



Observing Tucson And
The Greater Arizona Community

OBSERVER

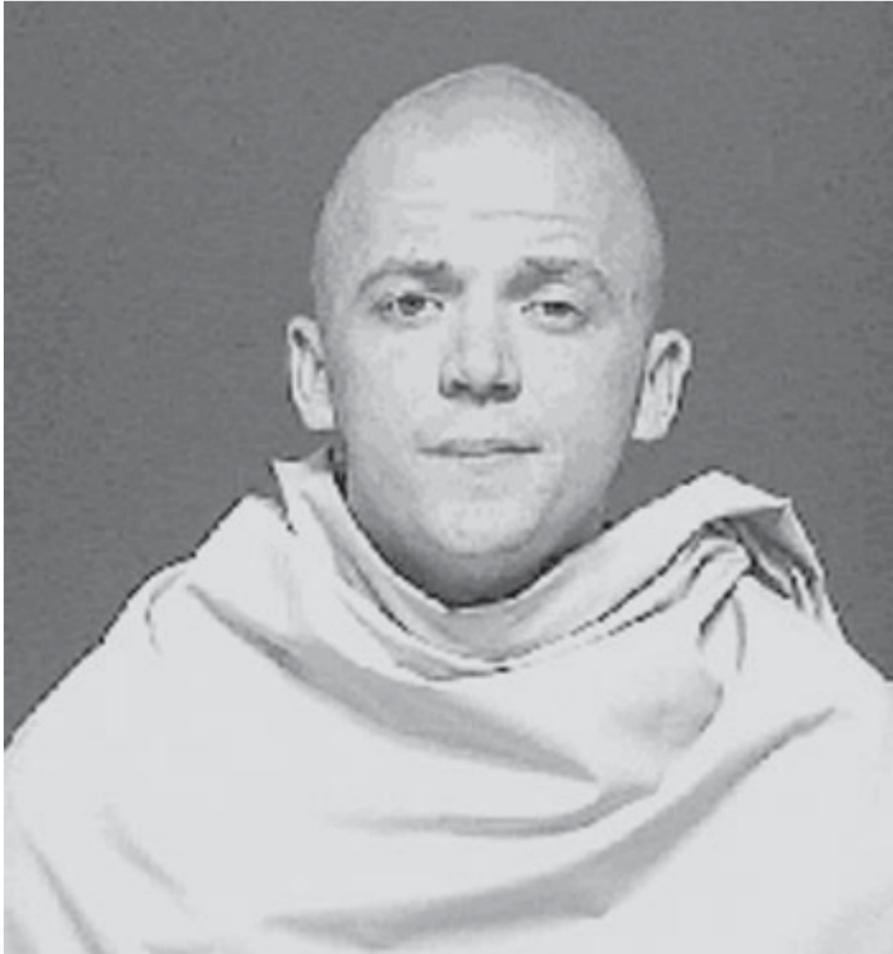
<http://www.tucsonobserver.com>

WEEKLY OBSERVER

MARCH 30, 2005

ISSUE 1080

JUSTICE PREVAILS



Convicted Killer David Augustine Higdon

Life Without Parole For Philip Walsted Murderer

TUCSON (ON) - On Monday, David Higdon was sentenced in Pima County Superior Court to 15 ¾ years for armed robbery (with credit for 1,013 days served) and natural life for the first degree murder of Philip Walsted, a 24-year-old Gay man. Natural life means that Higdon will not be eligible for parole.

On January 27 of this year, Higdon was convicted in a trial for Walsted's death.

Walsted was found beaten near East Fifth Street and North Hoff Avenue, near his University of Arizona-area home, on June 12, 2002.

Walsted, his face swollen beyond recognition, was spotted in a pool of blood in the middle of the road at Hoff Avenue and Fifth Street at around 4:50 a.m. He was taken to a hospital and pronounced dead several hours later. At least two of the blows penetrated his skull, an autopsy showed.

Higdon was arrested about a week later. Items found at Higdon's house included Walsted's eyeglasses and driver's license, as well as a baseball bat and clothing that bore Walsted's blood.

"This poor kid was beat to death for being who he was," Pima County Prosecutor Teresa Godoy said in an interview after the verdict, adding that the case was about "the very freedom to be who we are and to believe what we want, and love who we want, and not to be afraid

when we walk out the door."

While incarcerated, Higdon obtained a tattoo - a swastika with a pair of black lightning bolts in the center. Godoy told jurors during the trial that the symbol was reserved in neo-Nazi culture for one who had "killed for the cause."

Testimony during the trial included explanations about beliefs held by Higdon and fellow neo-Nazis, who were also charged with attempting to take over Pima County's jail.

The courtroom was filled for the sentencing hearing with Philip's family, friends, co-workers, and supporters. Judy Boyer, Philip's mother, read a very moving statement on behalf of the family.

"He has evil running in his blood," Walsted's mother, Judy Boyer, said. "He has no regard for human life."

David Higdon's father and uncle spoke about David's early years and some of the family's trauma.

While the sentencing brings the trial to conclusion there could be further court development depending on the appeals process. But for now a major aspect of this tragedy comes to a close. Family, friends, and supporters will continue to remember Philip and Wingspan, Southern Arizona's GLBT Community Center said in a written statement, mourns the loss of this precious person.

Marriage Amendment Returns To U.S. House

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Leading advocacy groups for LGBT rights have denounced a new constitutional amendment that would deny same-sex couples marriage rights, and possibly civil unions and domestic partnership rights, the PlanetOut Network reported.

The bill was introduced Thursday, March 24, by Rep. Dan Lungren, R-Calif. It not only forbids same-sex marriage but also provides explicit instructions to judges.

The bill reads: "Marriage in the United States shall consist only of a legal union of a man and a woman. No court of the United States or of any State shall have jurisdiction to determine whether this Constitution or the constitution of any State requires that the legal incidents of marriage be conferred upon any union other than a legal union between one man and one woman. No State shall be required to give effect to any public act, record or judicial proceeding of any other State concerning a union between persons of the same sex that is treated as a marriage, or as having the legal incidents of marriage, under the laws of such other State."

In a press release, Lungren accused judges of taking it upon themselves "to engage in social engineering aimed at the redefinition of this foundational societal institution. ... Such judicial intolerance is an act of lawlessness and must not be allowed to stand."

Lungren's amendment came days after San Francisco Superior Court Judge Richard Kramer ruled that California's ban on same-sex marriage, as well as its five-year-old Defense of Marriage Act, was unconstitutional.

Last year, a similar constitutional amendment was defeated in both the Senate and the House.

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the nation's largest LGBT political group, branded the new proposed amendment as discriminatory.

"Plain and simple, discrimination doesn't belong in the Constitution," said HRC Vice President of Policy David M. Smith in a prepared statement. "Congress can't dress up discrimination. By any name, this amendment would still hurt American families. Not only would this amendment trample the rights of millions of same-sex couples and their children, but it would also deny any state the ability to ensure its families are protected under state law."

H. Alexander Robinson, the strategic director for the National Black Justice Coalition, added, "The U.S. Constitution has long been held to recognize individual dignity. We must not allow bigotry, fear and prejudice to undermine this critical American value."

Log Cabin Republicans President Patrick Guerriero said, "This new amendment is yet another attempt to undermine federalism. It's an unprecedented incursion by the federal government into the affairs of states, and radically alters the traditional roles of the legislative and judicial branches of government."

John Marble, the spokesman for the Stonewall Democrats observed that Lungren's bill proved that "conservative principles are no match for right-wing ideology."

"It's directly telling the states what they can and can't do, which is the very opposite of what political conservatism started out with," Marble explained.

But Marble does not believe the bill will be voted on quickly. "I think we can expect the Republicans to sit on this amendment like a chicken on an egg right before the 2006 mid-term elections. They're hoping it will hatch into a political issue."

Army Recruitment Bottoms Out But No Plans To End Military's G/L Ban

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The US military is suffering a severe troop shortage and the Army announced that it will miss its recruitment goals for the next two months, 365Gay.com reported.

The military is strained by the simultaneous wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. But, despite the drain on troops and failure of the Pentagon to attract enlistees, Army Secretary Francis J. Harvey says there are no plans to either reinstate the draft or end "don't ask, don't tell."

As of Feb. 28, the regular Army was 6 percent below the number of recruits it had expected to sign up at that point in the recruiting year, the Army Reserve was 10 percent off and the Army National Guard was 25 percent off.

Much of the shortfall could be eliminated with the repeal of the ban on Gays in the military, but, Harvey, in his first news conference since being named Secretary of the Army dismissed the idea.

"I don't see any need to change it," he said.

Harvey told reporters that he is considering all proposals for boosting troop strength without admitting Gays into the military, and he was critical of legislation introduced earlier this month in Congress to repeal the ban saying it would harm unit cohesiveness.

Continued on Page Eight

UPDATE

Reveille Spring Concert April 2-3

TUCSON - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus (RGM) have "Rhythms" and will be showcasing this in their Spring Concert, Saturday, April 2, 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 3, 3:00 p.m., at Crowder Hall at the University of Arizona School of Music.

A high energy concert featuring music from the four corners of the world: Africa, Brazil, Tahiti, Jamaica, Europe, Mexico and USA, to name a few with an emphasis on percussion and the rhythmic beat of the music. This show is easily the most exciting Reveille has produced in their ten year history of delighting audiences in Tucson. Joining Reveille's 30 singers onstage will be special guests the Mandinga do Sertão, a Capoeira Group from the University of Arizona, and Sambalço, a Brazilian group of musicians who perform the spectacle of Carnival. The grand finale of this show will have audiences up out of their seats and dancing in the aisles as though they were at the real Carnival in Rio!

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus has been performing in Tucson since 1995. Composed of Gay and Gay-supportive men, Reveille celebrates the unique qualities of Gay culture while honoring diversity and individual worth through choral music. Reveille is the first Gay chorus to have sung in Mexico having presented two benefit concerts for ACCSIDA, a non-profit organization that provides medical attention and information for people struggling with HIV. Reveille will be the first Gay chorus to sing in Brazil with a four city tour embarking the end of May. In Sao Paulo. Reveille will be the official opening act at the world's largest Gay rights parade and they will open Gay Pride Month in Rio de Janeiro. Reveille's main purpose in making this trip, as in Mexico, is to raise awareness and funds for local groups and institutions that are battling HIV and AIDS.

2004 was an exciting and productive year for Reveille. They recorded and produced two CDs: "Let All Men Sing" and "A Christmas Collection," both demonstrating an eclectic repertoire of diverse music and the choruses tremendous sound, thanks in great part to their artistic director, Linus Lerner. Mr. Lerner, a native of Brazil is a doctoral candidate in conducting at the University of Arizona. In addition, Reveille traveled to Montreal, Quebec, Canada in July to participate in GALA, a

festival of Gay and Lesbian choruses. There, along with 5,600 singers representing 134 choruses and seven nations, Reveille performed to three standing ovations and received numerous invitations to travel and perform with the choruses of such cities as Chicago, Dallas, San Diego and even an invitation to travel to Australia!

Reveille also had a busy year performing two sold out concerts in Tucson as well as numerous outreach performances throughout the city. Reaching out to the Tucson community is an important part of Reveille's mission statement.

Tickets for their Spring Concert are \$12.00 in advance at Antigone's Book Store and Desert Pride, or by also calling (520) 617-3100 or at www.reveillegmc.com, or \$15.00 at the door.

'Laughing Out Proud' April 8

TUCSON - Bas Bleu Production's spring show is bound to be another side splitting experience. The show will be Friday, April 8, 7:00 p.m., at Pima Community College West Campus Proscenium Theater.

Seattle's Lisa Koch is an irreverent comedian/singer who blends comedy, theater and music with dysfunctional characters and demented songs (original and parody).

Lisa's show features such memorable characters as Sister Mary Agnes (a repressed nun who enjoys discipline) who will be joining Lisa for the evening. Lisa has performed all over the globe and is a regular on Olivia Cruises at the Michigan Women's Festival and the Vancouver Comedy Festival. Lisa also finds work as an actor and last year appeared with the Tucson/Phx Theater Company as Mae West in 'Dirty Blond'. She recently toured a one-woman version of the Vagina Monologues. Lisa's shows are always "outrageous and memorable."

Michele Balan is a brash, New York stand-up comedian who for the past 12 years has appeared all over the country. She has been described as a high-energy, quick-witted comic princess. Her performances include; Dinah Shore Weekend, Olivia Cruises, Michigan Women's Festival, pretty much every Comedy Club in New York, televisions Comedy Central and Lifetime Network,

the Improv in La, and many pride events and fund raisers to name just a few. A few of the people she has shared the stage with include Kathy Najimy, Harvey Fierstein and Nell Carter. She has several CD's to her credit including "Neurotic by Nature." You won't want to miss this very funny lady coming to us all the way from NYC.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door and can be purchased at Antigone Bookstore, at the Theater Box Office or by mail until April 1, at Bas Bleu Productions POB 7766, Phoenix, Arizona 85011. For more information, or if you would like to volunteer at the show, please call Kendall at Wingspan, (520) 624-1779 or E-mail Kristen at: kristen_felan@hotmail.com.

Desert Voices Concert & Auction April 16

TUCSON - Beautiful music! Stories from the heart! Enticing auction items! It must be time for Desert Voices annual Spring Show and Silent Auction Fundraiser! This year's spectacular is "Our True Colors," presented on Saturday, April 16, at The Muse Community Arts Center, 516 N. 5th Avenue in Tucson. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for shopping at the Silent Auction and the show begins at 7:30 p.m.

For its Spring show, the chorus will sing a wide variety of songs with color and rainbow themes. Director Chris Tackett has lovingly presented DV with a gorgeous new jazz arrangement of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," sure to become a DV standard! Other exciting numbers include "De Colores," "Purple People Eater," a funny new arrangement of "Red Roses for a Blue Lady" for Alegria (DV's female barbershop quartet), and many other pieces sure to delight the audience. Local "Rock Star" and DV accompanist, Namoli Brennet, also wrote two new songs for this concert, including the captivating new "Shades of the Rainbow." Chorus members provide inspiration for song choices and stories told from the stage, making this a funny and entertaining show with some personal, poignant moments.

Surrounding the concert will be Desert Voices' exciting annual Silent Auction, with shopping before the show and during intermissions. This year's auction items include a one night stay at Casa De San Pedro, a Classic Territorial Hacienda on ten acres adjacent to the San Pedro River, perfect for hiking and bird-watching. Gift baskets for wine lovers, chocolate lovers and Namoli Brennet lovers will also be offered. Watch this column in coming weeks for featured auction items. A complete list of items donated to date appears on the website at www.desertvoices.org.

Tickets, available at Antigone Books, 411 N 4th Ave, Desert Pride 611 N 4th Ave, or by calling the Desert Voices office at (520) 791-9662, are \$18 in advance. All ticket outlets accept credit cards. Seating for the show is limited, so get your tickets early! Tickets at the door will be \$20 (if available).

For more information about the chorus, their upcoming show, or anything else you'd like to know about Desert



A Great Opportunity ...

Buddy Program



- ▼ Provide emotional support to clients living with HIV/AIDS
- ▼ Learn about yourself while helping others
- ▼ Make a difference in someone's life
- ▼ Next training: February 4th, 5th, and 6th. (Orientation required)

For more information, call Wendy at 628-7223.



P.O. BOX 50733,
TUCSON, AZ 85703
(520) 622-7176 (Voice)
(520) 792-8382 (Fax)

Office Hours: 9a.m.-6p.m.M-F

Office Closed Thursdays

Observer on the World Wide Web :
www.tucsonobserver.com
E-Mail: info@tucsonobserver.com

EDITOR/PUBLISHER:

Bob Ellis

ARTS & GRAPHICS:

Gary Clark

MANAGING EDITOR:

Mark Kerr

Special Events Photos:

Bill Morrow

Amanda Irvine

Horoscope:

Charlene Lichtenstein

Contributing Columnists

MARK R. KERR - LEE THORN

JERRY DIAZ

Publication of names or photos of any person or organization in the OBSERVER is not to be construed as indication of the sexual orientation of such person, organization or advertisers or any employees thereof.

Opinions that are expressed in Letters to the Editor or columns by contributors are not necessarily those of the OBSERVER, its staff or advertisers. OBSERVER assumes responsibility for its own editorial policy only.

Although OBSERVER has many fine advertisers, we do not accept responsibility for any claims made pertaining to their products and/or services.

Permission to reprint (except for separately copyrighted material) is granted when credit is given to the OBSERVER.

Informing the Community
The Observer



Selling...

**Sahuarita,
Rancho Sahuarita, Green
Valley Retirement, Tubac &
the foothill communities
of Madera Canyon**

Brian Kruger

Realtor®

520.918.8158

800.372.3702

briank@longrealty.com

longrealty.com



Santa Fe Tries To Heal In Aftermath Of Gay Bashing

SANTA FE - The postcard-pretty tourist town in New Mexico of is peppered with art galleries, trendy restaurants, and turquoise jewelry shops and calls itself "The City Different" in recognition of its quirkiness, diverse population, and progressive politics, the Associated Press reported on Advocate.com.

But ever since a 21-year-old man was beaten unconscious there by a group of men allegedly yelling anti-Gay slurs, some people are wondering whether the city isn't a little naive about its self-image.

Amyel Oliveros, a Gay 17-year-old, said he thinks twice about the route he takes home from school and worries that his plaid scarf might clue in strangers to his sexuality. "I thought for a while maybe I should act even more straight, but it wasn't me," he said.

Second only to San Francisco in the percentage of same-sex couple households, Santa Fe, population 62,000, promotes itself as a vacation spot for Gays, and a pride celebration fills the Spanish-style plaza each summer. A retirement village to open next year trumpets itself as the only such place in the nation catering mainly to Gay retirees. "I thought I was in a Gay haven, I mean, Santa Fe," Oliveros said.

According to the 2000 Census, nearly 2% of all of the metropolitan area's "coupled households," married or unmarried, are headed by same-sex couples.

The February 27 attack began when a group of young men confronted James Maestas and a male companion outside a restaurant where they had all just eaten. One of the alleged assailants, Gabriel Maturin, told police he became offended when one of the two put his hand

on Maturin's chest.

Then, outside a motel nearby, Maturin saw the two men kissing, and he and another man started pummeling Maestas, according to Maturin's account. The attackers yelled, "Faggots!" among other slurs, according to witnesses. Maestas suffered a broken nose, a concussion, and lung injuries, contracting pneumonia during his recovery at a hospital. His companion, Joshua Stockham, 24, suffered minor injuries.

Maturin, 20, and five others have been charged, including a 17-year-old on probation for raping a 4-year-old boy. All have pleaded not guilty. Tom Clark, Maturin's attorney, said, "I want them tried by the court and the state, not in the court of public opinion, because the court of public opinion is notoriously uninformed."

Prosecutors plan to seek a hate-crime enhancement in all six cases, the first time that provision—which could tack on a year to any sentence—has been sought since it was written into law in 2003. "The community is depressed and outraged, and there's a lot of activity as far as discussing next steps," said Rachel Rosen, a friend of the Maestas family and chairwoman of Equality New Mexico, a Gay rights organization.

A vigil days after the attack drew hundreds of people to the plaza. A sit-in a week later at the state capitol sponsored by the Anti-Homophobia Action Committee drew about two dozen people. A fund to help pay Maestas's hospital bills has collected \$6,500.

Seeking a root cause, some have blamed antiGay language used during the current session of the legislature, where a

measure to ban Gay marriage has been debated. That bill was prompted in part by a New Mexico county clerk's decision to issue marriage licenses last year to about 60 Gay couples. "I can tell you that anywhere that there is antiGay rhetoric and hate speech allowed in our schools and in the legislature, there will be violence," Rosen said.

Now out of the hospital, Maestas has remained out of public view. Friends describe him as a funny, peaceful person who doesn't know how to fight. Susanna Roberts, 17, who shared a backyard fence with him growing up in Santa Fe, visited him in the hospital. "Just because he was Gay," she said, shaking her head. "It's just unbelievable."

U.S. Open Allows Transsexual Golfers

FAR HILLS - The United States Golf Association announced Monday, March 21, it has adopted a new policy that allows transsexual athletes to compete in USGA golf championships, including the upcoming U.S. Women's Open, the PlanetOut Network reported.

The USGA's policy change follows similar rulings made in recent years by the International Olympic Committee, Great Britain's Ladies Golf Union and Women's Golf Australia, all allowing transsexuals to compete.

The USGA's policy, which had stipulated that competitors must be "born female," now states that transsexual athletes are eligible to compete two years after they undergo documented sex reassignment surgery.

"The movement in recognizing the full human rights of individuals who undergo sex reassignment is inevitable," USGA director David Fay told the PlanetOut Network.

"That's not to say it won't be a subject that for some is charged with emotion. For personal or philosophical or religious reasons, some people are just going to slam the door on this. But we wanted to address this and we have," Fay said.

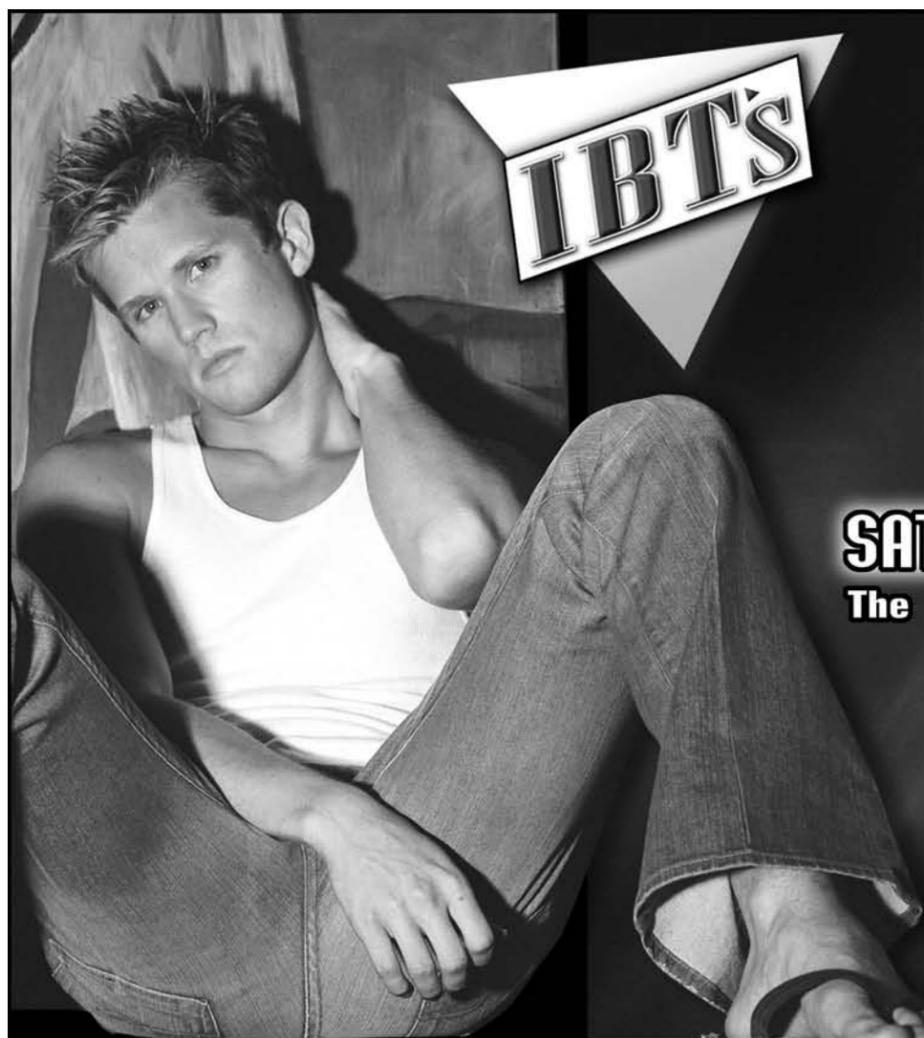
Though the policy is effective

immediately, the USGA is forming a Blue Ribbon committee of medical experts to help the organization develop specific guidelines for including Transgender athletes, he said.

"If the International Olympic Committee is in a position to say that it's OK for transsexual women Olympians to throw the javelin, or shot put or speed skate, then how can one really argue about golf?" said Fay.

The participation of transsexual athletes in professional sports has drawn worldwide attention recently, in large part because of Mianne Bagger, a 38-year old golfer who became the first transsexual woman to compete in a number of recent pro golf tournaments, including last month's Ladies European Tour. Under the USGA's new policy, Bagger is eligible to compete in the U.S. Women's Open this June in Colorado.

"As we see more Transgender people in world-class sports, professional or not, people are going to start understanding that these are the kind of athletes people want in sports," said Mara Keisling, director of the National Center for Transgender Equality. "They're driven, and they tend to be hardworking and very focused. They're not afraid to be who they are supposed to be, and that makes them excellent competitors."



IBT'S

WEDNESDAY at 9pm

THE "DIVALICIOUS" Show
Hosted by **Bunny FuFu & Friends**

SATURDAY at 8:30pm
The SATURDAY STARRLETS
Starring **Janee Starr & Friends**

TROPICAL TUESDAYS
DJ Q Spinning music from the **70s, 80s and 90s** and **\$2.50 Tropical Drinks, 10pm - 2am**

616 N. 4th Avenue 882.3053 • www.ibts.net

TUCSON'S HOTTEST GAY NIGHT CLUB

<p>Daily SPECIALS</p> <p>Hours: Noon - 2am</p> <p>Happy Hour: Noon - 8pm</p>	<p>Sunday</p> <p>Troy's Recovery Bar 12-4pm \$1.75 Mimosas & Bloody Marys</p> <p>Karaoke 4-7pm Beer Bust 5:30-8pm</p> <p>DJ Mike Lopez 2 for 1 Drink Specials 10pm-Clo9se</p>	<p>Monday</p> <p>DJ Mike Lopez Spinning the Hippest Music in Tucson!</p> <p>10pm - Close</p> <p>\$1.50 Well Vodka Drinks</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Tropical Tuesdays with DJ Q spinning music from the 70s, 80s and 90s</p> <p>10pm - Close</p> <p>\$2.50 Tropical Drinks</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>The Best Premier Drag Shows in Town! 9pm</p> <p>The Divalicious Show Starring Bunny FuFu</p> <p>Dance with DJ Q 10:30-Close</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>Boyz Night Out Hot Bar Staff and GoGo Boyz dancing in their underwear</p> <p>10pm - Close</p> <p>\$1.75 Long Islands \$1.50 Tequila Shots</p>	<p>Friday</p> <p>Friday Jazz Night 6pm - 9pm</p> <p>Dance all night with DJ Mike Lopez spinning the best music in town!</p> <p>9pm - 2am</p>	<p>Saturday</p> <p>Rotating Hot Drag Shows each week. 8:30pm - 10pm</p> <p>Party with DJ Q spinning the best music in town!</p> <p>10pm - 2am</p>
---	--	---	---	--	---	---	--

VENTURE-N

TUCSON'S ONLY MEN'S BAR

MONDAY
SKYY MARTINIS 4PM - 8PM



WEDNESDAYS
CUERVO MARGARITAS 4PM - 8PM



THURSDAYS
POOL TOURNAMENT 7PM



SATURDAYS
PATIO BEER BUST 3PM - 7PM
BIG JIM'S HOME-MADE CHILI



SUNDAYS
PATIO BEER BUST 3PM - 7PM
BOSS BURGERS 5PM - 7PM



MEN
CRUISIN' MEN

1239 N. 6TH AVE. TUCSON, AZ 85705 (520)882-8224

In Their Own Words

From the New York Times article, dated March 29, entitled "List of Schiavo Donors Will Be Sold by Direct-Marketing Firm."

The parents of Terri Schiavo have authorized a conservative direct-mailing firm to sell a list of their financial supporters, making it likely that thousands of strangers moved by her plight will receive a steady stream of solicitations from anti-abortion and conservative groups. ...

Pamela Hennessy, an unpaid spokeswoman for the Schindlers, said she was initially appalled when she learned of the list's existence.

"It is possibly the most distasteful thing I have ever seen," Ms. Hennessy said. "Everybody is making a buck off of her."

Ms. Hennessy, who operates the Schindlers' Web site, www.terrisfight.org, said the family had not released any of the names or e-mail addresses gathered there. "Obviously these people are enterprising, and they are taking advantage of this very desperate father," she said.

Then you get this great quote from the father of direct mail, GOP fundraising guru Richard Viguerie:

"I think it sounds a little unusual right now because of the situation where she is in the process of dying," said Richard Viguerie, another major conservative direct-mail operator. "If you came across this information six months or a year from now, I don't think you would give it too much thought."

That's the point. If you did it in six months, it's politics.

Ohio Ban Trips Second Domestic Violence Case

CLEVELAND - A second judge has agreed that the state's new constitutional amendment prohibiting same-sex marriage also weakens the state's domestic violence statute, the PlanetOut Network reported.

On Thursday, March 24, Cleveland Municipal Judge Lauren C. Moore ruled that a man accused of physically abusing his live-in girlfriend could not be charged with domestic violence, because of Issue 1, which voters approved last fall. That amendment to Ohio's constitution says the state cannot give legal status to unmarried couples.

Moore's ruling came one day after another Cuyahoga County judge reached the same conclusion. In that case, where a man was also charged with striking his girlfriend, Judge Stuart Friedman reduced a felony domestic violence charge to a charge of misdemeanor assault.

Ironically, while Issue 1 was designed to deny legal status to same-sex couples, the vague wording of the amendment is now affecting heterosexual couples, as evidenced by the two judges' rulings.

Eric Stern, executive director of the National Stonewall Democrats, the largest group of LGBT Democrats, blamed the Bush administration and others who supported anti-Gay state constitutional amendments that passed in 11 states in November.

"Instead of protecting families, as President Bush and Republicans claimed

these measures would do, these amendments actually undermine the stability of the American family," he said in a press release. "As we see in Ohio, the ramifications of these amendments extend far beyond discrimination against same-sex families."

County prosecutors said they would appeal Friedman's and Moore's decisions.

Camilla Taylor, a staff attorney with Lambda Legal, said not everyone agrees with Friedman's and Moore's legal opinions. She cited another recent ruling where a third Cleveland municipal judge, Ronald Adrine, had come to the opposite conclusion in a similar domestic violence case.

"I think that these cases will be decided ultimately by the Ohio Supreme Court," Taylor told the PlanetOut Network.

Some supporters of Issue 1 said weakening the state's domestic violence law was not what they intended.

Phill Burress, president of Citizens for Community Values, an organization that lobbied for Issue 1, told a Cincinnati television station, "The law the way it's currently written is truly unequal treatment."

He promised to work with state legislators to amend the domestic violence law to fix any inequities.

Navratilova Picked As New Olivia Spokeswoman

NEW YORK - Lesbian tennis star Martina Navratilova, 48, was chosen Wednesday, March 23 as the new spokeswoman for Lesbian travel company Olivia.

Navratilova's one-year contract, which is valued in the six figures, follows Olivia's signing a year ago of golfer Rosie Jones, who, in coordination with the endorsement, announced that she is Gay in an article in The New York Times.

"This is the first deal I've gotten because I am Gay," Navratilova told the newspaper on Wednesday. "Hallelujah."

Navratilova has represented Subaru in the past, and she currently endorses Under Armour clothing and Juiceman

products, according to the newspaper.

"Coming out didn't cost Rosie an endorsement; it got her one," Navratilova told the Times. "And there she was, getting a standing ovation at the Kraft Nabisco. It was nice to see that she had nothing to hide and didn't pretend. I've been fighting this negative connotation of an alternative lifestyle. It's not a choice; it's who you are—about not having to deny anything but to celebrate who you are."

Olivia, a privately owned San Francisco-based company, projects sales of more than \$20 million this year, tripling its revenues from three years ago, the newspaper reported.

Woody's
TUCSON'S VIDEO • SPORTS • CRUISE BAR

Having An April Birthday?
Celebrate Your Birthday at
WOODY'S!!!!!!

SAT APRIL 16TH 9PM

Cake • Balloons
Champagne Toast • Music
(sign up with one of our bartenders)

•••••
Play Croquet or Bocci Ball
Our Grass Sport Court is Now Open

Thirsty Thursday
Featuring \$1 PBR's (Pabst Blue Ribbon)
8 til Close
plus FREE Pool All Day

COMING WED APRIL 13TH
Woody's Sarong/Underwear Party

HOME BAR OF "BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO"
3710 N Oracle Rd • 292.6702 • www.hometown.aol.com/woodystucson



For Gays And Lesbians It Happens ALL The Time

NEW YORK - As the fight over Terri Schiavo's fate played out in court, Gay and Lesbian organizations watched quietly from the sidelines, aware that any outcome would speak to one of the key motivations in their quest for same-sex marriage: the right to make medical decisions for a partner, New York Newsday reported.

It's an issue faced regularly by same-sex couples, and the battle that Michael Schiavo waged with his in-laws as he sought to remove his wife's feeding tube only underscored their difficulties, said David Buckel of the New York-based Gay rights group Lambda Legal.

"It certainly resonates with us," said Buckel, director of marriage-related activities for Lambda Legal. "If folks look at this situation and see that a spouse is struggling to carry out the wishes of his loved one, imagine what folks face when they don't even have access to the spousal relationship because they can't get married."

Just such a situation landed a Lesbian couple in the national spotlight 20 years ago, after a drunk driver slammed into a car driven by Sharon Kowalski, then 27, leaving her comatose. Kowalski's longtime partner, Karen Thompson, then 37, a physical education teacher at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota, sued Kowalski's parents for guardianship after they refused to recognize the women's relationship, blocked Thompson from visiting Kowalski, and disagreed with Thompson on Kowalski's care.

After a bitter legal battle lasting nearly a decade, a court sided with Thompson. She still cares for Kowalski, who emerged from her coma with severe brain damage and other physical problems.

Gay-rights groups had hoped the case would mark a turning point in their effort to have more say over partners' medical treatment, but it hasn't always worked that way. While some states such as California, Vermont and New Jersey grant medical decision-making rights to registered domestic partners, most, including New York, offer limited rights or none at all.

Partners of Gay hospital patients often can't even visit, much less make life-and-death decisions for their loved ones, particularly if blood relatives object, said Carissa Cunningham of Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, a Boston-based group.

GLAD is representing several couples in a lawsuit to try to force the Connecticut Department of Public Health

to recognize same-sex marriage. Two of the women involved, Carol Conklin, 51, and Janet Peck, 53, of Colchester, Conn., have been together nearly 30 years but say they still are not ensured access to each other in the hospital.

After Peck underwent major surgery, Conklin was initially denied permission to visit her in intensive care. When she identified herself as Peck's partner, the attending nurse said she did not know what that meant. Conklin was not allowed to designate herself Peck's next of kin during another hospitalization.

"It's very routine. It happens all the time," said Cunningham.

Such cases rarely make headlines, but they are no less tragic than the Schiavos' situation.

Two years ago, a Baltimore jury rejected a claim by Bill Flanigan, 38, of San Francisco, who sued Baltimore's Shock Trauma Center of the University of Maryland medical system after it did not let him visit his partner, 32-year-old Robert Daniel, as he died of AIDS. "By the time he finally got into the hospital room, his partner had lost consciousness and never regained it, and they never had a chance to say goodbye," said Buckel.

The hospital denied the accusations of discrimination.

Two of the women involved in the landmark lawsuit that led the Massachusetts Supreme Court to clear the way for same-sex marriages last year said they were prompted by medical concerns. When 59-year-old Linda Davies learned that she required double hip replacement surgery, she and her partner of more than 30 years, Gloria Bailey, 63, discovered that there was no guarantee Bailey would be allowed unfettered access to Davies during her 11-day recovery.

"Some hospitals said they could not guarantee Gloria would be allowed in," said Davies, who lives with Bailey in Orleans, Mass., and queried several hospitals before choosing one for the operation. "We realized how much we really needed to be married when I went into the hospital. That's when we realized how vulnerable we were."

Opponents of Gay marriage say same-sex couples can opt to register as domestic partners or enter civil unions, but such partnerships don't always include the power to make major medical decisions for each other.

In addition, because such rights differ by state, there is no guarantee that a couple will be able to share in each other's medical decisions should disaster strike far from home. Flanigan and Daniel, for example, were from California, but they were in Maryland when Daniel fell ill.

And Gay activists say even if they have gone through the legal machinations of having their partners declared health-care proxies, hospitals might be unfamiliar with such rights or simply refuse to respect them. If the partners don't happen to be carrying the paperwork to prove their status, they can similarly be refused their rights, said Buckel.

**CARD ADS IN THE
RESOURCE SECTION
OF THE OBSERVER
GET RESULTS**



Howl at the Moon

sports pub & dance club

915 W. Prince Rd.
1st stoplight west of Oracle
SW corner of Prince & Fairview
293-7339
howlatthemoontucson.com

Coyote /koyoti, koyot/ noun (pl. same or coyotes) a wolf-like wild dog native to North America. — ORIGIN Nahuatl.

King NOUN 1 the male ruler of an independent state, especially one who inherits the position by birth. 2 the best or most important person or thing in a sphere or group. 3 a playing card bearing a representation of a king, ranking next below an ace. 4 the most important chess piece, which the opponent has to checkmate in order to win. — DERIVATIVES kingly adjective kingship noun. — ORIGIN Old English, related to KIN.

Koyote King noun 1 a female dressing and performing as a male for entertainment, native to Howl at the Moon, 915 W. Prince Road

Interested? Meeting on Thursday, April 7th, 6:30 pm



Douglas J. Newman, P.C.

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Corporations · Limited Liability Companies · General Business
Wills · Trusts · Estate & Estate Tax Planning · Probate

3131 North Country Club Road, Suite 203 · Tucson, Arizona 85716
Phone 520-325-2053 · Fax 520-325-2274 · Email TucsonAtty@aol.com

MODERN, CONTEMPORARY or CLASSIC Sun Lighting has your style



SUN LIGHTING

Dazzling Tucson Since 1953

Lighting • Ceiling Fans • Furnishings • Accessories

322-4303

4545 E. Broadway • Tucson, Arizona



Request Line

622-5924

KXCI.ORG

**91.3 FM
TUCSON**

U.S. AIDS Grove To Get 'Burnt Forest' Area

SAN FRANCISCO - Trustees of the National AIDS Memorial Grove in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, the only federally recognized memorial to the AIDS pandemic, have selected a design for the centerpiece of the seven-acre space, the PlanetOut Network reported.

The winning design, announced Wednesday, March 23, is called "Living Memorial." The design is reminiscent of the regrowth after a forest fire, with black carbon fiber rods with mirrored tips suggesting burnt trees. The park would also feature a charred wood deck and a burned bark-like walkway in an attempt to evoke a sense of "loss and renewal."

"It conveys the magnitude of the pandemic without resorting to statistics and names, which is impossible," Ken Ruebush, co-chair of the competition, told the San Francisco Chronicle. "AIDS is not pretty. AIDS is something that has reached incredibly devastating proportions. What the national memorial should do is help people understand that in a visceral way."

"I think it's something more powerful than we could have come up on our own. That's why we hosted the competition — to get ideas," Ruebush told the PlanetOut Network.

The architects behind the design, Janette Kim and Chloe Town of New York, beat 201 designs from 24 countries and 21 states.

Judge Refuses To Hire Yale Law Grads Over Gay Policy

NEW HAVEN - A federal judge in Alabama has announced he will not consider Yale Law students for clerkships to protest the university's policy of limiting military recruiters' access to students, the Associated Press reported on 365Gay.com.

William M. Acker Jr., a senior judge with the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama in Birmingham and a 1952 graduate of Yale Law School, has written to Yale Law School Dean Harold Hongju Koh about his decision.

"Please consider this an act of loyalty to YLS," Acker wrote.

A federal judge ruled in January that a federal law requiring universities to let military recruiters on campus violates the school's constitutional right to free speech. Immediately after the ruling, Yale's law school returned to its decades-old policy of banning military recruiters.

The school, which temporarily halted that policy in 2002 to avoid losing federal funding, requires recruiters to sign a nondiscrimination pledge to prevent anti-Gay bias.

Koh said Acker is the only judge he knows of who has acted against Yale in that way.

"I regret that one of our judicial alumni is not permitting our students to work with and gain the benefits of his view," he said. "I hope he will reconsider."

Military recruiters are not barred from the campus, but they are not included in the law school's job interview program. The school's policy was unchallenged for years, even after the 1995 passage of the Solomon Amendment that allows the Pentagon to cut funding to

"There were five finalists," Ruebush said. "There were four who essentially tied for second."

"One design was essentially proposing 25 polished metal spheres of different sizes representing each year the pandemic has been in the US. They were sized proportionally to the death toll of each year," Ruebush added. While Ruebush thought it was a powerful design, he thought the design's dependence on statistics and focus on the United States did not make it a winning entry.

While the formal presentation of the winning design is set for next Friday, April 1, "Living Memorial" will face hurdles before construction begins.

"The board has committed to this being the winning entry of the competition, but they want to do a feasibility study. The ballpark figure for that is \$2 million," said Thom Weyand, co-chair of the National AIDS Memorial design competition. "If the feasibility study comes out favorable, then we could have something going on within two years," Weyand added, cautioning that all these numbers were "ballpark figures."

Other people are not enthusiastic about the new design. Board member Jack Porter told the San Francisco Chronicle he considered himself one of the "old-timers" who doesn't think the space needs a "spicy" addition. "The whole grove is the marker," he said.

schools that prohibit or prevent military recruiters' access to students.

Acker said he will continue to refuse Yale law students for clerkships "until YLS changes its mind" or until the courts rule that the Solomon Act is constitutional and enforceable by the government.

He also wrote that he is "exercising the same freedom of speech" that Hall protected for the Yale Law School faculty.

"Some of my very best law clerks have been from the law school from which I proudly graduated," Acker wrote. "I thereby recognize that this publicly announced decision will hurt me more than the allowing of military recruiters would hurt YLS."

A clerk in Acker's office told The Hartford Courant that the judge would not comment on his letter.

Acker, 77, was nominated to the federal bench by President Ronald Reagan in 1982.

Carl C. Monk, executive director of the Association of American Law Schools, said in the 15 years he has been with the organization he has not heard of a judge withholding employment from an entire law school.

"I certainly regret that any employer would refuse to consider students that graduate from a school that has chosen to exclude discriminatory employers, whether that employer be the military or any other," he said.



**SATURDAY,
April 2
BREAKFAST
10:00 a.m.**
====
**SUNDAY,
April 3
STEAK DINNER
7:00 p.m.**



**YARD
DOG
SALOON**
2449 N Stone
Tucson, AZ 85705
520-624-3858

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS
SCHOOL OF THEATRE ARTS
ARIZONA REPERTORY THEATRE

In association with
HARRIS.
producer sponsor

**Free Preview with
the Cast on April 9 at**

8:30 p.m. IBT's
9:30 p.m. Colors Food & Spirits
11:00 p.m. Ain't Nobody's Bizness

**THE
ROCKY
HORROR
SHOW!**

BOOK, MUSIC AND LYRICS BY RICHARD O'BRIEN

It's the campiest cult classic horror-musical comedy of them all. This is not a movie; they might just yell something back!

Sexual content and language.
Audience participation encouraged.

Laboratory Theatre
April 8 to May 1, 2005
621-1162

**Let's Do the
Time Warp
Again!**

BOOK STORES
production sponsor
KUAZ
media sponsor



A New Age Of Prepackaged News:

Little Oversight: TV's Code Of Ethics With Uncertain Weight

NEW YORK - "Clearly disclose the origin of information and label all material provided by outsiders."

Those words are from the code of ethics of the Radio-Television News Directors Association, the main professional society for broadcast news directors in the United States. Some stations go further, all but forbidding the use of any outside material, especially entire reports. And spurred by embarrassing publicity last year about Karen Ryan, the news directors association is close to proposing a stricter rule, said its executive director, Barbara Cochran, reported the New York Times.

Whether a stricter ethics code will have much effect is unclear; it is not hard to find broadcasters who are not adhering to the existing code, and the association has no enforcement powers.

The Federal Communications Commission does, but it has never disciplined a station for showing government-made news segments without disclosing their origin, a spokesman said.

Could it? Several lawyers experienced with F.C.C. rules say yes. They point to a 2000 decision by the agency, which stated, "Listeners and viewers are entitled to know by whom they are being persuaded."

In interviews, more than a dozen station news directors endorsed this view without hesitation. Several expressed disdain for the prepackaged segments they received daily from government agencies, corporations and special interest groups who wanted to use

their airtime and credibility to sell or influence.

But when told that their stations showed government-made reports without attribution, most reacted with indignation. Their stations, they insisted, would never allow their news programs to be co-opted by segments fed from any outside party, let alone the government.

"They're inherently one-sided, and they don't offer the possibility for follow-up questions - or any questions at all," said Kathy Lehmann Francis, until recently the news director at WDRB, the Fox affiliate in Louisville, Ky.

Yet records from Video Monitoring Services of America indicate that WDRB has broadcast at least seven Karen Ryan segments, including one for the government, without disclosing their origin to viewers.

Mike Stutz, news director at KGTU, the ABC affiliate in San Diego, was equally opposed to putting government news segments on the air.

"It amounts to propaganda, doesn't it?" he said.

Again, though, records from Video Monitoring Services of America show that from 2001 to 2004 KGTU ran at least one government-made segment featuring Ms. Ryan, 5 others featuring her work on behalf of corporations, and 19 produced by corporations and other outside organizations. It does not appear that KGTU viewers were told the origin of these 25 segments.

"I thought we were pretty solid," Mr. Stutz said, adding that they intend to take more precautions.

Confronted with such evidence, most news directors were at a loss to explain how the segments made it on the air. Some said they were unable to find archive tapes that would help answer the question. Others promised to look into it, then stopped returning telephone messages. A few removed the segments from their Web sites, promised greater vigilance in the future or pleaded ignorance.

On Sept. 11, 2002, WHBQ, the Fox affiliate in Memphis, marked the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks with an uplifting report on how assistance from the United States was helping to liberate the women of Afghanistan.

Tish Clark, a reporter for WHBQ, described how Afghan women, once barred from schools and jobs, were at last emerging from their burkas, taking up jobs as seamstresses and bakers, sending daughters off to new schools, receiving decent medical care for the first time and even participating in a fledgling democracy. Her segment included an interview with an Afghan teacher who recounted how the Taliban only allowed boys to attend school. An Afghan doctor described how the Taliban refused to let male physicians treat women.

In short, Ms. Clark's report seemed to corroborate, however modestly, a central argument of the Bush foreign policy, that forceful American intervention abroad was spreading freedom, improving lives and winning friends.

What the people of Memphis were not told, though, was that the interviews

used by WHBQ were actually conducted by State Department contractors. The contractors also selected the quotes used from those interviews and shot the video that went with the narration. They also wrote the narration, much of which Ms. Clark repeated with only minor changes.

As it happens, the viewers of WHBQ were not the only ones in the dark.

Ms. Clark, now Tish Clark Dunning, said in an interview that she, too, had no idea the report originated at the State Department. "If that's true, I'm very shocked that anyone would false report on anything like that," she said.

How a television reporter in Memphis unwittingly came to narrate a segment by the State Department reveals much about the extent to which government-produced news accounts have seeped into the broader new media landscape.

The explanation begins inside the White House, where the president's communications advisers devised a strategy after Sept. 11, 2001, to encourage supportive news coverage of the fight against terrorism. The idea, they explained to reporters at the time, was to counter charges of American imperialism by generating accounts that emphasized American efforts to liberate and rebuild Afghanistan and Iraq.

An important instrument of this strategy was the Office of
Continued on Page Fourteen

NEW HOURS - TUES-THURS 4-11 FRI & SAT 4-2AM (SERVING TO 11) SUNDAY 11-11

TUCSON'S BEST GAY DINING EXPERIENCE

LUCINDA HOLLIDAY WELCOMES PHEADRA

AMBER NORGARRD PERFORMS LIVE FRIDAYS 6:30-9:30

SATURDAY KARAOKE 10pm-2am

SUNDAY BRUNCH 11-2 NEW ITEMS & WEEKLY SPECIALS

COLORS FOOD & SPIRITS

COLORSTUCSON.COM 520.323.1840

NO COVER

COLORED DOLLS
A Brand New Show from Tucson's Own Queen of Comedy Lucinda Holliday
Every Friday 10pm
A New Guest Every Week!
Dinner & Show Reservations Requested
5305 E. Speedway (520) 323-1840 colors@colorstucson.com

POLITICS 2005

by Mark R. Kerr

‘The Big Theocratic Picture’

Without fanfare, discussion, debate, floor amendments, motions and any controversy - nary of word, on Thursday, March 24, the Republican controlled Arizona Senate Committee of the Whole approved HCM (House Concurrent Memorial) 2005, the legislative memorial, also known as the “post card,” urging their fellow wingnuts in the U.S. Congress to pass an amendment to the U.S. Constitution banning same-sex marriage.

Their wishes were heard by fellow Republican wingnut Congressman, Dan Lungren, the former Attorney General from California, who introduced House Joint Resolution (H.J. Res.) 39 on March 17, and if approved, would: define marriage in the United States shall consist only of a legal union of one man and one woman; prohibit courts of the United States or of any State shall have jurisdiction to determine whether this Constitution or the constitution of any State requires that the legal incidents of marriage be conferred upon any union other than a legal union between one man and one woman; and, prevent States shall be required to give effect to any public act, record, or judicial proceeding of any other State concerning a union between persons of the same sex that is treated as a marriage, or as having the legal incidents of marriage, under the laws of such other State.

Lungren’s opus is similar to proposals that were passed in several states, such as Michigan and Ohio, to name two of the thirteen which approved measures in 2004, but it won’t stop there since it isn’t the entire, big, theocratic picture these fundamentalist wingnuts truly desire.

Following the lead of such States as Illinois and Mississippi, naming two States, the Republican controlled Michigan House of Representatives approved a bill, that would allow doctors to refuse to treat Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) patients. Another bill approved by the Michigan House would exempt a health insurer or health facility from providing or covering a health care procedure that violated ethical, moral or religious principles reflected in their bylaws or mission statement. Still on the Wolverine State, with the passage of Michigan’s discriminatory marriage amendment, medical and dental benefits that state workers with domestic partners had under contract were rescinded a by the state government under threat of a lawsuit.

In the Buckeye State, Ohio, thanks to their hate amendment, the State no longer has a domestic violence law, thanks to two court cases involving two men, charged with domestic violence, attacking their live in girlfriends and it doesn’t stop there, since custody arrangements of children in the state are in limbo thanks to recent court action, in which the amendment was used to get agreements thrown out, since the two couples weren’t “married.”

Following the lead of Alabama, Oklahoma and Georgia, measure to ban books written by GLBT authors or that deal with homosexuality are going through their legislatures. Georgia’s legislature is also considering bills rescinding city anti-discrimination ordinances if the measures have provisions protecting GLBT residents and a measure forcing GLBT youth, who may not be “out” to get their parents written

permission before joining a Gay-Straight Alliance group in their school.

Then there is the theocratic State of Arizona, where talk about sexually transmission diseases is prohibited but the wingnut legislators want to increase the punishment for spreading them. Homosexuality cannot be presented in any positive light, under state law, and attempts to prohibit adoption by Gays and Lesbians have been an annual event. Following the lead of other states mentioned, Arizona is passing a measure allowing pharmacists to not fill prescriptions for birth control bills if it goes against their religious beliefs. If the Arizona wingnuts have their way, they would even regulate the use of inhalers for asthmatic students.

Under the big theocratic picture, the courts, the judicial branch of government would be damned since citizens, losing the ability to have their issues addressed by the legislative branches, would also lose access to have their grievances addressed and to cite the example of this, the Schiavo case, in which the Republican controlled wingnut Congress, led by Tom “I pulled the plug on my daddy” DeLay took the improper and probably unconstitutional actions in the matter, overriding court decisions by 32 judges, for which Dubya flew back from yet another vacation to sign the legislation that the partisan “putsch” presented the “Occupier & Thief.” Now if Dubya had done the same thing in August of 2001 with that Presidential Daily Briefing about Osama’s determination to strike within the U.S. but digressing!

States rights, as well as the rights set down in the Constitution, federal or otherwise be damned, since they are not part of the fundamentalist wingnuts, big, theocratic picture, entitled “the culture of life.” It’s time to get involved and re-paint the political canvas.

Army Recruitment Bottoms Out

Continued from Page One

The bill was filed by Rep. Marty Meehan (D-MA) in the House of Representatives. The measure has more than 50 Congressional co-sponsors. Rep. Meehan is also a member of the House Armed Services Committee, as are 7 co-sponsors of the legislation.

A study done by the Government Accountability Office shows that more than 10,000 service members have been discharged over the last 10 years under the policy and that it has cost taxpayers more than \$200 million to recruit replacements for LGBT enlisted service members who were discharged.



Energy, endurance
& a healthy body that looks good!

Safe effective exercise • Practical nutrition you can live with

272-7593

Deitrich Dianne Benjamin, CPT
Personal Training to Fit your Lifestyle
www.deitrich-fitness.com

2 for 1
Fitness Assessment*
Offer valid through March 2005
*Same visit only.

No Gym Fees • Eat and Drink Creatively • Flexible Hours • Call for an appointment today!



Steve Barreto
Loan Officer

7400 N. Oracle, Suite 115
Tucson, Arizona 85704

(520) 544-3999 *Phone*
(520) 544-6585 *Direct*
(520) 544-8004 *Fax*
(520) 548-2381 *Cellular*



MICHAEL & BRADFORD HULTQUIST
MEXICAN SCANDINAVIANS
Proprietors
WE SERVE WONDERFUL MEXICAN FOOD
SELECTED WINES & BEER

231 E. 26th St. Tucson, Arizona

PH: 622-9534

**Law Offices of
Laura G. Schoenfeld**

Keeping our
community healthy...

legally

520-514-8383
845 S. Craycroft Road
Tucson AZ 85711

Wills Trusts Partnership Agreements Bankruptcy Real Estate



10%

of my gross income generated by members & friends of the Gay & Lesbian Community will be donated to local AIDS service organizations.

Dean Groth, CRS, GRI
Vice President
520-918-5159 • 800-279-2211
dgroth@longrealty.com



Ending the violence.

The Wingspan Anti-Violence Project is a community initiative to assist lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender victims of discrimination, domestic violence, sexual assault and hate crimes.

Call the Anti-Violence Project
24-Hour Crisis Line at 520-624-0348,
or toll-free 1-800-553-9387.



Southern Arizona's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center

www.wingspan.org

Bring your old records & tapes into the 21st Century

Only **\$18.95**
with this coupon
regularly \$24.95



Convert your old favorites into modern, reliable compact discs
+ Free basic cleanup & CD label

Up to 14 tracks or 45 minutes maximum.
Modest additional charge for each additional track.
Extended audio adjustments available at extra charge.
For personal use only, subject to copyright restrictions.

Memories Anew
3210 E. Ft. Lowell Rd., Ste. 107
795-3443 • memoriesanew.com

Photo restoration, too - free quotes

Denial Of Marriage Costs Same-Sex Couples Thousands A Year

NEW YORK - As millions of married couples are signing and sending off their tax returns prior to the April 15 tax day deadline a new study shows that same-sex couples face widespread economic disparities and hardships because they are denied equal marriage rights, 365Gay.com reported.

The report focuses on the state of Connecticut which is considering civil unions after support for a Gay marriage bill dwindled in the legislature.

The study, prepared by Terence R. Dougherty an attorney with Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler LLP, a New York City law firm, was released Thursday, March 24, by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute and Love Makes a Family of Connecticut.

Titled Economic Benefits of Marriage under Federal and Connecticut Law it is the first comprehensive analysis of the disparities same-sex couples in Connecticut face in federal and state income tax, Social Security benefits, gift tax, estate tax, worker's compensation, and line of duty death benefits.

Two same-sex couples residing in Connecticut are profiled to show the real-life costs to them and their children of not being able to marry.

One of the couples profiled in the report, Stephen Rinaldi and Andre Kreft, both in their early 50s, earn a total of about \$75,000 per year and pay \$2,689 (25%) more each year in state and federal income taxes than a married couple earning the same amount because they cannot file a joint return.

The analysis also found that if Stephen, a Connecticut state employee, died as a result of an injury at work, his spouse by marriage would receive \$2,862 per month (\$34,344 per

year) in workers' compensation benefits. However, because Stephen and Andre cannot marry, Andre would receive nothing.

The study takes this analysis one step further by estimating the aggregate lifetime economic detriment felt by same-sex couples because they are unable to marry.

For example, the total economic liability to Stephen and Andre—aggregated over their expected lifetimes and including lost income taxes, Social Security spousal and survivor benefits—will be at least \$212,176, not counting the absent investment returns on potentially saved taxed dollars.

If Stephen died with a \$2 million estate that was subsequently transferred to Andre, the estate tax liability Andre would have to pay would raise the aggregate lifetime economic detriment for the couple up to \$751,101. If they were married, they would face none of these liabilities.

Lawrence B. and Daniel R., the second couple in Connecticut profiled in the study, have been together for 22 years and are raising three adopted children.

Lawrence is the main breadwinner, and Daniel is a stay-at-home father who currently has no income and therefore may be ineligible to receive Social Security retirement benefits.

Under federal law, a married spouse is entitled to receive up to half the amount of his or her spouse's Social Security retirement benefits.

However, because they cannot marry, upon retirement age Lawrence and Daniel's combined monthly Social Security retirement benefit will be \$1,030 less per month (\$12,360 less per year) than it would be if they were able to legally marry. Additionally, if they were legally married, and Lawrence died before reaching retirement age, Daniel's Social Security survivor benefit would be \$1,952 per month or \$23,424 per year. However, because they can not marry, Daniel would receive nothing.

"Same-sex couples pay more in taxes and get fewer protections and benefits in return," said Matt Foreman, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"These injustices aren't hypothetical. They are being inflicted right now on hard-working, tax paying Connecticut couples, often at times of family tragedy and loss."

Even if same-sex couples in Connecticut were allowed to marry they would be subject to the federal Defense of Marriage Act which does not allow them to receive federal benefits. However, many believe DOMA to be unconstitutional, and it is possible that in the future

DOMA will be struck down or repealed.

It is also possible that a President and Congress more supportive of equal rights for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender people will afford these federal protections to married same-sex couples.

While same-sex couples in Connecticut would not be able to immediately access those federal protections, if they are allowed to marry they have the potential to access these protections in the future. However, if same-sex couples are only allowed to form civil unions, under the current legal framework they would never be able to access any federal benefits or protections Foreman said.

Gay Nudist Cruise Ship Prevented From Entering St. Kitts

BASSETERRE - A cruise ship carrying Gay and nudist passengers was temporarily stopped and prevented from entering the Caribbean country of St. Kitts and Nevis on Wednesday, March 23, a company official said, the Associated Press reported on Advocate.com.

A Windjammer Barefoot Cruises ship carrying 110 passengers was stopped by local authorities off the smaller island of Nevis early Wednesday morning, said Shannon Manno, vice president of sales for the Miami Beach, Fla.-based company.

"Local authorities told cruise ship employees that they had concerns about letting the ship in because it was a Gay and nudist cruise," Manno said. "We're working on resolving the issue with higher authorities in the St. Kitts and Nevis government because this type of cruise has been there before."

An official at the St. Kitts Tourism Authority could not confirm or deny the report but said Gay cruises have

come to the former British colony in the past. "We have had Gay passengers and cruise ships, and there has never been any problem in the past," said Randolph Hamilton, a senior manager at the tourism authority.

The ship had previously stopped in St. Maarten and Anguilla, and there were no problems, said Sharon Kersten, a publicist for Miami-based event production company Source Events, which organized the cruise. "The passengers can be nude while the ship is at sea, but once they come to shore they obviously have to be clothed," Kersten said.

The ship is the S.V. Polynesia, a 248-foot schooner, and most of the passengers aboard are Americans, she said. St. Kitts and Nevis has a population of about 40,000.



TUCSON RESOURCES - TUCSON RESOURCES - TUCSON RESOURCES

Concept 100 Realty, Inc.
Manny Maldonado
 MOBILE (520) 861-5464
 HM OFC. (520) 624-5805
 FAX (520) 624-0987
 CONCEPT 100 REALTY, INC. 3446 N. COUNTRY CLUB RD. TUCSON, AZ 85716

Steve Wagner, MSW, CISW
 Individual & Couple Psychotherapy

 5210 E. Pima, #105
 Tucson, Arizona 85712
 520-629-9166

"We take good care of your pets when you can't!"

 sitting walking clean-up
 licensed bonded insured
 520-240-1291
 www.azsitnstay.com

Century 21 Heritage Realty
 Del Sutton, GRI, CRS REALTOR®
 The Spirit of Enthusiasm
 4811 E. Sunrise Drive, Ste 143
 Tucson, Arizona 85718-4567
 Office (520) 622-4663
 Toll Free (877) 717-4700
 Fax (520) 623-0662
 Each Office is Independently Owned And Operated

LONG REALTY COMPANY SINCE 1922

Vidaur G. Moreno
 call: 520.403.3838
 direct: 520.918.6319
Marco A. Barajas
 call: 520.904.0034
 direct: 520.407.7840
 Toll Free: 800.551.1253

A Day N* Nite Salon & Spa
 A Full Service Salon & Spa
ABRAHAM
 Cosmetologist
 3916 E. Ft. Lowell Rd
 Tucson Az, 85712
 S/E Corner of Alvernon & Fort Lowell
 Phone: (520) 795-1745 (Cell) 270-4123
 E-mail: tigereye2@hotmail.com

CHARTER FUNDING

Deborah Blackburn
 Senior Loan Officer
 OFFICE 520.615.7780
 TOLL FREE 1.888.744.5100
 FAX 520.901.7915
 MOBILE 520.449.6919
 Pager 520.712.2235
 E-MAIL: debbie.blackburn@charterfunding.com
 6860 E. SUNRISE RD., SUITE 110 • TUCSON, AZ 85750

PRESIDIO Hair Nail Tanning Salon
Ed Thibeault
 985 N. Alvernon Way
 Tucson, AZ 85711
 520-321-9626
 The Time For Change Has Come

Ralph E. Geror Jr.
Accounting and Business Consulting
 Phone (520) 325-2526 FAX (520) 319-9640

NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

Sonora Review

The SONORA REVIEW "is run entirely by students in the MFA program at the University of Arizona." And I'm not the kind of guy who would pick up a journal edited by academics and expect it to contain non-academic stuff. That would be unreasonable.

Academic writing, as every schoolboy knows, does not attempt to confuse, challenge or offend the nice moms and dads who write the tuition checks. Political poems inspired by Marx and sex poems inspired by one's roommate are not to be expected.

The question becomes, given academic reality, what can one reasonably expect from an effort like SONORA REVIEW? Issue 45, from "early 2004," contains poems, two stories, an interview, a memoir and a review.

Let's start with the poetry, safe academic stuff but we expected that. What's striking about the poems is that they all seem to have been written in one voice. The differences in manners of speaking that so obviously and immediately allow you to distinguish a note left you by your mother from one left you by your brother are missing. These poems read like they could well have come from a single poet.

Seven lines randomly chosen from the first seven poems will perhaps make my point: "to yet was an epitaph, a car heaving" "same graying beard, basset hound eyes. Sometimes" "the up-all-night face of singles tennis" "schizophrenic laugh. In the buckled-out legs of" "arabesquing in its cogent walls" "and I do it half-heartedly, embarrassing" "ways blood proclaims our ugly biology"

I won't characterize this pervasive voice other than to say that there's nothing terribly wrong with it. I'll simply say that SONORA REVIEW would be a vastly more interesting publication if it could find a variety, preferably a wide variety, of voices.

The most successful offering of this issue is a story called "The One-to-one" by Joshua Owen. It's about a hospice caregiver who quits his job to become the companion and drinking partner of his patient. The story raises interesting issues about caregiving and the process of dying, but it succeeds in more ways than just being interesting.

It's first success is that it makes you care about what happens to it's characters. Secondly, it makes you continue to think about it's issues after you've finished reading. Without explicitly addressing the issue, the story made me think of the amazing variety of human death, from the instant one that the dead person may never be aware of to the painful one drawn out over a decade. "The One-to one" engages both heart and head.

The interview with a writer in this issue is an embarrassment. I can't count the number of interviews with writers I've read that

asked essentially the same questions and got essentially the same answers. This is the kind of pap you expect from PEOPLE MAGAZINE.

The memoir, "Fridays at Larak" by Saideh Pakravan, is that of an Iranian aristocrat basking in an estate north of Tehran. It proves, if anything, that basking isn't a very promising activity from which to make compelling literature. Struggling and suffering and longing are all much better bets than basking.

Pakravan uses the phrase "remembrance of things past," a phrase famously associated with another aristocratic writer named Proust whose endlessly self-indulgent meanderings have clearly had a deleterious effect on this memoir.

Michael Rerick writes a review of Loren Goodman's FAMOUS AMERICANS that lavishly praises the book while giving the reader enough information to make an independent judgment of it. Rerick tells us that "... the shining poems are 'High Waves Drifter' and 'Who Would Win.' The former is the old west transported underwater... with such wordplays as 'Billy the Squid,' 'Butch Bassy,' and 'the Sunfish Kid.'" The review, quite taken with the work, tells me enough to conclude that I'd likely find it childish and banal in the extreme.

The story by Vinnie Wilhelm, "A Piece of the Continent," fails because it takes a tired genre, the shipboard romance, and adds nothing to it. The work explicitly mentions "the tacit bargain of the shipboard romance." The author says that his hero is aware of the bargain. For anyone who doesn't own a TV, the bargain is that sex on board is casual but ends with the trip.

It's hard to care about Wilhelm's hero because he demands that which he knows damn well he has no right to expect. The story fails to be thought provoking because we grown taps already know that simply demanding something doesn't give us a right to it.

SONORA REVIEW #45 is available at Readers Oasis at 3400 F. Speedway, one of my favorite bookstores.

[Thorn welcomes comments, suggestions for future columns, and tips on local skulduggery that ought to be exposed. Write to Box 85571, Tucson, AZ 85754. E-mail: Doid3@aol.com]

Safe Sex



Is Bringing Men Together

DESERT VOICES

Building Bridges 2004-2005

Our True Colors!

Desert Voices' Annual Cabaret and Silent Auction

One Night Only!

Saturday, April 16th, 2005 • 7:30 pm

(doors open at 6:30)

Tickets: \$18 /advance • \$20/door

The Muse Community Arts Center

516 North 5th Avenue

(across from Wingspan)

This concert is ASL interpreted.



Tickets available at Antigone's, Desert Pride, or by calling Desert Voices at 791-9662



Desert Voices

For more info log on to www.desertvoices.org

Massage Dynamics

Your Partner in Life Long Healing

Invites You To use Your

Personal Discount Card

50% off

New Client Treatment



Treatment Includes

- One full hour Treatment
- Sport massage
- Myofascial Release
- Relaxation or Therapeutic*
- Reflexology*
- Swedish*

For an Appointment Call

520-730-8721

Or

Natural Life Chiropractic

131 East Speedway

Tucson, Arizona 85706

520-740-1718

Nation's Drug Companies Accused Of Gay Bashing

ASHINGTON, D.C. - The largest pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies in the country - among them the major makers of HIV/AIDS drugs - are the main sponsors of an attack ad that slams the AARP over Social Security by attempting to link the AARP to same-sex marriage, reported 365Gay.com.

The ads were produced for USA Next, a public advocacy group whose members have been linked to the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth ads that challenged the war record of last November's Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry.

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) is one of USA Next's biggest financial supporters.

Monday, March 28, forty Gay and Lesbian public officials from around the country called on (PhRMA) members to repudiate the gratuitous political Gay bashing by USA Next, an organization funded primarily by PhRMA.

"We refer to the attack on the AARP by the organization now known as USA Next in which USA Next sought to discredit AARP's views on the important question of Social Security by asserting that AARP advocated the recognition of same-sex marriages," the LGBT officials said in a letter to PhRMA.

"Leaving aside the apparent inaccuracy of this characterization of AARP's position, what is left is the effort by this organization, which you have helped fund, to use support for the rights of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people as a weapon in a controversy which is in fact entirely unrelated to it."

The letter calls on PhRMA members to disavow the USA Next ads saying, "we hope that you will, as a company, express your disagreement with this effort to use the question of the rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered people as a club in a debate."

One of the signatories was US Rep. Barney Frank.

"I have no reason to believe that this attempt to scapegoat GLBT individuals reflects the views of PhRMA's member companies," said Rep. Frank. "But since PhRMA has helped pay for this advertising by USA Next, we think it is appropriate to ask them to repudiate this act and to take steps to prevent its repetition."

Among the members of PhRMA are 3M Pharmaceuticals, Abbott Laboratories, Bayer Corporation, Biogen. Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Eli Lilly, GE Healthcare, GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson, Merck and Procter & Gamble.

"Degrading millions of Gay and Lesbian families is a sad way for any person or organization to get their message out," said Chuck Wolfe, president & CEO of the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund and Leadership Institute.

"Gay and Lesbian officials at every level of government, numbering almost 300 in the U.S. today, speak with a unified voice to condemn these practices and remind groups that stirring homophobia is both an offensive and ineffective way to change public opinion and public policy."

USA Next is also being sued by the Gay couple whose picture was used in the ad.

M. Raymen and Steven P. Hansen are seeking \$25 million in damages. The photo was taken by a Portland Tribune photographer when the couple married in Portland last year. USA Next used the picture without the couple's permission or obtaining rights from the Tribune.

The ad features two photos, one of a soldier and one with a picture of two men in tuxedos kissing. The picture of the soldier has an X over it. The one of Raymen and Hansen has a checkmark. The ad has the caption "The real AARP agenda."

The ads were produced to support President Bush's call for reforms to Social Security.

AMA Head Apologizes For

NEW YORK - The president of the American Medical Association (AMA) has apologized for remarks in which he likened Gays to coca cola or rape, 365Gay.com reported.

In an interview last month with the Westchester Journal News AMA President John Nelson defended New York Medical College's decision not to recognize an LGBT student group saying that as a private institution the college has the right to set and enforce its own policies.

Nelson then said that the school was acting no differently than Brigham Young University in banning Coca-Cola from campus or its suspending of four athletes accused of raping a 17-year-old girl.

In a follow-up interview, Nelson appeared to suggest the college could expel students who are Gay by likening the ban to the University of Alabama's decision to fire football coach Mike Young after he spent a night in a strip bar.

"He violated the standards of the

University of Alabama, and he's gone," Nelson told the Journal News. "The point is, you have to follow the rules."

Following the publication of the article, the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, a national organization of LGBT healthcare professionals and students, called for a meeting with Nelson.

After the meeting the AMA and the GLMA issued a statement saying that Nelson apologized and that the AMA agreed to expand the work of a commission studying minority access to medical care "to include disparities experienced by GLBT people."

In the statement, Nelson focused on his decision to expand the duties of the AMA Commission on Health Care Disparities. His apologize came in a brief sentence in the second to last paragraph of the two-page statement.

Despite the placement of the apology in the statement Joel Ginsberg,

Continued on Page Fifteen

Insurance & Financial Services Representative



- Auto
- Home
- Life
- Business
- 529 Plans
- IRAs
- Retirement Planning
- Health Insurance

FARMERS INSURANCE GROUP
Symbol of Superior Service

Authorized Broker
BlueCross BlueShield of Arizona

FARMERS
Tim Brown
www.pimainsurance.com

Office: 520.322.3924 • Cell: 520.548.9377

You are invited to

Charlie's
Phoenix

Country & western dancing nightly!

727 W. Camelback Rd.
602.265.0224
www.charliesonline.com

DO YOU COME BEFORE YOUR PORN DOES?



WE CAN HELP YOU GET THE MOST FROM YOUR COMPUTER AND THE INTERNET!

MightyMouse
Computer Consulting, Inc.

520.312.2630

TUTORING - REPAIR - MAINTENANCE
NETWORKING - WEBHOSTING

SERVICE 4TH AVENUE STATION

COMMUNITY FRIENDLY

Oil Changes • Tune-ups • CV Boots • Brakes • Air Conditioning • Radiator Power flush
• Transmission Rebuilding • Fuel Injection Systems • Carburetor Rebuilding
• Suspensions • Clutches Vehicle Inspections • Cooling Systems • Diagnostic Analysis
• Maintenance Service, Gas & Tires.

"We will match price or beat most written estimates."
Will accept most competitors coupons.

We Employ Certified Mechanics

Mon-Sat 8-6
Conveniently Located UofA Student Discounts Appointments suggested to better serve you

802 N. 4th Ave. (520) 882-8095
(NE Corner of University Blvd. & 4th Ave.)

SHUTTLE & TOWING AVAILABLE

DESERT ROADRUNNER REALTY



PETER M. SITTING, Realtor
Excellence in Service

2155 NORTH COUNTRY CLUB
TUCSON, ARIZONA 85716

CELL: (520) 740-2295
BUS: (520) 327-6621
FAX: (520) 327-4324
Residence: (520) 575-9660

HOROSCOPES

Copyright 2005 Madame Lichtenstein

There are no April fools now because Pluto, the planet of transformation, makes sterling aspects to the Sun and Venus. Events conspire to deliver anything your heart desires. And I mean anything and everything. Avoid heartburn by prioritizing. You simply can't handle it all at once. Hmm or can you?

ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)
Set your course full speed ahead now. Gay Rams want to finally launch a few pet projects that have been gathering dust. Your timing could not be better as Pluto tickles Sun and Venus. Although you may face a few surprises and things may not be as easy as they first appear, you are poised for accomplishments and accolades. Catch the wave and hang eleven...er ten!

TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)
Who is that mysterious stranger? There is someone behind the scenes who makes your life a bit more exciting (for good and otherwise) all through April. This imp will try to unsettle, surprise and possibly seduce you. Will you be fodder for the gossip mill? Oh why not! Go with the flow of Pluto, Sun and Venus and mix business with pleasure. Will you be shaken or stirred?

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)
Several well placed sources are saying that you are the hit of the social scene through April. Pluto, Sun and Venus give you personality plus. Ah, some things never change! Gather the troops and go camping, pink Twin. And don't forget to include your better half. Partners will tend to feel left out if you don't shower them with attention. It won't take much. Just a sugar sprinkle or two.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)
Balance at work can be achieved so that minor efforts have maximum results. At least that is how you can play it when Pluto, Sun and Venus float your corporate yacht. Gay Crabs should rise to the task no matter how distasteful it may be. Use your oil to grease the big wheels. Before you know it, there will be someone ready to grease your wheel. Lucky thing.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)
Frisolous airy pastimes catapult you into the global arena. Proud Lions should therefore get out there and pursue anything that tickles their Gay muse from art to dance to theater. Travel is also broadening especially internationally. But if funds and time are tight spread your influence in other ways. What about launching your own website? Nude streaming optional.

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)
Turn up the heat at home and watch how things can cook. April delivers contentment and resolution to those queer Virgins who get more involved in their domestic affairs. First spruce up your space with new colors and furniture. Then plan

more get together and add a few new faces to your newly gilded pad. Who knows what can happen when you kiss a few frogs.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)
Your innate diplomacy will work wonders as Pluto, Sun and Venus add a bit of sugar and power to your communication. Use it well and wisely especially in any one to one relationship. Issues can be handled deftly as you make partners believe that they are being heard and their opinions are being taken seriously. Is that really true? As long as they think so...

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
If money has been a source of stress, welcome April's Pluto, Sun and Venus trine. Gay Scorps find a pot of gold at the end of their rainbow. At least that is what you are led to believe. Truth is that there is someone making your life a little easier and quite a bit more profitable. Please remember the little people who made your empire possible as you wave to them from your limo.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)
Everybody wants a piece of you. Pluto, Sun and Venus create opportunities for queer Archers to make a big splash in every social swim. New acquaintances vie for your attention and affection. As the month progresses, new romances can result from the most unlikely scenarios, in the most unlikely places and with the most unlikely folks. And that is very likely.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)
What magic can you conjure in the happy confines of your home through April? Pink Caps are inspired to make their personal surroundings more mysterious, creative and just plain comfortable. Surprises are in store for those who take a chance on something completely different. How different? Feast your eyes on that new hot pink leather couch. That should do the trick!

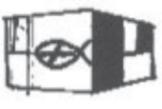
AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)
Major changes are in store with anything having to do with large groups of pals. Aqueerians are prone to excess and now, as Pluto, Sun and Venus trine through April, mere excess is never enough. Even simple plans seem to morph into wilde and wooly adventures. So take charge of your social calendar and expose yourself to new special interest groups. Feel a draft?

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)
Years of hard work appear to all be worth it through April as professional oomph translates into mo' money. Lucky Guppies should reap their just rewards while Pluto, Sun and Venus deliver the bounty. And if you plan it carefully, your largess can last more than the month. Save, invest and don't be wasteful so you won't have to swim upstream for any more gifts from the gods.



CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP

2902 North Geronimo
Tucson, AZ 85705
Paul Chambliss, Pastor



520-622-4626 pastorpaul@qwest.net

Reaching out to people of all races, culture, economic status,
sexual orientation and gender identity to share the good news of
salvation through a **RELATIONSHIP** with **JESUS CHRIST**

> Bible-Based	☪ Sunday School	9:00 AM
> Friendly	☪ Sunday Service	10:30 AM
> Independent	☪ Tuesday Prayer Meetings	7:00 PM
> Non-denominational	☪ Wednesday Dinner	5:30 PM
> Open & Welcoming	☪ Wednesday Bible Study	6:30 PM

WATER OF LIFE

Metopolitan Community Church

Reverend Gale Rawson, Pastor

Our Mission . . .

Discover God's Love In All People

Sunday Service - 10:15 AM
Fellowship Thursdays - 7:00 PM



3269 North Mountain Avenue
Tucson AZ 85719
(Just North of Ft. Lowell)
292-9151
www.wateroflifemcc.org







A. METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH: 3269 N. Mountain - 292-9151
B. CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP: 2902 N. Geronimo - 622-4626
C. DESERT PRIDE - Gifts, Videos, etc.: 611 N. 4th Ave. - 388-9829
D. WINGSPAN - 300 E. 6th St. - 624-1779
E. S.A.A.F. - 375 S. Euclid Ave. - 628-7223
F. RAINBOW PLANET COFFEE HOUSE: 606 N. 4th Ave. - 620-1770
G. TIHAN -Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network: 492 N. Alvernon, 299-6647
H. EON GAY YOUTH CENTER 620-6245

1. AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ: 2900 E. Broadway - 318-4838
2. IBT'S: 616 N. 4th Ave. 882-3053
3. VENTURE-N: 1239 N. 6th Ave. 882-8224
5. WOODY'S - 3710 N. Oracle Road, 292-6702
6. HOWL AT THE MOON - 915 W. Prince Rd. 293-7339
7. YARD DOG - 2449 N. Stone, 624-3858
8. COLORS FOOD & SPIRITS, 5305 E. Speedway, 323-1840

TELL OUR ADVERTISERS
 YOU SAW THEIR AD IN THE OBSERVER



TUCSON RESOURCES - TUCSON RESOURCES - TUCSON RESOURCES

520.240.8818 Phone
520.529.1548 Fax
ChrisC@longrealty.com
www.longrealty.com/chrisC

5683 N. Swan Road
Tucson, Arizona 85718




20% of every transaction within the community donated to Wingspan

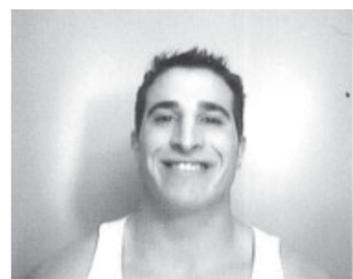
A Day 'N Nite Salon and Spa
Where the REAL FUN begins!



Sean Kennedy
Licensed Dermal Therapist
3916 E. Ft. Lowell Rd
Tucson, AZ 85712

SPA# 520-795-1745
CELL# 520-907-6788

www adayandnitespa.com
Dermalogica Certified



CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER

Centrally Located Private Gym

Call Andrew (520)909-4649

PRESIDIO
Hair Nail Tanning Salon
Ed Thibeault

985 N Alvernon Way
Tucson, AZ 85711

520.321.9626

SUN BURST AIR BRUSH TANNING
SAFE UV FREE TANNING
CONVENTIONAL & HIGH OUTPUT BEDS

Best Choice Realty Co.



Steve Melton
Owner/Broker

Office: (520) 670-9000
Pager: (520) 291-6500
Fax: (520) 670-9050



1523 E. Broadway Tucson, AZ 85719



Nikolaus Groesser
REALTOR

520.918.5216
nikg@longrealty.com



THIS IS OUR 42nd YEAR. . .

Auto, Home, Condo, Renters,
Business, Life and Health & Bonds.

Personal Service and Great Rates
795-7737



the insurance house

2725 East Broadway
Tucson, AZ 85716



IN BALANCE

Eric Cuestas-Thompson, LMSW, LISAC, CADAC

6151 East Grant Road • Tucson, Arizona 85712
OFFICE: 520-722-9631 • CELL: 520-272-4650



Antigone Books

An independent bookstore with lots of character

20% off the item of your choice with this coupon. (in-store only, one per customer)

Order any book in print by phone or on our web site:
www.antigonebooks.com

411 North 4th Avenue • Tucson, AZ • 792-3715



HILLMAN JEWELERS II
...Expressions in Gold

ESTHERMARIE HILLMAN
(520) 882-4084 (Shop)
(520) 628-8725 (Office)

CUSTOM JEWELRY & REPAIR
By appointment only



For all your Jewelry needs



IRENE READ
REALTOR®
www.longrealty.com/irener



DIRECT (520) 918-1673
FAX (520) 325-8784
MOBILE (520) 360-4744
TOLL FREE (800) 279-2211
E-MAIL irener@longrealty.com

2130 E. BROADWAY BLVD., STE. 100
TUCSON, AZ 85718



MASSAGE
Alec Laughlin LMT

624-7397

www.SomaTherapist.com



STEVEN M. MCGARRIGLE, ABR
REALTOR®

(520) 247-6355 CELLULAR
(520) 749-8925 BUSINESS
(800) 793-9316 TOLL FREE
(520) 749-8928 FAX
smcgarrigle@chsaccess.com



SUCCESS SOUTHWEST
8872 E. Tanque Verde
Tucson, AZ 85749
www.chsaccess.com

Each Office is Independently Owned And Operated

DUI SR-22

MIKE PIERCE INSURANCE
FREE QUOTES

888-8888

AUTO, LIFE, HOME, MEDICAL
COMMERCIAL, PROPERTIES, CONTRACTORS BONDINGS



TORTUGA ROJA
Men's Bed & Breakfast

2800 East River Road
Tucson, Arizona 85718

520.577.6822
800.467.6822
redtrt@tortugaroja.com
www.tortugaroja.com

PM Tech Support
Computer Tech Support Day & Night

Paul Pearson

Computer Technician / Solutions Advisor
Windows / Networking
Internet / AOL
Hardware / Software

24 Hour Hotline: 520-990-4655
Email: paulhpearson@yahoo.com

Charles Weasner
REALTOR®GRI
(520) 906-8103

Steve Redmond
REALTOR®
(520) 548-2096



Uptown, Downtown, ALL around the Valley!



TucsonFoothillsLiving.com

Speedway Veterinary Hospital, Inc



Kayla R. Boyer, DVM
Small Animal Veterinarian

(520) 321-4235
3736 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716
www.speedwayvet.com

A. Michael Hutchins, Ph.D.
Counseling - Psychotherapy - Consulting

6812 North Oracle Rd. Suite 100
Tucson, Arizona 85704 520-797-2117

PSYCHOTHERAPY FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES & ADULTS

RICH MUSZYNSKI Ph.D.
LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST

4440 N. Campbell At River Rd.
P.O. Box 65840
Tucson, AZ 85728

Phone: 906-7048
Fax: 299-0712

Jerry D
Artist, Writer
(520) 390-4825

Cindy D
Writer, Artist
(520) 990-8740



Calabaza Productions
PO Box 22255
Tucson, AZ 85734

Writings for Book, Gift, Stage, Screen & Song

A New Age Of Prepackaged News: Continued from page seven

Broadcasting Services, a State Department unit of 30 or so editors and technicians whose typical duties include distributing video from news conferences. But in early 2002, with close editorial direction from the White House, the unit began producing narrated feature reports, many of them promoting American achievements in Afghanistan and Iraq and reinforcing the administration's rationales for the invasions. These reports were then widely distributed in the United States and around the world for use by local television stations. In all, the State Department has produced 59 such segments.

United States law contains provisions intended to prevent the domestic dissemination of government propaganda. The 1948 Smith-Mundt Act, for example, allows Voice of America to broadcast pro-government news to foreign audiences, but not at home. Yet State Department officials said that law does not apply to the Office of Broadcasting Services. In any event, said Richard A. Boucher, a State Department spokesman: "Our goal is to put out facts and the truth. We're not a propaganda agency."

Even so, as a senior department official, Patricia Harrison, told Congress last year, the Bush administration has come to regard such "good news" segments as "powerful strategic tools" for influencing public opinion. And a review of the department's segments reveals a body of work in sync with the political objectives set forth by the White House communications team after 9/11.

In June 2003, for example, the unit produced a segment that depicted American efforts to distribute food and water to the people of southern Iraq.

"After living for decades in fear, they are now receiving assistance - and building trust - with their coalition liberators," the unidentified narrator concluded.

Several segments focused on the liberation of Afghan women, which a White House memo from January 2003 singled out as a "prime example" of how "White House-led efforts could facilitate strategic, proactive communications in the war on terror."

Tracking precisely how a "good news" report on Afghanistan could have migrated to Memphis from the State Department is far from easy. The State Department typically distributes its segments via satellite to international news organizations like Reuters and Associated Press Television News, which in turn distribute them to the major United States networks, which then transmit them to local affiliates.

"Once these products leave our hands, we have no control," Robert A. Tappan, the State Department's deputy assistant secretary for public affairs, said in an interview. The department, he said, never intended its segments to be shown unedited and without attribution by local news programs. "We do our utmost to identify them as State Department-produced products."

Representatives for the networks insist that government-produced reports are clearly labeled when they are distributed to affiliates. Yet with segments bouncing from satellite to satellite, passing from one news organization to another, it is easy to see the potential for confusion. Indeed, in response to questions from The Times, Associated Press Television News acknowledged that they might have distributed at least one segment about Afghanistan to the major

United States networks without identifying it as the product of the State Department. A spokesman said it could have "slipped through our net because of a sourcing error."

Kenneth W. Jobe, vice president for news at WHBQ in Memphis, said he could not explain how his station came to broadcast the State Department's segment on Afghan women. "It's the same piece, there's no mistaking it," he said in an interview, insisting that it would not happen again.

Mr. Jobe, who was not with WHBQ in 2002, said the station's script for the segment has no notes explaining its origin. But Tish Clark Dunning said it was her impression at the time that the Afghan segment was her station's version of one done first by network correspondents at either Fox News or CNN. It is not unusual, she said, for a local station to take network reports and then give them a hometown look.

"I didn't actually go to Afghanistan," she said. "I took that story and reworked it. I had to do some research on my own. I remember looking on the Internet and finding out how it all started as far as women covering their faces and everything."

At the State Department, Mr. Tappan said the broadcasting office is moving away from producing narrated feature segments. Instead, the department is increasingly supplying only the ingredients for reports - sound bites and raw video. Since the shift, he said, even more State Department material is making its way into news broadcasts.

WCIA is a small station with a big job in central Illinois.

Each weekday, WCIA's news department produces a three-hour morning program, a noon broadcast and three evening programs. There are plans to add a 9 p.m. broadcast. The staff, though, has been cut to 37 from 39. "We are doing more with the same," said Jim P. Gee, the news director.

Farming is crucial in Mr. Gee's market, yet with so many demands, he said, "it is hard for us to justify having a reporter just focusing on agriculture."

To fill the gap, WCIA turned to the Agriculture Department, which has assembled one of the most effective public relations operations inside the federal government. The department has a Broadcast Media and Technology Center with an annual budget of \$3.2 million that each year produces some 90 "mission messages" for local stations - mostly feature segments about the good works of the Agriculture Department.

"I don't want to use the word 'filler,' per se, but they meet a need we have," Mr. Gee said.

The Agriculture Department's two full-time reporters, Bob Ellison and Pat O'Leary, travel the country filing reports, which are vetted by the department's office of communications before they are distributed via satellite and mail. Alisa Harrison, who oversees the communications office, said Mr. Ellison and Mr. O'Leary provide unbiased, balanced and accurate coverage.

"They cover the secretary just like any other reporter," she said.

Invariably, though, their segments offer critic-free accounts of the department's policies and programs. In one report, Mr. Ellison told of the agency's efforts to help Florida clean up after several hurricanes. "They've done a fantastic job," a grateful

Gay Men's Health Project Presents: DINNER AND A MOVIE

A monthly viewing of
Gay Cinema with
discussion group afterwards

THIS MONTH'S FILM:
THE TRIP

Tuesday April 5th
7-10pm at **COLORS**

First 10 people to RSVP receive a **FREE** entree and **FREE** non-alcoholic beverages

To RSVP contact Chris at SAAF 628-7223



Dear Dr. X,

You are probably going to read this and say "naive college student who's not ready to exit the closet." I really need your help. About a year and a half ago I had my first sexual experience with a man and it was great. Since then, I have had many sexual partners of both sexes and I am fine tapping into my inner slut. But, I am having issues with not being accepted in the straight community and not being accepted in the Gay community either. I support the Gay community and then I get shafted (no pun intended) for not being "fully" Gay. I am not Gay but the straight views me as one. I have asked many people why Bisexuals are not accepted. I'm not getting any real answers.

Signed, AC/DC

Dear AC/DC,

Your question is a challenge because there are a couple of different layers to the issue you bring up. On one hand, there seems to be a double standard toward Bisexuality. When a woman proclaims to be Bisexual, it is viewed as an attractive attribute by the popular straight man fantasy. But, when a man expresses his Bisexuality, he is scrutinized as "Gay," "sick," and/or "secretive."

On the other hand there is a perception amongst Gay boys that when a man proclaims his Bisexuality he is viewed as "sexually confused", "trying Gay-sex for the experience," "incredibly horny" and/or "anticipated that the Bisexual will leave the (Gay) relationship for a woman."

Many can recognize your frustration with how people are confused by your Bisexual lifestyle. Bisexuality has always been assumed as "the fork in the road" perspective when people make the big decision/

self-proclamation to choose either "Straight" or "Gay." But remember that your sexuality is your business and when others have difficulty with you expressing your sexuality, be patient and explain it to them (as many people must do when they divulge a part of their life as different from greater society).

Good-ole fashion communication is the foundation to truly understanding and accepting differences in others. Understand that you are not alone in this vital journey of coming out as a Bisexual. It is important to keep asking questions of "our/your" community. We are all here to support each other. Keep on your journey and be true to yourself. If you continue to trust you will one day be pleasantly surprised.

AC/DC, in case you are unaware of any support groups, the Tucson Bi Forum is held on the second Tuesday of each month, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Muse. For more information on Bisexual issues you can contact Wingspan at (520) 624-1779.

[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.]

AMA Head Apologizes

Continued from Page Eleven

executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, said Nelson went further when the two met in Washington, D.C. to discuss the controversy.

"Several of us were in the room with him, and he took full responsibility for his words and acknowledged that they were inappropriate and apologized for them," Ginsberg told the paper.

But, while Nelson has apologized New York Medical College - which is associated with the Catholic diocese of New York - shows no signs of reversing its stand on refusing to recognize the Gay campus group.

The dispute began last September when the LGBT student group, previously called the "Student Help" organization, changed its name to the "NYMC Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender People in Medicine."

The new name was consistent with many other "LGBTMP" groups associated with the American Medical Students Association.

But, after the NYMC student group changed its name, NYMC's administration revoked the group's charter. Unlike other student organizations, the group will not receive funding, may not use space on campus for its activities, and may not use the college's e-mail

system.

In a statement after the decision was made not to recognize the Gay student group Dean Dr. Ralph O'Connell said "It was clear that the organization and its leader would advocate and promote activities inconsistent with the values of NYMC." Since then O'Connell has refused all requests for interviews

SAAF Seeking Personal Trainers

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is looking for experienced Certified Personal Trainers to work with our clients through the Complementary Therapies program.

All referrals will come through a physician. Services need to focus on demonstrating exercise for general fitness and improved cardio health on beginner level training.

Trainers will need to be able to work with clients in settings other than a gym environment in most cases. Limited reimbursement for services is available.

Interested trainers should contact David Gunton at SAAF, (520) 628-7223 Ext. 262.

SYPHILIS IS BACK! & HIV NEVER LEFT!

If you have had sex, you could be at risk for Syphilis, HIV and other STD's. Although, condoms used correctly each and every time can reduce your risk, why not go the extra mile. Protect yourself, your health and your community by getting tested today.

Sexually Transmitted Disease

Clinic Schedule
Theresa Lee Health Center
332 S. Freeway
Tucson, AZ 85745
(520) 624-8272

Monday	12:30 – 3:30 P.M.
Tuesday	8:00 – 10:30 A.M.
Tues.	12:30 – 3:30 P.M.
Wednesday	12:30 – 3:30 P.M.
Thursday	4:00 – 6:30 P.M.
Friday	12:30 – 3:30 P.M.

COMING TO A SITE NEAR YOU!

Catch the next stop!

Now offering:

Confidential HIV Oraquick
Rapid Testing,
Syphilis Screening

HIV results – next day
Syphilis results – one week

3rd Stop:

Woody's

3710 N. Oracle Road
Wednesday March 16, 2005
Time: 7 pm – 10 pm

4th Stop:

Venture-N

1239 N. 6th Ave
Thursday April 21, 2005
Time: 7 pm – 10 pm

A collaboration of the Pima
County Health Department and
Gay Men's Health Project

the LAW OFFICE of Carol L. Lohmann, P.C.



**Workers'
Compensation**

**Social
Security
Disability**

(520) 628-7700
Fax (520) 628-7711

627 North 7th Avenue
Tucson, Arizona 85705

NON-BAR CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

#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, MARCH 31

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. This is a No-host event, so please ask Barista to point you in our direction.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

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

MONDAY, APRIL 4

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

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

MONDAY, APRIL 11

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

#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, APRIL 18

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

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

MONDAY, APRIL 25

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

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



SAAF UPDATE
SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION

BY ANNE MALEY

As we begin the budget process for the 2005-06 FY. I want to let you know about one of our major funding source and some changes that may affect you. SAAF is honored to receive continued funding from the Ryan White CARE Act Title II to support critical client services. Beginning April 1, 2005, SAAF will receive continued funding for case management and peer counseling services, dental care services, medications assistance, mental health services, home health services, and complementary therapies.

Other recipients of CARE Act Title II funding in Tucson include El Rio Special Immunology Associates and COPE Behavioral Services. SAAF thanks the Pima County HIV/AIDS CARE Consortium and the Consortium Allocation Panel for their careful review of the proposals for service and acknowledges the difficulty of their task in the face of funding cuts for Title II.

Because of the limits of the federal Ryan White CARE Act Title II funding and the demand and needs for HIV/AIDS services in Pima County, SAAF received a drastic cut in the funds we had requested for Complementary Therapies for the year beginning April 1, 2005.

Because of the severe change in funding SAAF has made significant changes to the program in order to target the funds to meet the greatest need. Enrollment in the Complementary Thera-

pies program will be limited to 44 people at one time, and each person using the program must qualify according to medical and economic need. Those who are currently enrolled in the program must establish eligibility according to the new guidelines.

For many clients, the Complementary Therapies program has become extremely important to their personal wellness, and the deep changes to the program means the loss of an important resource to many people. This year SAAF will also use a grant received from the Armstrong McDonald Foundation to augment the funds from the CARE Act, and we are engaged in the process of locating other resources and funding for the services provided through the Complementary Therapies program. If you would like more information about how you can support SAAF's Complementary Therapies program, call Rick Wilson, Director of Development, at (520) 628-7223.

Just a reminder: Coming up on Sunday May 1, 2005 from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Woody's is SAAF's annual Reno Gannon Jell-O Wrestling and Benefit Auction. Advance admission tickets for \$5 each. This event is a sell-out every year so I would encourage you to buy soon! Furthermore, this year's Jell-O raffle tickets are on sale for \$1. The prize is two round trip tickets to anywhere that Southwest Airlines flies. Both advance admission and raffle tickets are available at Desert Pride, Howl at the Moon, SAAF and Woody's. Buy both! Take a chance on a great prize and purchase a guaranteed good time! See you there!



OF: 520.7.I.SPY.4.U
TF: 866.3.I.SPY.4.U

Confidential / Discreet
Licensed & Bonded

G.E. Investigations, LLC

PROFESSIONAL PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS
SURVEILLANCE / BACKGROUND CHECKS

"No Judgements...Just the Facts!"

www.GelInvestigations.com

AZ#0206006 TheSquad@GelInvestigations.com

Personal Injury?

Auto Injury
Medical Malpractice
Premises Liability
Products Liability

Call 622-2350
1-800-87-LEGAL

JACOBY & MEYERS
LAW OFFICES

Jacoby & Meyers Law Offices, L.L.P.
Szabo-Dombrowski & Showard, P.C.
Partner

Sarah J. Showard
Attorney at Law

2848 East Broadway, Suite 112
Tucson, Arizona 85719

**AGGRESSIVE
CRIMINAL DEFENSE**

◆ Sex Cases, including Park and Public Restrooms
◆ Drunk Driving ◆ Drugs ◆ Felonies ◆ Misdemeanors

MATILDE ELENA SLATE
ATTORNEY AT LAW

Abogada Bilingüe 20 East 2nd Street
Tucson, Arizona 85705

(520) 882-0330

YOUR RIGHTS. KNOW THEM. PROTECT THEM.

Membership & Meeting
Information:
520.615.6436
www.tucsonglbtchamber.org

TUCSON GLBT
Chamber of Commerce

Inclusive ▼ Engaged ▼ Professional

BETTER BODIES
Professional Training

- * Individualized plan for success
- * Access workouts anywhere
- * Professional Advice
- * Fat loss techniques
- * Private training
- * RESULTS !!

Programs based on body composition and goals.

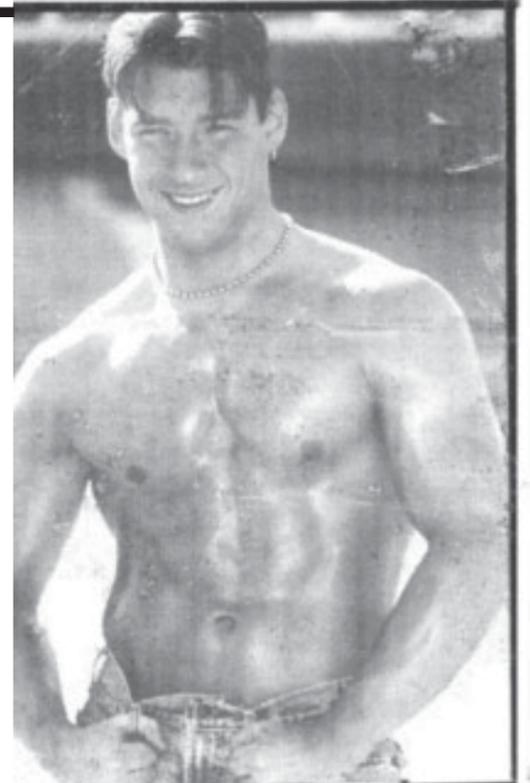
From \$39.95 monthly

JERAMY PRICE
(520) 797-3488

6437 N. Oracle Road
(NW corner Oracle & Orange Grove)

1101 N. Wilmot #123
(NW corner Speedway & Wilmot)

www.betterbodiestucson.com



MEGA phone

MEET HERE
CASUAL • INTIMATE • JUST FUN

Tucson
(520) 791-2345

Phoenix
(602) 993-4567
(480) 505-1011
(623) 298-3500

FREE CODE 3835

MegaMates.com

To find YOUR LOCAL number, 24/7 Friendly Customer Care: (888) MegaMates

ALWAYS FREE TO BROWSE & REPLY TO ADS



CLASSIFIED ADS ARE 25¢ PER WORD, \$5.00 MINIMUM
CLASSIFIED ADS WILL NOT BE TAKEN BY PHONE

EMPLOYMENT

Cook, Part-Time, experienced. Coyote Moon Health Resort & Spa. \$9 - \$11/hr based on experience. Fax resume to 572-4096. 1080

NEEDED: HOME ASSISTANT for general cleaning and occasional driving services. Pay negotiable. Please call Dan at 622-4663. 1080

HOUSING/FOR RENT

ROOM FOR RENT. MALE. Furnished, \$250/mo. Kitchen privileges. Drug and smoke free. References checked. 888-7264 1085

ADORABLE, TEMPORARY HOUSE available April 19 - June 17. Triangle Neighborhood. Walk to 4th Ave. \$650/mo w/cat care. Util incl. Safe, quiet, clean. 670-8743 1080

ROOMMATES

MATURE MALE SEEKS SAME TO SHARE 2-BEDROOM APARTMENT. \$255/mo. + 1/2 Elec. Cat friendly. No Drugs. 6th Ave-Grant area. 661-5848 1080

PERSONALS

GWM - MID-AGE RANGE. Some fun to ... 731-6152 1080

BLUE COLLAR MAN, GWM, 52, 5'9", brown hair, green eyes, beard, solid, rugged, good looks, outdoorsman. Looking for someone to share my life with. Interests: restoring old houses, motorcycles, old pick-ups, sport cars, dogs & horses. Contact P.O. Box 885, Tucson, AZ 85702-0885. 1080

SERVICES

GAY HOUSE PAINTER. NEW TO TUCSON. Seeking work and friends. Interiors and Exteriors. Excellent quality. Lowest prices. No license yet. Guaranteed. Lump sum price. Chuck. 971-3473. 1080

SWAMP COOLERS START-UPS. \$40/hr. + Parts. Frank, (520)991-8804. 1081

FULL BODY SWEDISH MASSAGE FOR MEN. Best rates in Tucson! Speedway and Swan area. IN and OUT CALLS. 7days. 548-6314 1085

RELAX WITH A FULL BODY MASSAGE FOR MEN in a private studio on the West Side. Call Ralph, 883-74 96. 1088

KNEADING TENSE SORE MUSCLES in relaxing central location. Nurturing, stress relief body rub. Affordable. 326-8226 1080.

END BACK PAIN. The back solution, massage and bodywork. 15 years experience. Tension Erasure - Stress Reduction - Relax for Health. Abe 294-4810 1085

ENJOY A NICE TOUCH. Attractive man offers a sensuous, relaxing massage. 10am - 8 p.m. 745-0231 1080.

BASIC THAI, DEEP TISSUE OR RELAXING MASSAGE by a trained, caring male. . Often at a moments notice. First Time Discount! (520) 730-7966.

EXPERIENCE YOUR BODY ELECTRIC IN A DYNAMIC WAY with Tantric Therapeutic Massage. Feel alive with the quality of 22 years of Professional Experience. Strong but gentle hands to soothe your spirit Plan ahead. Marc 881-4582 by appointment. 1075.....

ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS Let me keep your clothes fitting properly and in good repair. Experienced -- Economical -- Prompt. Merle Hudson, (520)888-7264 in Tucson. 1090

FRIENDLY HOT GUY!
Treat Yourself. . .

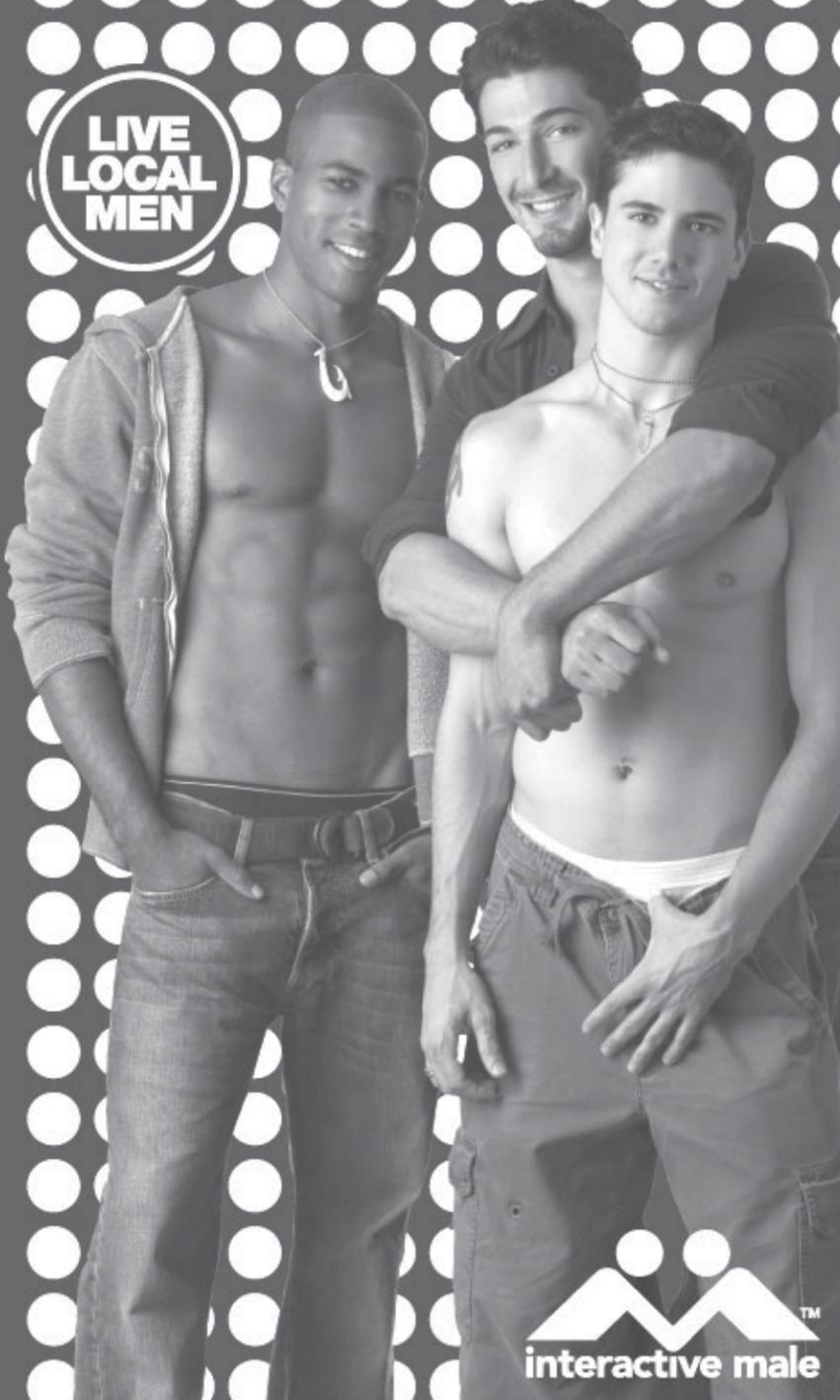


GREAT MASSAGE
ALL STYLES!
29 Y.O. - OUTCALLS ONLY
PETE - (520)557-0374



WHO'S WAITING FOR YOU?™

LIVE LOCAL MEN



Tucson
520.202.0022

Phoenix
602.765.8888

480.385.5737

623.385.3244

Flagstaff
928.268.2020

Find Your Number
1.800.777.8000

FREE TRIAL
CODE: 8087

1.900.446.1212 (\$1.99/min.) 18+
www.InteractiveMale.com



DAILY BAR CALENDAR

sunday

COLORS - Open 11am. Champagne Brunch 11am - 2pm with complimentary mimosa. Full menu served 11am-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 11:00 am. Chuckwagon Breakfast 10:30 am - 1:30 pm, includes Bloody Mary or Mimosa. \$2 Smirnoff Sunday. Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournaments at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Sign-up begins one hour before playing time. No Cash - Play for Prizes and Points. Great chance to learn the hottest game around

IBT's - Open Noon. \$1.75 Bloodys, Screws or mimosas. til 4pm 4-7:30 Karaoke with Michael D. on the patio 5:30-8 Benefit BBQ for community organizations. Dance with Mike Lopez. 2for1 drink specials 10 til closing. 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. Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Beach Volleyball games 5-7. \$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 - Closed on Mondays.

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 - best deal in town! Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournaments at 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm. Sign-up begins one hour before playing time. No Cash - Play for Prizes and Points.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm, Audio Anomoly 9pm-2am with DJ Trinidad, 10pm-2am \$1.50 well vodka drinks, 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 10am. Special Happy Hour 10am-2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Karaoke w/Michael D. 9-1

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm. Beer Bust 3-7pm.

tuesday

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7 \$2.25 well & domestic. Full menu served 4-10pm. 1st Tuesday of month "Dinner & Movie" sponsored by GMHP. All other Tuesdays "Dinner & Concert" shown on our 52" projection System.

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 Debbie from 8 - midnight

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm, Tropical Tuesdays \$2.50 Tropical drinks and DJ Q playing Retro Music 70's, 80's and 90's 9pm-close, All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm.

WOODY'S - Open 10am. Special Happy Hour 10am-2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Bartender Calls rink specials..

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Tequila until 7pm Beer Bust 3-7pm.

wednesday

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2.25 well & domestic. Full menu served 4-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

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. Country DJ Jake plays 8:30 - close

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm, 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/ Bunny Fu Fu. HiNrgy dance 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 10am. Special Happy Hour 10am-2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Free Hot Dog Buffet 5-11pm. Underwear- fetish- leather nite w/Gary and Chris 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 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2.25 well & domestic. Full menu served 4-10pm. Nightly dinner specials. Karaoke from 9pm with Johnny DJ & Dan..

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 Debbie from 8 to midnight.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm, Tricked Out Thursday with your Bartenders in their undies and DJ Mike Lopez spinning Top 40 & All request \$1.75 Long Islands and \$1.50 Cocksucker shots 10pm-2am, 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 10am. Special Happy Hour 10am-2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. 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 4pm-2am. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2.25 well & domestic. Full menu served 4-11pm. 6:30-9:30pm Amber Norgarrd sings originals and cover tunes. 10pm "Guys & Dolls" Hosted by Lucinda Holliday in a 2 girl cabaret show with a different guest each week. Reservations suggested.

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. DJ Pat plays your favorite country dance songs 8:30 to midnight then a mix of dance & country 'til close. Kitchen open 10 pm - 2 am for late night munchies.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm, Live Jazz on the Patio with Susan 6pm-9pm, Hot Dance with David Z from 9pm-2am, All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. DJ 9pm to close.

WOODY'S - 10am. Special Happy Hour 10am-2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Martini Party - Well Martini's \$2.00 3-4pm. Call Martinis \$3 from 3-4pm. 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 4pm-2am. Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly dinner specials. Reservations suggested. Karaoke 10pm-close with Johnny DJ & Dan.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 11:00 am. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. \$3.00 Burger & Fries all day. DJ playing your favorite country songs 8:30 - midnight, then "anything goes" requests until close. Kitchen open 10 pm - 2 am for late night munchies.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm, 8:30pm Show time w/ Ajia Simone or Janee Starr, Circuit Saturday's with DJ Q spinning Hot Club Music. 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 10am. Special Happy Hour 10am-2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Steak or Mahi Mahi BBQ with all the trimmings \$5, Live Jazz with Arthur Migliazza 6-9pm.

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.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

APRIL 1 - APRIL 23 - Live theatre Workshop late night Series presents "Durang Does Williams including For Whom The Bell Tolls and Desire, Desire, Desire" by Christopher Durang. These two one act plays will provide an evening-long deconstruction of the works of Tennessee Williams. Running in conjunction with Live Theatre Workshop's mainstage production of "The Glass Menagerie", these enlightening Durang works will blow out your candles -- Stella. The show runs Friday and Saturday evenings April 1-23. Clal327-4242 for reservations. \$10 General admission. \$8 students, seniors and military. 5317 E. Speedway.

APRIL 2 & 3 - Phoenix Pride 25 "Party in the Park. Steeple Indian School Park in Phoenix - 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. each day. Admission \$10. (Buy early to avoid long lines at the festival. Festival Stage entertainment begins at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and Noon on Sunday. Headline entertainment includes Evelyn Champagne King, Crystal Waaters, Sabrina Matthews, Kevin Ceballo, Debbie Deb, Rockell, Nick Tar, Liquid 360, Shirley's Temple, JOsh Zukerman, Ira Levi, Mark Weigle, Kicker's Cloggers, plus many local talents will perform also. For more information contact www.azpride.org.

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

WOODY'S - 8:00 p.m. til closing, Thursty Thursday Cheap-Party Nite. Pabst 12oz long necks \$1.00 plus free pool all day.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

COLORS - Lucinda Holliday welcomes Phoenix Illusionist Phaedra to her Cabaret show this evening Showtime is 10:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

YARD DOG - Breakfast will be served beginning at 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

YARD DOG - One of their famous steak dinners will be served this evening beginning at 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

WOODY'S - Sarong/Underwear Party is coming here tonight. Get your act together!

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

WOODY'S - Having an April Birthday? Celebrate your birthday here at 9:00 p.m. Cake, Balloons, Champagne Toast, Music. (Sign up with one of their bartenders).

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

APRIL 2 & 3 - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus Spring Concert "rhythms" Saturday, April 2 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 3 at 3:00 p.m. at Crowder Hall at the University of Arizona School of Music.

APRIL 6 - The Arizona Friends of Chamber Music presents the final concert in their 57th seasons. The Raphael Trio will perform at 8:00 p.m. in the Leo Rich Theater at the TCC. General admission tickets are \$20. Student tickets are \$10. Named after the great Italian painter, the Raphael Trio will celebrate their 30th anniversary next year. The Trio holds an Endowed Chair in Humanities at Trinity College. They performed the complete Mozart trios at the Kennedy Center's celebrations on the bicentenary of Mozart's death and are active in commissioning new works for the trio repertoire. The public can contact the AFCM at 520-577-3769 or visit their web site at www.ArizonaChamberMusic.osrg for further information.

APRIL 16 - Desert Voices Concert and Auction at the Muse Community Arts Center, 516 N. 5th Avenue. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. This year's concert "Our True Colors" will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 in advance and are available at Antigone Books, and Desert Pride or by calling Desert Voices at (520-791-9662

APRIL 16 - Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) hosts their 8th annual benefit "Treasures for TIHAN" at the Doubletree Hotel - Reid Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. This live and silent auction is the major fundraising event that supports the programs and services of TIHAN. Not only is it TIHAN's largest event of the year and the biggest revenue-producer for programs, "Treasures for TIHAN" is an event that attracts several hundred generous donors from throughout the Tucson community. Donation \$50 (\$28 tax deductible).

Treasures for TIHAN will be a fun-filled evening with great auction items, wonderful food and festive entertainment. Questions? 520-323-1128.

OCTOBER 16 - 17TH Annual AIDS WALK takes place at Rillito Downs Race Park, s River Road and First Avenue in Tucson. AIDS WALK 2005 will again feature both the traditional 4K walk as well as a 10K non-competitive run.

Tucson's support of AIDS WALK over the years has made an important and lasting statement about Southern Arizona's commitment to the fight against AIDS. AIDS WALK attracts approximately 4,000 walkers annually and continues to enjoy strong corporate underwriting alliances.

Of reported demographic information from participants, 60% of all registered walkers are female, two thirds are under 35, and one-fourth are under 18. AIDS WALK Tucson has grown from 850 participants in 1989 to more than 4,000 individuals and 79 businesses raising over \$239,000 in 2004 for local HIV/AIDS education, prevention and support programs.

NOTICES - COMMUNITY - NOTICES

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

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC provided daily by the Pima County Health Department. Gay friendly. Confidential. Treatment and Medication too! Any questions? Call 624-8272

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: <http://www.saaaf.org>. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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

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 529-2269, 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 msg. TucsonSources@aol.com

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

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

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

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO — a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men

(and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at www.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.

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, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Chorus, has been singing songs of pride, hope and laughter for 16 seasons. Check out our website at www.desertvoices.org, or call (520)791-9662 for information about upcoming concerts or how to join.

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 info 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).

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. Web: <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 info.

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 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.

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 118 or older). 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37th Street, Tucson, AZ. (Map at www.desertdominion.org) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required

GET NAKED with TNTucson MEN! We're a social and recreational club. Have you ever longed to camp, swim, hike or play with others who enjoy the same, dropping all the masks, pretensions? TNTucsonMEN@nethere.com P.O. Box 12176, Tucson 85792 or call 514-9894

DESERT PRIDE - Your store for Gay Pride and more!

611 N. Fourth Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85705 (Across from IBT's, Next to Magpies. Come See Us!) (520)388-9829

"PARTY IN THE PARK"

PARTIDO EN EL PARQUE

at Steele Indian School Park

2 DAY FESTIVAL

Saturday & Sunday
April 2 & 3, 2005
11:00 am – 9:00 pm

PRIDE PARADE

Saturday, April 2, 2005
Parade starts at 11:00 am

DOS DIAS DE FESTIVAL

Sabado y Domingo
Abril 2 & 3, 2005
11:00 am – 9:00 pm

DESFILE DE ORGULLO

Sabado, Abril 2, 2005
Comienzos a 11:00 am

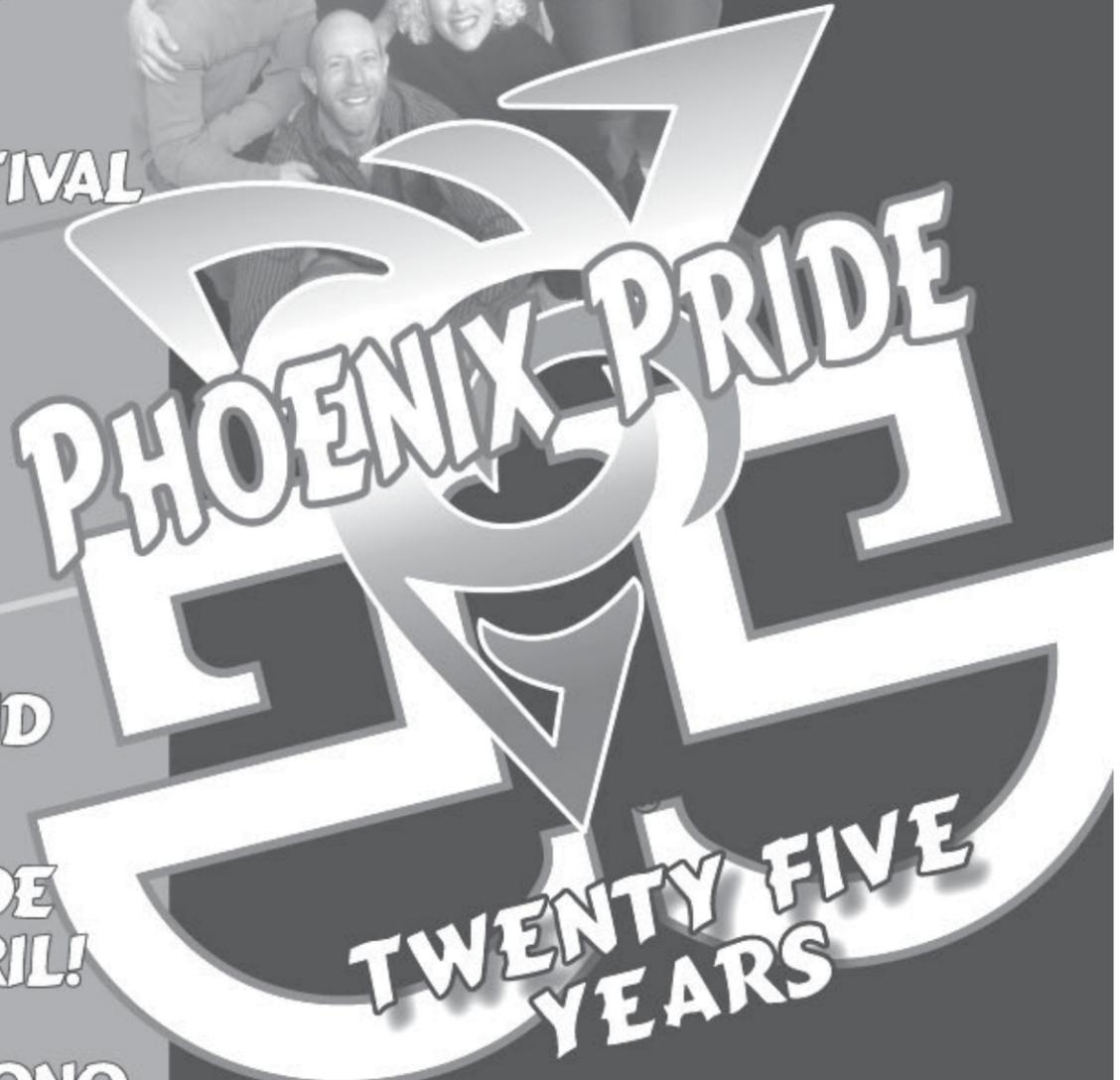
**FIRST WEEKEND
IN APRIL!**

**PRIMERO FIN DE
SEMANA EN ABRIL!**

HOTLINE/TELEFONO

602 | 279 | 1771

www.azpride.org



Viente Cinco Anos

A collection of logos for various sponsors and partners, including:

- ABSOLUT Country of Sweden MANDRIN
- PEPSI
- instinct MAGAZINE
- BUD LIGHT
- ELBOW GREASE PERSONAL LUBRICANTS
- ECHO MAGAZINE
- CIBOLA VISTA RESORT and Spa
- Shantay's
- ineedaman.com
- alphagraphics on University
- MASQUERADE ENTERTAINMENT THE DRESSING ROOM
- The Adult Skoppe
- HEATSTROKE NEWS
- BODY POSITIVE
- SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO
- IONAZ MAGAZINE
- Barnet Dulaney Perkins EYE CENTER
- clarendon HOTEL + SUITES
- Qwest Spirit of Service
- exp
- LESBIAN cancer PROJECT
- ARIZONA You're Welcome Here Anytime www.VisitGayArizona.com
- MOVIES
- AHRF ARIZONA HUMAN RIGHTS FUND
- Q/EGAS
- GPGCC GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY CENTER
- 'n touch news / business / opinion
- MARK L. JOHNSON & ASSOCIATES Business, Tax, & Estate Planning Asset Preservation Attorneys
- WOMEN'S community connection
- Bank of America
- ONE IN TEN
- flavor