Well that can only take you so far, my friend. As the holiday season progresses, you are encouraged to examine partnerships on a more pragmatic, self interested level. What are you getting out of this act? Are you ready to take it on the road?

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)
Sun in Cap encourages proud Lions to get down to the nitty gritty at work. Party with the elves at home and use work time to prioritize tasks and tackle onerous projects. It is a productive time even though you are not the boss. Might I suggest a reassessment of exercise and diet? It's never too late to get any drydocked relic in ship shape for cruise season. Yeah, even you.

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)
What queer Virgin could resist the excellent vibes that come with Sun in Cap? Hang the mistletoe, get into the spirit and let those creative juices flow. The most important thing is to have fun, fun, fun! Any artistic pursuits can take you into new directions and bring excitement and (dare I say) romance. Study nude photography and see what develops in the darkroom.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)
Queer Libras need a bit of t.l.c. Now, with Sun in Cap, you find the comfort you need right in their own backyard. Gather kindred souls together for the holiday with more at-home entertaining. If a tiresome family issue lands in your lap like an old stale fruitcake, re-gift it to someone else without guilt. After all, life is too short and the holiday too jolly to have to put up with a Scrooge.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
Revise your personal message when Sun enters Cap. Proud Scorps are loathe to express themselves freely around others, but now you can hardly resist mouthing an opinion or five. Good! Shout it out and let others know what's on your mind. It's those nasty little second thoughts that often undermine a great Gay concept. Now you have no excuse. Be naughty, not nice!

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)
You may find yourself counting your pennies during the Sun in Cap. Financial matters take on a greater importance in your life and you may find yourself in a more acquisitive phase. But possessions alone cannot bring happiness or security. There is a valuable lesson to be learned this holiday season. Give and you shall receive. Do you need my mailing address?

CAPRICORN (DEC.23 - JAN. 20)
Sun in your own sign heralds in a new, rejuvenating phase in your life. Happy birthday queer Cap! Don't be shy. Get out into the festive social swirl to meet and greet. It is an excellent time to begin new projects and perhaps initiate a change in appearance. Start by dumping that tired old wardrobe. Did I say dump? I meant refresh.... with tinsel and ribbon.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)
This year end is a good time to release your personal gremlins and start to live your life to the fullest. Unfounded fear has been holding you back for too long. The lesson to be learned from Sun in Cap is that all sorts of ridiculous nonsense are responsible for creating barriers to your fulfillment. Clean out your closet and haul all trash to the dump. Of course some Aqueerians are into trash....

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)
Sun in Cap indicates that there is more to be gained from running with the herd than standing on the sidelines. Get involved in new group activities during the holiday to expand your social circle. Friends help you in unanticipated ways, if you only ask. The most important thing is to figure out how you can best interact with others. Oh Guppie! Is that a lump in your stocking?

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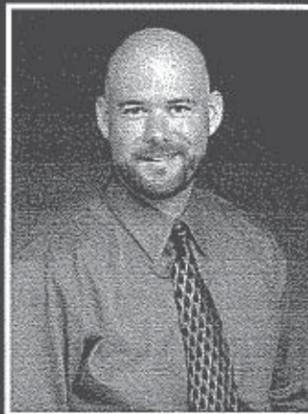
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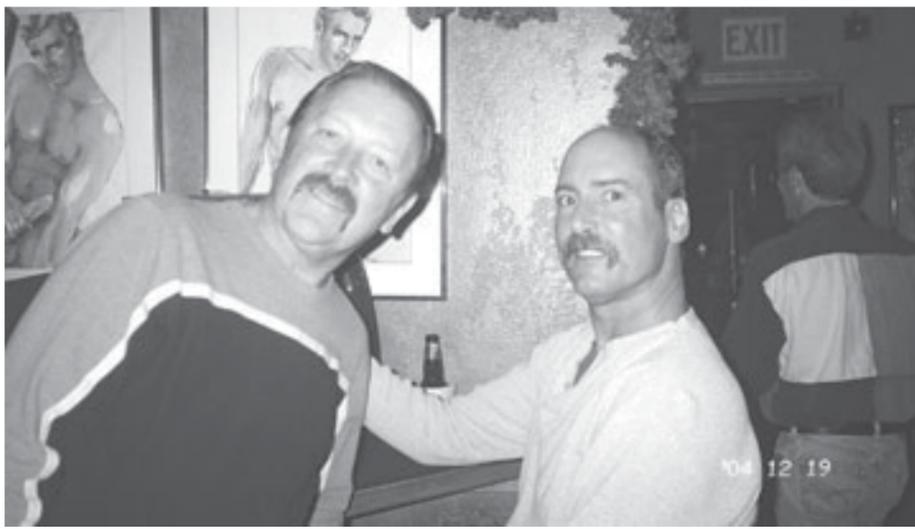
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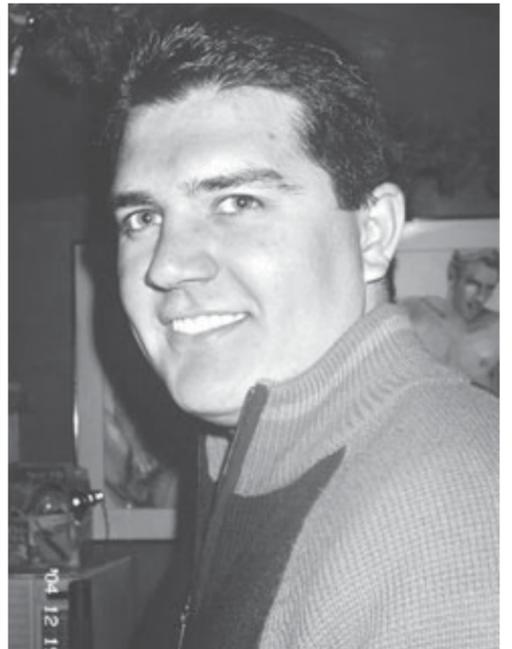
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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

Regionality

I bet there's no such word as "regionality," but my idea is that maybe we ought to start thinking about regional authority replacing municipal authority in a number of arenas.

A year or two ago Tucson failed to pass a transportation plan that involved, among other dumb ideas, turning Grant and Campbell into an underpass. At the time I talked to a city engineer about it, asking him how a city engineer could go along with the idea of speeding up traffic at Grant and Campbell when he knew that the traffic lights in all four directions would almost immediately slow that same traffic back down. He told me, having no notion that his thoughts would appear in print, that the underpass wouldn't work but at least it would prevent the even worse plan of widening the intersection in question.

Shortly after that transportation plan got shot down, our mayor was on the tube arguing for a regional transportation authority. He didn't say it in so many words, but the concepts main purpose would be to take transportation issues out of the hands of Tucson voters.

If you think that transportation needs to be moved beyond the reach of municipal politics, what about water? What about the recent tussle over some city politicians wanting to give Tucson water to developments outside city hinds? Was there a conflict of interest between the politicians duty to those they nominally represent, in this case the citizens of Tucson, and their apparent desire to suck up to our rich and powerful developers?

The current big water story is Marana's announced intention to joust with Tucson over control of the water delivery system. Marana, once a little crossroad way out in the desert, bit an enormous chunk out of Tucson's flank several years ago in the neighborhood of Ina and Thornydale, a chunk that netted the former crossroad the tax revenue from some famous box stores. How little Marana was permitted to feast on giant Tucson is a story that no one has so far found it profitable to tell, but now this bold expanded entity wants more control of the shared water.

Why should two overlapping cities be arguing about how to deliver water? Doesn't that situation cry out for a regional authority even more than the

usual disputes over transportation planning do?

Of course water and transportation aren't strictly analogous. Everybody is pretty much in favor of efficient water delivery. On the other hand, some Tucsonans feel that debilitating city transportation might actually enhance the quality of city life. The theory is that, if transportation got so bad that it forced people to live near where they worked, you'd have a lot less pollution and people would be doubly invested in their living/working neighborhoods and therefore more actively involved in promoting neighborhood well-being.

For anyone who could be persuaded that regional authorities make sense for water and transportation matters, maybe some form of regionality would make sense for economic matters as well, for instance the ongoing and endless efforts to save Davis-Monthan from the perennial rounds of base closings.

Saving DM always comes back to the noise levels and safety levels in areas surrounding the base. The city's current thinking is that the salvation of DM can best be achieved by devaluing the residential property around it. I've yet to meet anyone who believes that this thinking is fair to the property owners involved. The theory is that their interests should be sacrificed for the greater good. Buy why should they?

The issue of whether Tucson gets to keep DM is in fact regional. The base is a major employer, not just because it employs lots of people but also because it employs many of them at federal instead of puny local wages. Tucson's economy would be devastated by the loss of DM and so would the economies of lots of other towns in this neck of the desert. How about recognizing that we have a regional problem here and then setting up a regional authority to spread the costs of solving it, as opposed to simply robbing the unfortunate property owners who happen to ring the base?

I realize that I'm arguing on a high theoretical level here than ignores the grubby realities of politics, but occasional flights of fancy are harm-less enough if they don't get mistaken for the dirty low-down.

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G/L Oklahomans

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The four women filing the lawsuit against state and federal marriage laws hope their effort will inspire boldness among others in the local Gay community. They shrug off criticism from several national Gay-rights groups who say their lawsuit is so certain to fail that it will be counterproductive.

"We may not prevail, but to run a marathon you have to start taking steps," said Sharon Baldwin, who — like partner Mary Bishop — is an editor at the Tulsa World. "We can't sit back and do nothing."

Baldwin and Bishop, who were heartened by their newspaper colleagues' support, say they have no interest in leaving Oklahoma.



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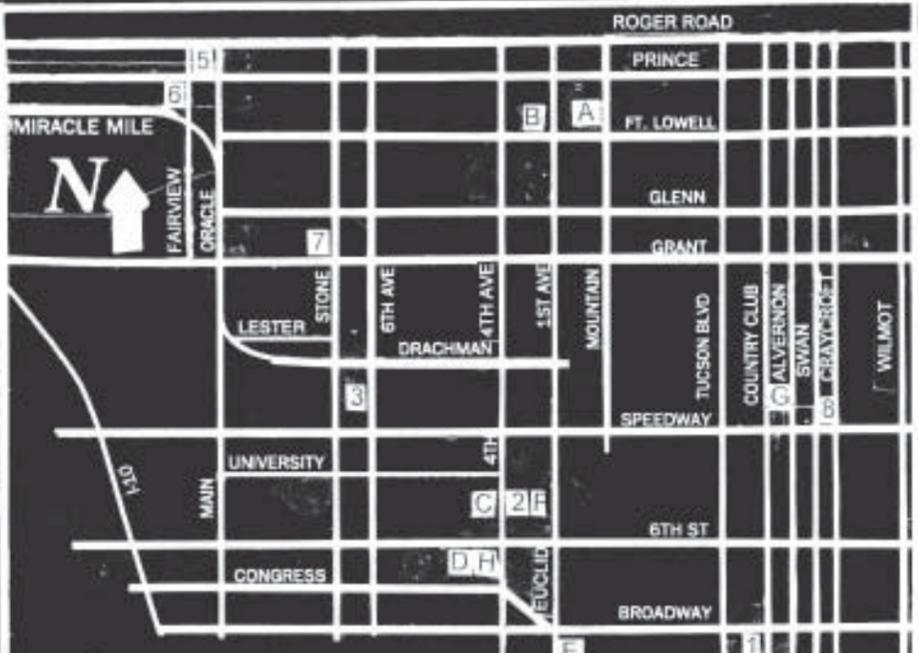
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Dear Dr. X,

I just moved to Tucson and am having trouble finding anyone interesting, so I thought I would try asking you for some advice. I'm 24, tall, tan, muscular and hot! I have a great body, a super-huge dick, and an almost perfect ass. I workout every day to make sure I keep in great shape. I transferred here with a great company that pays me lots of money, so I'm no loser there either. The problem is that I have gone out to some of what passes for clubs here, and I can't find anyone interesting to even talk to, much less worthy of going home with. Everyone I talk to ends up being too boring, too needy, or just plain too ugly. Isn't there anywhere in Tucson to go and meet hot, interesting guys? Where should I go?

Signed,
Hot but Bored

Dear Hot,

There is indeed somewhere I can suggest you should go-back to wherever you came here from! If your conversations with the guys you meet are anything like your letter, maybe you are not hitting it off with anyone because you are a shallow, conceited ass. If you are truly looking for suggestions, here's one: stop focusing on how great you are, and start thinking about what makes others interesting and beautiful beyond just how big their muscles (and their dicks) are. Enough said.

Dear Dr. X,

I can't ask any of my friends this so I'm emailing you. I love to bottom, but don't really do it that much because of the mess. Just the thought of a dirty butt makes me want to puke, but I would be horrified if it was mine. To help with this, I bought one of those shower enema hoses online-but it did not come with any directions or anything. Do you know of any guidelines for using it safely? I am anxious to get started, but don't want to end up in the hospital or anything. Please help!

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

I am glad you are asking for help instead of just diving in. (Since you did not include a cute pen name, I had to throw a little word play in there somewhere. Anyway...) You really do need to be careful when putting anything up your butt-even water. For specifics you should either buy a book or check out a specialty web page, but there are some general things I will tell you. First: be careful about temperature. Never use water that is hotter or colder than your body temperature. Either way could lead to problems like burns, shock or cramping.

Second: go slowly. Use a small flow until you become comfortable with the feeling and what you are doing. Third: do not overfill. Your body has limits, and you must respect them. Never put more of anything in your butt than is comfortable. If it starts to become uncomfortable-stop.

Lastly: do not make this too much of a habit. There is some evidence that too much douching can result in dependence; meaning you will have difficulty using the bathroom without it. Also be sure you practice this a few times without the pressure of having sex after. You should become familiar with the entire process, and how long it takes to get rid of all the water, so that there are no mistakes from "the rush and heat of the moment". Be careful and have fun!

[Have a question? Need a straight answer? Send your questions to Dr. X at gmhp@saaf.org or mail them to SAAF/GMHP, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719. You can also check out Dr. X online at www.gmhp.org.]

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NON-BAR CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Richard and T. Jay for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Richard and T. Jay at 881-7919.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 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.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Lloyd Chapman is hosting this year's Holiday Potluck. While no one will be turned away, reservations are requested so we at least come close to having enough food on hand. Please call Lloyd at 792-8537 for information, reservations and directions.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 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 the men of MSN for an evening out at Rainbow Planet Coffee House. 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.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Merlin and Lee for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Lee and Merlin at 207-5336.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 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.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Peter hosts Bridge Night. If you don't know how to play, they'll teach you-and it's a very relaxed atmosphere. For reservations and directions, please call Peter at 615-8974.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

#1 - Tucson Prime Timers Lunch/Business Meeting - Noon, Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd.
#2 - Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks- 5:00 p.m., Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

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

BAR CALENDAR

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

HOWL AT THE MOON - Learn to waltz or just comd and learn some fun and fancy new turns. Classes are free. Dancing partners not necessary. Second class tonight 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

IBT'S - Kick off your holiday weekend here at the 'Jingle Ballz' from 8:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. Mike Lopez will be playing the top 40 hits, the bartenders will be dressed in their most 'festive' holiday wear and then, of course, a special appearance by Santa himself with free gift raffles throughout the night. The first 50 people in the door after 9:00 p.m. receives two raffle tickets - double your chances to win! Must be present to win and the grand prize is dinner and limo ride!! Drink specials featuring a variety of holiday specials.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

COLORS - Closed Christmas Day only.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open from 3:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.

VENTURE-N - Opens today at 6:00 a.m. with drink specials from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day PotLuck begins at 1:00 p.m. Sign up with the bartender.

WOODY'S - Open today at 4:00 p.m.

YARD DOG SALOON - Opens today at 5:00 p.m. with food and Christmas Cheer.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

HOWL AT THE MOON - 7:00 to 10:30 p.m. the smooth sounds of jazz/blues vocalist Susie Rough.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE !!!!!

COLORS - Black and White Ball \$45 dinner package includes your choice of Prime Rib or Salmon Entree, 2 well cocktails or 2 domestic beer, party favors and champagne toast at midnight. Reservations for dinner required.. Show from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. presenting Amber Norgaard performing live!

VENTURE-N - Gala Balloon Ball with Midnight toast and much more.

WOODY'S - Happy New Year's Eve Party. Dinner, GiveAways, Hats and Horns, Confetti and surprises. No Cover.

YARD DOG - Come and enjoy a New Year's Eve dinner and celebration 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Ring in the New Year with the "Ice 9" Band from 9:30 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.

DAILY BAR CALENDAR

SUNDAY

COLORS - Fabulous Brunch 11am - 2pm with complimentary mimosa. Dinner 5-10pm..

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 10:30 am. Chuckwagon Breakfast 10:30 am - 1:30 pm, includes Bloody Mary or Mimosa. \$2 Smirnoff Sunday. DJ Jake playing country favorites 8:30 pm to 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.

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 - 3pm.

MONDAY

COLORS - Open 11am for lunch; 5pm for dinner. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Domestic beer and well cocktails \$2.25

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Monday Munchies 3 - 8 pm with reduced prices on appetizers. Pool Tournament 6:30 pm - \$3 entry fee, bar matches pot. Draught Beer Specials for players.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm, All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free pool til 4pm. \$2.75 Skyy Martinis 4-8. 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. Beer Bust 3-7pm.

TUESDAY

COLORS - Open 11am for lunch, 5pm dinner. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Domestic beers and well cocktails \$2.25. Karaoke 10:30pm to close w/Johnny DJ.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Tequila Tuesday: \$2.00 well margaritas, 50¢ off call tequilas. Karaoke with Calabaza Cabeza Karaoke 8 - 11:30 pm

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

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. 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 Beer Bust 3-7pm.

WEDNESDAY

COLORS - Open 11am for lunch; 5pm dinner. Happy Hour 4-7pm Domestic Beers or Well cocktails \$2.25.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Free Pool all day. Draught Beer Specials all day. Beginning couples dance lessons with Amanda 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Country DJ Jake plays 8:30 - 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.

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 Beer Bust 3-7pm.

THURSDAY

COLORS - Open 11am for lunch, 5pm dinner. 4-7pm Happy Hour Domestic Beers or Well cocktails \$2.25. Karaoke 10:30 - close with Johnny DJ.

HOWL AT THE MOON -Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. \$2.00 Mexican Beers all day. Karaoke with David Z from 8 to midnight.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm, DJ 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Pool Tourney 7pm. \$3 entry. Special prices for players. Steak Nite (4th Thursday of each month). Bring your own or get it here \$5.

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. Beer Bust 3-7pm.

FRIDAY

COLORS - Open 11am for lunch. Dinner 5-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm domestic beers or well cocktails \$2.25.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Line Dance Lessons 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

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

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 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. Beer Bust 3-7pm. Kennel open 9pm.

SATURDAY

COLORS - Open 11am for lunch; 5-10pm full dinner.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 10:30 am. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. \$3.00 Cheese Burger & Fries all day. Country DJ with the best country dance music 8:30 to 2

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.

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. Beer Bust 3-7pm. Kennel Open 9pm.

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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

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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.



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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 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, contact TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

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

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

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

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; Dezer Girlz MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezer 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)

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

"OUT ON THE TRAILS - EQUESTRIAN FUN!" Rider Club forming. Looking for women and men to ride together on the trails of Southern Arizona. Must have own horse, truck and trailer. For more info write: "Out On The Trails" P.O. Box 44045, Tucson, AZ 85733-4045

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

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

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

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.

NEW TUCSON SOBRIETY SUPPORT GROUP. Secular Organizations for Sobriety - Sundays 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. at 739 N. 4th Avenue. Contacts Rick R. 520-792-2604 or Gary S. 520-323-1969. More information at www.secularhumanism.org/sos/ This group is an alternative to 12-step programs.

MEN'S KINK DISCUSSION GROUP (Open to all who identify as male and are 18 or older) meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37th Street, Tucson, AZ. (Map available at www.desertdominion.org) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required.

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Was The 2004 Election Really About Values?

WASHINGTON, D.C. - It was a simple multiple-choice question. The reaction to the answers has been anything but, Advocate.com reported.

On Election Day, exit pollsters posed a string of questions to voters after they cast their ballots, including the following: "Which one issue mattered most in how you voted today? Taxes, education, Iraq, terrorism, economy/jobs, moral values, health care." "Moral values" was chosen by 22%, with "economy/jobs" at 20% and "terrorism" at 19%.

In the aftermath of President Bush's victory, analysts of all political persuasions seized on the results of that single question, with some arguing that it reflected the nation's conservative shift and a widespread rejection of Gay rights, abortion, and indecency in entertainment.

Others contended that far too much was being extrapolated from just 22% choosing "moral values," two words that were too broad to provide specifics let alone worthy analysis. Soon after the elections, the Pew Research Center asked a similar question—without offering a laundry list. In that survey, "moral values" was chosen by only 9% of respondents, behind "Iraq" at 27% and "the economy" at 14%.

Just over four in 10 of those who picked "moral values" mentioned issues such as Gay marriage and abortion, but others cited qualities such as religion, helping the poor, and candidates' honesty and strength of leadership.

Some public opinion researchers such as Jon Krosnick of Stanford

University question whether a term such as "moral values" should be included on a list of specific issues such as health care, education, and the economy. "The responses mix policies that have clear meanings" and a broad term like "moral values," Krosnick said, adding that "moral values" could refer to many different concerns.

Republican pollster Whit Ayres said the role of moral values in the election goes far beyond the debate over one poll question. "While this was a national security election, any way you read the data, moral and cultural values were a very important factor in the president's vote," Ayres said.

Words and how they are used in poll questions can elicit a strong response. Or, as in some cases, prove to be highly suggestive. Consider this question from the late 1930s: "Would you vote for a woman for president if she were qualified in every other respect?" When asked that question, 33% said yes, and 64% said no—almost 20 years after the 19th Amendment to the Constitution gave women the right to vote in the first place.

In a more recent example, the Associated Press in mid November asked the following question about abortion and the Supreme Court: "The 1973 Supreme Court ruling called Roe v. Wade made abortion in the first three months of pregnancy legal. Do you think President Bush should nominate Supreme Court justices who would uphold the Roe v. Wade decision or nominate justices who would overturn the Roe v. Wade decision?"

Six in 10, or 59%, said they preferred justices who would uphold the court's decision. Pundits criticized the

question, specifically the phrase "in the first three months of pregnancy." The court ruling actually does more than make abortion legal in the first three months of a pregnancy—abortion would be legal further into a pregnancy if circumstances called for it. In early December, the AP asked a slightly amended poll question, saying simply that Roe v. Wade "made abortion legal" and removing the reference to the first three months. In response to the new question, 57% said they favored justices who would uphold the court's landmark ruling—essentially no change.

Companies Collaborate On Once-A-Day Pill

Bristol-Myers Squibb.

NEW YORK - Two drug companies announced Monday, December 20, they will collaborate on developing the first all-in-one, once-a-day pill to treat HIV infection—a long-sought goal that would make it much easier for patients to stick with their medication, the PlanetOut Network reported.

Currently, the best AIDS treatment requires patients to take two to four pills a day. Less than a decade ago, many patients had to take 25 to 30 pills a day, often at precise times and under specific conditions (such as with food), making it extremely difficult for patients to stick to the complex schedule. Missing doses makes it easier for the virus to mutate and become resistant to medication.

In the first collaboration by competing AIDS drug makers, Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. and Gilead Sciences Inc. formed a joint venture to test and market a single pill combining three widely used medicines from two different classes of AIDS drugs.

Because the three drugs are already on the market, the once-a-day combination could be approved and on sale as soon as the second half of 2006, said David Rosen, a spokesman for

Public opinion researchers offered various theories on the relatively insignificant change in responses in this instance. Robert Shapiro of Columbia University suggested such shifts in question wording may have little or no effect on strongly held beliefs. "On longstanding issues that have been debated for a long time such as abortion and capital punishment," Shapiro said, "small changes in question wording tend to make little difference unless it substantially changes the substance of the question."

"To have it all in a single pill is terrific," Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, told The Associated Press.

The combination pill will include Sustiva, made by Bristol-Myers Squibb. It also will include two AIDS drugs made by Gilead Sciences of Foster City, Calif.: Viread and Emtriva.

The latter two drugs are from the same class of AIDS drugs, but they block copying of the AIDS virus at two different points early in its replication cycle. Sustiva is from a different class of drugs and attacks the virus later in the cycle.

"It's the first time ever that two companies with competing products have worked together," said Dr. Michael Saag, director of the AIDS Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. "This is something patient advocates and a lot of physicians have been pushing for over a decade."

Fauci also said such partnerships are crucial. "We hope it's the beginning of future collaborations," he said.

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