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Peaceful March Planned To Focus On 'Family's Misinformation

PHOENIX - "Out In Love," a coalition of clergy, mental health professionals, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and heterosexual individuals and organizations, have scheduled a peaceful protest outside of the "Love Won Out" an anti-Gay workshop being presented by Focus on the Family (FOTF) on April 6.

"The rally and protest is being planned to expose and refute the lies, half-truths and prevent the pain that FOTF will bring to the Valley of the Sun," stated Loe, Executive Director of Arizona Human Rights Fund, one of the GLBT organizations that is coordinating the event. "This anti-Gay propaganda is bad for Arizona politics, businesses, communities and families."

Focus on the Family's misinformation:

FOTF presents a small group of purported "ex-Gays" as evidence that homosexuality can be overcome. However, they provide no credible sources of data to support this idea.

FOTF uses selective interpretation of the bible, and questionable research by "experts" to promote the idea that homosexuality is a disease that requires a transformative cure.

At the conference, FOTF will provide "answers" to questions like "is it genetic?" "what is being taught in schools?" "what causes homosexuality?" "what should the church's stance be?" "what are Gay rights and minority issues?"

"Our community is hurt by the ignorance and intolerance promulgated at conferences such as this. We are especially alarmed by the fact that FOTF teaches that being Gay or Lesbian is a disease, with the specific aim of preventing and treating it in children, teens and adults, who struggle with their faith issues and sexual orientation. Suppressing one's sexual orientation is a choice; however, promoting that sexual deprogramming is possible is scientifically incorrect, unhealthy and misguided" states Loe.

Action Items Requested from Individuals and Groups:

Send letter to Focus on the Family requesting that they not do the training, address below.

Send letter to Focus on the Family requesting a meeting while they are on in town; Janet Manno, Love Won Out, c/o Focus on the Family, 8605 Explorer Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80995, or fax them at (719) 531-9424

Participate in the protest by making signs and peacefully marching the day of the workshop

Speak at the rally, tell your story about spiritual abuse.

Provide literature from your organization.

Conduct outreach to clergy before during and after protest to educate them on our issues, and

Distribute e-mails to your friends and other organizations and be a media contact.

According to organizers, the next Planning meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2002 at the AHRF offices, 4201 N. 16th St, #170 (N of Indian School on the east side of 16th St.), 6:00 - 8:30 p.m..

A planning and work meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2002 at the Wingspan (300 E. Sixth St; Tucson, AZ. SE corner of 6th St and 5th Ave) starting at 6:00 p.m.

Prep session to make signs, etc will be held on Friday, April 5, 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m., at Community Church of Hope, 4400 N. Central Ave (North West Corner of Central and Turney).

The peaceful protest and rally will be held Saturday, April 6, 7:00 a.m. to noon, across from the Bethany Bible Church, 6060 N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ (NW Corner of Bethany Home and 7th Ave) -- park in the adjacent neighbor hood or take Valley Metro bus line #8 or #60. Please plan on attending the planning meeting or the prep meeting. If not, please RSVP for further information: talk with Dilia or Kristen @ AHRF (602) 650.0900 or ahrfinfo@ahrf.org, or E-mail cathy@wingspanaz.org.

Current participating organizations in "Out In Love" are the: Arizona Human Rights Fund, Clergy for Justice, Silent No More Shadow, PFLAG (Parents, Family Friends of Lesbians and Gays), ASU - GLBT Students and Professors, Community Church of Hope, GLBT Chamber of Commerce of Greater Phoenix, Women In Tune, Wingspan - Tucson, Northern Arizona Rainbow Community Center, Flagstaff.

Hate is not a family value

Jury Finds Dog Owners Guilty On All Counts

LOS ANGELES, CA - A jury pronounced Marjorie Knoller guilty of second-degree murder and both her and her husband, Robert Noel, guilty of involuntary manslaughter and guilty of owning a mischievous dog in a vicious dog mauling that killed a San Francisco woman last year.

Murder charges are rare in dog mauling cases, but prosecutors said the couple knew their two powerful 120-pound Presa Canarios were dangerous.

The prosecution brought in numerous witnesses who said they had been terrorized by the animals.

Marjorie Knoller could get 15 years to life in prison for the second-degree murder conviction. Noel was not in the San Francisco apartment building when the attack took place. He faces up to four years in jail.

During closing arguments, Deputy District Attorney James Hammer called the defendants "cold-blooded liars" who knew their dogs were "time bombs" that could kill and were trying to "get away with murder."

Hammer said Knoller and Noel knew that the dogs were dangerous to others because there had been several incidents in which the dogs had lunged at people and other dogs.

After the attack on January 26, 2001, Knoller and Noel blamed Whipple, who had her throat ripped open in the attack. "It's not my fault," Knoller said in a TV interview that was played for the jury. "Ms. Whipple had ample opportunity to move into her apartment. She could have just slammed the door shut. I would have."

Nedra Ruiz, who represented Knoller, added to the controversy surrounding the case by crawling on the floor, kicking the jury box and crying during her opening statement. In closing arguments, she accused prosecutors of trying to "curry favor with the homosexual and Gay folks."

SATISFACTION EXPRESSED OVER WHIPPLE VERDICT

Though the mood remained somber, most San Franciscans expressed satisfaction with the verdict rendered against a couple charged in the dog-mauling death of Diane Whipple.

Elias Habash, a grocer in Whipple's Pacific Heights neighborhood, told the Reuters news agency, "Murder might be too much. She (Knoller) didn't intend to do that." But, he said, "I feel very sorry that that young woman had to die. Somebody had to be punished."

The case also made history in that Whipple's Lesbian partner, Sharon Smith, won the right to become the first in the state to file a wrongful death claim for a spouse. The case was closely followed by members of the Gay community who made it clear they demanded nothing less than full justice.

Most neighbors interviewed told the news agency they believed the jury was right to hold Noel and Knoller responsible for keeping such dangerous animals in a crowded urban environment.

"Anyone with a dangerous animal should be sentenced. Even for full murder," said one resident of the apartment complex where Whipple lived. "It's like if you have a cobra snake. It will bite."

CASE SETS MILESTONE

The verdict in the Diane Whipple dog-mauling case has sent legal shockwaves across the state of California and is seen called by many as a landmark for Gay and Lesbian civil rights.

Before Whipple was killed, state Assemblywoman Carole Migden, a San Francisco Democrat introduced legislation granting Gays the right to file civil suits on behalf of their partners. It languished until the mauling incident demonstrated its necessity.

Quite simply, the Whipple case made it impossible for the Legislature and Gov. Gray Davis to ignore the inequalities the bill was written to redress. "It created a very compelling, real-life image of the consequences of tragedy and the inequities in society," Migden told the Associated Press.

Of all the states in the U.S., only California, Hawaii and Vermont grant such status to Gays to sue on behalf of their partners. But that may soon change.

"I think this case certainly did illustrate the lack of legal recognition and the compounded pain that that causes with the lack of legal recognition," said David Smith of the Human Rights Campaign.

The complaints levied by some far-right groups seemed shrill in the wake of what most considered a fair verdict. Randy Thomasson of Campaign for California Families said, "It's unfortunate that Gov.Davis and radical Gay activists have already abused and misused this tragic case in their political quest to undermine marriage."

Whipple's partner, Sharon Smith, is filing a civil suit against the convicted couple seeking unspecified damages. She

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UPDATE

Desert Voices Concert April 6 & 7

TUCSON - Desert Voices will present their spring concert "Love," on Saturday April 6th at 8:00 p.m., and again on Sunday April 7, at 2:00 p.m. They will be lifting their voices in love at a new venue, St. Gregory's School, 3231 N. Craycroft.

The chorus will be exploring all facets of love with their sister chorus, the San Diego Women's chorus. Together these choruses will unite to bring a festive night of love songs ranging from the Renaissance to Broadway. The San Diego Women's chorus will be traveling to Tucson to charm us with their enchanting melodies and will join Desert Voices to overwhelm audiences with a tremendous choral sound.

Desert Voices is not only welcoming the San Women's chorus for this concert, but they will also be doing a world premiere of a new work by Eric Helmuth. This two movement piece was inspired by poetry written by Fredrico Garcia Lorca and Amy Lowell whose works have touched many hearts by exploring the pain and joy of love. Eric Helmuth is a renowned composer from the Boston area who has a musical flare that adds luster to the poetry making for a real musical treat. Artistic director Keith A. Koster and Desert Voices are honored to be the first to present this breathtaking piece of music and they are eager to share it with Tucson audiences.

The "Love" concert will also feature musical morsels by Desert Voices' own women's barbershop quartet Alegria, the men's quartet Four Brothers, and Una Voz.

Concert tickets are $12 in advance, $10 student/senior and $15 at the door. Tickets are available at Antigone Books, Hear's Music, Tucson Trunk, and Zip's University. A pre-concert talk by composer Eric Helmuth will be at the VIP reception for season ticket holders and donors. Questions and ticket inquiries can be answered by calling the Desert Voices hotline at (520) 791-9662.

Rainbow Support Group Update

TUCSON - Organizers announced that the 14 year-old Rainbow Support Group open to the LGBT Community and supportive friends will have a new format beginning in April 2002.

To accommodate the ongoing needs for support and sharing, the group will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in Room 42 at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church. The group will no longer meet the 1st or the 5th Thursdays of the month. However, we will be meeting the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. (starting April 18) at the Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse, 606 North 4th Ave. This meeting will be a social time for people to meet and talk and will allow the group to better meet the needs of the LGBT community.

The owner of the Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse has graciously extended one of their new meeting rooms to us. Come on down and join us at Rainbow Planet or St. Francis on a Thursday evening. The Rainbow Support Group is sponsored by the Reconciling Committee of St. Francis UMC. For more information please call the Church office (520) 299-9063 for the contact person.

Water of Life MCC Holy Week Schedule

TUCSON - Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) will celebrate Holy Week with a variety of events. The Pastor, Reverend Joyce Cook welcomes all of Tucson to join us in the observance of the Resurrection of Christ.

Starting on March 28 at 7:00 p.m., we will be holding a service recognizing Maundy Thursday, the day before Christ was to be crucified. On Friday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m., the Water of Life MCC with hold Good Friday services; the day Christ died on the cross. On Sunday, April 31 at 7:00 p.m., we will be holding a special Sunrise Worship Service. Directly afterwards, the Water of Life MCC will host our annual Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt for kids of all ages. A second Easter Service will be held at 10:15 a.m., also. All of Tucson is welcome. You need not be a member of Water of Life to attend any of these events. Bring the body, the spirit will follow.

Water of Life MCC is located at 3269 North Mountain Ave, just north of Fort Lowell Road and worships each Sunday at 10:15 a.m. For further information, please contact the church office at (520) 292-9151 or you may contact the Pastor at WOLMCC@aol.com.

OUTWest Celebration April 9

TUCSON - Suffering from Academy Award party withdrawal? Well mark your calendar to stop by Wingspan on Tuesday, April 9, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Wingspan will be hosting a party to honor the people whose hard work made OUTWest 2001 happen last October.

OUTWest was Tucson's 7th Annual LGBT Film Festival. This celluloid celebration of diverse LGBT-themed films was made possible by the diligent efforts of a fabulous bunch of hardworking people, and Wingspan will be showing due appreciation for their efforts with a party and presentation of awards in their honor.

Food and beverages will be served. Wingspan is at 300 E. 6th St. For more information, call Wingspan, (520) 624-17-79.

IN MEMORIAM

Patrick Thomas Murdock
May 7, 1956 - March 19, 2002

How fortunate we were that God shared Pat with us for 45 years. Our lives have been enriched by knowing and loving this wonderful young man. Pat is survived by his partner Tim Grinnell; parents Bill and Mary Murdock; sisters, Denise (Kevin) Kinkade, Ellen Nicole LaCroix; Nephew Eric LaCroix and many loving relatives in Texas.

Patrick took it upon himself to help others secure medication for less fortunate AIDS sufferers. Eric Hallam, Patrick's 1st caregiver, remembered him having a strong will to live because he loved life and people, especially his partner Tim. He worked for the State and was a volunteer with the AIDS Support Staff at SAAF.

His family would like to thank Dr. D. Goldsmith of the El Rio Special immunology staff; the staff of St. Mary's Hospice, and Scott Blades of TIHAN. Services were held at Rincon Congregational Church last Sunday, March 24. Donations may be sent to SAAF, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719, or Carondelet Hospice, 1802 W. St. Mary's Rd., Tucson, AZ 85745.

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Safe Sex

Is Bringing Men Together

Special Master Says Options Are Limited

WASHINGTON, DC - The U.S. Justice Department denied requests by Gay advocacy groups to add language recognizing the eligibility of domestic partners to its final rules governing a multimillion-dollar federal fund for survivors of the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Similar to a preliminary set of rules issued last December, the final DOJ regulations, released March 7, leave it up to state probate laws to decide which survivors are eligible for a federal compensation payment that could exceed $1 million or more. Except for Vermont and Hawaii, state probate laws don't recognize domestic partners, the Southern Voice reported.

But in his most far-reaching statement to date, Kenneth Feinberg, the attorney named by President Bush to administer the compensation program, said he would exercise his authority to overrule state law if he believes an "injustice" would occur if a Gay partner were denied compensation under the program.

"I do have a provision in the regulations that allows me, on rare occasions, to prevent an injustice by allocating the federal money regardless of what state law says," Feinberg said in a March 13 interview.

"If a situation cries out for fairness and justice, I will exercise that power," he said. "But I must say, I don't see myself doing that except in the rarest of situations."

Gay civil rights attorneys have said leaving the decision to state law could result in the denial of compensation for same-sex survivors of the Sept. 11 attacks unless the victims had a will naming their partners as beneficiaries of their estates.

Feinberg, whose title is listed as "special master" of the compensation program, invited interested parties to submit comments and suggestions on the regulations last December, when the DOJ issued a set of "interim" regulations.

Several Gay civil rights and legal groups, including the New York-based Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, urged Feinberg and DOJ officials to add language to the regulations that broaden the definition of survivors to include Gay and Lesbian couples.

Feinberg said adding a specific domestic partner clause in the regulations would have subjected him and the DOJ to a flurry of lawsuits from angry relatives, who would likely dispute an award to a domestic partner on grounds that it contradicts state probate law.

"I'm no Solomon," Feinberg said. "What can I do? First of all, I don't know the merits of the case. What do [the Gay advocates] want me to do, hold a hearing and have the Gay partner and the parents come in and argue to me, 'I'm entitled, no, I'm entitled?'"

Feinberg nevertheless raised the possibility that he would overturn the wishes of the relatives of a Gay victim under certain circumstances.

"In an individual case, if a Gay comes to me and says, 'Look, let me show you something here, Mr. Feinberg. See these parents? They haven't spoken to the victim in 15 years. ... It would be an outrage for you to give them federal money. They had disowned the kid, the victim,'" Feinberg said. "Well, that may be a case where I give the money to the Gay partner. And in an individual case, I'll take a look at that.

"The last thing I want," he said, "is for the Gay community to claim that Ken Feinberg discriminated against them."

Southern Voice: You just mentioned that you're concerned about a commentary piece by Gay press columnist John Aravosis, which says the regulations you just issued discriminate against Gay survivors of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Kenneth Feinberg: I just read it. I was so incensed by it -- not incensed, troubled by it, that I immediately responded to him, saying I have no intention of discriminating against Gays. And I am doing everything in my power to make sure that does not occur in the context of this program.

Voice: Did someone alert you to the article?

Feinberg: Someone showed it to me yesterday. I immediately read it last night and responded to him today. I understand where he's coming from. He's not the first person that's expressed this concern. I met with Lambda [Legal Defense and Education Fund officials] on a number of occasions. I will do everything in my power to avoid the type of discrimination that he's concerned about. I am somewhat constrained by both the statute and the practicalities of the situation. But within those constraints I'm going to do what I can do.

Voice: At your last press conference, you said that you must, except in the rarest of situations, look to state law in deciding whether domestic partners are eligible to receive compensation. What did you mean by 'the rarest of situations'? Does that open the door to a possible exception?

Feinberg: No. What I meant by that was that in only Vermont, I think, and/or only Hawaii, which, among the 50 states recognize Gay partners as eligible under state law to receive an award -- that's rare. But I will honor those states if that's what they want to do. I think that's what I meant. The other thing I might have meant -- I do have a provision in the regulations that allows me, on rare occasions, to prevent an injustice by allocating the federal money regardless of what state law says. Again, if a situation cries out for fairness and justice, I will exercise that power. But I must say, I don't see myself doing that except in the rarest of situations.

Voice: One of the Gay organizations put out a press release this week, the Stonewall Democrats, saying you may have met recently with the surviving Gay partners of people who died in the World Trade Center attack.

Feinberg: I met two weeks ago with a group of about 50 fiancés and domestic partners living with the victim.

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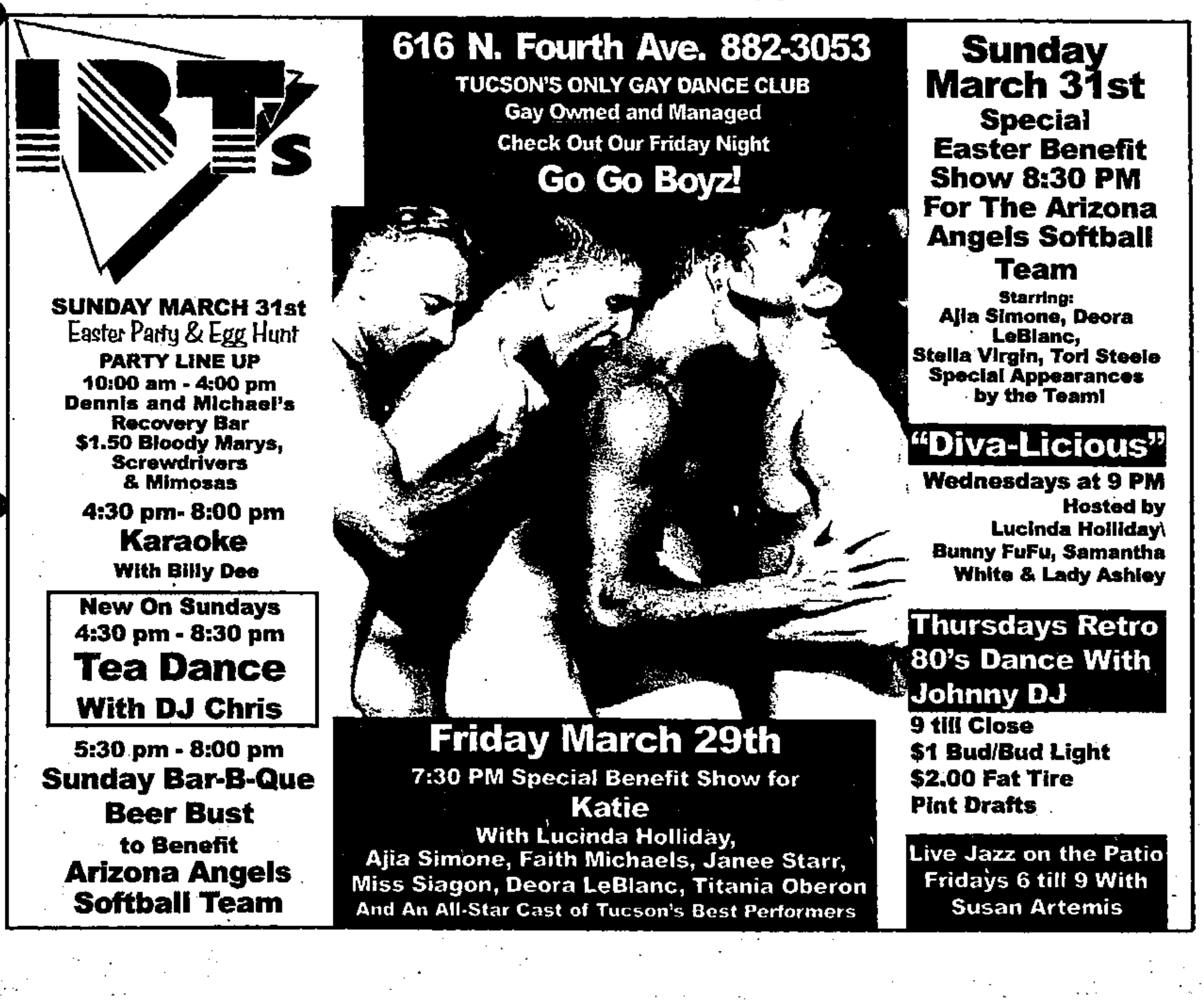

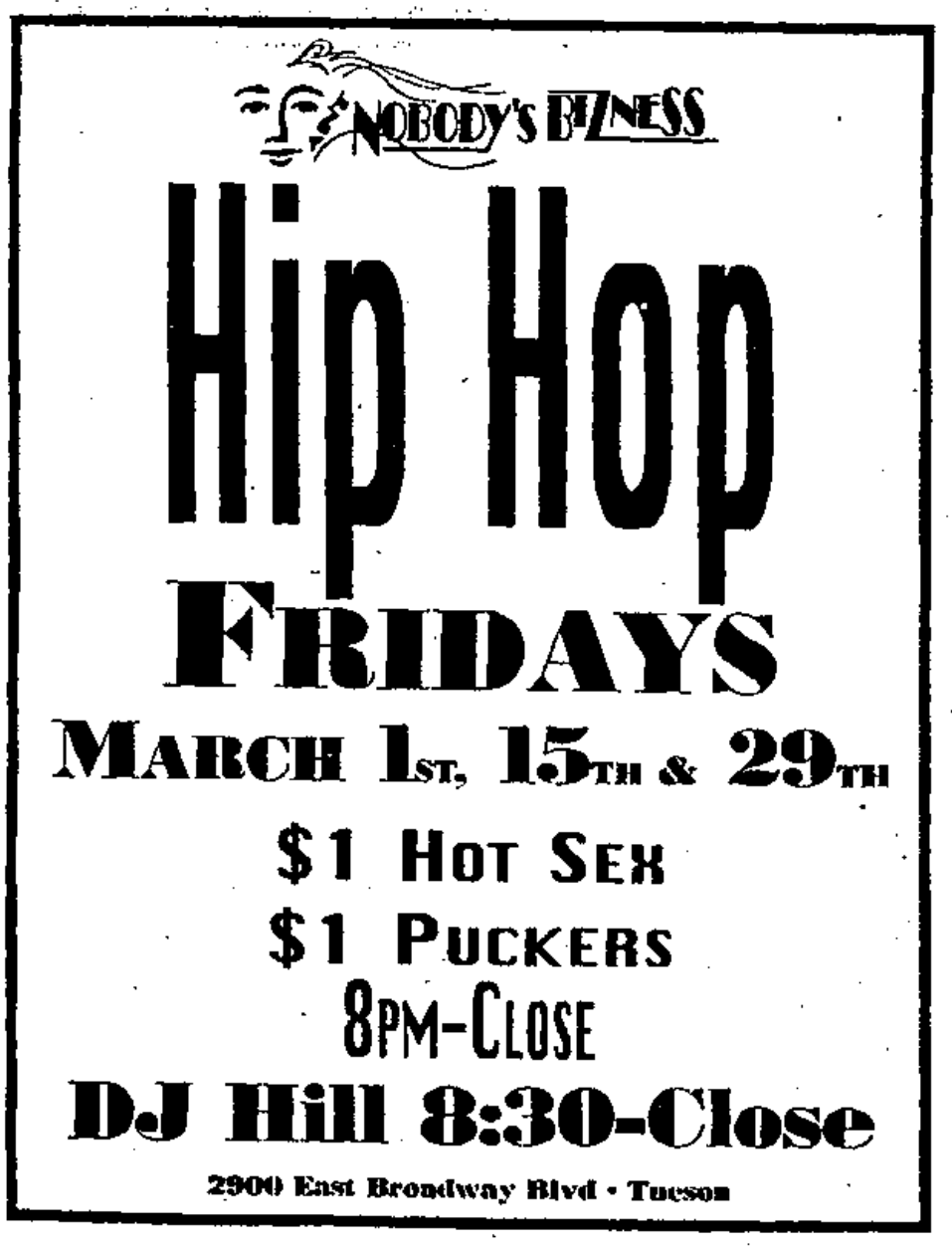

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It's More Than You Think.....

PFLAG-Wavin' Mama

Part One

By Andy Scahill,
Out in America Editor

COLUMBUS, OH (OIA) - Actress Sharon Gless finds joy in her new role, her past successes, and her Queer As Folk "kids."

Sharon Gless will be the first to admit that she's had some juicy roles in her time. As Debbie Novotny, the flamboyant and outspoken mother of openly Gay Michael on Showtime's original series Queer as Folk, Gless says she's able to tap into the "Little Debbie" inside of her. Every week, she gets to experience Debbie's joy and her essence, if not her wardrobe.

But Gless has said that she would never have been be in the position to take the role of Debbie had it not been for little show called Cagney & Lacey. In that ground-breaking and critically-acclaimed 1980's series, she and co-star Tyne Daly created a portrayed two female police detectives negotiating the trials of both their personal and professional lives. For her portrayal of New York Police Detective Christine Cagney, Gless received two Emmys, a Golden Globe, and six Emmy nominations.

Before hopping a plane to Toronto to film another episode of QAF, Sharon Gless took the time to talk with us from her home in Florida.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Because of the length of this extremely interesting interview with Sharon Gless and the inside story of Queer As Folk, one of the hottest cable network shows around, we will have to make the interview a two-parter. Here is Part One of Andy Scahill's interview. The second part will be printed in next week's Observer. Thank you for your patience. The second half is just as interesting as this first one.

Andy Scahill: So the script for Queer as Folk came to you—what happened next?

Sharon Gless: Well, someone actually sneaked it to me. [laughs] My agent knew the project, and he was against it. I was doing a play in Chicago and studying for the show "Lion in Winter", and I looked up Peter Forester, the finest drama coach in Chicago, who is also an agent by day. He had gotten a hold of this script and he called me and said, "Now I hope you're not going to be offended, but I'm sending you this script. It's not a very big part, but you've got to see this. You can do this." And I said, "I'm not offended by small parts." [laughs] And read it and thought—I can't believe they're going to do this on television. I was so fascinated by the daring and the explicitness of it. You're initially titillated by all sex, y'know...

AS: Right.

SG: ...but if it's a piece of crap, who cares? Then it would be...

AS: Melrose Place?

SG: Exactly. So I called Showtime. I knew the president of Showtime, and his assistant, Carol, who had been my husband's assistant, and I asked her if the role of the mother had been cast, and she said, "You're not right for the mother, you don't want to do the mother..."

And I said, "No, no—Debbie! Debbie, Debbie, Debbie...". She thought that I meant Justin's mom. "Well, I want it," I said. "What do I have to do? What do I have to do to get this?" At the time, they weren't going to go with a known actress in that part.

AS: And then you auditioned for the part?

SG: Yeah, and it was a really black day for them because none of the agents were returning their calls, y'know, no one wanted their clients to touch this. And I walked in and I just had one question. I said, "Are you guys really going to film all of this?" They said, "Every frame." And I said, "Well, then call me a coach, because I want to be there."

AS: So, the provocative nature of the show actually drew you in?

SG: I was very drawn by the provocativeness of it. But I didn't want to just watch boys doing it. Besides, they'd make me leave... Closed set. But I'd say, "That's my son!" And they'd say, "No, go to your room." [laughs]

I really thought there was something I could bring to it. It seemed that although there was a darkness to it, the first three-hour script, I thought, this woman is so full of sunshine, so full of joy, and she's got such a mouth on her... there's such a great contrast between what's going on and this woman. And I thought, I can bring something to this.

AS: When you say that, do you mean you could bring something to it as an actress or as the character?

SG: As an actor. It's an actor's dream. I mean, I surely don't look my best in the role. So we decided on the wig—well, we initially decided on several wigs; she was going to change her wigs all the time. But then Showtime lost their nerve. They said, "We're spending a lot of money for people to see Sharon Gless." And I said, "As soon as I open my mouth, they're gonna know who it is!"

AS: So it was down to one 'do, then...

SG: Yeah, they originally wanted me to use my own hair, and I said, "No, no—I'll look like Chris Cagney gone bad!"

AS: Now let's talk about Debbie's wardrobe...

SG: [laughs] Well, initially, I brought all the t-shirts myself, all the naughty ones. There's two great places in

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Whether they were Gay or not, I do not know. But I did meet with a group of fiancés and live-ins in New York. They didn't express to me whether they were Gay or not. I didn't get into that. I just met with them to talk about their problem -- which is exactly the same. The heterosexual fiancé saying to me, 'How are you going to prevent an injustice? My live-in boyfriend or girlfriend died without a will, no spouse, no children. I was going to marry him next week. What about me?' What about you? What do you want? What can I do? You're not a spouse. You're not eligible. There was no will. You're not eligible under the law of New York State to be in the chain of intestacy. It goes to the parents. Work it out with the parents. 'Oh, the parents and I are at odds.' Well, I'm no Solomon. What can I do? First of all, I don't know the merits of the case. I'm distributing money under a federal program that only has a two-year life. I can't get embroiled in these domestic family squabbles. By what ability do I have to work out those disagreements? Unless there is an absolutely outrageous case, I look to state law. Now, if the victim died with a will, and the will says I leave my estate to my fiancé, I leave my estate to my Gay partner -- I will honor that will. I'm not looking to discriminate. It's the opposite. I don't want to discriminate. What do people want me to do?

Voice: Congressman Barney Frank says Congress wrote the law broadly to give discretion to the rule-making, so that you could device a fair system that takes into consideration people who live together in a loving, caring household similar to married spouses.

Feinberg: Here's my answer to Barney. I've told Barney. Here's my answer: One, the statute doesn't say that. The statute seems to say to me, look to state law in terms of estates. Put that aside. Maybe Barney comes back and says, 'No, I don't read the statute that way.' OK. Let's say the statute gives me the power to award a portion of the award to a Gay partner. How am I supposed to determine, in an individual case, the merits of the dispute? What does Barney want me to do? Hold a hearing and have the Gay partner and the parents come in and argue to me, 'I'm entitled, no I'm entitled, no I'm entitled?' And if I do that and I award a portion to the Gay partner, even though the law of the state says it all should go to the parent, now is the parent going to sue me enjoining the distribution to the Gay partner? I can't get into that. I just can't get into that. If there's a will, if the state recognizes the Gay partner, like Vermont, I'll honor it. If not, I think Barney and Mr. Aravosis, in his article -- I'm not saying they're being unreasonable, I'm just saying they don't get it. I'm only one person trying to administer a program. I can't tie the program up in knots over this.

Voice: Did you get any pressure from the White House or the attorney general not to add domestic partners to the program?

Feinberg: None. None. There's never been any pressure applied to me on this issue. None. It has nothing to do with Gays or discrimination against Gays. At no point was there ever the slightest mention to me, "We don't want to recognize Gays." Everybody agreed what we do want to do is streamline the program the best way we can to distribute the money the quickest way we can, and that is by relying, primarily, on what the state says should be the order of distribution in the absence of a will. And that's exactly what we've done. Aravosis says you're giving illegal aliens money and you're not giving Gays money. That's just not true. Illegal aliens are eligible to take money under my program if the state allows it. And the state does. So we'll pay the illegal aliens. If the state says an illegal alien can't take the money, we won't pay it. I'm not favoring aliens over Gays. That's what I tried to explain to him. I don't know. Maybe I'm falling on deaf ears. And I must say, in the individual case, if a Gay comes to me and says, 'Look, let me show you something here, Mr. Feinberg. See these parents? They haven't spoken to the victim in 15 years. They were alienated. They had no relationship at all. It would be an outrage for you to give them federal money. They had disowned the kid, the victim.' Well, that may be a case where I give the money to the Gay partner. That may be. And in an individual case, I'll take a look at that.

Voice: So ultimately, you do have discretion?

Feinberg: I have some discretion. But I must say, I do not want to start willy-nilly making these decisions in every state -- Gay here, no Gay there, Gay here, no Gay there. I'm not going to get into that. I'll get sued everywhere. It will tie the program up in knots. I can't do that.

Voice: Wouldn't they sue in an individual case rather than all the others?

Feinberg: Yes. But what if instead of an individual case, I do it in 40 cases? Now I'm going to get sued in 40 different places, where I award money to Gays in 40 different states? Now, if a Gay comes forward and shows me that the parent is just totally ridiculous, I'm not going to spend the federal money in a way that just is unjust. I just don't to get into nitpicking over these issues. The other thing that Gays ought to do -- they ought to come and see me and demonstrate why the economic loss suffered by the death of the victim is increased by their dependency, by their contribution to the Gay relationship, so that I can award an amount more than I would otherwise award if they didn't come forward. Then the Gay can go to the state courts and say, 'Look, here's Mr. Feinberg's award. He was going to award $1.3 million. But because of my contribution to the arrangement, the relationship, he's awarding $1.8 million -- an extra $500,000.' At least that is my own just enrichment. Maybe that argument may fly in state court. I don't know. But that's another way to do it.

Voice: Couldn't you just give the Gay partner the extra $500,000?

Feinberg: No. That's the question. Maybe. But is that going to leave me open to a lot of litigation by, let's say, the parents, who say, 'You cut a check for $1.8 million. Under the law of Virginia, that $1.8 goes to the estate. Without a will, that's us. That's what the law says, that's us.' I know, I know, but that extra $500,000 ... is only because of the Gay. 'Yeah -- but that's not the way we look at it.' Bop, bop, bop -- we're going to court with the Gay.

Voice: You said you received responses from the public that were pro and con concerning the domestic partner questions. Were the opponents particularly vitriolic?

Feinberg: I don't recall how many I got pro and con. Most were pro. Vitriolic? You know, everything is relative. What's vitriolic? With this fund, everybody is vitriolic. But they weren't particularly embarrassing to the degree of vitriol.

Voice: Do you know how many domestic partners there are who are coming forward for compensation?

Feinberg: Very few. That's a very good question. My understanding is, from Lambda, that the number of disputes, like we're talking about, involving Gay part-

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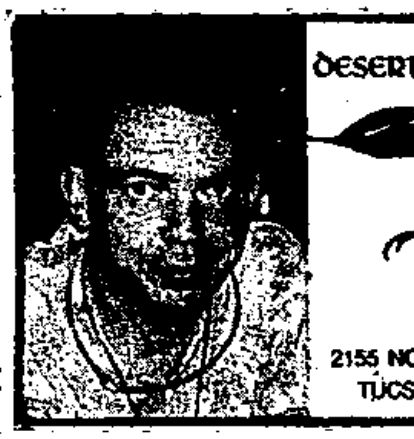

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Do you hear the pitter patter of little hooves? It sounds like the Sun is entering Aries this week. This sprightly tip tap becomes a stampede thanks to the robust Rambo energy over the next 32 days. Be prepared to hop on or stand aside cousin!

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Count your blessings as the optimistic Sun enters your own sign this week. Rainbow Rams are feeling their oats since anything they set their mind to do, they can achieve now. But will you build your dreams on solid rock or on shifting sand? Be sure to do your homework, put in your very best efforts and build your tomorrow, today. Then be prepared to shake it to the rafters!

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

As the optimistic Sun makes its move into pioneering Aries, queer Bulls begin to feel a certain radiance. Could it be the blessing from the gods? Now let's not get carried away cousin. This je ne sais quois glow is probably caused by the feeling of freedom as your closet blows off its hinges. Aries energy accepts no compromises and neither should you, sport!

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Are there any queer Twins out there who thirst for company? Be careful of what you wish, compadre! Parched Geminis are tossed head first into the social swim by gushing Sun in Aries. You may have to beat them off with a stick for the next four weeks as friends and friends of friends can't seem to get enough of you. Hey, things could certainly be worse.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

For pink Crabs who feel as if they have been beating their heads against the corporate door to no avail, take an aspirin and relax. The Sun in Aries pries open the golden gate so you can slip in. Make good use of this sunny time, comrade. Put yourself in a position to be seen, heard and, considering what it takes to make it these days, noticed. Gee, what position did you have in mind?

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

If your paws begin to itch and you begin to yearn for farther fields, blame the urge on the Sun as it glides into Aries. Proud Lions can use the next few weeks to go global in any way they can. If time and money are tight, release your demons through the internet or with a sordid spicy adventure closer to home. Corrupt your hard drive any way you can, cousin.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Is it hot in here or is it sexy Gay Virgo raising the temperature? The sizzly Sun enters robust Aries this week and pumps your thermometer with extra Fahrenheit. Let off a bit of steam with a certain someone, lover, and leave the driving to them. Make good use of time. Before you know it, the Sun will move on and so will your urge to merge. Hurry! Then again, don't rush it.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Pink Libras meet their match when expansive Sun pushes into fiery Aries. If you are currently committed, make this a time of harmony and love. If you are in the meet market, don't sit at home and wait for a knock on the door; Get Out there and make yourself available. Just because you are trolling doesn't mean you will only meet trolls. Unless, of course, that is your thing.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Ready to get to work? There is a cubicle with your nameplate on it when the Sun enters relentless Aries. Proud Scorps can make great inroads at work and will accomplish even the most daunting of tasks with relative ease now. Your energy surges! This is also a superb time to get that bod in shipshape for cruise season. Is it true that you can improve on perfection? Well, let's just see.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Any Gay Archer who has been experiencing creative blockage will feel the release when the expansive Sun shines in energetic Aries. Good vibes, good times and even better personal output can be expected. But don't waste all that perspiration on inspiration, cousin. It's also time to party hearty while the party hearty planets provide the push. Hey, how hard can you push?

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Your home environment is in for a reassessment when the Sun moves into Aries. Pink Caps overcome their dissatisfaction by applying themselves to any home or family issue that is not quite right. Make your move now and create a harmonious and affirming center. If that means you will have to dump that Lazy Boy chair so be it! As long as you don't dump that lazy boy.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians are not shy about expressing their views and now, as the feisty Sun enters opinionated Aries there is no holding you back. This is the time of year when you can make great inroads into any political core. Speak out loud, proud and queer, friend. There is a ground swell and you can lead the charge. And that is not all that is swell around here, you charmer you.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

If your wallet has looked a little threadbare, thank your lucky stars when the Sun traverses Aries. Guppies may experience a small windfall or find a clever route to riches now. Whatever gold is tossed your way, find an equally golden way to invest it for future use. Build your nugget into a Knox. And don't forget to share your largess with with close friends....ahem.

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POLITICS 2002
by Mark R. Kerr

'It's Business As Usual So It's Time To Get Involved!'

As the sun shines through the ever-present brown haze, another day dawns at 1700 West Washington and activity permeates through the area, with the lobbyists walking around, talking incessantly to their handlers on their cellphones, state workers, with their pittance of a pay hike, frantically trying to finish projects, answer too-many questions and deal with that ever-so-annoying presence, the elected official, while regular people (the very few) mill about, reading themselves to witness or partake in a committee hearing, unless their slips requesting to speak have been tossed by the dim-witted committee chair, as it happened recently.

With the budget agreement of sorts has been hashed out for the current fiscal year and the negotiations and the inevitable political posturing have begun for the Fiscal Year 2003 budget, things are getting back to abnormal at 1700 West Washington, home of the Arizona Legislature, committee's are hearing bills, and some legislation is beginning to creep through the legislative process but not the measures you would think.

Measures dealing with tax exemptions for Vinca planting, extreme boating, four-year terms for legislators, and the Golden Rule (Where they do onto us, and we can't do a damn thing about it!), are getting hearings and seeing the light of day while proposals, such as: enacting a statewide domestic partners registry, expanding the state's hate crimes law to cover misdemeanor offenses, protecting Gay and Lesbian Arizonan's right to work to lifting the censorship bans on teaching about HIV/-AIDS in public schools gather dust while sponsors and supporters valiantly search for bills to utilize the strike-everything amendment, thanks to the current legislative leadership.

It's business as unusual and it's time for Arizona's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) taxpayers and registered voters to act by getting rid of a lot of these current incumbents and electing new people who would bring a much different, and sorely needed, change of attitude and approach to the process.

In addition to the current incumbents, Representatives Steve May, R-Paradise Valley, Ed Poelstra, R-Tucson, who are running for reelection, and Ken Cheuvront, D-Phoenix, who is running for the Arizona State Senate, there are six more Gay candidates running for the Arizona Legislature this year.

Peter Moraga is a Phoenix Democrat, small business owner, and is running for the Arizona House of Representatives. Moraga is described as "real community activist who wants to make a difference for the entire community and for all Gay, Lesbian and straight families." For more information about Moraga, or to make a contribution to his bid, visit his Web site at www.petermoraga.com, or call (602) 385-3280.

Another Phoenix Democrat and small business owner is Sam Wercinski, who is running for the Arizona House of Representatives, so that they can get some people in touch with the community, for which the Legislature just hasn't been in touch and their record for the last 10 years shows it. For more information about Wercinski, call his campaign, (602) 485-1412, ask for Dan Mollar or visit his Web site, www.sam4az.com.

Republican Thom Von Hapsburg, is in a race for the Arizona House, where there is two open seats and where the election will be settled in the September primary. Von Hapsburg, an owner of an insurance agency and head of the Arizona Log Cabin Republicans, faces five other candidates and will need help, both in the volunteer aspect and the ever-important fund raising factor. He also has a Web site, www.vonhapsburg2002.com, where you can get more information and make a donation. For those who use snail-mail, make checks (up to $270) payable to "VonHapsburg 200" and send them to P.O. Box 54004, Phoenix, Arizona 85078.

Democrat Jack Jackson Jr., is facing a daunting task in his campaign, running against six other candidates, two of which are incumbents, for the Democratic nomination for the Arizona House of Representatives. Jackson Jr., a lobbyist, member of the Stonewall Democrats, and who was endorsed by the Washington D.C. based Victory Fund for his bid, is gathering signatures and trying to raise funds for the September Democratic primary contest, which will settle who will fill the two seats. Send checks (up to $270) to "Jackson Victory Committee," P.O. Box 782, Window Rock, Arizona, 86515. Jackson Jr. will also have a Web site, www.jackjacksonjr.com, which is supposed to go online on Friday, March 29.

A head of a home health care company, Wally Straughn, a Democrat, is running for the Arizona House as well. Straughn is running so that the Legislature will have people who believe every Arizona citizen is equal. The former head of Arizona's GLBT veteran's group and the Arizona Stonewall Democrats, Straughn is gathering signatures and $5 donations, since he's running as a "Clean Election" candidate. For those using the Internet, visit Straughn's Web site, www.wallystraughn.com for more information about the candidate, or call (602) 864-6092.

Straughn is running with another Democrat, small business owner and professional fund raiser, Robert Meza, for Arizona's House. Meza, a former campaign manager, who has gotten candidates elected on the municipal and county levels, launched his bid a couple weeks ago, and said that he hopes, if elected, to get the Arizona Legislature to focus on long-tern goals and think strategically. Meza's campaign phone number is (602) 803-4115, his E-mail address is RobertMeza1@yahoo.com, so you have two ways to reach him, find out more about him, or make a $5 donation since he too is running as a "Clean Election" candidate, and most importantly, help his bid for office.

It's time to stop the business as unusual and get involved and change things, so that measures such as the Arizona Employment Non-Discrimination Act see the light of day, and bills granting tax exemptions for planting items die of dry-rot.

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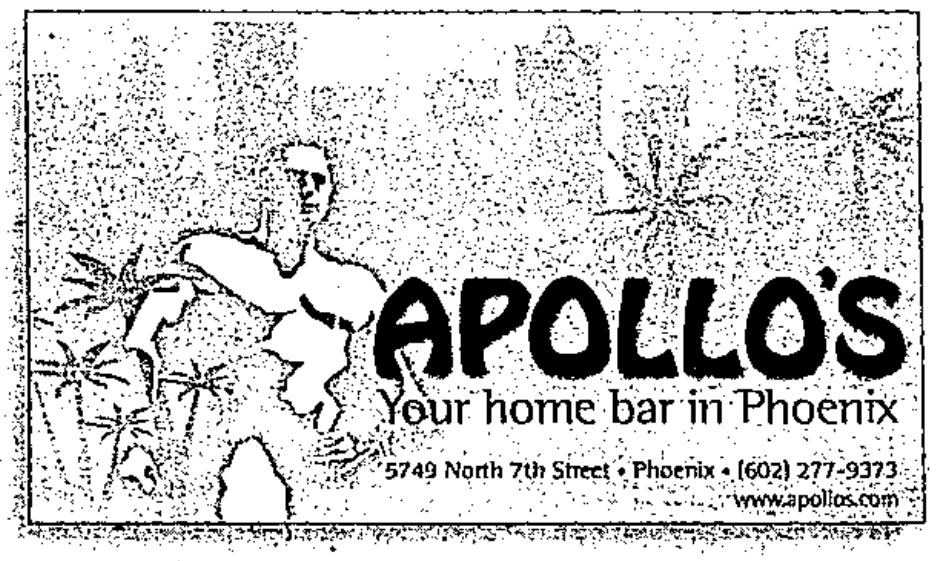

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Dear Dr. X:

I have never really needed a doctor before but feel the need to get one. Any ideas on what to look for when choosing a doctor? I would like a Gay or Gay friendly doctor, as this would help me talk about stuff that I am embarrassed to talk about with a straight doctor. Any help is much appreciated.

Signed,
Doctor Doctor

Dear Doctor Doctor:

Gay men have issues that are unique to them and need to be able to discuss these issues openly and honestly without fear of judgment. I would also recommend getting an Internist instead of a Family Practitioner. An Internist deals mainly with adult medicine.

When you look for a doctor you need to look into his availability. If the first available opening is a month away, this is not a good sign. It could mean that when you do get to see your doctor he'll be in and out of your room faster than your last "trick." It's very important to communicate with your doctor and ask questions. Wingspan has a listing of Gay friendly professionals that may also help you in your search. This is your health and your body that you're dealing with. Remember, he is there to help you; not judge you. Good luck.

Dear Dr. X:

Life seems to suck lately and nothing is going right. My friends seem to be stabbing me in the back; work is really stressful; even sex seems emptier than usual. Am I depressed? I have heard that being bored and lonely are symptoms and I'm both of those. What can I do?

Signed,
Down in the Dumps

Dear Down in the Dumps:

It's true loss of interests and feelings of loneliness can be signs of depression, but I think you might be in a low point or a "slump."

Everyone goes through times in their life when work is stressful, friends suck and you just have no interest in anything. Here are a few tips you may want to try to help yourself out of your funk. Get plenty of rest and eat healthy foods. Talk to a family member or a good friend. Do something you enjoy. Go see a few movies. Try to avoid alcohol, since it is a depressant and will only multiply your feelings. If these things don't help and you stay in the state you're in for more than three weeks I would suggest that you seek professional help. If you have health insurance through work you should look to see if a counseling program is offered. If not, check the yellow pages under Counselors/Mental Health Services. If you do seek help but you don't feel comfortable with the person you chose try someone else. Good luck.

[Have a question for Dr. X? Contact him at GMHPoutreach@SAAF.Org or www.gmhp.org or SAAF, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719, Attn: Dr. X.]

e-mail HUMOR

A cab driver picks up a nun. When she gets into the cab, the cab driver won't stop staring at her. She asks him why he is staring and he replies, "I have a question to ask you but I don't want to offend you."

She answers, "My dear son, you cannot offend me. When you've been a nun as long as I have, you get a chance to see and hear just about everything. I'm sure that there's nothing you could say or ask that I would find offensive."

"I've always had a fantasy to have a nun kiss me."

She responds, "Well, let's see what we can do about that: #1, you have to be single and #2, you must be a Catholic."

The cab driver is very excited and says, "Yes, I am single and I'm Catholic too!"

The nun says, "All right, pull into the next alley." He does and the nun fulfills his fantasy.

When they get back on the road, the cab driver starts crying. "My dear child," said the nun, "why are you crying?"

Forgive me Sister for I have sinned. I lied. I must confess I'm married and I'm a Baptist."

The nun says, "That's OK, I am on the way to a costume party and my name is Kevin."

Thailand Produces Cheap AIDS Drug Trio

BANGKOK, Thailand -- The Thai government says it has produced a single-pill AIDS "cocktail" that will sell for pennies a day, reported 365Gay.com.

Thailand embarked on a major AIDS campaign three years ago and has successfully slashed the number of the people becoming infected.

The new tablet, made by the Government Pharmaceutical Organization, will be available next month at hospitals and drugstores for about 50 cents.

"This is the cheapest anti-retroviral pill in the world, which will help them treat HIV (news - web sites)/AIDS patients more effectively since they won't need to take three pills at a time," GPO Director Thongchai Tavichachart said.

The drug is a combination of three anti-retroviral drugs -- Stavudine (30-40 mg), Lamivudine (150 mg) and Nevirapine (200 mg) -- that are usually prescribed separately to patients.

The GPO said it plans to produce about six million tablets a year.

It is not yet known if the single pill dosage will be made available outside the country.

Special Master

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ners, as far as they know, is relatively modest -- 20, 30? I don't recall. But I do recall it was a relatively modest number. So that's another reason I'm hoping that on an individual basis, we may be able to do something here. Because the last thing I want, the last thing, is for the Gay community to claim that Ken Feinberg discriminated against them. I am absolutely determined not to have that happen. And I will do what I can.

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

'Politics and Jurisprudence'

It's a pity that ordinary citizens don't consider themselves competent to analyze and evaluate our legal system. Granted, it's a complicated system; all legal systems are, but it's not made up of difficult ideas. Cosmology has difficult ideas. Physics has difficult ideas. Philosophy does. But law is mostly made up by Lobbyists who then have to explain it to state legislators. How tough can it be?

There's a guy in California serving 25 years in prison for stealing a piece of pizza, not a whole pizza, just the one slice. We call the Taliban barbaric because they might have cut off his hand for that offense. What's the more extreme punishment, loss of a hand or loss of 25 years,

And why isn't the whole country up in arms about the outrageous barbarity of a 25-year sentence for a piece of pizza? Perhaps it's partly because we assume that any outcome this bizarre has got to be an unfortunate anomaly, perhaps an unintended but unavoidable consequence of protecting some sacred principle that serves as a pillar supporting the entire grandeur of the legal system.

In other words, it's too bad this poor sap's doing a quarter of a century, but the folks who are giving the ship of jurisprudence must have some weighty reasons why it all makes sense and keeps the whole indispensable enterprise afloat. Nonsense. The only principle involved was the principle of making some politicians look tough on crimes. And the political influence on the judicial process is something that ordinary citizens should start taking a very hard look at.

County prosecutor is a political office that has traditionally been used as a stepping stone to higher office. This tradition is a major corrupting influence on our legal system.

County prosecutors knowingly charge folks with crimes they didn't commit every day. The practice is so ingrained that those inside the legal system don't even think of it as corruption. If everyone is aware of it and it's so well accepted, who gets hurt by the practice?

Not the criminals. The unsuccessful criminals get Public Defenders who serve them free of charge and who are well practiced at working around this legal quirk. The successful criminals get high-priced lawyers who are equally well practiced. The real victim of the overcharging tradition is the non-criminal who is neither rich nor financial destitute.

The deal for Mr. Honest Citizen is this: Even if it can be proven that the charges are known to be false, there are no practical adverse consequence to the prosecutor. Mr. Honest can spend his life's savings or a good chunk thereof defending himself, or he can make a deal with the prosecutor that puts another feather in that official's war bonnet.

Politically ambitious prosecutors knowingly trash innocent people's lives all the time. There are lots of ways out of the problem. You could devise various schemes to keep politicians from becoming prosecutors. You could hold prosecutors accountable for malicious prosecutions where they know their defendant to be innocent.

The first solution will be objected to on the grounds that it limits democratic participation in the judicial process. As we can see from the sorry results, democratic participation in the process ought to be limited. The second solution will be objected to on the basis that putting prosecutors at jeopardy for malicious prosecution will discourage prosecution generally. In a society that locks up a higher percentage of its population than does any totalitarian state, such discouragement is warranted.

The diehard defenders of our system of criminal "justice" always used to say, "There may be a hiccup here and there, but we get the big things right. We'd never, for instance, have an innocent man on death row."

And then DNA testing came along.

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

Community Forum 'Hate Crimes' April 18

TUCSON- You're invited to attend a very special free screening and interactive discussion of the award-winning documentary, "Journey to a Hate Free Millennium," and find out what is happening in Arizona, and how you can get involved in stopping the hate!

This forum will take place, Thursday, April 18, 7:00 p.m., at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street.

"Journey to a Hate Free Millennium" is the inspirational award-winning documentary that seeks solutions to the horrible hate crimes that have become frequent events in our daily lives. This stirring and powerful film examines the vicious murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay college student in Wyoming; the horrendous dragging death of James Byrd, Jr., an African American man in Texas; and the unfathomable shootings by high school students at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. Sharing their thoughts in this film through exclusive interviews are Judy and Dennis Shepard, the family of James Byrd, Jr., Darrell Scott (father of slain Columbine High School student Rachael Scott), reformed neo Nazi Skinhead, T.J. Leyden, as well as students, teachers, and celebrities such as Elton John, John Dye, and others moved by these events.

For more information, please call Wingspan, (520) 624-1779 or email cathy@wingspanaz.org.

Dog Owners

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said any financial award would go to support a nonprofit women's lacrosse foundation in memory of Whipple.

Ruth Herring of the National Center for Lesbian Rights in San Francisco said California's law giving Gay partners the right to file wrongful death suits "was an acknowledgment that Sharon and Diane were actually family members like any family spouse would have been.

"This is not all about money," she said, "it's about justice."

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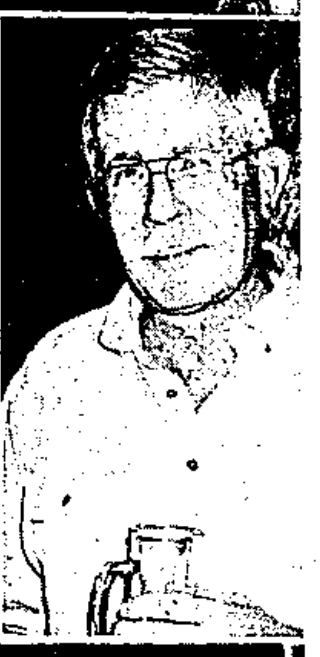

LETTERS

DEAR TUCSON COMMUNITY OBSERVERS:

I would like to open by saying, "Thank You," to all who supported me at the Miss Carousel pageant. It was a wonderful night to remember.

Who would have ever guessed that being second runner-up would guarantee you as the current Miss Carousel.

In a prior letter, Mark Little, the show promoter of the Holiday Show, apologized for the uncorrectable error, which was embraced with integrity and grace. As a promoter of a very successful event, for which I was the guest headliner, Mark's comment on the support of people and community benefits should outweigh the mean-spirited response from Rick Reyna, a.k.a. Misery Malone.

I'm not surprised that Misty Malone took those actions. I'm not alone in recalling that three Miss Carousel crowns were revoked due to various and suspect reasons. I also understand that if you're not part of the flock, your chances of being defrocked are higher. All these small particles of information, of course, arrived after the event.

Tucson Observer's, all I wanted, was to participate, generate funds, have some laughs and support my community. Why has it become such as norm for Rick to do this? Has anyone else out there questioned his integrity? Yes, I signed a contract, however that contract I signed says, "One Year to the Date," and this contract doesn't state what is meant by advertisements. Please show were it states contrary to these facts.

Again, thank you Tucson Observer's, TKO, GMHP, Salud es Poder and Greg Moore. You all have been very special. I look forward in seeing you all at my next benefit, in the near future.

Jose Duran
a.k.a. Miss Carousel 2002

EDITOR:

A recent poll proves what many of us know already: Arizonans overwhelmingly support the right of seriously ill people to use marijuana for medical purposes.

The poll, administered to over 1,000 adults by the Lucas Organization, found that 72.3 percent of Arizona voters "strongly support" or "somewhat support" a proposed ballot initiative that would "remove the threat of arrest and all other penalties for seriously ill patients who use and grow their own medical marijuana with the approval of their physicians." The poll was also conducted in five other states without medical marijuana laws, showing

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THE BOOK REPORT

TUCSON-PIMA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW

Behind the Screen: How Gays and Lesbians Shaped Hollywood, 1910-1969, by William J. Mann (Viking, 2001) Reviewed by Chris Dashiell

Studies of Gay images and themes in motion pictures exist, as do books often written in a superficial gossipy tone, claiming that this or that performer in a movie was Gay. However, William Mann's Behind the Screen is the first comprehensive history of Gays and Lesbians in the American film industry. Focusing as much on supporting roles, such as wardrobe or set designer, as on the careers of actors and directors, Mann carefully presents much detail illustrating the important influence that Gay men and women have had on the creation and evolution of Hollywood style.

The early years represented an era of social freedom for Gays in the industry. As long as the movies made money, Gay filmmakers and performers lived the way they wanted to and the press and studio executives looked the other way. However, the advent of the Production Code in 1932, following a series of attacks on Hollywood "immorality" by religious conservatives and politicians, forced industry Gays to be more cautious. Still, directors like Dorothy Arzner, George Cukor, and Mitchell Leisen managed to get their unique sensibilities past the censors and into the so-called "women's pictures," defining style and romance for a generation. The sexuality of stars such as Marlene Dietrich and Cary Grant was carefully concealed from the public for years. Mann breaks through the denials, which in many cases persisted for a lifetime, with his even-handed and thoroughly convincing documentation.

In the less public domain of art direction, costume design, and makeup, the author demonstrates that Hollywood provided great opportunities for Gays: Adrian and Howard Greer are the most prominent examples of this. The cost of acceptance was the double standard: while Gay life flourished, no one talked about it. With the end of War World II came another backlash. Anticommunist witch-hunts made life difficult for Gay men and women as well. Mann's section on the Fifties is a fascinating look at how Gays in the industry survived in a reactionary climate.

Behind the Screen is filled with interesting private glimpses of film artists in the heyday of the studio system - from the famous (Vincente Minnelli, James Whale, Greta Garbo, Clifton Webb, Ross Hunter) to the relatively unknown (early western star J. Warren Kerrigan, Lilyan Tashman, William Haines). Mann depicts the social and professional worlds of Gay Hollywood. He explains how Gays supported each other in the industry and that they were generally accepted by straight colleagues and the studio establishment.

Among the book's insights is the importance of Gay pride and visibility. Although Gays and Lesbians had an immense influence on Hollywood movies, and thereby on American styles and mores, the public silence about Gay filmmakers and performers has resulted in misapprehension even today. Proof positive being this reviewer's personal surprise upon discovering just how pervasive Gay influence in classic film really was! Mann's book is a groundbreaking corrective to years of ignorance and denial. It is an affirmation of the crucial role that Gay talent and vision have played in the development of a most popular art form.

[You can check out this and other interesting books at your neighborhood library -or- Visit www.tppl.org/glbt/ to find out more about library services.]

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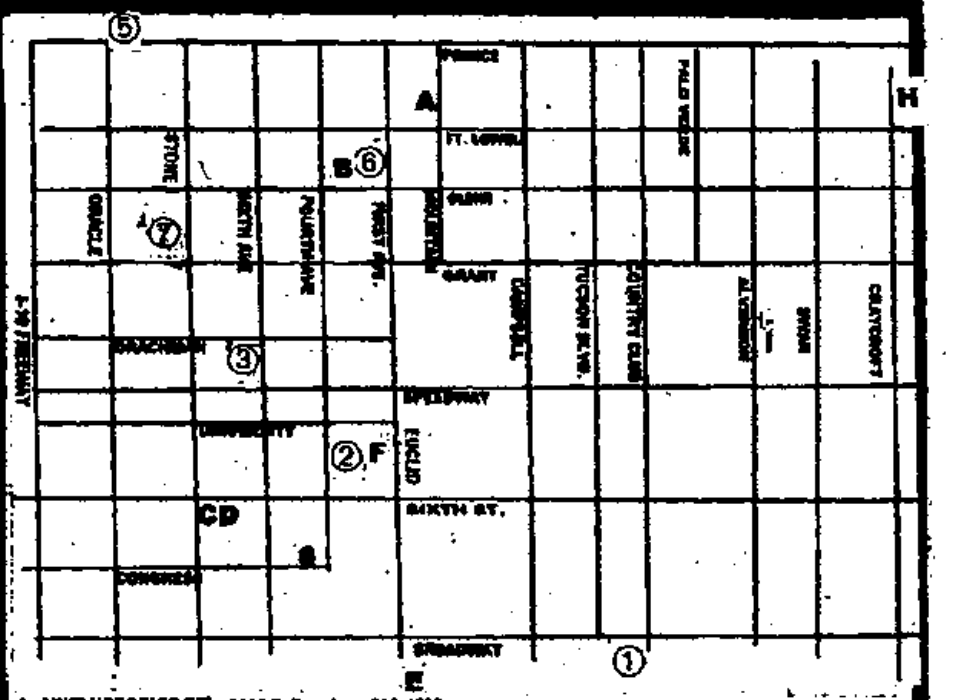

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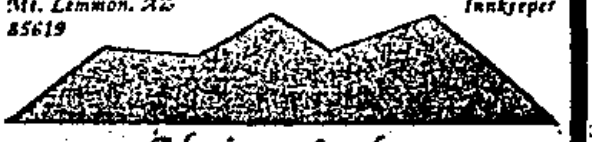

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High Game Handicap: Bernadette's Peter, 798; Heather H., 329; Jack S., 307.

BOWLERS NEEDED FOR DESERT COYOTES

TUCSON - Two bowlers are needed for the Desert Coyotes, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian bowling league.

Skill is not important, having fun is since averages range from 100 to over 200 in the Wednesday night league, which bowls at 9:00 p.m. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile.

The cost of bowling is $12 a week plus a one-time sanction fee. If interested, show up a few minutes prior to the 9:00 p.m. start time. For more information, call (520) 323-6449.

DOMMER SHINES IN PHOENIX BOWLING TOURNAMENT

By Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (ON) - Despite a home field advantage for many bowlers from the state's capital, one bowler from Tucson's Desert Coyotes league shined through at the annual Phoenix Regional Invitational Tournament, held over Academy Awards weekend.

Two teams of bowlers, (eight individuals), from the Desert Coyotes league, made the commute north to partake in Phoenix's annual Gay and Lesbian bowling tournament, held at AMF Christown Lanes.

PRIT consists four separate events: singles, doubles, team and Scratch Masters. Keith Dommer, who bowls in the Desert Coyotes league, qualified in fifth place for the Scratch Masters Event, with a score of 1912, from his nine games bowled. The Scratch Masters takes the top eight qualifiers in each of four average divisions, Dommer, with his 212-plus average, was in the top division, competing against top bowlers from Phoenix and California, in eight games of match play bowling.

After his eight games, Dommer had moved into fourth place, qualifying for the step-ladder finals. Starting in the lowest position possible, and facing difficult lane conditions, Dommer rolled over third and second place qualifiers to get to the championship round, where he was edged out by a bowler from Phoenix and finished second, something his fellow bowlers from the Desert Coyotes are proud of the right-hander, who currently has the league's high game for this season, 289, and who has bowled a perfect game, 300, in league competition.

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levels of support ranging from 63.3 percent in North Dakota to 65.6 percent in Montana.

Nationwide, every single state ballot initiative supporting medical marijuana has passed by a large margin. Currently, seven states — Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Nevada, Oregon and Washington — have medical marijuana laws that were passed through the initiative process, and Hawaii's was passed through its legislature.

A medical marijuana initiative will likely appear on the November ballot. This is your chance to speak up for the people who find relief through marijuana when nothing else works -- people suffering from cancer, multiple sclerosis, AIDS, and other terrible illnesses. Ultimately, it comes down to one question: Which is worse for the seriously ill, marijuana or prison?

Sincerely,
Kristin Occhslin
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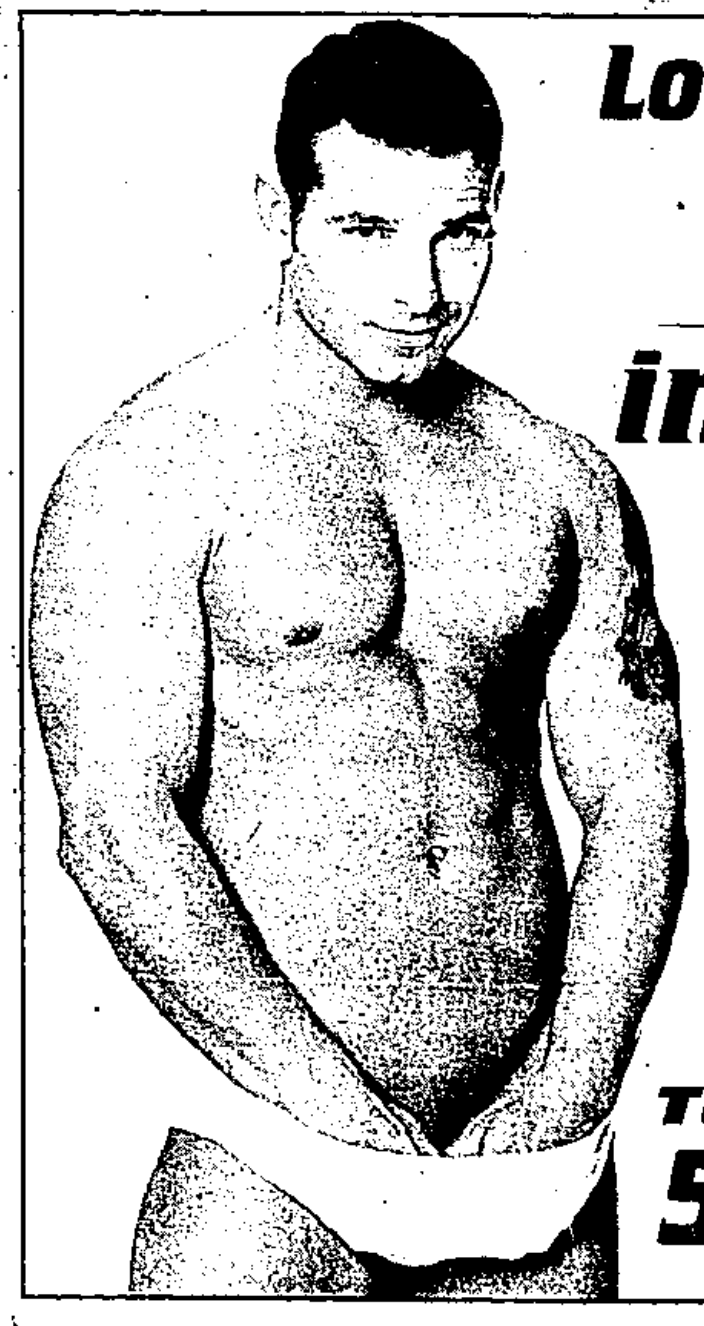

Non-Bar Calendar
Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27
Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 P.M. A non pornographic movie with a Gay theme will be shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

Bears of the Old Pueblo, Every Wednesday night, 7 pm. Bear Coffee Night: Coffee Etc., 2830 N. Campbell. All welcome.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28
Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP) and Wingspan present 'Male Cancer Forum' tonight from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Join healthcare professionals and cancer survivors as they talk about male cancer, screening and treatment options. Wingspan, 300 E. 6th street. 624-1779.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The boys are back in town! Join us for more of the new season of "Queer As Folk". For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30
1. Tucson Prime Timers Breakfast - 9:00 A.M., Blue Willow Restaurant, 2616 N. Campbell Ave. Phone: 622-1835

2. Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 P.M., Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd. No of Oracle Rd. Phone: 622-1835

Cornerstone Fellowship announces a Christian Support Group for recovering addicts and alcoholics. This group meets every Saturday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at 2902 N. Geronimo. For more information call 622-4626 or 750-6404.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for a traditional Easter Dinner. We'll supply the main dishes and ask you to bring a side dish or dessert to share with others. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

Seniorrap, an open discussion group for older LGBTs, meets from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. For more information call 640-0620

MONDAY, APRIL 1
Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 1:00 p.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave., S. of Grant Rd. Phone: 622-1835

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
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SATURDAY, APRIL 6
Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks- 5:00 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd., N. of Prince Rd. Phone: 622-1835

St. Gregory's School, 3231 N. Craycroft, will be the site of Desert Voices Spring Concert , "Love". 8:00 p.m.. Joined by special guests, the San Diego Women's Chorus, the two choral groups will come together to present a program celebrating love songs from the Renaissance to contemporary Broadway. For further information or to purchase tickets, call the Desert Voices office at (520) 791-9662.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7
Rubyfruit Journal is holding a picnic today at Reid Park, Ramada 28 starting at 10:00 a.m. Rubyfruit subscribers, advertisers, volunteers, friends and children are invited to get together and have some fun. Bring your outdoor games, footballs, frisbees, etc. Rubyfruit will provide soft drinks, water and charcoal for the grills. You bring the rest. Wine or liquor is not permitted. No Glass containers. Canned beer only. Call 324-0320 for more information.

MONDAY, APRIL 8
Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 1:00 p.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave., S. of Grant Rd. Phone: 622-1835

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 p.m. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

SATURDAY, APRIL 13
Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd., N. of Oracle Rd. Phone: 622-1835

MONDAY, APRIL 15
Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 1:00 p.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave., S. of Grant Rd. Phone: 622-1835

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
a special health education presentation, "Approaches to Substance Abuse Treatment for People with HIV/AIDS" will take place today from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Family Practice Office Building, 1450 N. Cherry. The event is coordinated by the Arizona AIDS Education Training Centers (associated with the University Medical Center). The presentation immediately follows a brief business meeting of the Pima County HIV/AIDS CARE Consortium, whose mission is to take an active role in addressing the needs of all persons living with and/or affected by HIV in Pima County. Call Jay Moman, HIV/AIDS Program Assistant, 770-0800, Ext. 119 for more information.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 20
Tucson Prime Timers Lunch/Business Meeting - 12:00 Noon, Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd., N. of River Rd. Phone: 622-1835

BAR CALENDAR
OF UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 29
IBT'S - Special Benefit Show for baby Katie's fund for reconstructive surgery. Hosted by Ajia Simone with Lucinda Holliday, Faith Michaels, Janee Starr, Deora Le Blanc, Mai Saigon and Tatania Oberon, and special guests.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30
YARD DOG SALOON - Empire Levi - Leather Beer Bust on the patio from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - EASTER SUNDAY
IBT'S - Easter Egg Hunt and Party! The hunt starts at 10:00 a.m. with Dennis. Party line-up includes Dennis and Michael's Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. $1.50 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., 4:30 to 8:30 Tea Dance on the dance floor with DJ Christopher. Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to IBT's Arizona Angels Softball Team. Then at 8:30 p.m. a special fund raising show to send the Arizona Angels softball team to the Gay World Series in Portland, Oregon. Show stars Ajia Simone, Deora Le Blanc, Stella Virgin, Tori Steele, and special appearances by team members!!!

JAKE'S - Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. (Check eggs for prizes). Complimentary Brunch starting at 2:00 p.. With drink specials during the day (ask bartender).

VENTURE-N - Easter Sunday here and at 9:00 p.m. the contest begins to select the Best basket. The winner takes the prize!

WOODY'S - Easter Party and Basket Contest.

YARD DOG SALOON - Easter Bonnet Contest here begins at 8:00 p.m. 1st prize $50; 2nd prize $25 and 3rd $15. $1.00 Mimosas all day and at 6:00 p.m. a chicken dinner is served - donation requested.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "Diva Licious Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Bunny FuFu, Samantha White and Lady Ashley.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
JAKE'S - Blast from the Past Show. 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s. Show starts in 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7
IBT'S - 9:00 p.m.. Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP) and Bears of the Old Pueblo present "Gender Bender 3", drag show fundraiser for GMHP's Condom Brigade. Come see the bears go under the mascara and emerge furry and fierce to entertain you. Hosted by Scottasia Dahlink, with performances by Felopia Tubulotta, Shemone Smore, Viagra Falls, Jackie Oh No, Aubergine Brocade, Confessa Vanessa Digressa, Tom Jones and Bobby Jackson!

FRIDAY, APRIL 19
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MONDAY, APRIL 22
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24
Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 p.m. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
Tucson Prime Timers Pia Mine Tour- 11:00 a.m. Limited to twenty (20) persons - meet at Pia Mine for the 11:00 A.M. tour. Cost $4.00 per person. We will lunch at the Agave Restaurant, Desert Diamond Casino at 1:00 P.m. Both are accessible from I-19 Exit 80. The Pia Mine is to the West and the Casino is to the East. Phone: Don 622-1835 for reservations for the mine tour and lunch.

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SUNDAY, MAY 7
15TH Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jello Wrestling fundraiser for SAAF. Woody's., 3710 N. Oracle, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. No one under age 21 admitted.

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, $1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 8:30 to close. Shot specials all night.

IBT's - 10am-6pm $1.50 Bloodys, Screws or Mimosas. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5:30-8pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. 8:30 shows or special events or Hi energy dancing. (Call for details). All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer bust 3-7. Burger Bar-B-Que 5-7. (Donation only).

WOODY'S - Open 11am. $1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas; $@well or domestic beer 11-4. Happy Hour 4-9pm $1.75 well or domestic beer Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. $2.50 sirloin burger or chicken 5-9pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm

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

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Football Madness $1.75. 75¢ drafts 8 to close. No Cover.

IBT's - 9am-4pm, $2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour $1.75 well and domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm, "Ajia Says" nite. $1 off all drinks (except draft beer/shots) for those who do as Ajia says. DJ Rayman plays house music 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. $2 well or domestic beer til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm. $1.75 well or domestic Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close.

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

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. $3 entry, pot matched. $1.50 longnecks for pool players. $2 Bottle Bud products. 8-close. Country music with DJs. 6:30-1

IBT's - 9am-4pm, $2.00 domestic beer & well. Happy Hour $1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Tea's & Tattoo Nite, wear an IBT's T-shirt or IBT tattoo get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for $5 and get a complimentary drink. House Hi-Nergy Dance 9pm to close w/DJ-Q

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. $2 well or domestic til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm. $1.75 well or domestic. Tropical drink specials 8 to close. $3 zombies, Jungle Juice, Mai Tai's.

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

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 2-7. Beer Bash $1.25 Pitchers Bud/Bud Light 8-close. Dance music 9-close.

IBT's - 9am to 4pm, $2.00 domestic beer & well. Happy Hour $1.75 well & domestics 4-9pm. 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holliday and guests. HiNRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. $2 well or domestic beer til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm. $1.75 well or domestics. Trivia Thursday 6pm-close plus 50¢ off all Big Ass drinks. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Volley-ball Court is Open. See bartender.

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

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Karaoke w/Stephanie 9-close. $2 Kamikazees and $1 Hot Sex.

IBT's - 9am-4pm $2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour $1.75 Well & domestic beer 4-9. Retro 80s Dance w/Jonathan Hi NRG dancing 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, Dance Room open 9pm-1am. Latino Night.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Pool Tournament 7pm. 3 entry. (Special prizes for players).

WOODY'S - Open Noon. $2 well or domestic beer til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm $1.75 well or domestics.. Trivia Thursday 6pm-close plus 50¢ off all Big Ass drinks. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Volley-ball Court is Open. See bartender.

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

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 8:30-1 w/DJ Hill. Drink specials all night.

IBT's - 9am-4pm $2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour $1.75 well & domestic beer 4-10. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party with DJ Rayman 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, Dance Room open 9pm - 1am. Country Music Nite

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Happy Hour Buffet 5-7pm.

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IBT's - 9am-4pm $2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour $1.75 well & domestic beer 4-10pm. Dance Party 9-1 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, Dance Room open 9pm - 1am. House Dance Nite

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm.

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LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11am. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty, facilitator. 882-7723

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 575-8680 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

TUCSON GLBT AL-ANON GROUP meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. Call 624-1779 for more information.

YOUNG AND GAY?
GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 529-9344, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL
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AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

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 690-9585 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6647.

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

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

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

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

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. TLGA produces Pride events. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be diected to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200or visit TLGA website www.tucsonpride.com

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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.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6678 or 327-4293.

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.

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SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520)570-1225 for current information.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED -- Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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

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

TGNetArizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnetarizona.org - e-mail address: algoodrum@uswest.net org

SENIORRAP, a discussion group for older LGBTs, meets from 3 to 5pm on the last Sunday of every month at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. For more info call 640-0820

"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

MEN TALK - A new group forming for Gay men that explores ourselves, our community and encourages positive growth. A great way to meet people. Meeting 3rd Tuesdy of each month at Wingspan. 7-9pm. Call 760-8714 for more info.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR RECOVERING ADDICTS AND ALCOHOLICS. Group meets every Saturday 7-8pm in Cornerstone Fellowship hall, 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4626 or 750-6404.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at Pima County Democratic Headquarters, 2617 E. Broadway. Call Jesse 743-4320 or Maurice 323-2293. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. TucsonStonewall@aol.com

GUYS BOOK CLUB meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm, Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. 4th Ave.

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 Ernie Slaight 721-2003.

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 792-4607, Ext.398

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 Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

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 18th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Dezert Glitz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dezert Boyz meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagaemail

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.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 8523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

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

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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.

RAINBOW SUPPORT GROUP: LGBT and supportive friends meet for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Support meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 42. The 3rd Thursdays of the month, the group will meet at 7:30pm at Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse (606 North 4th Ave.) as a social outing. For more information call the church at 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

HIKE & BIKE DYKES. Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7239 for info.

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpglcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

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

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

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 966-2384.

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 624-6788.

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 885-7295.

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 Phamily! For more information call Debbie 579-9827 or David 323-7843.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

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

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

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L.A., the Pleasure Chest, and the really nice place is Don't Panic.

AS: I don't know if anyone's told you this, but it looks like you raided Bruce Vilanch's closet!

SG: Oh yeah? I didn't even realize that! I thought that I'd thought that up all on my own! I brought the t-shirts and buttons in, and then I thought she'd always have these leopards prints and tiger prints that don't match. I began that initial look, but our designer Patrick Antosh, who makes everyone look gorgeous-well, except for Debbie...

AS: I guess she's gorgeous in her own way. She thinks she looks gorgeous.

SG: That's the fun! She thinks she looks great! That's my most fun thing! I said to them, "She thinks she looks beautiful, but..." But anyway, Patrick took this idea and he started, you'll see them this year, he started making his own. Because a lot of them I couldn't wear, the lawyers came down on me. My favorite one was "Diet Cock: Only Two Calories" [laughs]. So Patrick, in his genius, is designing them now, and you can buy them on the internet!

AS: So now you can go to the Emmys and tell Joan Rivers that you're wearing an original Patrick Antosh...

SG: Yeah, I know.

AS: Was there a transition to be made from playing a lead on Cagney & Lacey to becoming more of an ensemble player?

SG: Very much. The transition was not easy for me. I love these kids, but I don't think I've ever been in an ensemble piece before. And it had nothing to do with my ego; it had to do with my energy. I had all this energy and didn't know what to do with it--"I'm here, I'm here, let's go!" And seven hours later it hit, and that was hard. That was hard was not being in every scene. Because in Cagney & Lacey, there wasn't a scene I wasn't in. But I was very clear with what the show was about--I mean, it's not Debbie's Diner. So I knew that, I just didn't know that it would be so difficult to wait my turn.

AS: But I get the sense that you're very confident in your fellow actors on the show.

SG: Oh, I love them. I really do. I love these kids. And I have to say that I really was worried having never been in an ensemble show. I thought, each one of these kids is so different, like stars all on their own. And I think each one is going to go beyond this. And I thought, what if one of them rises to the top, and there are jealousies, and what's the tension going to be? But I've never been in a situation where actors promote each other like they do. I've been to screenings with them (when I have to, cause I don't like to look at myself), and when each part comes up, the others start cheering for them. It's just amazing. I remember looking around and thinking, wow, this is amazing.

AS: I wonder if it's because they're all part of a project which so many people said wouldn't work here in the States.

SG: Yeah. But I knew it would. Now, you can't not notice a show like this. The only people who haven't noticed us--who choose not to notice us--is the Academy.

AS: Right. Do you feel snubbed by the Academy?

SG: Well, not me personally. But as part of the show, I feel the show has been snubbed. First of all, I think its partly because it's cable. But still, I don't think they see this show for what it is--gorgeous acting by these kids, great scripts, probably the most beautifully photographed show on television...

AS: Yeah, it definitely has its own cinematic style.

SG: In that arena, no one can touch it. But I think in Hollywood, it's just chic to say, "Oh yeah, it's that show about the kids who take it up the ass." I mean, I don't mean to be vulgar, but I think that the Academy doesn't get past that.

AS: You've also had your fair share of stage work. Do you have a favorite among stage, television or film?

SG: I like stage, as a break, but I really prefer series television. I love having a character I can develop, and grow with. If you have the luxury of longevity in a series, it's like the best ride ever. But I was trained on film. My experience it exactly opposite. I just love the longevity and the family I have in a series.

AS: I've heard that you originated the role of "Annie" in the stage version of "Misery".

SG: It's very different on stage. There's a big difference between the book and film. The movie is soft. But certainly not with Kathy playing it, but in the movie she's not as... sick. In the novel she's very sick. Remember the hobbling scene, where she breaks his ankle? In the book, it's much less soft.

AS: Less soft than a hobbling with a sledgehammer?

SG: Oh, she amputates it. Every night, I chopped off his foot with an axe. And then she uses a blowtorch to cauterize it so it won't get infected... It was really, really fun [laughs].

AS: How do you feel about QAF's relationship with the mainstream press?

SG: When we opened, it opened to very good reviews. I remember one reviewer in L.A. took exception to it because of what the British version was. One fear we had was that the show would be compared to the British version and be viewed as too puritanical, which America is. Very puritanical. To make that effort, they went overboard to be courageous and graphic, so that we could never be nailed for that.

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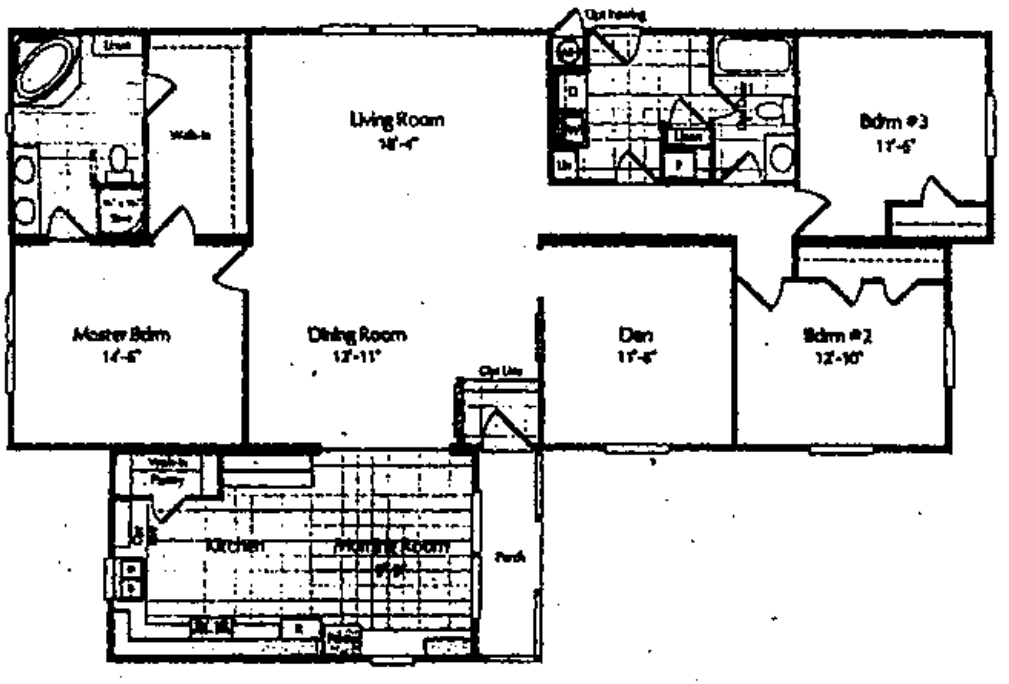

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